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MEMORANDUM

TO: L/M/SCA - Mr. Knute E. Malmborg, Jr.

FROM: A/SY - Henri G. Grignon, Acting *SP*
 Deputy Assistant Secretary for Security

SUBJECT: Harold Weisberg

Reference is made to your undated memorandum concerning the cited subject.

A review of the Office of Security's records disclosed a file in subject's name, pertinent extracts of which follow:

Relatively dated and incomplete material reflect that Harold Weisberg was born April 8, 1913 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. In 1942 he was married to the former Lillian M. Stone.

In 1947, Weisberg, then an employee of the Department, was investigated by SY (CSA). During this investigation, it was reported that Weisberg worked during his OSS tenure with Maurice Halperin ~~_____~~
~~_____~~ and with Woodrow Wilson Borah, ~~_____~~
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[REDACTED] had also been a member of the Book Shop at one time. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] as [REDACTED] they had heard rumors connecting Weisberg with Communism. [REDACTED]

Additional investigation by CSA reflected that Weisberg had been employed by the LaFollette Civil Liberties Committee from 1936 to 1939 and had been fired as the result of his leaking confidential information to a newspaper. [REDACTED] was interviewed in connection with this matter and advised that he was sure that the newspaper involved was the "Daily Worker", a former East Coast Communist publication. [REDACTED] secret [REDACTED] but declined to recommend him to the Department, stating that Weisberg in his estimation at the time, was a fellow traveler.

Further information developed during the investigation reflected that Weisberg had conspired with a member of the Silver Shirts, a domestic Fascist organization founded by William Dudley Pelley, to furnish allegedly genuine information which would connect then Congressman Martin Dies with the Silver Shirts. Three letters were provided which were read into the Congressional Record and were later proven to be completely fraudulent and were stricken from the Record. [REDACTED] investigator for HCUA, stated that there was little doubt in his mind but that Weisberg was a Communist or a fellow traveler.

Based on the findings during the CSA inquiry, it appears that the Office of Controls recommended Weisberg's removal from the rolls of the Government and, on June 23, 1947, he was dismissed under the authority of the McCarran Rider to the State Department Appropriation Act of 1947, Public Law 490.

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I trust that the foregoing information will be of some assistance to you. No further action is contemplated by the Office of Security at this time.

Attachment:

Letter to Mr. Lyerly from Mr. Weisberg
dated 2/9/73

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