

~~HAROLD WEISBERG~~

August 5, 1947

SUMMARY

1 In the year 1938 Harold Weisberg was connected with the Committee on Education and Labor, United States Senate, and was in Harlan, Kentucky, during the trial of United States versus Mary Helen Coal Corporation, et al - Civil Rights and Domestic Violence. (44-175-348)

2 In March, 1940, when Harold Weisberg was interviewed in connection with an official investigation, he stated that he was employed by the LaFollette Civil Liberties Committee until June, 1939, and thereafter did special research work for the Dies Committee. (61-7587-624)

3 In May, 1940, a reliable source stated that Harold Weisberg was the Washington correspondent of the magazine "Friday" published in New York City. He was the author of an article in the second issue of this magazine which attacked the then Assistant Secretary of State, Adolf A. Berle, Jr. (65-2089-14)

4 The February, 1941, issue of the "Click" magazine, page three, contained an article entitled "Hitler's Foot Soldier," dealing with a Czechoslovakian shoe manufacturer named Jan Bata. The author of this article was Harold Weisberg, who according to a reliable source of information, was on the staff of the LaFollette Civil Liberties Committee as editor of the Committee's publications. This source stated that in 1936 and 1937 he knew Weisberg and the informant was of the opinion that Weisberg was at least a Communist sympathizer, but probably was closer than that to the Party. (61-7568-2197)

5 On February 12, 1941, [redacted] of the "Silver Shirt Legion of America," was convicted on a charge of forgery and uttering and obtaining money under false pretenses. [redacted] conceived the idea of selling forged correspondence reported to be signed by [redacted] which would implicate members of the Dies Committee in a plan whereby the Silver Shirts would not be investigated by the Dies Committee. [redacted] endeavored to sell such correspondence to Harold Weisberg and [redacted] who had been very active in opposing activities of the Dies Committee. (61-7307-89X page 15 and 61-6956-71)

6 In December, 1942, and October, 1943, one Harold Weisberg was connected with the offices of Congressman Vito Marcantonio. It is not known if this individual is identical with the subject of this memorandum. (65-34543-31)

7 In March, 1946, Harold Weisberg was employed in the Research and Analysis Branch, Latin American Division, Office of Strategic Services, later known as the Division of the American Republics, State Department. The records of the State Department reflect that Weisberg was born in Pennsylvania on April 8, 1913. Highly confidential sources have advised that Weisberg, while so employed, was a mutual friend of [redacted] and [redacted] both of whom are known to have Communist sympathies.

Harold Weisberg was discharged from the State Department on June 25, 1947, under the provisions of the McCarran rider to the State Department's Appropriations Bill. (62-39749-913)

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