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TO : D. M. LADD

DATE: 11/15/47

FROM : E. G. Fitch

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] et al

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HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE _____ BY _____

- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. E. A. Tamm
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
- Mr. Carson
- Mr. Egan
- Mr. Gurnea
- Mr. Harbo
- Mr. Hendon
- Mr. Pennington
- Mr. Quinn Tamm
- Tele. Room
- Mr. Nease
- Miss Holmes
- Miss Gandy

As requested, attempts were made through Mr. Jack Neal of the State Department to obtain for review purposes the State Department files of ten former employees of that Department, namely:

[REDACTED]
Harold Weisberg
[REDACTED]

Mr. Neal, after considerable checking, determined that the files on these individuals were in the Chief Special Agent's Office under lock and key at the request of Mr. [REDACTED]. Mr. Neal contacted Mr. Thomas Fitch, Chief Special Agent, in a routine manner, stating that he desired to see the files. Fitch informed Mr. Neal that he could not release the files without Mr. [REDACTED]'s O.K.

Upon [REDACTED]'s return to Washington on the afternoon of November 14th, Mr. Neal contacted him and stated that he desired the files so that they may be reviewed by the Bureau. Mr. [REDACTED] immediately told Mr. Neal that he would not release the files for FBI review. He stated that he could see no reason why the Bureau should see the files, but that if the Bureau insisted, a formal letter should be directed to the State Department making the request and setting forth specifically the reasons for wanting to see the files. He stated that with this letter he was sure Mr. [REDACTED] would give the matter due consideration. He further informed Mr. Neal that at a later date the files would be made available to the new Loyalty Board and the Civil Service, and that undoubtedly if the Civil Service and the Loyalty Board desired the Bureau to see the files, they would make them available.

Mr. Neal informed Mr. Roach that in short Mr. [REDACTED] refused to re-lease the files and that inasmuch as the files are not under his, Neal's, control, he could not obtain them, although he had made a specific request for them and had informed [REDACTED] of the reason he desired the files.

This will confirm the information Mr. Roach gave to you on November 14, 1947.

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