

NY 100-71301

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\* At Versailles, Connecticut

Will locate the subject's present whereabouts through [REDACTED]. The above investigation was previously requested by NYairtel, 8/2/57.

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WASHINGTON FIELD

\* At Washington, D.C.

Will review the records of GAO to ascertain if disability checks for subject's husband have been cashed. If so, then ascertain where they were cashed and obtain photostats of endorsements as previously requested by NYairtel, 7/26/57.

NEWARK

\* At West Orange, New Jersey

Will locate the subject's present whereabouts through [REDACTED] as previously requested by NYairtel, 7/26/57.

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ALBANY

\* At Albany, New York

1. Will review subject's NY State Income Tax returns during period of 1940 - 1950 to ascertain all background information as previously requested by NY airtel, 8/15/57.

2. Will review NY State Income Tax records for period 1950 - 1957 to ascertain if subject has made such a return in NY State.

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NEW YORK

At New York, New York

1. Will maintain contact at the VA, 252 7th Avenue, NYC, to ascertain if subject's husband or anyone in his behalf makes inquiry re his disability checks.

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2. Will locate the warehouse [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

3. Will review surveillance logs on [REDACTED] to ascertain if he makes contact with the subject.

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4. Will recontact all NYO informants to obtain information re subject's present whereabouts.

5. Will contact [REDACTED] for information re subject's present whereabouts in view of the fact [REDACTED]

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6. Will recontact [REDACTED] to obtain information re subject's current residence.

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7. Will locate Public Metal Co. and Aircraft Screw Products Co., Long Island City, for information re the subject.

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NH 100-15936

last were known to have lived at 178 East 71st Street, New York City.

[REDACTED] had no knowledge regarding her friends or associates in New York City. [REDACTED] LEONA used to work for a machine shop in New York City, which made taps and dyes. He could not recall the name of this firm. He stated that when he last saw LEONA she planned to go to California. He did not know whether she planned to go for a vacation or to take up permanent residence there. [REDACTED]

In the event he does receive information regarding the whereabouts of LEONA and her husband, MORRIS COHEN, he will immediately notify the FBI.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

New York, New York  
August, 17, 1957

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Re: Lorna Terese Cohen, nee Petka,  
with aliases: Mrs. Morris  
Cohen, Lontina Betka, Leona  
Cohen, Leontina Cohen, Lona  
Cohen, Lona Petka

Re report of SA [redacted] at New York  
dated August 17, 1957, and captioned Loran Terese Cohen,  
with aliases; Espionage - R.

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[redacted] was in a position to furnish reliable  
information.

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DATE FORW. 8-27-57  
BY [redacted]

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FILE DESCRIPTION

SUBJECT MORRIS + LONA COHEN

FILE NUMBER 100 - 406659

SECTION NUMBER 16

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Date: 2/11/58

Transmit the following message via AIRTEL

(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-406659)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-103389)

SUBJECT: MORRIS COHEN, was.  
LONA COHEN, was.  
ESPIONAGE-R

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[redacted] was interviewed on 2/10/58, according to Bureau security regulations at which time he furnished the following information:

[redacted] went to the Abraham Lincoln Brigade (ALB) recruiting office on East Second St., about 1936 or 1937. There were many people present who were receiving physicals and signing papers. [redacted] signed a paper which he believes was an application for a passport. He was rejected for some technicality and he left this signed paper at the ALB headquarters. He never again saw this paper and never received a passport. He did not go to Spain at that time and has never taken any foreign travel except for military service.

[redacted] refused to furnish any information concerning the technicality for which he was refused membership in the ALB. He stated neither of his brothers followed him to the ALB headquarters. He stated he does not see how the information about his failure to meet the standards of the ALB can be of any value to the FBI. Intensive interview on this point did not cause him to alter his position.

[redacted] examined a group of photographs which contained photographs of [redacted] and MORRIS COHEN. He advised he does not know any of the persons in the photographs. He stated the names [redacted] and MORRIS COHEN mean nothing to him.

- 3-Bureau (100-406659) (RM)
- 2-Newark (100-39327) (RM)
- 1-New York (65-17341)
- 1-New York (100-103389)

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Special Agent in Charge

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In view of the fact that [redacted] has been interviewed and it does not appear at this time that he has any connection with MORRIS COHEN, NYO will take no further action re him or to interview his brother [redacted] UACB.

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[redacted] appeared at the NYO on 2/10/58, at which time he was interviewed.

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[redacted] has been thinking about the connection between [redacted] and MORRIS COHEN. He is now positive that he was with MORRIS COHEN on three separate occasions [redacted]

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[redacted] cannot recall the names of other persons at these gatherings but he is attempting to recall additional names.

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[redacted] MORRIS worked as a waiter for the Soviets at the NY World's Fair and later worked for them as a waiter at Amtorg. He had never heard that COHEN served as a guard.

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He went <sup>on</sup> to say that he met [redacted]

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[REDACTED]

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In response to the question as to what he thought was behind the disappearance of the COHENS, [REDACTED] it is his opinion that they were "tapped" by the CP for an underground assignment. He stated he had no such idea as of 1950 because the COHENS were so close mouthed he did not have any idea that they were planning to disappear. His opinion has been formed by little facts such as the arrest of the ROSENBERGS, in the summer of 1950, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] MORRIS working for the Soviets, and their complete dedication to the Communist theory.

In response to the question as to what he thought of the relationship between [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] and MORRIS COHEN lived in the same neighborhood during the period around 1937 and were very close friends. [REDACTED] most certainly knew COHEN as MORRIS COHEN.

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NY 100-103389

Records of the Bronx, NY, Board of Elections reveal that [REDACTED] expressed a preference for the CP in 1936. b7c

In view of the fact that [REDACTED] did not tell the truth upon interview by NYO, it is requested that Newark open an investigation on [REDACTED] to ascertain what connection he had with MORRIS COHEN and whether they are still friends and in contact with each other. b7c

NYO is developing information on [REDACTED] which will be submitted to the Bureau and Newark. b7c

[REDACTED] was shown a photograph of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. He closely scrutinized this photograph and stated he "believes" he has seen them [REDACTED] during the period of 1947 - 1950. He could not be more specific as to the date. He advised he has the impression that they were married and lived in Brooklyn. He was pressed on his use of the word "believes" and he stated this word accurately describes his impression. b7c  
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It is requested that Newark expedite showing the photograph of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] to [REDACTED]. b7c

[REDACTED] HARRY COHEN was the key to the investigation and now that he is dead, the best approach would be [REDACTED]. b7c  
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Special Agent in Charge

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[redacted] displayed a friendly and cooperative attitude. He stated he believes that the FBI should contact him in the future. [redacted] b7c b7D

[redacted] He stated he has no interest in MORRIS and LONA and can be objective. He offered to be of any assistance to the FBI. He stated he will contact the NYO when he returns from a two week trip to Grand Rapids, Michigan. He indicated he is thinking about MORRIS and LONA frequently and will immediately furnish the FBI any additional information which comes to his attention.

NYO has perfected arrangements to [redacted] [redacted] to ascertain if the handwriting on them corresponds to handwriting of the subjects. b7E

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Special Agent in Charge

SAC, New York (100-103389)

February 14, 1958

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Director, FBI (100-406659) - 538

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MORRIS COHEN, was.;  
LONA COHEN, was.  
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DATE 1/25/85 BY SP6-BJA/kde

Reurairtel 2-11-58.

You should reinterview [REDACTED] and advise him that the FBI has an interest in a man who traveled to Spain using the name and background of [REDACTED]. The passport issued to Cohen in the name of [REDACTED] may be displayed to him and he should be asked for his explanation as to the method by which this passport was issued in his name. The photograph appearing on this passport may be shown to him and he should be asked if he knows the identity of the person in this photograph and if so, what information he has concerning this person. You should also determine [REDACTED] address during the pertinent period.

[REDACTED]  
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NOTE: Morris Cohen traveled to Spain to participate in the Spanish Revolution on a passport issued in the name of [REDACTED]. The photograph on the passport was that of Cohen wearing a pair of glasses and a mustache in a crude ~~did~~ attempt to disguise himself. New York interviewed [REDACTED] and he claims that he executed an application for a passport in the recruiting office of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade in 1936 or 1937 but he was rejected for some technicality and left the recruiting office. He claims he did not go to Spain at that time.

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- Parsons \_\_\_\_\_
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- Tamm \_\_\_\_\_
- Trotter \_\_\_\_\_
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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-406659)

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DATE: 2/19/58

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FROM : SAC, WFO (100-28897)

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SUBJECT: MORRIS COHEN, was;  
LONA COHEN, was  
ESPIONAGE - R  
(OO: NY)

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ReBulet to WFO 2/7/58.

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- ② - Bureau
- 2 - New York (100-103389) (RM)
- 1 - WFO

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Mr. ASHLEY J. NICHOLAS, Assistant to Miss FRANCIS G. KNIGHT, Director, Passport Office, advised SA [REDACTED] on 2/12/58, that the period of exchanging new passports for the then valid old (red) passports took about one year, and that the new (green) passports given to holders of valid (red) passports were issued without regard to passport number. That is, if a holder had old (red) passport number 123456, issued 12/1/39, originally valid to 12/1/41, and he presented it for renewal on 11/1/41, he would have been issued a new (green) passport, valid for the remainder of the initial validity period of his old (red) passport. At the time of issuance of this new replacement passport, no regard would be given passport numbers; in other words, the new replacement would not carry the same serial number as the old.

In addition, Mr. NICHOLAS pointed out that serial numbers of passports are changed every time there is a change in the Secretary of State. With the succession of a new appointment to that office, the passport numbers start again with the number one. This system permits more than one passport being issued with the same number, because they were issued at different dates, under different regimes of Secretaries of State.

In the light of the foregoing, it is seen that inquiry along the lines suggested in [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Transmit the following Teletype message to:  
AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-406659)

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (100-32027)

MORRIS COHEN, Wa.;  
LONA COHEN, Was.  
ESPIONAGE - R  
O.O. - New York

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DATE 1/25/83 BY SPV Bysfeld

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Re New York letter to Albany, copies to all  
offices, 9/12/57, and Springfield airtel to Director,  
1/14/58.

Investigation reflects the following individuals,  
present whereabouts as indicated, probably resided at 104  
East John Street, Champaign, Illinois, during time of  
COHEN's residence at that address:

[REDACTED]

- 3 - Bureau (RM)
- 2 - New York (100-103389) (RM)
- 3 - Baltimore (RM)
- 3 - Buffalo (RM)
- 1 - 65-2353
- 1 - 65-2351
- 2 - Cleveland (RM)
- 2 - Dallas (RM)
- 2 - Detroit (100-25065) (RM)
- 2 - Minneapolis (RM)
- 2 - Springfield (65-946) (RM)

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Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Transmitted following Teletype message TWO

[REDACTED]

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Offices receiving copies of this airtel requested to contact individuals listed for following information concerning subject:

1. Known personal acquaintances and close associates of subject, MORRIS COHEN, while at University of Illinois, 1st semester, 1935-36.
2. Identity of subject's contacts or associates in Chicago, Illinois, during that time. Subject gave home address as 4641 S. Fairfield, Chicago, when enrolling in University of Ill. Graduate School September 16, 1935.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

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3. Contacts with subject since February, 1936, when subject left University of Ill.
4. Info. as to present whereabouts. Investigation by Chicago Office has failed to develop info. to indicate subject ever actually resided at 4641 S. Fairfield. It is considered probable that subject gave this address to qualify as a "resident" student at U. of Ill.

Following individuals, who, as best they could recall, resided at 104 East John Street, Champaign, in 1935-36 while attending the University of Illinois, were interviewed by SA [REDACTED] on the dates indicated re M. COHEN: b7c

[REDACTED] b7c  
 Could not recall M. COHEN by name. Was able to identify photo but unable to furnish any other info.

[REDACTED] b7c  
 Unable to recall M. COHEN by name and unable to identify photo.

[REDACTED] b7c  
 Unable to recall M. COHEN by name and unable to identify photo.

Approved: ~~Could not recall M. COHEN by name and was unable to identify photo~~ b7c

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 UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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 Following Telephone Calls to:

[REDACTED]

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Recalled name of M. COHEN very vaguely.  
 Unable to identify photo of him.

[REDACTED]

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Name of M. COHEN vaguely familiar. Unable to  
 identify photo of him.

[REDACTED]

b7c

Name of M. COHEN vaguely familiar but unable  
 to identify photo of him.

[REDACTED]

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 b7D

Recalled M. COHEN well by name and identified  
 photo. Recalled him as being active in American  
 Student Union and as receiving the "Daily Worker"  
 at the 104 E. John St. address. Recalled M. COHEN  
 as keeping to himself and being extremely busy with  
 outside "activities." Unable to furnish further  
 details re these activities but knew of them  
 because of COHEN's constant use of the house  
 telephone. Recalled COHEN as having an unusual  
 amount of hair which covered his entire body and  
 consequently caused some of the fellows to refer  
 to him as "the Ape". [REDACTED] could furnish no  
 info. re known personal acquaintances and close  
 associates of M. COHEN and knew of no Chicago  
 contacts or associates of COHEN. [REDACTED] has  
 not seen or heard of COHEN since his departure  
 from 104 address in 1936 and knows nothing as  
 to his present whereabouts.

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 Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Transmit the following Teletype message to:

[redacted] advised SA [redacted] that he is unable to recall M. COHEN by name and was unable to identify a photo of him. [redacted] stated that as best he can recall, he resided at the 104 address commencing with the 1936 semester rather than the semester of 1935-36. b7c

Investigation has indicated that [redacted] also probably resided at the 104 address in 1935-36. However, it was not possible to develop any info. as to his present whereabouts. b7c

BALTIMORE DIVISION

At Catonsville, Maryland

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At Falls Church, Maryland

BUFFALO DIVISION

At Rush, New York

CLEVELAND DIVISION

At Warren, Ohio

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DALLAS DIVISION

DETROIT DIVISION

At Grand Rapids, Michigan

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Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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SPRINGFIELD DIVISION

At West Frankfort, Illinois

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[REDACTED]

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At Champaign, Illinois

Will review records of University of Illinois in an effort to determine if [REDACTED] resided at 104 East John Street, Champaign, Illinois, during the pertinent period and if so, attempt to develop information as to his present whereabouts.

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Special Agent in Charge

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Date: 2/12/58

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-406659)

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FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-103389)

SUBJECT: MORRIS COHEN, was.;  
LONA COHEN, was.  
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advised                      that he believes he saw                       
and                      in contact with the subjects during  
the period of 1947-1950.

[REDACTED]

- 3 - Bureau (100-406659) (RM) (AM)
- 2 - Salt Lake City (65-1258) (RM) (AM)
- 1 - New York (100-103389)

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[REDACTED]  
cc - ny, Salt Lake City  
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NY 100-103389

It is requested that Salt Lake City display a photo of the subjects to [redacted] to ascertain if they attended the social or if he knew them in NYC.

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The report indicates that [redacted] resided at [redacted]. He was employed [redacted]

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*See [redacted]*

[redacted]

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Special Agent in Charge

Sagyt, Mexico City (65-440)

February 18, 1958

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Director, FBI (100-406659)-543

MORRIS COHEN, was.;  
LOLA COHEN, was.  
ESPIONAGE - R

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
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DATE 12/25/85 BY SP-6 B. J. [redacted]

911-13

Reference is made to New York memorandum dated 8-3-57 which furnished your office with background information concerning instant case and photographs of the subject.

[redacted] advised [redacted] that he believes that he saw [redacted] and [redacted] in contact with the subjects during the period of 1947-1950. [redacted] was involved in the Rosenberg espionage network and left the United States in January, 1948, for Europe and his present whereabouts are unknown.

[redacted] was also a close associate of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg. She is still living in the New York area. New York Office has advised that it had from a review of the file of [redacted] was interviewed on 6-12-51 in New York City and advised that he had attended a housewarming in about February, 1950, at 418 East Ninth Street, New York City, and that [redacted] and [redacted] attended this housewarming.

[redacted] is believed to have driven Julius Rosenberg from New York City to Ithaca, New York, for an espionage pickup and was believed to have borrowed [redacted] car for this purpose. You should interview [redacted] and display to him photographs of Morris and Lola Cohen to determine if he had occasion to meet them during the period of his association with [redacted] in the New York City area. It is suggested that [redacted] be advised if the Cohens attended [redacted] housewarming.

- 1 - New York (100-103389)
- 2 - Salt Lake City (65-1244)
- 1 - Foreign Liaison Unit (Route through for review)

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 FBI - NEW YORK

Letter to Mexico City  
Re: Morris Cohen; Lona Cohen  
100-406659

For the information of New York, [REDACTED]  
currently resides at [REDACTED] b7c

Salt Lake City should disregard the lead  
in New York airtel 12-12-58 to interview [REDACTED] b7c

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Date: 2-17-58

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL - REGISTERED  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-406659)  
FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (105-5932)  
RE: MORRIS COHEN, was;  
LONA COHEN, was.  
ESPIONAGE - R  
OO - NEW YORK

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DATE 1/23/85 BY SP6 BJA/ldc

Re San Francisco airtel to Director and New York 1-28-58.

The following remaining sources of information re ALB and VALB were contacted with negative results:

[Redacted] contacted  
by SA [Redacted]

[Redacted] contacted  
& [Redacted] by SAs [Redacted]

[Redacted] contacted  
& [Redacted] by SAs [Redacted]

- 3 - Bureau (100-406659) (AM-REG)
- 2 - New York (100-103389) (AM-REG)
- 2 - San Francisco (105-5932)  
(100-2055, VALB)

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Approved: [Signature] Special Agent in Charge Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-406659)

DATE: 2/18/58

FROM : SAC, ALBANY (65-2251)

SUBJECT: MORRIS COHEN, Wa.;  
LONA COHEN, Was.  
ESPIONAGE-R

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DATE 1/25/85 BY SP6 BJA/uk

(OO: New York)

Re New Haven letter dated 1/30/58, in captioned matter.

[redacted] advised SA [redacted] that he has been acquainted with LONA COHEN's family, the PETKAS, for several years [redacted]

[redacted] they have not seen LONA PETKA COHEN for at least 15 years and are certain her family does not know of her whereabouts.

[redacted] explained it is understood that LONA COHEN was last known to be residing in New York City, with her husband several years ago, but that her family has not seen nor heard from her since. [redacted]

[redacted] it appeared at that time that LONA COHEN's family did not know of her whereabouts, and had not heard from her although he cannot now recall specific reasons for this belief.

[redacted] advised he knows of no one who could furnish additional pertinent information but that he would advise the FBI if any information concerning the subjects came to his attention.

[redacted] has never met or heard from LONA PETKA COHEN [redacted]

- CC: 2-Bureau (100-406659) (RM)
- 1-New Haven (100-15936) (Info) (RM)
- 2-New York (100-103389) (RM)
- 1-Albany (65-2251)

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Date: 2/20/58

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Via AIRTEL

REGISTERED MAIL

(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-406659)

FROM : ATT: FBI LABORATORY  
SAC, NEW YORK (100-103389)

SUBJECT: MORRIS COHEN, was  
LONA COHEN, was  
ESPIONAGE - R

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
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DATE 1/25/85 BY SP6 BJA/CLL

[REDACTED] Parkchester  
Post Office, NYC (protect identity) advised on 2/19/58, that  
[REDACTED] received a post card from [REDACTED]  
Hotel Flamingo, 1915 Ocean Drive, Hollandale Beach,  
Hollandale, Fla.

It is requested that photos of the subjects be  
displayed to reliable sources at the Hotel Flamingo to  
ascertain if the subjects have been residing at that hotel.

[REDACTED] worked with LONA COHEN at the  
Aircraft Screw Products Co., Long Island City, NY, during  
the period of 1943-1945.

COPY FOR [REDACTED]

ENCLOSURE

- 4 - Bureau (100-406659) (Enc. 3) (RM)
- (1 - FBI Laboratory)
- 2 - Miami (65-2751) (RM)
- 2 - Washington Field (100-28897) (RM)
- 1 - New York (100-103389)

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Approved: *E. J. [Signature]*  
Special Agent in Charge

Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_

*[Handwritten initials]*

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[REDACTED] understands only that the PETKA family has not known where the COHENS have been since they left their former New York address several years ago. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] is not acquainted with either of the subjects or the PETKA family and would possess no pertinent information.

[REDACTED] has never met LONA PETKA or her husband. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] it was understood that LONA PETKA COHEN's whereabouts was not known by her family and she has heard nothing since that time to indicate otherwise.

[REDACTED] has never met the COHENS, is only slightly familiar with the PETKA family, and would not be in any position to furnish pertinent information.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-406659)

DATE: February 19, 1958

FROM : SAC, NEW HAVEN (100-15936)

SUBJECT: MORRIS COHEN, was.;  
LONA COHEN, was.  
ESPIONAGE - R

Re Detroit airtel 1/28/58.

New Haven indices reflect no information identifiable with the [redacted] identified therein. There is also no information in New Haven files indicating these people are related to LONA COHEN's family. *b7c*

- 2 - Bureau (R.M.)
- 1 - New York (100-103389) (R.M.)
- 1 - Detroit (100-25065) (R.M.)
- 1 - New Haven

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Date: 2/20/58

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NY 100-103389

Investigation by NYO reveals that [REDACTED] b7c

It is requested that WFO review passport records to ascertain if [REDACTED] b7c

On 2/18/58, [REDACTED] Adjudication Division, Veterans Administration, 252 7th Ave., NYC, made the VA file for MORRIS COHEN available. This file contains his Selective Service and VA records. A review of this file disclosed a three page handwritten letter which was sent to the VA by COHEN. b7c

Enclosed for the Laboratory is one photo of this letter. The original could not be obtained by the NYO.

It is requested that this known handwriting of MORRIS COHEN be compared with handwriting appearing on the back of photos of subjects, which were previously sent to the Bureau, to ascertain if the messages on the photos were prepared by MORRIS COHEN.

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Special Agent in Charge

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REPORT  
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

To: **FBI, New York**  
  
Re: **MORRIS COHEN, was**  
**LONA COHEN, was**  
**ESPIONAGE - R**

Date: **March 12, 1958**  
FBI File No. **100-406659**  
Lab. No. **D-272513 AT**

Specimens received **2/22/58**

**Kc26** Photocopy of three-page handwritten letter addressed to Veterans Administration dated 6/25/46, bearing known writing of **MORRIS COHEN**.

**Results of examination:**

The questioned writing on specimen **Qc7**, previously submitted by New York, was compared with the additional purported known handwriting of **MORRIS COHEN**, **Kc26**. Due to unexplained handwriting variations and due to the limited amount of questioned writing on **Qc7**, it was not possible to determine whether the writing on **Qc7** was prepared by the writer of **Kc26** or by the writer of the previously submitted purported known handwriting of **MORRIS COHEN**. Significant similarities were noted in the questioned writing on **Qc7** and the purported known writings of **MORRIS COHEN**.

**Kc26 is retained.**

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- Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- Nichols \_\_\_\_\_
- Boardman \_\_\_\_\_
- Belmont \_\_\_\_\_
- Mohr \_\_\_\_\_
- Parsons \_\_\_\_\_
- Rosen \_\_\_\_\_
- Tamm \_\_\_\_\_
- Trotter \_\_\_\_\_
- Nease \_\_\_\_\_
- Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_
- Holloman \_\_\_\_\_
- Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

To: **FBI, New York (100-103389)**

Date: **March 12, 1958**

Re: **MORRIS COHEN, was**  
**LONA COHEN, was**  
**ESPIONAGE - R**

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

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FBI File No. **100-406659-547**  
Lab. No. **D-272513 AT**

Examination requested by: **FBI, New York**

Reference: **Airtel 2/20/58**

Examination requested: **Document**

Remarks:

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Enclosures (9) (3 Lab report)

- Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
  - Nichols \_\_\_\_\_
  - Boardman \_\_\_\_\_
  - Belmont \_\_\_\_\_
  - Mohr \_\_\_\_\_
  - Parsons \_\_\_\_\_
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  - Trotter \_\_\_\_\_
  - Nease \_\_\_\_\_
  - Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_
  - Holloman \_\_\_\_\_
  - Gandy \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 - Miami (65-2751) Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)
- 2 - Washington Field Office (100-28897) Enclosure (Lab report)
- 2 - [Redacted] (7)
- 2 - [Redacted] (7)
- 2 - [Redacted] (7)

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Via AIRTEL REGISTERED MAIL  
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-406659)  
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-103389)  
SUBJECT: MORRIS COHEN, was  
LONA COHEN, was  
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100-50177

Re NY letter to Bureau dated 5/19/55, entitled,

[redacted]

S.S. Castle & [redacted]

File review by NYO has revealed that

[redacted]

Referenced letter set forth information re [redacted] and contained all pertinent information re him which is contained in NYO indices.

It is requested that the Bureau grant authority to interview [redacted] for information re MORRIS COHEN.

A review of the Board of Election records, Borough of Manhattan, NYC, revealed that [redacted] resided at 178 E. 71st St., NYC, at the same time the subjects resided at that address.

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- 3 - Bureau (100-406659) (RM) EX - 126
- 2 - St. Louis (65-2025) (AMRM)
- 1 - New York (100-103389)

Airtel to New York  
2-24-58

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Approved: [Signature] Sent \_\_\_\_\_ Per \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

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Date: 2/18/58

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Via \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

NY 100-103389

[Redacted] currently resides at [Redacted]

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It is requested that St. Louis interview [Redacted] to ascertain if he has any information which will aid in the location of the subjects. During the interview, ascertain if he has any information re the names of persons who attended parties at the subjects' apartment.

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Special Agent in Charge

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SAC, New York (100-103389)

2/21/58

Director, FBI (100-406659)

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DATE 1/25/85 BY SP6 Bjs/ade

MORRIS COHEN, was;  
LONA COHEN, was.  
ESPIONAGE - R

Reference is made to FBI Laboratory letter to the New York Office dated 2/6/58, setting forth the results of examinations of Veterans Administration checks issued to Morris Cohen. It is noted the FBI Laboratory has identified the signatures on the checks from April, 1950, through February, 1952, and from May, 1952, through November, 1953, as being identical with known specimens of Cohen's handwriting. Concerning the handwriting on the other four checks, a positive identification could not be made although similarities were noted.

An analysis of these checks reflects that the checks dated from December, 1949, to June, 1950, were deposited shortly after their issue. The checks from August, 1950, through August, 1951, and the one dated December, 1951, were negotiated on several dates in July, 1952. The checks for March, April and May, 1952, were cashed in November and December, 1952. The next five checks were cashed in February, 1953. The next three in August, 1953. The remaining checks through November, 1953, were cashed in December, 1953, and June, 1954.

If the information furnished by [redacted]

[redacted]

cc card made

The bulk of the checks dated after November 30, 1953, were negotiated on December 17 and 18, 1956, which was shortly after the death of Harry Cohen, father of Morris [redacted]

[redacted] appear Harry Cohen was holding these checks awaiting a pickup which was not made.

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1 - Newark (100-39327)

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- Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- Nichols \_\_\_\_\_
- Boardman \_\_\_\_\_
- Belmont \_\_\_\_\_
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- Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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SAC, New York  
Morris Cohen, was;  
Lona Cohen, was.  
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An analysis of the above cashing of these checks would indicate that Morris Cohen was in a position to readily endorse these checks until June, 1954, however, after that date he could not do so. It can be speculated he may have left his original hiding place, either in U. S. or Canada and departed for Europe where he could not easily endorse the checks and another system of paying Harry Cohen was instituted. The possibility should not be discarded that Morris met with foul play at that time and was no longer in a position to endorse these checks.

The endorsements on the backs of these checks show that some were given to third parties who then deposited the checks. The names of these third parties are as follows

[REDACTED] b7c  
Waller Fruit Company  
S. and B. Wholesale Fruit and Produce Company, Inc.

[REDACTED]  
Central Produce Company  
Lucky Corner Operating Company  
Jurgens Brothers  
Altara Wine and Liquor Store

[REDACTED]  
Peckerman Division, Burncrest Pharmacy

It is known that Harry Cohen was in the produce business and he probably gave these checks to these various establishments in the course of his business. You should contact these business establishments which cashed the checks and determine how they received these checks from Harry Cohen. You should also determine if anyone in these establishments did business with Harry Cohen and, if so, such person or persons should be interviewed for any information Harry Cohen may have given concerning his son, Morris.

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100-80880-550

SEA SEASON

EX 131 Date: February 28, 1958

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Classified by SP-4 [redacted]  
Declassify on: OADR 1/75/5

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: HENRI COHEN, with aliases;  
LOUI COHEN, with aliases  
ESPIONAGE - R

Reference is made to our letter dated  
February 12, 1958.

[redacted]

[redacted]

An inquiry has been made of  
the Passport Division, Department of State,  
concerning this matter and it has been learned that  
a passport issued in 1954 has an ordinary period of  
validity of one year from date of issue and it can  
be renewed for another two-year period making it  
valid for a total period of four years. At the end  
of the four-year period, a passport is expired regardless  
of when it was issued.

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- Mohr \_\_\_\_\_
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- Trotter \_\_\_\_\_
- Nease \_\_\_\_\_
- Tele. Rm. \_\_\_\_\_
- Holloman \_\_\_\_\_
- Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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passports and visas issued in January, 1948, and the valid passports were replaced with a new issue having a green leatherette cover. Further, the entire format of the new-type passport derived from the old-type passport. The period of exchanging the new passports for the old passports took approximately one year and the new passports were given to holders of the valid old passport without regard to passport number. Thus, if the holder of an old passport presented an old passport he would have been issued a new passport valid for the initial validity period of his old passport, and when the new passport was issued no regard would be given to passport numbers. In other words, the new passports would not carry the same serial number as the old.

The serial numbers of passports are changed every time there is a new Secretary of State and when a new Secretary of State enters office the passport numbers start again with number one. This system, therefore, permits more than one passport being issued with the same number because they could have been issued at different dates under the direction of different Secretaries of State.

In view of the above, it is not practicable or feasible to attempt to [REDACTED]

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-406659)  
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-103389)  
SUBJECT: MORRIS COHEN, was  
LONA COHEN, was  
ESPIONAGE - R

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Declassify on: OSR 1/25/85

[REDACTED] saw a letter from the subjects about 3 months after their disappearance from their residence, 178 E. 71st St., NYC, in the summer of 1950. This letter bore a postmark from some town in Canada. [REDACTED] cannot recall the name of this town.

[REDACTED] (c)

[REDACTED]

the subjects spent the summer of 1947 in France living as French citizens and visiting friends. No other information has been developed concerning this trip or the friends visited.

An official INS memorandum dated 7/15/57, indicates that all passenger departure manifests prior to 7/1/48 have been destroyed.

- 3 - Bureau (100-406659) (RM)
- 1 - New York (100-103389)

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let to Paris  
in New City, Boston, NY  
2-24-58

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Special Agent in Charge

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Records of the Workmen's Compensation Board, Albany, NY, reveal that LONA COHEN had case [REDACTED] for an injury while employed at Aircraft Screw Products Co., Long Island City. The file revealed that Dr. R. H. ISAACS, 304 E. 178th St., NYC, served as her doctor.

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[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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Special Agent in Charge

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Via \_\_\_\_\_  
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NY 100-103389

[REDACTED]

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Investigation by NYO has disclosed that  
Dr. ISAACS is deceased.

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Special Agent in Charge

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United States Department of Justice  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

New York, New York  
February 17, 1958

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Re: Morris Cohen, With aliases;  
Morris Pickett, Israel Altman;  
Lona Cohen, With aliases;  
Espionage - R

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[REDACTED] advised that the subjects spent the summer of 1947 in France living as French citizens and visiting friends. They rented a house and lived like citizens, rather than as tourists. No other information has been developed regarding this trip.

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Legat, Paris (65-469)

February 24, 1958

Director, FBI (100-406659)

MORRIS COHEN, was.;  
LONA COHEN, was.  
ESPIONAGE - R

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New York should recontact [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and determine if he  
can recall the method of transportation utilized  
by the Cohens on this trip, that is, whether they  
traveled by sea or by air.

*Source  
Cohen  
Paris  
W. Cohen  
M. Cohen*

[REDACTED]

- Enclosure 5
- 2 - Mexico City (Enclosure)
- 2 - Ottawa (Enclosure)
- 2 - New York (100-103389)

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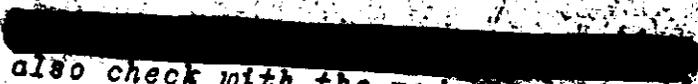
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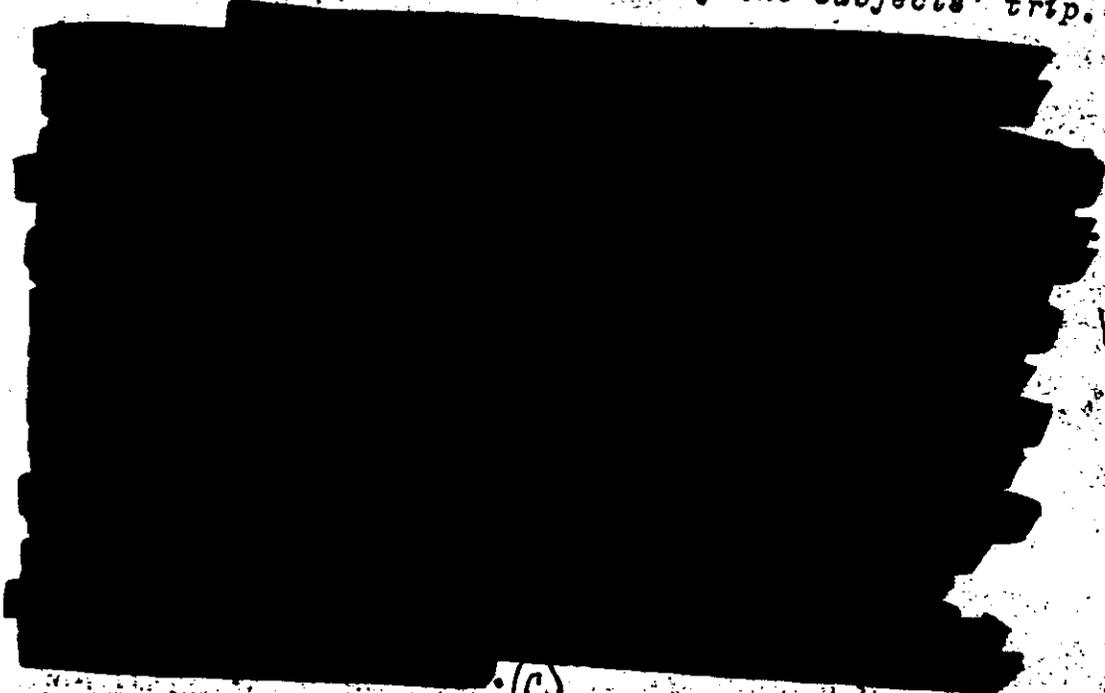
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Letter to Paris  
Re: Morris Cohen; Lona Cohen  
100-406659

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 New York should also check with the major steamship lines operating ships to France to determine if these lines still have manifests covering the 1947 period. If such manifests are still maintained, they should be reviewed in an attempt to locate a record of the subjects' trip.



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Legat, Mexico City (65-440)

February 21, 1958

Director, FBI (100-406659)

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MORRIS COHEN, was., Israel Altman, Morris Pickett  
LONA COHEN, was.  
ESPIONAGE - R

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For the information of all Legal Attaches,  
when Rudolf Ivanovich Abel was arrested in  
New York City on 6-21-57 by INS he had among his  
effects \$4,000 in cash wrapped in brown wrapping  
paper. Under the flap of this package was a  
photograph of a man and woman and on the back of  
each photograph there were written phrases which  
indicated they could be used as a parole for an  
espionage meeting. The persons in this photograph  
have been identified as Morris and Lona Cohen. Lona  
Cohen was a domestic in the home

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Investigation reflected that  
the Cohens left New York City in the Summer of  
1950 after announcing they were going to California  
where Morris Cohen allegedly had obtained a job.  
However, no information has been developed indicating  
their present whereabouts. Intensive investigation  
is being conducted in an effort to locate the Cohens  
to determine their exact relationship with Abel.

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Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-406659)  
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-103389)  
SUBJECT: MORRIS COHEN, was.  
LONA COHEN, was.  
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The following information pertains to a person who shall be referred to as [REDACTED] b7c

WFO advised by letter dated 12/10/57. [REDACTED] b7c

[REDACTED] b7c

[REDACTED] b7c

[REDACTED] b7c

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[REDACTED] b7c  
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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

The photograph [REDACTED] has been identified by [REDACTED] as being a photograph of MORRIS COHEN wearing glasses and a mustache. b7c b7D

Birth records of the Borough of Manhattan, New York City, as checked by SA [REDACTED] on 12/27/57, reveal that birth certificate [REDACTED] b7c

Records of the Naturalization Division, USDC, SDNY, as reviewed by SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] on 1/16/58, revealed that [REDACTED] b7c

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[REDACTED] b7c

[REDACTED] was interviewed [REDACTED] by SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] at which time he furnished the following information: b7c

[REDACTED] examined a group of photographs which contained four photographs of MORRIS COHEN. Among this group was a photograph of MORRIS COHEN. [REDACTED] b7c b7D

[REDACTED] selected all of the photographs of MORRIS COHEN and stated that they were photographs of a man known to him as [REDACTED]. He stated he knew this man for about eight years in the 1930's. [REDACTED] b7c b7D

[REDACTED] frequently met with other neighborhood boys and girls in a candy store which was located in the neighborhood.

[REDACTED] advised that he never knew [REDACTED] by any other name than [REDACTED]. He was advised that the man known to him as [REDACTED] is in fact a man named MORRIS COHEN who resided at 1244 Grand Concourse during the 1930's. [REDACTED] was unable to furnish the names of any other members of the above-referred to neighborhood group who knew COHEN as [REDACTED] b7c b7D

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[redacted] recalled signing a passport application in 1937 for [redacted] as a witness. He examined the photograph of MORRIS COHEN which was contained on this passport and he again stated that photograph was definitely a photograph of a man known to him as [redacted] b7c b7D

[redacted] could not explain why the man known to him as [redacted] gave his home address as [redacted]

[redacted] did not believe that [redacted] ever lived at that address.

[redacted] had not noticed what information was contained on the application when he signed as a witness. He stated he had lied when he said he knew the man known to him as [redacted] for eight years as he had in fact known him for only about two years as of 1937. [redacted] went on to say [redacted] came to him one day and asked him to sign a passport application. [redacted] advised [redacted] at this time that he needed a passport to go to Austria so that he could marry a girl he had met during a previous visit to Europe. [redacted] presumed this was the only reason he wanted the passport. He stated he never saw the man known to him as [redacted] after his return from Europe. [redacted] the man known to him as [redacted] had resided at 1244 Grand Concourse for the entire two year period prior to 1937 when [redacted] knew him. b7c b7D

It may be noted that MORRIS COHEN was attending college at Mississippi State and the University of Illinois, Urbana, Illinois, during this two year period. [redacted] stated that since the interviewing agents had advised that [redacted] was a Communist, [redacted] must have been leading a double life and had told him a false name. b7c b7D

It may be noted that the interviewing agents had not mentioned the name Communist and had not disclosed the reason for the interview with [redacted] b7c

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[redacted] did not change his story concerning the point that he knew MORRIS COHEN as [redacted] b7c

[redacted] advised SAs [redacted] and [redacted] that [redacted] knew MORRIS COHEN as a neighborhood friend for many years. He stated he undoubtedly knew him as MORRIS COHEN rather than [redacted] as stated by [redacted] remembers the names of the neighborhood boys and [redacted] never lived in the area or associated with MORRIS COHEN in the neighborhood. b7c  
b7D

Records of the Board of Health, Borough of Manhattan, New York City, as reviewed by SA [redacted] on 1/31/58, revealed [redacted] b7c

These records further revealed that [redacted] b7c

[redacted] was interviewed by SAs [redacted] and [redacted] at which time he furnished the following information: b7c

[redacted] examined a group of photographs which included photographs of MORRIS and LONA COHEN. He advised that none of the photographs were of persons known to him. He stated he could not explain how a man by the name of MORRIS COHEN could have obtained [redacted] name and background and used this information to obtain a passport. [redacted] b7c  
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[redacted] examined a group of photographs which contained photographs of MORRIS COHEN. He advised he does not know any of the persons represented by the photographs. He stated that the names [redacted] and MORRIS COHEN mean nothing to him. b7c

The above information establishes the fact that MORRIS COHEN used the identity of [redacted] and that [redacted] has no connection with this investigation on MORRIS COHEN because of the following differences: b7c

1. [redacted] b7c
2. [redacted]
3. [redacted]
4. [redacted]

In view of the fact that [redacted] has no connection with MORRIS COHEN, WFO will not reinterview him as requested in Bureau letter dated 2/14/58, UACB. b7c

It is requested that the Bureau grant authority to WFO to interview [redacted] to obtain all information about his connection with MORRIS COHEN. b7c

If this authority is granted, it is recommended that two experienced agents who are familiar with the COHEN investigation conduct the interview.

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It is requested that Boston obtain all available information concerning [REDACTED] from the Federal Housing Authority in Newport, Rhode Island, and Portland, Maine. Records will probably be under the name [REDACTED] *b7c*

It is requested that WFO and Boston obtain handwriting specimens from the Federal Housing Authority for submission to the FBI Laboratory to be compared with handwriting on applications for passport [REDACTED] *b7c*

One copy is being furnished Newark for information in view of outstanding investigation concerning subjects.

Two copies are being furnished LA for any possible action required re [REDACTED] after interview of [REDACTED] *b7c*

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TO: SAC, Washington Field (100-28897)

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FROM: Director, FBI (100-406659) **553**

MORRIS COHEN, was.  
LONA COHEN, was.  
ESPIONAGE - R

ReNYairtel 2-19-58.

Bufiles fail to reflect any identifiable derogatory information concerning [REDACTED]. You are authorized to interview [REDACTED] formerly known as [REDACTED] for all information he has relating to Morris Cohen and the passport obtained by Cohen in 1937 in the name of [REDACTED]. *b7c*

- 1 - New York (100-103389)
- 1 - Boston (65-4155)

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NOTE:

Cohen obtained a passport in July, 1937, in the name of [REDACTED] and traveled to Spain to fight with the Abraham Lincoln brigade. [REDACTED] *b7c*

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*Send card*  
*with*

- Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- Nichols \_\_\_\_\_
- Boardman \_\_\_\_\_
- Belmont \_\_\_\_\_
- Mohr \_\_\_\_\_
- Parsons \_\_\_\_\_
- Rosen \_\_\_\_\_
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-406659)  
ATTN: FBI LABORATORY

DATE: 2/21/58

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-103389)

SUBJECT: MORRIS COHEN, was.  
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NYO is conducting extensive file review on the 158 members of the ALB who returned from Spain on the same boat with MORRIS COHEN. MORRIS COHEN used the name [REDACTED] b7c  
[REDACTED] The enclosed photos for Mobile, Newark, and San Francisco are the ones he used on this passport.

It is requested that Mobile, Newark, and San Francisco Divisions review their files on the following persons to ascertain if they can be interviewed for information re COHEN's service in the ALB, his contacts, and any activities since his service with the ALB:

[REDACTED] b7c

[REDACTED] Cellbucy [unclear]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] b7c b7d

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- 2 - Newark (100-39327) (Encl. 1) (RM)
- 2 - San Francisco (100-39141) (AMRM) (Encl. 2)
- 1 - New York (100-103389)

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Lab report  
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It is requested that the Laboratory examine the enclosed two photos of this postcard to ascertain if the handwriting on the postcard was prepared by LONA COHEN.



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

To: **FBI, New York (100-103389)**

Date: **March 11, 1958**

Re: **MORRIS COHEN, was  
LOVA COHEN, was  
ESPIONAGE - R**

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

REC-17  
FBI File No. **100-406659-555**  
Lab. No. **D-272049 AT**

Examination requested by: **New York**

Reference: **Letter 2/21/58**

**EX-136**

Examination requested: **Document**

Remarks:

The photographs submitted by New York which are designated in the attached Laboratory report as Cc94 and Cc95 represent only a portion of the handwriting on the postcard. If photographs of the entire writing on the postcard are available, such photographs should be submitted to the FBI Laboratory for further comparison. For your information, some handwriting characteristics were noted in the writing on Cc95 (bearing the message beginning **[redacted]** which resemble the purported known writing of MORRIS COHEN. If the entire questioned writing is available for handwriting comparison, it may be possible to advise whether this writing is similar to the purported known writing of MORRIS COHEN.

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- Enclosures (3) (3 Lab reports)**
- 2 - Mobile (65-165) - Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)
  - 2 - Newark (100-39327) - Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)
  - 2 - San Francisco (100-39141) - Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)
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*[Handwritten signatures and initials]*

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

To: FBI, New York  
  
Re: MORRIS COHEN, was  
LONA COHEN, was  
ESPIONAGE - R

Date: March 11, 1958  
FBI File No. 100-406659  
Lab. No. D-272849 AT

Specimens received 2/25/58

Cc94 Photocopy of the name and address of [redacted] b7c

Cc95 Photocopy of a portion of a postcard bearing handwriting beginning [redacted] and ending [redacted] b7c

Result of examination:

Due to insufficient amount of comparable writing, a definite conclusion was not reached as to whether the writing on Cc94 and Cc95 was written by LONA COHEN, whose purported known writing is designated as Kc3 through Kc5. For your information, significant differences were noted in the purported known writing of LONA COHEN and the writing on Cc94 and Cc95.

The writing on Cc94 and Cc95 was also compared with the purported known writing of MORRIS COHEN, previously submitted. Based on the material available for examination, it was not possible to determine whether Cc94 and Cc95 were prepared by the writer of the purported known handwriting of MORRIS COHEN. The questioned writing on Cc94 and Cc95 is too limited for adequate comparison.

Cc94 and Cc95 are retained.

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SAC, New York (100-103389)

March 14, 1958

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Director, FBI (100-406659) - 555

MORRIS COHEN, was.;  
LONA COHEN, was.  
ESPIONAGE - R

Re FBI Laboratory report dated 3-11-58.

In view of the information set forth in referenced FBI Laboratory report, you should be alert to further correspondence received by [redacted] (last name unknown) and attempt to identify this person. You should also be alert to the possibility of obtaining further samples of handwriting of [redacted] and submit same to the FBI Laboratory for comparison purposes. In the event the investigation set forth for the Miami Office in your airtel of 2-20-58 fails to identify you should during your next interview of [redacted] attempt to discreetly determine if he knows the identity of [redacted] in such a fashion that our source of information will not be jeopardized.

[redacted] b7c  
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NOTE:

[redacted] A photograph of a portion of the handwriting on this card was submitted to the FBI Lab who compared the writing thereon with the known handwriting of Morris and Lona Cohen. The FBI Lab stated that this handwriting was not identical with the handwriting of Lona Cohen but some handwriting characteristics were noted in the writing which resemble the known handwriting of Morris Cohen. However, it was impossible to make an identification.

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REPORTING OFFICE <b>LOS ANGELES</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>NEW YORK</b>	DATE <b>FEB 21 1958</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>10/30/57 to 2/1/58</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>MORRIS COHEN, was.; LONA COHEN, was.</b>		REPORT MADE BY 	APPROVED BY 
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>ESPIONAGE - R</b>	
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**SYNOPSIS:** Subjects' photo found in effects of RUDOLF IVANOVICH ABEL, convicted Soviet espionage agent, upon his arrest by INS in New York City 6/21/57. MORRIS COHEN employed Amtorg and Soviet Pavilion, New York World's Fair; member of Abraham Lincoln Brigade. LONA COHEN known to be Communist Party member.

interviewed simultaneously 12/18/57. Both admitted knowing COHEN, but denied knowledge of his present whereabouts.

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**DETAILS:**

RUDOLF IVANOVICH ABEL was convicted of conspiracy to commit espionage for the Soviets by the Eastern District Court of the United States, Brooklyn, New York, on November 15, 1957. He was sentenced to 30 years in the custody of the Attorney

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General of the United States and fined \$3,000.00. ABEL was arrested by Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) in New York City on June 21, 1957 on a charge of illegally entering the United States. At the time of this arrest he had in his effects \$4,000.00 in twenty-dollar bills in a brown zipper briefcase. This money was wrapped in brown wrapping paper and fastened with scotch tape. A photograph of a man and a woman was tucked under one flap of this package so that the corner of the photograph just barely showed. On the back of the woman's photograph was the notation "How are Joann's murders?". It was signed SHIRLEY. On the back of the man's photograph was the notation "Have you taken a trip to Frisco since we last saw you?". This was signed MORRIS.

[REDACTED] advised SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] that the individuals in the above photograph were those of LONA COHEN and MORRIS COHEN. [REDACTED] described them as Communists. She stated they had formerly occupied an apartment at 178 East 71st Street, New York City.

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[REDACTED] advised SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] stated that MORRIS COHEN was in the Abraham Lincoln Brigade (ALB) [REDACTED] COHEN went to Spain in 1937, fought in the Spanish Civil War for the loyalists or republic forces, and returned to New York with [REDACTED] in 1939.

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[REDACTED] had known MORRIS COHEN for many years [REDACTED] He stated that MORRIS COHEN's mother, SARAH, was a member of a Communist Party (CP) club which met in the vicinity of their home many years ago. He stated that all CP members use names other than their real name while in the Party. He advised that MORRIS used the name [REDACTED] He also used this name while serving in the ALB.

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The ALB has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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She stated that both MORRIS and LONA COHEN had been very radical Communists ever since she had known them. She went on to say that they formerly held CP meetings in their home and were always trying to get her to join the CP.

The CP, USA has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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MORRIS COHEN worked for the Russians at the Soviet Pavilion during the New York World's Fair in 1939 and 1940.

Records of the New York City Board of Elections, as reviewed on July 26, 1957, reflected that MORRIS COHEN registered a preference for the CP in 1936.

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[REDACTED] MORRIS COHEN was b7D  
born July 2, 1910, in New York City to HARRY COHEN and SARAH NETLOWSKI. [REDACTED] MORRIS COHEN was employed by Amtorg, Inc., 251 42nd Avenue, New York City, New York on July 3, 1939. [REDACTED] has no information concerning MORRIS COHEN's employment since June, 1942, at which time he was employed by Soviet EMP, Association of Amtorg, 210 Madison Avenue, New York, New York.

According to the records of the New York County Clerk, the Amtorg Trading Corporation is a New York corporation formed in 1924. It has acted since then as a buying and selling agency in the United States for the Soviet Government. Since 1949 it

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has been registered with the United States Department of Justice under the provisions of the Foreign Agents' Registration Act.

[REDACTED] MORRIS and LONA COHEN had departed from their apartment at 178 East 71st Street under highly unusual circumstances in 1950. They departed one night and left all their possessions. They never returned.

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The records of the New York City Board of Education, 110 Livingston Street, Brooklyn, New York, were reviewed by SA [REDACTED] on August 5, 1957. These records indicated that MORRIS COHEN resigned his position as teacher on August 29, 1950. He listed his address as 178 East 71st Street, New York City. Letters were sent to him at this address on October 24, 1950, and April 24, 1952 they were returned by the post office marked "returned - left no forwarding address."

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[REDACTED] LONA and MORRIS COHEN had a farewell party at their residence, 178 East 71st Street, New York, on July 5, 1950, which was to celebrate their trip to California in the near future.

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Information furnished by [redacted] (c) should be made public only upon the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum. b1

It may be noted that DAVID GREENGLASS was initially interrogated on June 15, 1950 by SAs [redacted] and [redacted] and GREENGLASS was placed under arrest on June 16, 1950, [redacted] b7c

DAVID GREENGLASS is a self-admitted and convicted former Soviet espionage agent. b7D

[redacted] DeWitt Clinton High School, Mosholou Parkway, Bronx, New York, advised SA [redacted] that he met MORRIS COHEN in 1925 and has known him constantly since that time. He stated that MORRIS was a very intelligent person and was liked by everyone. b7c b7D

[redacted] MORRIS had been a member of the ALB and that MORRIS had rather strong Communistic leanings. [redacted] often wondered what had happened to MORRIS and felt he had gone to California and become involved in some way with Communism in California. b7c b7D

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[REDACTED] acquainted with MORRIS COHEN, having known him for many years prior to his disappearance in 1950 or 1951. [REDACTED] MORRIS told him in 1950 or 1951 that he was going to Hollywood, California to do some type of research for a movie company and that he has not heard from him since. [REDACTED] last address he had from MORRIS was 178 East 71st Street, New York City.

[REDACTED] knew of COHEN's affiliation with the ALB and of COHEN's other leanings toward Communism. [REDACTED] and MORRIS were very close friends and in his belief shared the same political opinions. [REDACTED] practically everyone who knew MORRIS knew of his political feelings and for that reason he often wondered how MORRIS was ever able to get a job teaching school in New York City.

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The files of the California Motor Vehicle Division disclose that [REDACTED] is the owner of a 1957 Dodge, 1957 license [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] advised SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] had purchased the residence at that address from [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] examined the photograph of MORRIS and LONA COHEN and stated there was a remarkable resemblance between the individuals in this photograph and [REDACTED]

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When first questioned relative to his knowledge of MORRIS COHEN, [REDACTED] the name appeared familiar

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to him, and he recalled him as being an individual he had known in New York City and had played football with him. He said they both went to the same school. He said that COHEN was very well liked.

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[REDACTED] He said subsequent to high school, COHEN had gone to some college in Mississippi.

[REDACTED] was then asked why he had furnished the name MORRIS COHEN with a current address for COHEN on his Personnel Security Questionnaire (PSQ).

[REDACTED] had not been a close personal friend of COHEN'S but had known him in the late 1920's, early 1930's, and until early 1948. He said that after high school, there had been an active varsity club at the school and that COHEN had been very active in the club. In fact, he was an officer.

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[REDACTED] contact with COHEN would have been during the month prior to the time he came to California. He said that since his arrival in California, he has never received any correspondence from COHEN, in fact, he has received very little correspondence from anyone in New York City. He said that this had been one of the first times in his life he had ever moved away from an area and had become tired of writing letters and had

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decided he wanted nothing further to do with any of his past companions. He said he did not know whether or not MORRIS COHEN was married.

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He examined photographs of COHEN taken in 1947 and readily identified the photograph as being that of MORRIS COHEN. He was unable to identify the woman in the photograph and said he did not know whether or not MORRIS COHEN had ever been married. He said he remembered COHEN as weighing about 250 pounds. He believed that he had gone to school in Mississippi and had done some coaching. He knew of no close friends of COHEN'S though he stated COHEN was very gregarious and knew everyone.

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[REDACTED] seemed to recall a letter that had been received from some individual in the varsity club to the effect that MORRIS COHEN had attempted to kill himself because he was despondent. When asked to specify the date that this might have happened, [REDACTED] stated that it would have been sometime in 1949 or early 1950 subsequent to the time [REDACTED] had come to California.

A photograph of COHEN, as [REDACTED] was displayed to [REDACTED] the photograph was certainly that of MORRIS COHEN though it appeared as though he had lost a lot of weight since the time that [REDACTED] knew him. He also said that it seemed to him that the individual in the photograph had purposely tried to disguise himself. He was asked concerning the name [REDACTED] He denied that he knew of this name. [REDACTED] no information had ever come to his attention that MORRIS COHEN had been in any way un-American. He said he would be very surprised to hear that he had ever been a member of the Communist Party, a member of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade, or have worked for the Soviet Pavilion at the New York World Fair. He said that he did not know all of the members of COHEN'S family intimately but did not believe that any of them would at any time be in any way un-American.

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He said that though COHEN was always friendly, he was not known to belong to any political party. He said that as far as he was concerned, COHEN was always for the underdog. He said he would always argue on any matter and argue vigorously but never lost a friend because of the argument because everyone thought him to be friendly and gregarious. [REDACTED] COHEN received the nickname UNK because of the fact that he was large and whenever he was playing football and was hit by a tackle he would groan or say "oink" like a pig. His first nickname was OINK and later it was changed to UNK.

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[REDACTED] had received a letter in about 1950 from [REDACTED]. He produced the letter, and it contained a paragraph as follows:

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[REDACTED] have you heard from Unk? The last time I heard from him was in August, 1950. At that time he up and left for California. I haven't heard from him since. This is very unlike Unk. If you haven't heard from him either, can you check with the Bureau of Missing Persons or some other source that may lead to lead to locating our Unk."

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[REDACTED] took no action as a result of this letter and did not answer it.

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Outside of the above two references, he never heard from or of MORRIS COHEN since he arrived in California. He said he had no ideas as to how COHEN could be located. He said he hoped that if COHEN should arrive in California he would look him up. He said that if he did, he would immediately notify the FBI.

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[REDACTED] did not recall having placed the name MORRIS COHEN on his PSQ. He admitted that he had known him very closely for a long period of time. He denied that he knew his present whereabouts. He said that had he known that he was a Communist, he would never have utilized him as a reference. He was questioned in regard to the name

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[REDACTED] had never been a member of the Communist Party and had no knowledge of anyone else who had ever been a member of the Communist Party. At first, she stated she did not know MORRIS COHEN. She said she could not recognize the photograph of MORRIS and LONA COHEN and did not recognize the names. Later she stated that she could recall the name MORRIS COHEN and the fact that he might have been a friend of [REDACTED] but she could not recall the circumstances. [REDACTED] was very anti-Communist.

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which indicated that NYO would interview [redacted]  
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[redacted] SAS [redacted] bu  
and [redacted] that she does  
not know [redacted] or MORRIS COHEN. She examined  
a group of photographs which included photos of [redacted]  
and COHEN. She stated she does not know anyone in  
the group.

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[redacted] does not want  
to furnish information on [redacted]. She indicated  
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that she does not want to be an "informer". She stated, however, that she honestly does not know  
OF MORRIS COHEN: [REDACTED]

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The interview was terminated at this point when it became evident that [REDACTED] was not going to furnish any information of value.

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and [redacted] he served  
with the ALB in Spain [redacted]

[redacted] examined a group of photos which  
included photos of MORRIS COHEN. He selected a  
photo of COHEN and stated he recalls seeing him  
in Spain in ALB headquarters. He said he does not  
recall his name but knew COHEN as an orderly in

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ALB headquarters. He stated the only other person he recalls is [REDACTED]. He stated he could furnish no names of persons he knew as he is very poor at remembering names. He advised he has not been contacted by any ALB representatives or Soviets since his return from Spain. b7c

[REDACTED] advised he will contact the FBI if anyone from the ALB contacts him in the future. He stated he will be very glad to assist the FBI in any way he can, he is very sorry he served with the ALB. b7c  
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[REDACTED] appeared to be completely cooperative. N.Y.

[REDACTED] advised SAS [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] that he served with the ALB in Spain. He stated economic conditions were very bad in the United States in 1937 when he enlisted in the ALB. At that time, he thought the Communist theory sounded very good and he was willing to give his life to stop Fascism and improve conditions in the world. He stated he became somewhat disillusioned with the Communists during his service with the ALB but his complete disillusionment came when Russia signed the non-aggression pact with Germany. b7c

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