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Chief CI/SRS

22 September 1955

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X [Redacted]

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[Redacted], mailed two letters from Washington, D. C., on 29 June 1955, one to his father, and another to Severino D. GOMEZ; however, in so doing, [Redacted] placed the letter to his father in the envelope addressed to GOMEZ, and the letter to GOMEZ in the envelope addressed to his father. When the letters were received by [Redacted] and GOMEZ, both noting the error, they exchanged letters. However, GOMEZ considered the contents of the letter he had at first received important enough to turn over to his brother-in-law, Leal GOMEZ, who in turn referred it to the Boston Office of the FBI.

The letter, in substance, indicated that while [Redacted] was serving in South America, [Redacted] for this Agency, he had revealed his true status to his wife's father, [Redacted], on a visit to South America, and who later had revealed this information to [Redacted] father. In correspondence following [Redacted] father having become knowledgeable of [Redacted] true status, he indicates that therein he might have intimated that his work was not so hush-hush, and that on that basis [Redacted] father "had dropped his guard" in effect, and had told others of [Redacted] true status. This letter was a warning to [Redacted] father that he should attempt to correct the indiscretion of revealing [Redacted] status while he was in South America. The letter refers to other letters which [Redacted] indicates contained information revealed through indiscretion on his part, and which he asks his father to destroy.

According to our records, [Redacted] was granted an Operational Clearance on 22 May 1953, for use as a witting informant or as a contract agent on anti-Communist student activities. [Redacted] was used as a contract agent from September 1953 to February 1955 in [Redacted] under [Redacted]

He is of Portuguese extraction, and he or his father had changed the family name from [Redacted] to [Redacted]. His wife's maiden name was [Redacted]. She was previously married to [Redacted] prior to attendance at Northwestern University.

He attended Northeastern University from 1947 to 1951 and received an AB Degree; Boston University from 1951 to 1952 where he received an MA Degree in Latin American Regional Studies; and at Vanderbilt University from 1952 to 1953 working toward a Ph.D. Degree.

[Redacted] at Eastern University [Redacted] under Professor [Redacted]. His [Redacted] [Redacted] was described by most informants as no more than professor-student relationship; however Severino GOMEZ has provided [Redacted]

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the letter intended for [redacted] father, advised the FBI that he, GOMEZ, had attended Boston University during the period [redacted] was studying under HALPERIN. GOMEZ was of the opinion that the HALPERIN-[redacted] relationship was more than just the professor-student type because [redacted] saw HALPERIN during the evenings, but never told GOMEZ what he discussed with HALPERIN.

GOMEZ also advised that about June 1953, just before [redacted] departure for Rio de Janeiro, [redacted] called HALPERIN on the telephone and at that time HALPERIN was under investigation. [redacted] told GOMEZ that HALPERIN was in a predicament, and that he, [redacted] felt sorry for him. Earlier [redacted] had told GOMEZ that HALPERIN had a lot of influence in Washington, and was going to get a job for [redacted].

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According to the FBI, the HALPERIN mentioned above, appears to be identical with Maurice Hyman HALPERIN, former employee of OSS, who was identified in November 1945 by Elizabeth BENTLEY as having furnished information for transmittal to the Soviets.

[redacted] recently contacted this Agency requesting permission to state that he had worked for the Agency in his application for employment with USIA. WH Division, to whom this request was forwarded, was advised that [redacted] was not to disclose his past employment with this Agency. WH Division, in turn, informed Security of their desires that USIA be informed of [redacted] past connections with this Agency.

Security, on the basis of the above request by WH Division, contacted the appropriate person in USIA and advised them on a controlled basis of [redacted] former affiliation with this Agency.

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The following information concerning American Communists in Mexico and their contacts has been developed.

1. On 12 September a meeting was held of stockholders in the ice cream business which functions under the management of the American Communist, Robert STRAND. This business is believed actually to be owned by the leading American Communist, Frederick Vanderbilt FIELD. The meeting was held at the home of STRAND, and was attended by the American Communists Maurice HALPERIN and Noah SEBORER and possibly by other stockholders.

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JAMES LEIGH WHITE BORN 1914 VERMONT NEWSPAPER CORRESPONDENT
 AND AUTHOR SINCE 1939, IN MEXICO CITY JUNE-AUGUST 1951. WIFE
 MARIA CRUZ CARROGERA WHITE BORN 1911 SPAIN; SYLVIA X GELOFF,
 MISTRESS OF JACQUES X BORNARD AND REPORTEDLY IN MEXICO CITY
 AT TIME TROTSKY MURDER; SISTERS HILDA AND RUBY; CONSTANZA
 DE LA NOVA ALLEGEDLY KILLED IN GUATEMALA; FERNANDO DE LOS
 RIOS BORN SPAIN 1897, SPANISH REPUBLICAN AMBASSADOR TO U.S.
 1937-39, REPORTED RECENT YEARS REPRESENTATIVE SPANISH JUNTA
 OF LIBERATION, MEXICO CITY; C. ALVAREZ DEL VAYO BORN SPAIN
 1921 WAS ACTIVE SPANISH RESUGEE ACTIVITIES IN NEW YORK, SON
 JUAN IN LONDON WWII; JULIAN GORKIN, PROMINENT TROTSKYITE IN
 U.S. AND SPAIN IN 40'S. WRITER CLOSE TO TROTSKY PRIOR TO
 MURDER; NANCY X JOHNSTONE REPORTED KEY CP OFFICIAL IN MEXICO

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 X OHNSTONE WHO WAS FORMERLY WITH LONDON NEW CHRONICLE AND
 SAID TO BE IN RUSSIA AT PRESENT. EN: MAX M LEIDER ALIAS LEIDERMAN

BORN 1897 WARSAW REPORTED LIVING CUERNAVACA, MEXICO IN
 1951 WITH ALBERT X NALTE FORMERLY OF HOLLYWOOD, ACCUSED
 BY CHAMBERS OF SETTING UP SOVIET COVER COMPANY IN 1934,
 HAS HAD CONNECTIONS WITH ANNA X SECURUS AND BOUD UISE, FRANK
 X JELLINEK AND HANS X HOFFMAN WHO WAS REPORTEDLY TREATING
 LEIDER 1953 FOR PSYCHIATRIC DISTURBANCE. WIFE MINNA REPORTED
 TEACHING AMERICAN SCHOOL MEXICO CITY 1953, REPORTED IN CONTACT
 WITH NAURIC X BELPERIN, WAS RECEIPT 2000 FROM POLISH BANK
 WARSAW 1953; VITTORIO X VIDALI ALIAS CARLOS CONTRERAS HEAD OF
 CP TRIESTE, INTERMITTENTLY IN U.S. AND MEXICO DURING 1940'S.
 SUSPECTED DIRECTED MURDER TROTSKY. FOCHELLE X MARIE X
 X (ALIAS) (OR X (ALIAS)) ALLEGEDLY ONE OF CORRESPONDING
 SECRETARIES OF JUAN NEGRIN 1937-39, REPORTEDLY IN LONDON 1945

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AND SUBSEQUENTLY IN MEXICO. RELATIVES INCLUDE (1) ATAIM
 * VILLACID, (2) QUIN VILLACID MARRIED TO FORMER SPANISH
 REPUBLICAN DIPLOMAT JOSE GARRAGO, (3) PEPE VILLACID WHO
 * WAS REPORTED IN MEXICO CITY 1943; FRANK ELLNER
 * CORRESPONDENT OVERSEAS NEWS AGENCY 1943 IN MEXICO.

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II. Contacts			
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Set out below is a listing of contacts known to have been made by Noah and Anne SEBORER during the period covered in this report:			
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Maurice HALPERIN was dismissed from Boston University because of refusal to answer questions before a Congressional Committee. With him in Mexico are his son, David, his wife Edith and, at least during part of April, his or his wife's father, Noah SEBORER supplied Yiddish newspapers for the father to read. The HALPERINS dined at the SEBORERS 14 May 1955. HALPERIN is believed to be engaged in the trucking transportation business in connection with the firm E.A. Qjeda at Isabel la Catolica 38-610.			
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