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MEMORANDUM OF CLASSIFIED INFORMATION FROM IMMIGRATION AND
NATURALIZATION SERVICE FILE RE VERA LOVRECEK,
BENEFICIARY OF PRIVATE BILL S.2155

The Committee is referred to [redacted] for information concerning the beneficiary.

E.O. 13526, section 3.3(b)(1)

Information developed by this Service pertinent to the information of [redacted] in the case has been furnished to that agency with a request that that agency transmit it to you with its information.

This Service is in receipt of information from another interested government agency concerning the beneficiary which states that in January 1953 a report had been received [redacted] that Vera Lovrisek, wife of Charles Bidwell, a Foreign Service Officer of the Department of State, was an agent of the Yugoslav Secret Police.

E.O. 13526, section 3.3(b)(1)

Charles Bidwell advised [redacted] on May 15, 1952 that his wife, Vera Lovracek, had been refused a visa to come to the United States in 1950 because she had attended a totalitarian school in Yugoslavia and was thus barred under the McCarran Act. He stated that in 1951 his wife was advised that she could enter the United States because of an amendment to the McCarran Act but at that time had been refused a visa by the Yugoslav Government. Mr. Bidwell reported that in April or May 1950 his wife had obtained a Yugoslav passport and traveled to Milan, Italy, where she obtained employment with the National Catholic Welfare Association.

Mr. Bidwell testified, during divorce proceedings at Huntington, Pennsylvania in 1953, that he had left Europe in 1950 and returned in 1951 for the purpose of bringing his wife to the United States. On his return to Italy in 1951 his wife, Vera Lovracek, decided not to accompany him to the United States. According to Mr. Bidwell, she gave as a reason her desire to enter the United States on a passport secured from the Yugoslav Government rather than on an entry permit granted by the United States. She reportedly returned to Yugoslavia on August 9, 1952. Independent investigation by this Service has not established the truth or falsity of the above allegations.

The Committee may desire to request the Bureau of Security and Consular Affairs, Department of State, to secure information from the beneficiary's former husband, Charles Bidwell, allegedly a Foreign Service Officer of the Department of State in Turkey, as to the allegations set forth and as to any data the Department may have concerning the beneficiary.

This material contains information affecting the national defense within the meaning of the espionage laws, U.S.C. Secs. 793 and 794, the disclosure or revelation of which in any manner to an unauthorized person is prohibited by law.

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SECURITY CLASSIFICATION APPEALS PANEL.
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INFORMATION CONFIDENTIALLY FURNISHED TO THE CONGRESS
CONCERNING VERA LOVRECEK,
BENEFICIARY OF PRIVATE BILL S.2155

E.O. 13526, section 3.3(b)(1)

This Service is in receipt of information [REDACTED] that Warren Jablow, the present husband and interested party of the bill, is alleged to have committed perverted sexual acts in the States of New Jersey and Pennsylvania during 1955. In this connection Mr. Jablow, on January 10, 1957, was indicted by the Grand Jury in Warren County, Pennsylvania and charged with the crimes of sodomy and fornication. He is presently awaiting trial.