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SUBJECT: HAROLD WEISBERG                      CON

Chief Special Agent  
Washington, D. C.

Personal attention was given this case at Wilmington and Newark, Delaware on December 13 and 18, 1946.

Records of the Registrar, University of Delaware, Newark, Delaware show that Harold Weisberg entered as a student in September 1931 and attended with breaks at intervals, until June 1935. The record indicates that he was a student for six terms and completed four terms of work. He was dropped twice for poor scholarship. Mr. Weisberg was registered in the Department of Arts and Science and his grades were considerably below average. His record, not scholastically, is favorable.

The applicant states that from 1931 or 1932 to 1934 or 1935 he was employed by various newspapers in Wilmington, Delaware as a Reporter and Feature Writer. There is no record of such employment of the Wilmington News-Journal, which papers comprise the morning and evening newspapers at Wilmington. However, [redacted] of the Wilmington News-Journal, knew Harold Weisberg during the period of his attendance at the University of Delaware, Newark, Delaware, and states that he was employed as a correspondent covering college activities and happenings in Newark, Delaware during his period of attendance at the University (1931-1935). [redacted] has not seen Mr. Weisberg during the past ten years, but states that his impressions of him as a reporter and as a young college man at that time are entirely favorable. He has no knowledge of the applicant doing any feature writing for any Wilmington newspapers. [redacted] recommends him.

[redacted] He was interviewed and states that Harold Weisberg is a personal friend, whom he has known since boyhood. Both [redacted] and Mr. Weisberg grew up together in Wilmington and attended the University of Delaware at the same time, though not in the same class. They later were in Washington together

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and were roommates there for some time during 1937. Mr. Postrow recalls that the applicant secured a position in Washington, first with the Department of Agriculture and then with the U.S. Senate Committee on Education and Labor, known generally as the LaPoletta Committee. He knows that the applicant did a good job on this committee and was well thought of by his superiors. [REDACTED] states that Mr. Weisberg attended the University of Delaware from 1931 to 1934 under trying conditions, in that his father wanted him to go to work rather than complete his education. However, by doing some reporting for the Wilmington Morning News, he was able to earn extra money and manage to continue at the University for three years. He did not receive a degree. He describes the applicant as enthusiastic, energetic and a hard-worker, and knows that he has been in the Service and was overseas. At some time during his Army career he was with C.S.S. [REDACTED] is not too familiar with the applicant's work as a free lance writer in Washington from August 1939 to November 1942, but recalls that he did quite a little work for "Click". He understands that Mr. Weisberg is presently employed by the Department of State at Washington. He states that the applicant is married but has no children; that he is a man of good character and sober habits; and is a loyal American. He regards him very favorably and recommends him to the Department of States in the highest terms.

Files of the Police Departments, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Wilmington and Newark, Delaware, contain no record of Harold Weisberg.

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