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TO : Director, FBI (65-66266)

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DATE: June 12, 1961

FROM: *enb* Legat, London (65-1053)

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Enclosed herein is one copy of the book, "The War Within" by OMER CLARKE. This is the second book to appear on the English market which purports to relate the events and circumstances of the LONSDALE, et al case (first book, "Spy Trial" sent to Bureau 5-29-61).

"The War Within" like its predecessor "Spy Trial" and newspaper articles of the trial is 190 pages of misstatements, erroneous conclusions, fantasy, and the end result of the author's overactive imagination with in many instances no regard or relation to the facts.

The author has run the gauntlet of past espionage cases from RICHARD SORGE through FUCHS, ROSENBERGS, ABEL, etc., and as a result thereof the FBI is frequently mentioned. Outside of references to the FBI in a sometimes misleading manner indicative of the author's unfamiliarity with our responsibilities and the facts, the only apparently critical reference is on page 106. This reference relates to the COHENS and ABEL and the statement is made that in this case it was the "American FBI which had slipped up - and badly."

There is no new or startling information in the book as pertains to LONSDALE, et al.

The foregoing is for the information of the Bureau and this office will obtain and review any subsequent books which deal with this matter.

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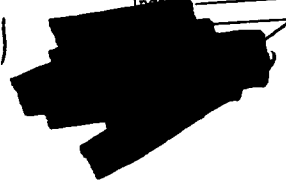
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## SYNOPSIS:


This memorandum reviews a book entitled "The War Within" written by Comer Clarke, British author, and deals with the Lonsdale and Cohen cases. Bufiles negative on Clarke.

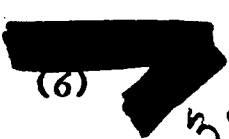
By letter 6/12/61 Legat, London, furnished a copy of "The War Within." A review of the book reveals it is full of inaccuracies, erroneous assumptions, and conclusions and other items which are outright lies. He mentions the FBI in one place in a derogatory fashion. The author claims we had seen Morris and Lona Cohen meeting with Colonel Rudolf Abel and had investigated Abel but Abel's cover was so good we decided he had no espionage connections. As a result of this, the author states "... FBI had slipped up -- and badly." This statement is pure fabrication and has absolutely no basis in fact. It is an obvious attempt to shift the blame to the FBI for the fact that the Cohens operated in England for over six years without being detected.


This book appears to be thrown together hastily in an effort to profit from a timely book. It apparently relies heavily on British newspaper accounts which were very inaccurate and proved distrustful under an active analysis. REC-95 65-66266-300


## ACTION:


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