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The records of [redacted] (c) reflect GAER as being a reported Communist Party member.

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[REDACTED] advised that LAUCHLIN CURRIE was given a Government position because of his social ideologies since CURRIE had no background in Far Eastern affairs. He described CURRIE as distinctly favored and "the darling" of the IPR group. He considers CURRIE as a controlled Socialist. He stated he believed CURRIE was a Socialist and such belief was based upon his writings.

On the evening of April 20, 1950 HENRY J. TAYLOR, Commentator, sponsored over the ABC network by General Motors Corporation, during the broadcast at 8:30 p.m., devoted remarks to the McCarthy Investigation. TAYLOR stated he had interviewed GREGORY SILVERMASTER and he told him "when the Loyalty Board became hot after him he requested LAUCHLIN CURRIE to intercede for him."

The April 24, 1950 issue of the magazine, "News Week", a weekly magazine published at New York, carried an article under the heading "Special Report, Foreign Policy" entitled "Defeat in Asia - The How and Why" which states in part as follows:

"...The policy of withdrawing support from CHIANG KAI SHEK...happened to fit the theories of a group of young Foreign Service Officers. Their mentor was LAUCHLIN CURRIE, once an advisor to CHIANG KAI SHEK. They included young men in China itself like JOHN SERVICE, recently summoned back to Washington in connection with the current loyalty investigation and JOHN CARTER VINCENT, former head of the Far Eastern Office of the State Department".

On October 12, 1945 LOUIS BUDENZ advised that although he is not personally acquainted with JOHN CARTER VINCENT he believed that VINCENT was under Communist Party discipline in about 1943 and 1944 when VINCENT was on the Far Eastern desk of the State Department.

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A letter to the editor of "News Week" published on page 6, issue of May 15, 1950, signed LAUHLIN CURRIE, Washington, D.C., stated in part, "you do a serious injustice to JOHN CARTER VINCENT in referring to me as his mentor. He has forgotten more about China than I ever knew".

This page also contains a comment by Mr. HARRY KERN, Foreign Editor of "News Week" who wrote the article under date of April 24, 1950, in which he says in part, "...my sources credit him (CURRIE) with advancing the views of the group of which his friend VINCENT was a leading member".

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advised that LAUHLIN CURRIE was an honorary vice-chairman of Indusco, Inc., otherwise known as the American Committee in Aid of Chinese Industrial Cooperatives and it is noted that LOUIS BUDENZ has stated that a number of the Directors and Officers of Indusco were known to him to be Communist or pro-Communist and that the organization was Communist controlled.

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[REDACTED] advised that during the time CURRIE was employed in Washington, D.C. in the Department of the Interior under the supervision of Secretary of the Interior HAROLD ICKES, he, CURRIE, traveled from Washington to New York on weekends to receive psychiatric treatment [REDACTED] b7
[REDACTED]
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Informant stated CURRIE had been in China and had definitely given him to understand that he had given advice to the Chinese Communists which were never mentioned specifically by name. He stated this understanding was reached through inference and innuendo.

According to the informant, CURRIE inferred he had revealed to the Chinese Communists any and all State secrets

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in his possession and also recalled to have said "his heart was with those people."

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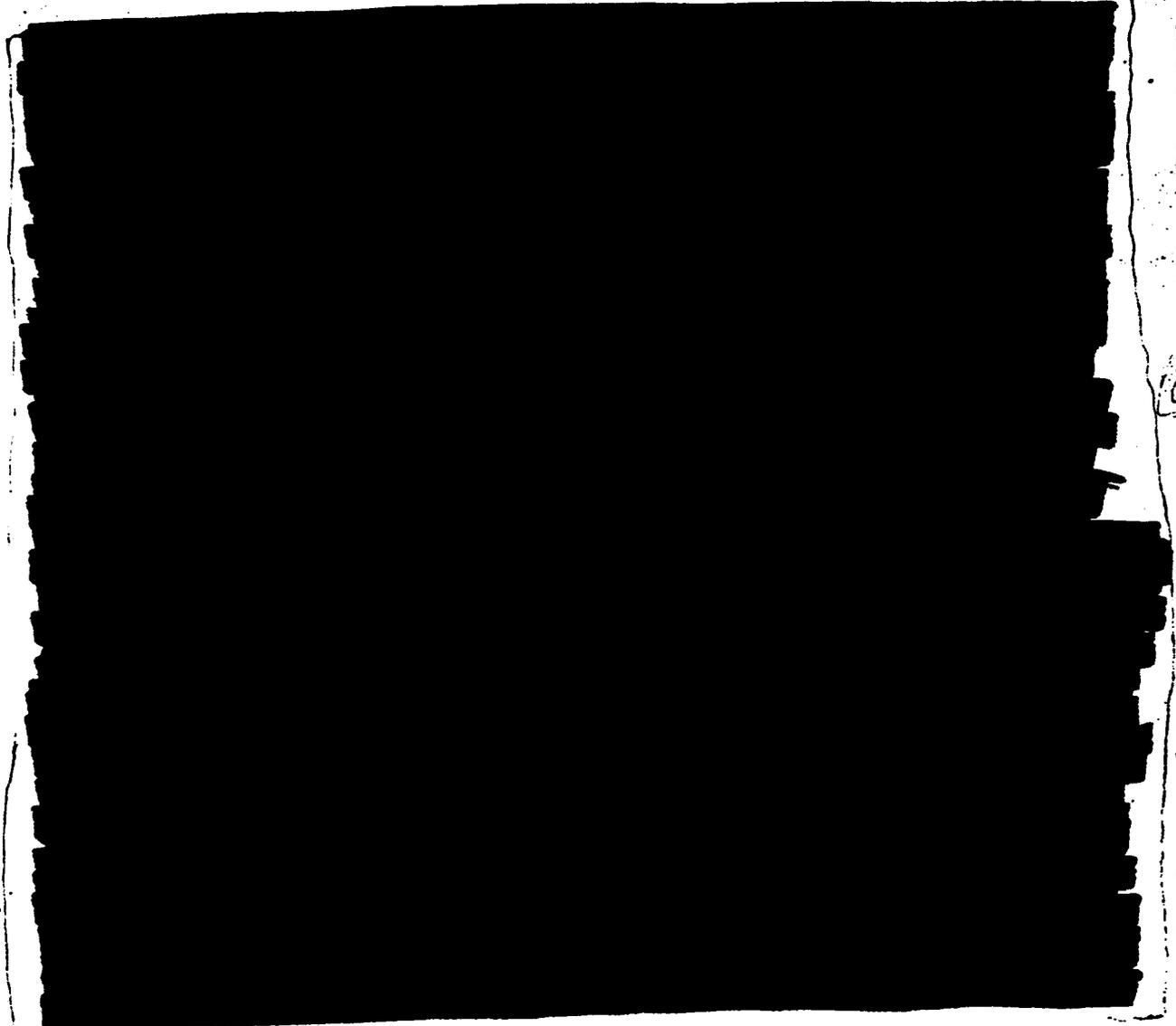
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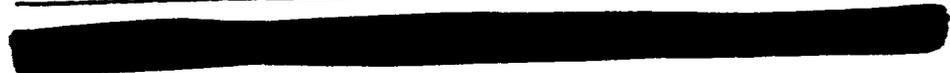
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Will contact ELIZABETH TERRILL BENTLEY for any information she may have concerning espionage activities of CURRIE.

Will contact LOUIS BUDENZ for any information he may have concerning espionage activities of LAUCHLIN CURRIE.

REFERENCE

Bureau letter to New York, 3/5/52.
Summary report of SA [REDACTED]
New York.

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(5-12-52)

Memo To: DIRECTOR, F.B.I.

Date 12/4, 1952

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 ASAC _____
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 Special Employee _____ File No. Bufile 101-3616

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RE: SUMMARY Rpt. 4/22/52 at N.Y. by SA [redacted] b7c

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S.A.C. JJB
Office NEW YORK

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(In intra office use return this with notation as to action taken or explanation.)

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On the afternoon of [REDACTED] and the morning of [REDACTED] was interviewed at his office by the reporting Agent.

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[REDACTED] The interview was ended rather abruptly to permit him to catch a plane.

[REDACTED] executed a signed statement in the presence of the reporting Agent. The original of this statement is being transmitted herewith to the New York Office and is quoted as follows:

[REDACTED] Washington, D.C.
"I, [REDACTED], make the following free and voluntary statement to [REDACTED] Special Agent, FBI, concerning LAUHLIN BERNARD CURRIE. It

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is my understanding that this statement may be used in a Federal Court and I am willing to testify as to its contents if necessary.

"I have known LAUHLIN CURRIE for more than twenty years, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Although not close friends, we are sufficiently acquainted to employ first names [REDACTED] in conversation.

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"Thereafter conversation between CURRIE and myself was rather formal and on subsequent occasions I saw CURRIE only when we happened to be in the same group of people. I last saw CURRIE in I believe it was the spring of 1952 in a chance meeting aboard a plane going from Washington, D.C., to New York City. During conversation on this occasion CURRIE informed me he was living in Colombia, South America, where he was an adviser to the Colombian Government and also engaged in private business. At that time I asked CURRIE if he had made a clean breast of his past activities in his testimony and statements to Government representatives and was told by CURRIE that he had told everything that was necessary. I advised him on this occasion that he should certainly do so if he had not already told the entire truth.

"I have carefully read the above statement and certify as to its truth to the best of my recollection.

/s/ [REDACTED]

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Witnessed: [REDACTED]

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It is noted that the underlined portions of the above statement are handwritten additions by [REDACTED] and were inserted after the typed statement was prepared.

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[REDACTED] advised that he had related the above story on previous occasions, the first being in 1947 or at the latest 1948, and before being familiar with the testimony of ELIZABETH TERRILL BENTLEY concerning CURRIE and the Silvermaster subjects.

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It is noted that Who's Who for 1948-1949 states that CURRIE made a diplomatic mission to China as the personal representative of the President in 1942.

[REDACTED]

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The Who's Who for 1948-1949 reflects CURRIE made a visit as Chief of Economic and Financial Mission to Switzerland in 1945.

ENCLOSURE: TO NEW YORK

The original signed statement of [REDACTED] ^{b7c}
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AT WASHINGTON, D.C.

At the State Department will check Passport files
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REFERENCE: Bureau letter dated June 26, 1953. *See 34*

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TITLE LAUHLIN BERNARD CURRIE, was.		CHARACTER OF CASE CONFIDENTIAL ESPIONAGE - R	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <i>1 cc Rab</i> <i>10-28-53 MLH</i> [REDACTED]			
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TITLE LAUHLIN BERNARD CURRIE, was.		CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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[REDACTED] in possession of no information concerning CURRIE's activities and associates. According to the dates of DONALD NELSON's only two trips to China were 8/25 to 9/24/44 and 11/9 to 12/14/44.

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DETAILS: AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

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[REDACTED] was interviewed on [REDACTED] and furnished the following information:

[REDACTED]

only contact with LAUHLIN CURRIE occurred during 1941 and this

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contact was quite limited. [REDACTED] explained his first recollection of having met CURRIE was in early 1941, prior to the United States' entry in the war. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] LAUCHLIN CURRIE, Administrative Assistant to the President, was handling for the President the expediting of supplies, ammunition, guns, and so forth, for General CHENNAULT's "flying tigers" air crew, who at that time were on a more or less unofficial mission in China.

In order to obtain such material it was necessary for CURRIE to send such requests to OPM. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] has never been to CURRIE's home and does not believe he ever had lunch with CURRIE. CURRIE'S behavior during this period of time gave [REDACTED] no reason to question his loyalty. [REDACTED] was unable to furnish any information concerning the outside activities or associates of LAUCHLIN CURRIE, stating that his only opportunity to appraise CURRIE occurred in connection with official business when the United States was not yet at war in 1941.

[REDACTED] later in 1944 and 1945, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] had no contact whatsoever with CURRIE.

Trips of DONALD NELSON to China

[REDACTED] in his signed statement of [REDACTED] indicated that his last meeting with CURRIE occurred shortly after DONALD NELSON had returned from his first trip to China, and [REDACTED] believed it was before NELSON's second trip to China in 1944.

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During the fall of 1944 DONALD NELSON made two trips to China, at the request of the President, accompanied by General PATRICK J. HURLEY on the first trip.

[REDACTED]
furnished the dates of DONALD NELSON's two trips to China as follows:

Departed Washington, D.C., August 25, 1944; returned Washington, D.C., September 24, 1944. Departed Washington, D.C., November 9, 1944; returned Washington, D.C., December 14, 1944.

[REDACTED] said these are the only two trips made by DONALD NELSON to China during the period of NELSON's Government service.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] was unable to supply the names of any other individuals in a position to furnish pertinent information concerning CURRIE.

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THE WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

AT WASHINGTON, D.C.

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REFERENCE

Report of SA [REDACTED] Washington, D.C., dated August 28, 1953. *See 36*
Letter from New York to the Director dated October 28, 1953. *See 37*

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TITLE LAUHLIN BERNARD CURRIE			CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: No record located for LAUHLIN BERNARD CURRIE
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DETAIL: At St. Louis, Missouri

Personnel of the Federal Records Center, General Services Administration, St. Louis, Missouri, advised that no record of Treasury Department employment for LAUHLIN BERNARD CURRIE could be located.

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

[REDACTED]

DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.:

[REDACTED] Office of the Secretary, Treasury Department, made available subject's service record card indicating that the subject entered on duty at the Treasury Department as a Consulting Expert and resigned on December 23, 1934, upon completion of his duties. During

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the tenure of his employment, he was under the supervision of Dr. JACOB VINER. The records of the Treasury Department contained no other information concerning the subject's employment. b7c
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[REDACTED] advised on December 11, 1953, that when Secretary of Treasury HENRY J. MORGANTHAU was appointed to such post in 1934, he established two special groups to study intelligently the problems of (a) taxation and (b) money and banking. Secretary MORGANTHAU enlisted the services of Dr. JACOB VINER of the University of Chicago to direct the activities of these groups. LVI

[REDACTED] and that LAUCLIN CURRIE was employed by Dr. VINER to assist in supervising the group concerned with the study of money and banking. She stated that she has not seen LAUCLIN CURRIE since his services with the Treasury Department were terminated.

[REDACTED] Division of Personnel Administration, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System, advised on December 16, 1953, that the employment records of the Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System, indicate that LAUCLIN B. CURRIE was employed there as Assistant Director for Research and Analysis, beginning on December 1, 1934. His records indicated that on August 18, 1939, CURRIE was placed on leave without pay until January 16, 1944, when he was removed from the leave without pay status. No other records of the subject's employment there were available. b7c

[REDACTED] advised on January 6, 1954, that the only information concerning LAUCLIN CURRIE presently available in the White House files was a personnel file which was made available by [REDACTED] and the following information noted: b7c

This file contained a copy of a letter dated June 20, 1934, addressed to LAUCLIN CURRIE, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, indicating that he had been appointed to the position of an Economic Analyst in the office of the Secretary of Treasury at a salary of \$6,000 per annum, effective June 20, 1934, payable from the appropriation "expenses, National Banking Emergency Act March 9, 1933, Comptroller of Currency." The communication was signed by WILLIAM H. McREYNOLDS, Administrative Assistant to the Secretary. The file contained an undated memorandum indicating that LAUCLIN CURRIE had been appointed by the President as an Administrative Assistant on July 12, 1939, and that he entered on duty on July 17, 1939, in a classification

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of CAF 16 at a salary of \$10,000 per annum. The file contained a memorandum dated July 12, 1939, initialed "F.D.R." addressed to RUDOLPH FOSTER requesting Mr. FOSTER to make out commissions for the following Administrative Assistants to the President: McREYNOLDS of the Treasury, CURRIE of the Federal Reserve Board, JAMES ROWE of the White House. A memorandum dated September 30, 1942, was noted indicating CURRIE received an advance of funds for travel expenses on July 6, 1942, of \$1,000 and advances to September 30, 1942, of \$1,000. In October, 1942, advance of funds for travel expenses was \$1,000. No other record of advances was contained in this file. Civil Service Commission Form 3055 was noted indicating that LAUCHLIN CURRIE had deposited to the Civil Service Retirement Fund during the fiscal year of 1945 the sum of \$2,024.50 to obtain credit for benefits from June 20, 1934, to July 16, 1939. The file contained the following letter:

"June 14, 1945

"Dear Mr. President:

"When I submitted my resignation immediately following President ROOSEVELT's death, you were good enough to ask me to continue working in my present position in the international economic field. Various matters I have been handling are now less urgent. In these circumstances I should like to renew my request that you accept my resignation to take effect June 30. I do this most regretfully and only because of urgent personal considerations. 1745

"It has been a privilege to serve under President ROOSEVELT and under you, a privilege of which I am deeply appreciative. May I once more wish you continuing success in your great task.

"Yours Sincerely,

"LAUCHLIN CURRIE

"The President
"The White House"

The records of the Civil Service Commission indicate that the subject accepted a position with the Treasury Department on June 20, 1934 at a salary of \$6,000 and that his services were discontinued without prejudice on November 30, 1934. The only other record of the subject's employment available at the

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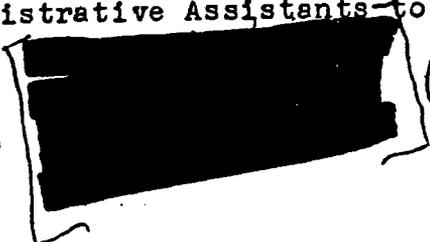
Civil Service Commission is an indication that he accepted an appointment as an Administrative Assistant to the President, CAF 16, salary \$10,000, on July 17, 1939, from which position he resigned on June 30, 1945.

The 1939 Official Register of the United States indicated that LAUCHLIN CURRIE served as Assistant Director of the Division of Research and Statistics for the Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System. The 1940 Register shows that LAUCHLIN CURRIE, together with WILLIAM H. McREYNOLDS and JAMES H. ROWE, Jr., served as Administrative Assistant to the President. The 1941 Register indicates that the following individuals were serving as Administrative Assistants to the President:

- WILLIAM H. McREYNOLDS ✓
- LOWELL MELLETT ✓
- JAMES H. ROWE, Jr. ✓
- EUGENE B. CASEY, as Special Executive Assistant to the President.

The 1942 Register carries the same information concerning the subject as indicated in 1941 above. The 1943 Register shows that the following individuals served as Administrative Assistants to the President:

- JAMES M. BARNES ✓
- JONATHAN DANIELS ✓
- WILLIAM H. McREYNOLDS ✓ NR
- LOWELL MELLETT ✓
- DAVID K. NILES ✓
- EUGENE B. CASEY, as Special Executive Assistant to the President.



The 1944 Register indicates the subject served as Administrative Assistant to the President with the same individuals noted in the 1943 Register with the following additional information: that the subject also served as Deputy Administrator of the Foreign Economic Administration under LEO T. CROWLEY (Administrator). The following individuals were noted to have served on the staff of the Administrator during this period:

- HENRY W. RILEY, Deputy Administrator ✓
- SIDNEY SHERWOOD, Special Assistant ✓
- JAMES A. PERKINS, Special Assistant ✓ NR
- WILDER FOOTE, Assistant to the Administrator ✓
- V. FRANK COE, Assistant Administrator for the Economic Programs.

During this period, according to the Register, LAUCHLIN CURRIE also served on the Executive Committee on Economic Foreign

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Policy. - The following members of this Committee were noted:

- DEAN ACHESON, Chairman
- HARRY C. HAWKINS, State Department, Vice-Chairman
- AMOS E. TAYLOR, Commerce Department
- ALBERT F. HINRICHS, Labor Department
- OSCAR B. RYDER, United States Tariff Commission
- LAUCHLIN CURRIE, Deputy Administrator,
Foreign Economic Administration.

The Congressional Directory for 1944 in addition to listing LAUCHLIN CURRIE as Administrative Assistant to the President, indicates that he served as Acting Deputy Administrator with HENRY W. RILEY for the Foreign Economic Administration. The following staff members were also noted:

- BERNHARD KNOLLENBERG, Executive Advisor
- JOHN CARTER VINCENT, Special Assistant to the
Administrator
- WILLIAM GRIFFIN, PHILIP YOUNG, and JOHN F. DIRKS,
V. FRANK COE, S. S. SHEPPARD, KENNETH O. WARNER,
and LEONARD W. A'HEARN, Assistant Administrators.

The Directory further indicates that LAUCHLIN CURRIE served on the Board of Directors of the United States Commercial Company.

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In response to questions as to whether he had reported these disclosures by CURRIE to anybody immediately after the disclosures, he stated that he did not advise anybody in the War Production Board about it because he felt that anyone to whom he would have reported such an incident would probably have been in

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sympathy with CURRIE. The only individual he could recall telling about this conversation at that time in addition to those he had already mentioned was the late JAMES V. FORRESTAL. [redacted] stated he was certain he discussed this matter with FORRESTAL who was very disturbed about it. *Not reported in "The Presidential Hearings," Viking Press, NY, 1951 - HC*

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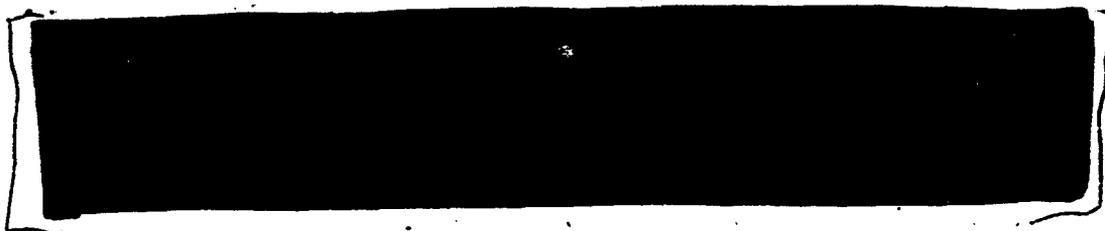
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NEW YORK DIVISION:

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK:

During the interview with [redacted] at the White House Annex on January 6, 1954, he suggested that information concerning the subject as well as his various assignments and missions would undoubtedly be available at the ROOSEVELT Memorial Library at Hyde Park, New York.

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If such records are available to the New York Division, New York will review such records for the details of the subject's assignments and missions while serving in the capacity of Administrative Assistant to the President.

WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE:

AT WASHINGTON, D. C.:

Will conduct investigation herein as directed by the Bureau and the office of origin.

REFERENCES: Reports of SA [redacted] made at Washington, D. C., on August 28, 1953, and October 20, 1953. New York letter dated October 28, 1953. Bureau letter dated December 4, 1953.

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Miss BENTLEY continued by saying that when GREGORY SILVERMASTER received a letter from his superior, identity not known, that he (SILVERMASTER) borrowed the letter from the superior for the purpose of answering the allegations that he was a disloyal person employed in Government service. Miss BENTLEY stated that SILVERMASTER showed the letter:

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to her and that she made a copy of it in shorthand and subsequently discussed the matter with JACOB GOLOS, and that she and GOLOS agreed that SILVERMASTER was to remain at his post and was to contact CURRIE and HARRY DENTER/WHITE, with whom SILVERMASTER was acquainted, and do everything possible to keep from being ousted from his position. She further advised that SILVERMASTER later told her that he had contacted both CURRIE and WHITE and that they had agreed to help him in any way possible. As a result thereof, according to Miss BENTLEY, CURRIE got in touch with Mr. PATTERSON, who was then Undersecretary of War, and convinced Mr. PATTERSON that SILVERMASTER was innocent of the allegations against him.

Miss BENTLEY commented that she did not see how CURRIE could have failed to know that GREGORY SILVERMASTER was a member of the Communist Party and was engaged in espionage activity, in view of the information CURRIE was furnishing SILVERMASTER. She added that at Christmastime 1941 or 1942, the exact date she could not recall, she attended a Christmas party at the SILVERMASTERS' home and at this time she and HELEN SILVERMASTER engaged in a conversation and that HELEN indicated to her that CURRIE was well aware of the fact that the SILVERMASTERS were engaged in espionage activity.

Miss BENTLEY stated that she only met SILVERMAN on one occasion and that this meeting was at the home of GREGORY and HELEN SILVERMASTER, and that she was introduced to SILVERMAN by HELEN SILVERMASTER under an assumed name, assuring SILVERMAN that she (BENTLEY) was a good personal friend. Miss BENTLEY went on to comment that at this meeting she was visiting the SILVERMASTERS when SILVERMAN came over to bring some material which he gave to GREGORY SILVERMASTER, and that she stayed around for an hour or so while the material was being photostated in the basement of SILVERMASTER's home by NULMAN and GREGORY SILVERMASTER.

Miss BENTLEY went on to comment that she was positive in her own mind that SILVERMAN knew that SILVERMASTER was photostating the material which he was bringing to him (SILVERMASTER) in view of the fact that the material furnished by SILVERMAN was so voluminous that it was practically an impossibility for any individual to commit it to memory. She advised that it was the practice of SILVERMAN to bring the material and leave it and then come back later and pick it up. However, on this particular occasion, the material furnished by SILVERMAN had to be returned immediately and SILVERMAN waited in the living room of SILVERMASTER's home while it was being photostated.

Miss BENTLEY related that she did not think that SILVERMAN knew her identity or what activities she was engaged in; however, through the SILVERMASTERS she was acquainted with the espionage activities of SILVERMAN.

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On [REDACTED] who was being interviewed regarding the subject CURRIE, advised SA [REDACTED] that he

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On [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was interviewed by SA [REDACTED] and the reporting agent.

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[REDACTED] advised he first met LAUCHLIN CURRIE when CURRIE was Administrative Assistant to the President of the United States; that their meeting was in connection

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with government business, the particulars of which he cannot now recall. [REDACTED] approximately February or March 1944 the FEA was reorganized and he believes that it was during this reorganization that CURRIE was made an Assistant Administrator of the FEA. [REDACTED] in his opinion this appointment was evidently made as a concession to the White House.

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[REDACTED] related that although he has lunched with CURRIE, CURRIE was not a social acquaintance. He stated he was very much prejudiced against CURRIE, whom he described as a small, petty, jealous man, a complete miscast who had a bias against anyone who had attained success in industry. [REDACTED] if CURRIE knew a man was a businessman, he was against him. He also described CURRIE as a "manipulator", a "fixer", and said CURRIE was "on the move" all the time and "traded" a great deal on his contacts in the White House. He advised that CURRIE'S strength in Washington was his backing by "professional government men" and "academic-minded" individuals who had entered the government during the early 1930s.

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[REDACTED] CURRIE, in his position of Assistant Administrator, FEA, was mainly concerned with personnel problems. He said CURRIE approved the employment of any person to an important post; made national policy decisions; prepared or approved efficiency ratings; gave clearance for the transfer of personnel on foreign missions and made appointments of delegates from the FEA to inter-agency committees.

In regard to CURRIE'S activity in connection with FEA policy decisions, [REDACTED] whenever there was a matter of major policy which had to be discussed with "Capitol Hill" CURRIE would intervene and participate. [REDACTED] he could not decide whether this was due to CURRIE'S belief in the importance of the discussions or for self-aggrandizement.

[REDACTED] CURRIE'S regular or normal contact in his position with FEA was the head of the FEA, LEO T. CROWLEY. [REDACTED] for about six months after CURRIE was appointed as an official of FEA he continued to act as Administrative Assistant to the President and kept his office in the old State Building. [REDACTED] had no knowledge of CURRIE'S functions in this position. [REDACTED] CURRIE'S FEA office was located in temporary buildings at 14th Street and Constitution Avenue opposite the Commerce Department Building in Washington, D.C.

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[REDACTED] did not know NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER or ABRAHAM GEORGE SILVERMAN. He advised that V. FRANK COE had been an FEA associate and he had lunched with COE on occasions, but that COE was not a social acquaintance. [REDACTED] although he had no knowledge that COE had ever been disloyal to the United States he would not place great trust in COE'S integrity as a man. He said COE was illusive and mystical and that his thoughts regarding COE were based upon his opinion of COE'S stability of purpose and thought. [REDACTED] COE was noted for his use of intoxicating liquor during working hours, recalling that at lunch he would have three cocktails "to warm up". [REDACTED] COE was the man whom CURRIE usually appointed to represent FEA in Treasury committees.

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[REDACTED] had also been associated with HARRY DEXTER WHITE, official of the United States Treasury during [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] said he thought WHITE was brilliant, purposeful and a very good public servant.

[REDACTED] had known ALLAN ROSENBERG as an employee of the Foreign Division, FEA, who worked overseas on foreign missions. [REDACTED] he had very little contact with ROSENBERG [REDACTED] and had no personal knowledge of ROSENBERG'S activities.

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It is to be noted that NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER, ABRAHAM GEORGE SILVERMAN, V. FRANK COE, HARRY DEXTER WHITE and ALLAN ROSENBERG have all been named by ELIZABETH TERRILL BENTLEY, confessed former Soviet espionage agent, as having participated in the activities of a Communist underground and Soviet espionage apparatus, headed by SILVERMASTER, which operated in Washington, D.C. during World War II.

[REDACTED] was familiar with the allegations regarding the espionage activities of the above-mentioned individuals, as alleged members of the "SILVERMASTER group", but he could not believe any of the individuals he knew, such as CURRIE, COE or WHITE, had been traitors, but would have to see the charges made by BENTLEY and others proven in court.

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On [REDACTED] an admitted former member of the Communist Party who broke with the Party in [REDACTED] was interviewed by SA [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] never knew subject CURRIE personally and has no information to the effect that CURRIE was ever a member of the Communist Party. He stated that he formed the impression over a period of time as a result of a number of conversations he had with EARL BROWDER, former National Chairman of the Communist Party, USA, that CURRIE was very close to the Party. [REDACTED] could not recall any specific statements made by BROWDER from which he gained such an impression.

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[REDACTED] advised that subject CURRIE had visited Puerto Rico sometime ago for the purpose of hiring accountants and financial

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experts to go to Colombia, South America, to set up newer accounting systems in that country. The informant stated that these arrangements were being handled through the Puerto Rican Government. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Confirmation was received from Colombia for two Puerto Rican Government accountants to proceed to Colombia, one of these accountants being [REDACTED]

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The informant advised [REDACTED] recently saw subject's picture in newspapers in connection with the "HARRY DEXTER WHITE controversy" and recognized him from subject's previous visit to Puerto Rico. [REDACTED] said [REDACTED] brought this matter to the attention of his superiors and it was decided that the accountants should not go to Colombia. [REDACTED] further advised that he believed this matter was taken up with Governor LUIS MUNOZ MARIN and he decided that the two accountants should not go to Colombia.

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[REDACTED] also said that as far as he knows [REDACTED] has no Communist leanings and has had no dealings with LAUHLIN CURRIE other than in connection with the proposed contract.

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WASHINGTON FIELD

At Washington, D.C.

Will, if authorized by the Bureau, as suggested in New York airtel to the Bureau 1/29/54, determine through government records the last known address of former government officials mentioned in referenced Washington Field report such as [redacted] and [redacted] who served with CURRIE in the White House, and [redacted] of the FEA, and will set forth leads to have these men interviewed.

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Will, if authorized by the Bureau, as requested in New York airtel 1/29/54, locate and set forth leads for the interview of [redacted] and [redacted] whose names were suggested by [redacted] as individuals who might be able to furnish information concerning CURRIE.

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This is a wild lead since we have no indications these parties had more than a nominal professional contact with CURRIE. It is necessary to cover this at this time. See Bufile WFO, CCNY dated 2/2/54 to identify most logical subjects for interview.

REFERENCE: Washington Field letter to Bureau, 12/11/53
Report of SA [redacted] 1/14/54, Washington, D.C.
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On [REDACTED] was interviewed at the [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] by SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] advised that he resides at [REDACTED] and is employed by [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] first contact with subject occurred when he was a graduate student at Harvard and he took a course in Money and Banking taught by Professor JOHN WILLIAMS. [REDACTED] CURRIE was Professor [REDACTED]

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WILLIAMS's assistant and gave some of the lectures. [redacted] had no use for CURRIE because of the artificial definitions he used to explain his points. [redacted] admits a nodding acquaintance with subject while at Harvard but states no close relationship ever developed.

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[redacted] was employed at the following agencies for the following dates:

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[redacted] he knew CURRIE was closely associated with other monetary economists at Harvard and recalled the following names:

- Professor JOHN WILLIAMS
- Professor SEYMOUR HARRIS
- Professor (FNU) HUNT
- Professor EDWARD MASON

[redacted] of these individuals he believed JOHN WILLIAMS and EDWARD MASON were closer to CURRIE than the others. [redacted] unable to recall any additional information concerning CURRIE's contacts and associates at Harvard.

[redacted] recalls seeing CURRIE at a distance in Washington, D. C., during the period 1941-1945 but does not recall ever speaking to him. [redacted] was unable to furnish any information as to CURRIE's contacts or associates in Washington, D. C.

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[redacted] while he was on the [redacted] he attended many conferences with staff members of the House Un-American Activities Committee. He faintly recalls a meeting attended by [redacted]

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[redacted] He believes this meeting took place in August, 1947, for the following reasons:

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[redacted] does not recall the topics discussed at the joint staff conferences. He advised no notes were made at these conferences.

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[redacted] suggested that [redacted] and [redacted] be contacted to determine if they can recall topics discussed at the joint conference.

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No lead is being set out to interview [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] inasmuch as information in the files of the Baltimore office reflects [REDACTED] interviewed and authority to interview [REDACTED] requested in New York letter to Director 10/28/53.

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REFERENCE: Bureau letter to Baltimore dated 2/5/54. .

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Miss BENTLEY continued by saying that when GREGORY SILVERMASTER received a letter from his superior, identity not known, that he (SILVERMASTER) borrowed the letter from the superior for the purpose of answering the allegations that he was a disloyal person employed in Government service. Miss BENTLEY stated that SILVERMASTER showed the letter to her and that she made a copy of it in shorthand and subsequently discussed the matter with JACOB GOLOS, and that she and GOLOS agreed that SILVERMASTER was to remain at his post and was to contact CURRIE and HARRY DEXTER WHITE, with whom SILVERMASTER was acquainted, and do everything possible to keep from being ousted from his position. She further advised that SILVERMASTER later told her that he had contacted both CURRIE and WHITE and that they had agreed to help him in any way possible. As a result thereof, according to Miss BENTLEY, CURRIE got in touch with Mr. PATTERSON, who was then Undersecretary of War, and convinced Mr. PATTERSON that SILVERMASTER was innocent of the allegations against him.

Miss BENTLEY commented that she did not see how CURRIE could have failed to know that GREGORY SILVERMASTER was a member of the Communist Party and was engaged in espionage activity, in view of the information CURRIE was furnishing SILVERMASTER. She added that at Christmastime 1941 or 1942, the exact date she could not recall, she attended a Christmas party at the SILVERMASTERS' home and at this time she and HELEN SILVERMASTER engaged in a conversation and that HELEN indicated to her that CURRIE was well aware of the fact that the SILVERMASTERS were engaged in espionage activity.

Miss BENTLEY stated that she only met SILVERMAN on one occasion and that this meeting was at the home of GREGORY and HELEN SILVERMASTER, and that she was introduced to SILVERMAN by HELEN SILVERMASTER under an assumed name, assuring SILVERMAN that she (BENTLEY) was a good personal friend. Miss BENTLEY went on to comment that at this meeting she was visiting the SILVERMASTERS when SILVERMAN came over to bring some material which he gave to GREGORY SILVERMASTER, and that she stayed around for an hour or so while the material was being photographed in the basement of SILVERMASTER'S home by ULLMAN and GREGORY SILVERMASTER.

Miss BENTLEY went on to comment that she was positive in her own mind that SILVERMAN knew that SILVERMASTER was photographing the material which he was bringing to him (SILVERMASTER) in view of the fact that the material furnished by SILVERMAN was so voluminous that it was practically an impossibility for any individual to commit it to memory. She advised that it was the

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practice of SILVERMAN to bring the material and leave it and then come back later and pick it up. However, on this particular occasion, the material furnished by SILVERMAN had to be returned immediately and SILVERMAN waited in the living room of SILVERMASTERS' home while it was being photographed.

Miss BENTLEY related that she did not think that SILVERMAN knew her identity or what activities she was engaged in; however, through the SILVERMASTERS she was acquainted with the espionage activities of SILVERMAN.

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[redacted] described him as an ineffectual, wispy type person with whom he had very little to do officially, personally, or socially. [redacted] never worked with him on any White House matters, [redacted]

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He did not know him intimately or any of his close associates. The only social affairs he attended with CURRIE were those to which the White House Staff was invited as a group. He never knew CURRIE to be associated with any individuals of doubtful loyalty. CURRIE never aroused [redacted] suspicions of being overly curious in any official matters on any occasion.

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It was [redacted] recollection that CURRIE would only have had occasion to see the President at the termination of formal White House Press Conferences, at which time all members of the staff remained to take up with the President any matters of personal concern. The only recollection [redacted] has of CURRIE's being actually concerned with any White House matters was occasioned by CURRIE's being somewhat hurt that he had not been given more prominent responsibility in welcoming Madam CHIANG KAI-SHEK on one of her early visits to the United States.

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[redacted] conclusion was that if CURRIE were involved in any situation such as he has read in the public press it would be on the basis of his being an ineffectual rather than an insidious person.

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On [REDACTED] was interviewed by SA [REDACTED] and the writer at the place of his employment, [REDACTED]

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With regard to his Government service and previous employment, [REDACTED] furnished the following background information:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated that he served on the [REDACTED] with [REDACTED] but that it was his recollection [REDACTED] left the committee when Congress assembled in [REDACTED] expressed the opinion that he and [REDACTED] had different concepts as to

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their work, [redacted] confining his activities to committee affairs, while [redacted] frequently branched out and held conferences with other committees. [redacted] never attended any of these conferences with [redacted]

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(C) [redacted] advised that he never met LAUCHLIN CURRIE and that he could furnish no information concerning him. He said that in connection with the publicity given to the testimony of ELIZABETH BENTLEY and WHITTAKER CHAMBERS before the House Committee on Un-American Activities, he recalled hearing CURRIE'S name mentioned but nothing further concerning him. He knew nothing of CURRIE'S affairs and said that he could furnish absolutely no information concerning him.

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At New York, New York

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[REDACTED] stated he did not know the specific duties of subject when the latter was assistant to President during World War II. He believed CURRIE possibly operated the desk of HARRY HOPKINS for a short period, or had his own desk as a representative of a minority group. He did not know associates or acquaintances of CURRIE.

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[REDACTED] He stated the organization of the Executive Office at that time was never clear to him. He explained that his understanding of the duties of quite a number of the assistants in the Executive Office was never very clear. He stated

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he was not closely associated with anyone in the Executive Office proper, except [REDACTED] who was a colleague.

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[REDACTED] recalled LAUCHLIN B. CURRIE as a White House assistant to President ROOSEVELT, but stated he had a hazy recollection of him. He advised he was not sure what CURRIE'S duties were at the time, but believed CURRIE possibly was an assistant to HARRY HOPKINS, or had an entirely independent desk of his own as a representative of a minority group. He advised he only saw the President's assistants at press conferences and had no dealings with them. He stated he had no knowledge regarding CURRIE'S associates, personal acquaintances or CURRIE'S specific duties when connected with the Executive Office. He related that an assistant operated the office of HARRY HOPKINS during the latter's illness and this assistant may have been CURRIE.

[REDACTED] recalled that a Special Assistant to the President approached him during World War II and asked him to influence the assignment of a Marine. [REDACTED] could not recall the name of the Marine. He stated that the assistant who approached him may have been CURRIE, and if so, that was the only conversation he ever had with CURRIE.

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[REDACTED] advised the following individuals would be able to furnish information relative to measures of security taken to safeguard materials within the White House when CURRIE was an assistant to the President:

[REDACTED]

Included and results were from [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] concluded by stating that his recollection of CURRIE is too vague to be of any value.

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