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TO: Mr. Fourifoy, AP

FROM: [REDACTED]

THROUGH: Mr. Robinson, GCH

SUBJECT: HAROLD WEISBERG

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Reference is made to the case of Harold Weisberg, who was born April 8, 1913 at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and who is employed as a research analyst in DRA as an assistant to Irving Goldman. He was formerly employed in the Latin American Unit of OSS where he worked under Woodrow W. Borah and Maurice Halperin. He was investigated and approved by OSS in July 1944. Mr. Weisberg served in the U.S. Army from December 1942 to November 1944 when he was honorably discharged for the convenience of the Government.

Although certain individuals who were interviewed during the course of the investigation spoke favorably of the subject from a loyalty standpoint, considerable information was disclosed which reflects unfavorably on his loyalty.

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[REDACTED] had also been a member of the organization at one time.

Two informants interviewed during the investigation reported that there was some question in their minds concerning Mrs. Weisberg's loyalty, and that they had heard rumors connecting her and her husband with Communism. However, they could furnish no further details in this regard.

The records of the United States Senate Disbursing Office revealed that Weisberg was employed by the Ia Follette Civil Liberties Committee from September 1936 to October 1939, and that he was discharged for permitting certain information to leak to the press. In this connection, [REDACTED] stated that Weisberg had been dismissed for a breach of trust which involved releasing confidential information to a newspaper. [REDACTED] stated that he was quite certain the newspaper in question was the Daily Worker. He stated that he could not recommend Weisberg to the Department, and that although he had not known him since [REDACTED] he considered him to be a Fellow Traveler at that time.

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[REDACTED] for the House Committee on Un-American Activities, gave in substance the same information as [REDACTED] regarding Weisberg's dismissal from the Senate Civil Liberties Committee, and added that the subject had subsequently been employed by Gardner Jackson who headed the Labor Non-Partisan League, [REDACTED]. The subject reportedly promised one David Wayne, a former agent of William Dudley Pelley of the Silver Shirt Legion of America, approximately \$100.00 and a Government job if Wayne would give him certain letters purportedly linking Martin Dies with Pelley and the Silver Shirts. Weisberg and Jackson reportedly furnished these letters to a congressman who read them into the Congressional Record. The letters later proved to be fraudulent, were stricken from the record, [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] stated that he is of the opinion that Weisberg knew the letters to be fraudulent, and that there is little doubt in his mind but that Weisberg is a Communist or Fellow Traveler.

In December 1946 Weisberg was reported by the FBI to be a friend and contact of persons identified as being active in the Gregory Case, but the nature of the association was stated to be "not now known." In this connection, investigation revealed that the subject formerly worked for Maurice Halperin, [REDACTED] and that he had worked for and was friendly with Woodrow Wilson Borah, [REDACTED].

Although it would appear that certain matters in this case would bear farther investigation, it is believed that the derogatory information which is available at this time is sufficient to raise serious doubt as to his loyalty to this Government. It is therefore recommended that he be removed from the rolls of the Department.

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CSA: [REDACTED]