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REASON - FIM II, 1-2.4.2
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Additional background information and alleged past communist affiliations of NORMAN CHANDLER BURSNER furnished. FITZGERALD reportedly looking for new employment because of HARRY MACDOFF's transfer to HENRY WALLACE's office which will make FITZGERALD's present position "impossible." FITZGERALD contacts MACDOFFS frequently. Also contacts DOROTHY KAPLAN, HERBERT MOCHS, EDmund and LANE STONE. LESLIE KISE visited FITZGERALDS on March 9, 1946.

Mr. HAROLD GLASSER contacted Mrs. ARTHUR STEIN. STEIN is national secretary-treasurer of UPWA, CIO, and reported communist. HENRY COLLINS contacted GOLDS. Believed to be person who dined with GOLDS on March 6, 1946. GOLDS were also in contact with SAMULYS and BILL LEVITT. GOLDS reportedly planning to spend summer months in New Hampshire. Some indication BELL GOLD may resign. Additional background data on GOLDS furnished. GREENBERG's Washington address now 4884 MacArthur Boulevard, apartment 107. Communication to GREGG from WEINSTEIN advised checks he neglected to sign will be held until his next visit. The GREGGS visited the MILLERS.

HALPERIN contacted LOUIS REAM; advised BOB ROGERS he has not informed his family of his dismissal; in frequent contact with subject MILLER and WOODROW BORAH. ELGER FISS in Boston March 18 to 20, 1946, and will attend security council meeting, New York City, beginning March 21. PLANS contacted CHARLES BRAGGAN, WELLS PERAZICH. Additional background on IRVING KAPLAN furnished.

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"we have JAMES (unidentified) back...the man is a fool, I think". BORAH went on to state that JAMES has his own ideas and is really emphasizing them. He stated that Tuesday, JAMES was already beginning to pound them and on Wednesday he was beginning to preach. BORAH also advised "the non-Communists left the hemispheric bloc against the Soviet Union and the need of tracing every instance of opposition to Russia. He's (JAMES) a Socialist. PHIL (DUNAWAY) had told me this was just a form of displaying it. I do not think it is. It is a little too much display. He is an idiot on political matters even though he is a political scientist".

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BORAH also advised that JAMES is a Rockefeller man, having been in the Rockefeller organization for a year. He also stated that IRVING (GOLDMAN) is taking the brunt of the whole thing, and JAMES has decided he will run it directly with GOLDMAN and he, BORAH, is not to touch it. HALPERIN asked if BORAH has begun to notice much of a change. BORAH replied that the whole office is completely aware of it and a number of the members of the force are talking about leaving. BORAH made a statement that he and BOB ROGERS will probably be fired.

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BORAH then referred to some unidentified man who has been reviewing the work of his section, stating that he is "terribly anxious to make good and is very young...only 22". He described this individual as having a little more brain power than JAMES and maintained if this person "does this through C.R.I. at large, he will cook the division".

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BORAH advised HALPERIN that as a result of all the changes, HALPERIN is becoming more appreciated everyday. They discussed information which HALPERIN had sent to the United Fruit Company, whereupon HALPERIN advised that he sent a copy of this communication to "our friend in 109", with the explanation that he, HALPERIN, had separated himself from his department. BORAH said with reference to HALPERIN's leaving the State Department, that all the force have been cross-examining him to determine whether HALPERIN was dismissed or left of his own volition. He advised HALPERIN that the force suspects something and BOB ROGERS himself is suspicious. BORAH added that as long as BOB ROGERS "only suspects, it is O.K.". He also remarked, "I was thinking with amusement tonight, it would be wonderful if the non-Communists left and got tired of this". BORAH continued by advising that he has his own particular candidate to offer and criticized the new man as being a good looking military man, but with no brains.

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HALPERIN and BORAH indicated mutual friendship for HAROLD WEISBERG, an employee in the Latin-American Division, and BORAH stated that DAVID BUSHNELL (likewise an employee in the Latin-American Division) will go to Harvard University this fall. BORAH stated that BUSHNELL will take studies in connection with his doctorate.

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In concluding BORAH advised that the new man in the office is named WILLMORE (phonetic) and he is a Rhode Scholar. BORAH agreed to come to HALPERIN's house the next day and help him spade his garden. (u) **SECRET**

On March 15, 1946 WOODROW BORAH advised MAURICE HALPERIN that he and IRVING GOLDMAN would be out at 10:00 or 11:00 a.m. to help work in the garden. HALPERIN mentioned that he will speak to LEONARD (unidentified) at the Unive sity" about a possible Assistant Professorship for BORAH. (u)

Shortly subsequent to the above, HALPERIN invited BOB ROGERS and Miss THERESA SORACCO for supper that night. (u)

LILLIAN DUNAWAY, wife of PHILLIP DUNAWAY, engaged in a social conversation with MAURICE HALPERIN on March 15, 1946. She mentioned that PHILLIP is very unhappy, but has not, as yet, resigned his position. PHILLIP DUNAWAY is employed by the Office of Research and Intelligence of the United States Department of State in Room #605 of the War Annex #1 Building. (u)

There is being set out below a list of the individuals connected with the R. and A. Branch, Latin-American Division of the Office of Strategic Services, Dorchester House, 16th and Euclid Street, NW, Washington, D. C. This Division is now under the State Department and is termed as the Division of American Republics Intelligence:

NAME	SALARY GR. DE	BIRTHPLACE	DATE	CITIZEN
Armstrong, Mary E.	P-2	Michigan	6/22/21	Yes
Borah, Woodrow W.	P-7	Mississippi	12/22/12	Yes
Rushnell, David	P-2	Pennsylvania	5/14/23	Yes
Carlisle, Lois	P-4	Alabama	1/17/00	Yes
Cooper, Donald H.	P-3	Washington	1/7/11	Yes
Custer, Arline Zulpha	P-2	Oklahoma	9/09	Yes
Deutsch, Mr. Karel W.	P-6	Czechoslovakia	7/21/12	No
Deutsch, Mrs. Ruth	P-2	Czechoslovakia	4/5/12	No
Epstein, Fritz	P-4	Germany	8/20/98	Yes
Goldstein, Marcus S.	P-4	Pennsylvania	8/22/06	Yes

Listing continued:

*Grossman, Evelyn Ruth	C.F-7	New York	12/16	Yes
Grove, Elinor Lois	C.F-5	Connecticut	7/8/21	Yes
*Halperin, Maurice	P-8	Massachusetts	3/3/06	Yes
Lesser, Alexander	P-6	New York	10/4/02	Yes
Kaddox, Mrs. Andrew P.	P-3	France	8/14/02	Yes
*Mark, Harriet	P-3	New York	3/19/22	Yes
Nead, Robert G. Jr.	P-4	Ohio	12/30/13	Yes
Nehl, Miss Margaret	P-1	Montana	6/12/22	Yes
*Noon, Ruth P.	C.F-5	Rhode Island	6/20/20	Yes
Pelles, Minerva G.	P-1	New York	7/9/22	Yes
*Quint, Howard	P-4	Connecticut	1/3/17	Yes
Rennie, Mrs. Isabel F.	P-3	California	5/9/18	Yes
Richardson, Robert, Wm.	P-7	California	12/16/06	Yes
Rohrlich, George F.	P-5	Austria	1/6/14	No
Saunders, Mrs. Ruth	C.F-3	Virginia		Yes
*Signaigo, Florence I.	P-2	Michigan	2/18/19	Yes
Snowden, Margery	P-1	Dist. of Columbia	4/28/24	Yes
Scracco, Miss Theresa	C.F-5	Connecticut	11/19/26	Yes
Steisberg, Harold	P-5	Pennsylvania	4/8/13	Yes
son, Mrs. Mary J.	P-3	Minnesota	4/26/19	Yes
Winkelman, Irene M.	P-1	New York	11/17/24	Yes

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4:00 P.M.

No reply to incoming communication.

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JENNIE MILLER to her maid HESSIE says she won't be home until late as she is meeting ROBERT in town.

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30 P.M.

MR. NICH (PH) to ERMA ROSENBERG advised her he is sending a lamp similar to her other one out from the store.

3 P.M.

UNIDENTIFIED WOMAN to ELLEN PERLO. Woman got a letter from JACK in which he thanks the woman for the pictures of ELLEN'S baby. JACK also says in the letter that SAM visited him and FRANK (who is flying to Boston) visited him. Also that SAUL and AL are working in the yard. (apparently FRANK'S wife is Emily (ph)).

5:10 P.M.

No reply to incoming communication.

7:00 P.M.

No reply to outgoing communication.

Incoming communication—wrong party.

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8:05 P.M.

Unidentified Female (PRISCILLA ??) to DUNCAN LEE to advise she was on her way home.

8:08 P.M.

Unidentified Man to Maid asked for Mr. MILLER. Maid advised not in. Man said he was friend of his (MILLER'S) and would call again.

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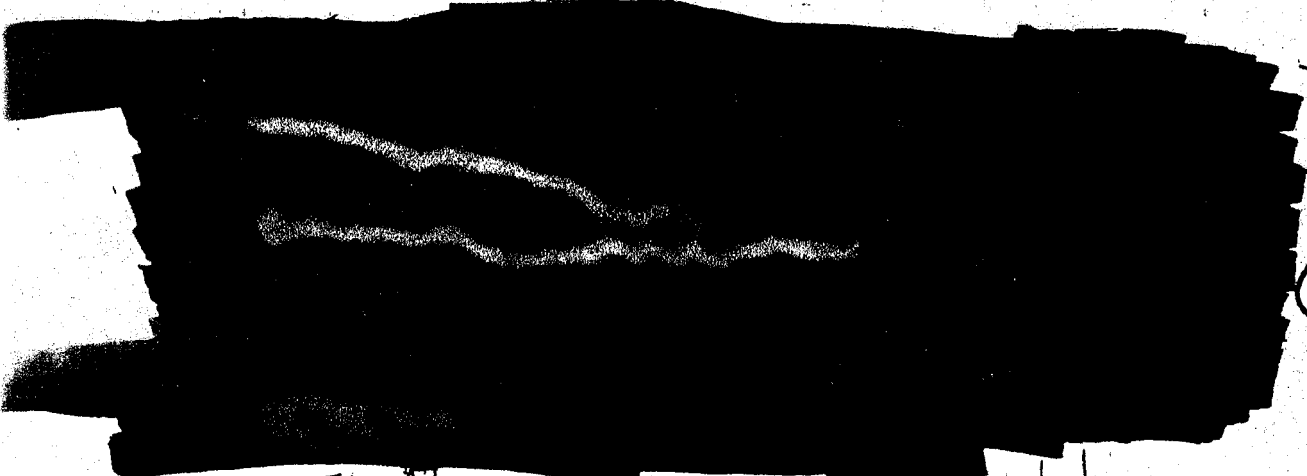
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WOODROW (BORRO) TO MAURICE HALPERIN:

- W: I thought you'd be interested in the fact the Division declared war on the Soviet Union Wednesday at 4:30.
- M: Really, very goodnews. Tell me about it.
- W: We're in a great crusade. I'm afraid we have JAMES back. The man is a fool I think.
- M: What's the nature of this business?
- W: He has his own ideas, he is pounding them. Tuesday he was already beginning to pound them and Wednesday he was beginning to preach. The non-Communists left the hemispheric block against the Soviet Union and the need of tracing every instance of opposition to Russia. He's a Socialist. PHIL had told me this was just a form of displaying it. I don't think it is. It's a little too much display. He is an idiot on political matters even though he is the Political Scientist.
- M: That's apt to be the case. It's very encouraging to know that _____, that we're all going to join the great crusade.
- W: He is a ROCKEFELLER man. He was in the ROCKEFELLER Organization for a year and seems to share pretty much their idea. Poor IRVING IS taking the brunt we are doing on this section job. He has decided he will run it directly with IRVING. ~~HE~~ I'm not to touch it.
- M: Oh my God! Poor IRVING.
- W: IRVING really is in a bad way—in fact the whole office is. The man has a _____.
- M: Have they begun to notice much of a change.

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March, 14, 1946

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WOODROW BORRO TO MAURICE HALPERIN: ~~X~~

- W: The whole office is completely aware of it. We had almost 300 forms 57 and by Wednesday they were all gone. Poor TERRY had to get some more. In addition this morning we were discussing PEGGY WALLAD (PH) leaving and going to Columbia (she has job as secretary to someone in oil company). She leaves in about 2 weeks. Question came up of replacement and could we place anyone on it—person would probably quit—the job is deadening. He got on discussion of the security of ~~my~~ position—he is aware of ~~_____~~. BOB ROGERS and I would probably be fired (laughter) but no one else. I don't think he meant to declare his intention to fire us although I think IRVING GOLDMAN thought he did. I was there you see and later he tried to recover himself by saying, "If we were used with R. L. I would leave too—you wouldn't want to stay would you."
- M: R. L. would look like a wonderful haven after this.
- W: People are ~~gm~~ beginning to pray for it.
- M: R. L. is nice.
- W: This man may wear himself down presently. He's only been here four days. He terribly anxious to make good and he is very young—only 22. It's JAMES all over again. He has a little more brain power than JAMES I think, at this point, though I may have to change my mind. He may be doing this for effect.
- M: Oh Christ—I doubt it.
- W: I doubt it too. If he does this through O.R.I. at large he'll cook the division. If O.R.I. by some miracle should continue it couldn't survive another JAMES.
- M: No, I don't think it could.
- W: In fact, you are appreciated more every day.
- M: Fine sentiments, my boy. (M stated he was trouble by having to do some of his own typing.)
- W: Hang on til July. You'll have a fairly efficient secretary coming up—maybe before that.

They talked about information MAURICE sent to the United Fruit Company. MAURICE said he sent copy to "Our Friend in 109" and told him I thought he would be interested. I told him I had separated myself from the department

- W: In that regard the division has doped out things pretty closely. They cross questioned me today and I denied everything or any knowledge of it. People are just guessing and don't know whether you just left or were requested to leave.
- M: Don't know if requested or on own volition?
- W: They suspect but aren't quite sure.

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WOODROW BORRO TO MAURICE HALPERIN:

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- M: BOB has his suspicions
- W: As long as he only suspects it is OK. I was thinking with amusement tonight it would be wonderful if the non-communists left and got tired of this.
- M: That's what usually happens. They're the ones who get it.
- W: I have my own particular candidate to offer. Why do all these good looking military men turn out to be idiots? This man has all appearances—well set up physically, good looking, fine voice but what is between his eyes I don't know.
- M: There must be enough brains to get along.
- W: He must have made good impression in first hours. I finally found out what his job was in the Secretariat—interpreter.
- M: Interpreter—oh my God, Hah!

Woodrow asked Maurice if he had planted his tomatoes yet. M said no as it will still be cold. W said HAROLD WEISBERG (PH) planted his already and they discuss him and planting tomatoes so early. W said he would come out and help M spade and plant some things this week-end. W said IRVING and I decided physical labor is the only answer. IRVING is painting every week-end and HANNA feeds him at the easle while he paints.

- W: DAVID BUSHNELL (PH) will leave this fall for Harvard—helped in his decision by conditions since Monday.
- M: Did his T-3 come through?
- W: No, couldn't get the papers through.
- M: Is he going to do work on degree?
- W: Yes, his doctorate. I don't know how he can do it with a wife and baby.
- M: Maybe he will do work as instructor. Is MERRIMAN (PH) still around?
- W: He died in November.
- M: He has lost his most important protector there.
- W: Well, HARRING (PH) wants to use him. There aren't many students in Latin-American affairs.
- M: I may be able to interest him in the fruit business. What is LYNN (PH) doing these days.
- W: In a far corner turning out daily summary. "It" is fond of it, thinks it is a wonderful idea. I think ROCKEFELLER has moved in. When I left IRVING was in a spot—man dictated 5 pages of dribble and asked IRVING for opinion of it. He had stated ARGENTINE PROBLEM.

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March 14, 1946

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WOODROW BOBRO TO MAURINE HALPERIN

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- M: Poor IRVING, guess he didn't know what to say.
W: He didn't know what to do short of the truth. Let it go on, it will hit PHIL and editorial staff and they will throw it back.
W: Said he was on diet as he is afraid he ~~ix~~ of ulcers. Then more conversation on new man being like JAMES.
M; Asked if new man was also named JIMMY.
W: No, ~~WILLMOORE~~.
M: Oh my God—what a name.
W: Stated he was a Rhodes scholar. He believes you can't deduce a situation by research but should do it by the feel of the air and he says the place to get that air ~~x~~ is at cocktail parties.
M: He is a real scientist.

The conversation terminated with a discussion of what days M was going to spade and W said he would be out to help.

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7:40 pm

Mrs. CONDON to Mr. ANDERSON, asking if "we" could come over this evening.
Yes. CONDON will be right over.

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