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No leads are being set out by the New Haven Office relative to the individuals suggested by [REDACTED] as persons who would have more complete knowledge of CURRIE'S duties in view of the fact that New Haven does not know the extent of investigation conducted to date.

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REFERENCE: Bureau letter to the Washington Field Office, dated April 13, 1954.

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[REDACTED] During this period LAUCHLIN BERNARD CURRIE was an Administrative Assistant to the President. He occupied offices on the second floor of the old State Department building in rooms 228 and 231. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Initially, according to [REDACTED] CURRIE's assignments consisted of work on economic matters. She believed he was the only economist on the White House staff at that time. He received his various assignments by memoranda directly from the President or during conferences with him. She recalls that he was particularly concerned with matters affecting the general economic picture, railroads, maritime matters, farm income, and social security matters. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] During the period CURRIE was assigned to the staff of the Foreign Economic Administration, he also maintained offices in temporary building T [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] he was concerned principally with the China Aid Program and made at least two trips to China in connection with this Program.

[REDACTED] could not recall that LAUCHLIN CURRIE had any particular associates on the White House Staff. She concluded that all the Assistants were very much concerned with their own assignments and that there was little contact or association among staff members. They sometimes attended press conferences and there were infrequent informal staff conferences that CURRIE usually attended. She was unable to designate anybody on the White House Staff as a particularly close associate of CURRIE. She stated that he did have a wide circle of acquaintances throughout the Government, but that she was now unable to recall the identities of these with the possible exception of the individuals with whom he was more or less in frequent routine contact, such as members of the Cabinet, HENRY MORGENTHAU in particular, and MARRINER ECCLES. He frequently contacted both these individuals on economic and monetary matters. He also had some contact with JAMES V. FORRESTAL, ROBERT PATTERSON, ROBERT LOVETT, and General DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER of the War Department. He was in contact with FRANK KNOX and Commander LEWIS STRAUSS of the Navy Department. Concerning political matters, he was in frequent contact with HARRY HOPKINS and Judge SAMUEL ROSENMAN. [REDACTED] could not recall specifically the names or identities of any close associates of CURRIE. [REDACTED] advised that when CURRIE was concerned with economic matters, he was generally in contact with individuals in Government service conversant with these matters and could not now identify them. While CURRIE was engaged in the China Aid Program, he sought the assistance of many individuals who were presumably experts on Chinese matters.

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[REDACTED] was interviewed on [REDACTED] by SAs [REDACTED] and the writer. [REDACTED]

With regard to CURRIE's duties, she recalled that during the first years in this position he was engaged in the preparation, drafting, and editing of political speeches. Then he spent considerable portions of his time working on matters of current consideration for potential legislation, such as social security, retirement, and taxation. [REDACTED] CURRIE usually received his assignments from the President by memoranda and replied in the same manner. There were, as far as she recalls, infrequent personal conferences with the President on these matters. She does recall a period when he had frequent personal conferences with HARRY HOPKINS. Except for the period when CURRIE was assigned to assist in the development of the Foreign Economic Administration Program, he spent the greater portion of his time on China Aid. [REDACTED] CURRIE had many acquaintances in Government circles and sought their help on many matters. He seemed particularly interested in the China Aid Program and sought advice of anyone he believed could help him on this assignment. [REDACTED] could not now recall or identify any of these individuals. She was unable to state if he had any close associates on the White House Staff and stated that if he did she was unaware of it. She believed that all members of the Staff had their own assignments in their specific fields and there was little contact among them either officially or socially as she recalls. [REDACTED] was then asked whom CURRIE would usually contact on monetary matters generally, to which she replied that he probably would have contacted individuals in the Treasury Department. [REDACTED] advised that CURRIE was in frequent contact with HARRY DEXTER WHITE and ABRAHAM GEORGE SILVERMAN on these matters and that he was in occasional contact with V. FRANK COE, HAROLD GLASSER, and WILLIAM L. ULLMAN. She advised that she recalls that NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER had visited CURRIE's Office at least once but that she did not recall SILVERMASTER's name until his photograph appeared in the press during the periods he was being questioned concerning his activities by Congressional Committees.

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[REDACTED] was further questioned concerning CURRIE's association with various individuals previously mentioned by her. She recalled particularly ABRAHAM GEORGE SILVERMAN and stated that CURRIE often consulted with SILVERMAN on various official matters on which he was working and that SILVERMAN frequently and regularly visited CURRIE's Office. At the time LAUCHLIN CURRIE joined the White House Staff, SILVERMAN was employed by the Railroad Retirement Board. This close relationship continued after SILVERMAN left the Railroad Retirement Board and transferred to another department, [REDACTED] thought was the War Department or the Department of the Interior. With reference to V. FRANK COE, [REDACTED] stated the relationship was the same. She recalled that COE spent a great deal of time in the office of LAUCHLIN CURRIE when both were associated with the Foreign Economic Administration.

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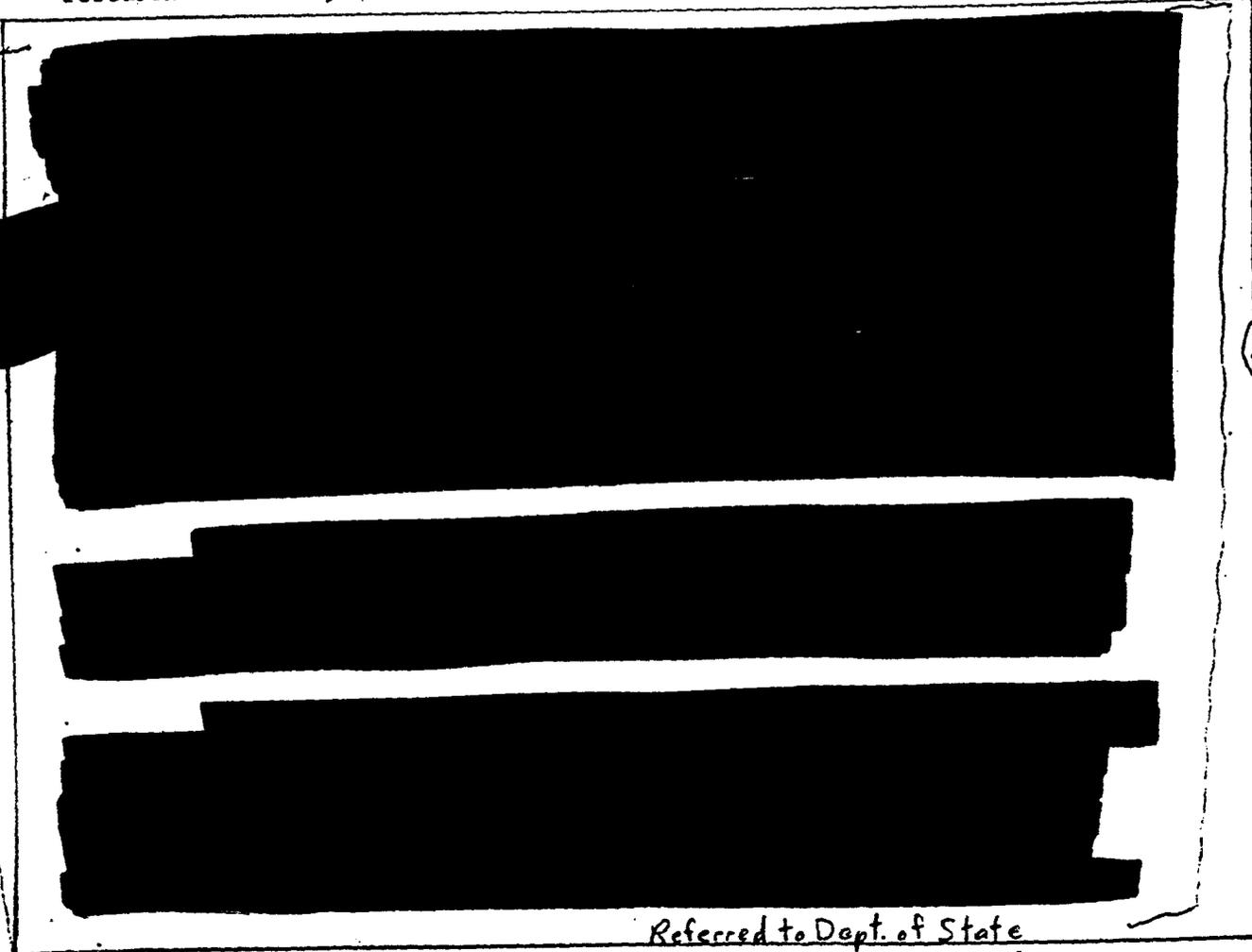


[redacted] advised that to a lesser degree the relationships described above applied to HARRY D. WHITE and CURRIE. She stated that all of these individuals were also social friends and saw a great deal of each other outside of office hours. [redacted] advised that LAUCHLIN CURRIE was also friendly with HAROLD GLASSER, though not to the same extent as mentioned above. She advised that he also knew SOLOMAN ADLER and WILLIAM L. ULLMAN. [redacted] specifically denied familiarity with the business or serious matters discussed by CURRIE with any of these individuals and disclaimed any knowledge or misconduct or subversive activity on the part of any of them. Concerning MICHAEL GREENBERG, she advised that he had worked with LAUCHLIN CURRIE on the White House Staff using a small office joining CURRIE's office. She professed to be somewhat mystified about GREENBERG and his duties. She believed he was generally concerned with research matters and recalls his doing considerable research with soil, mineral matters, and conditions generally in China.

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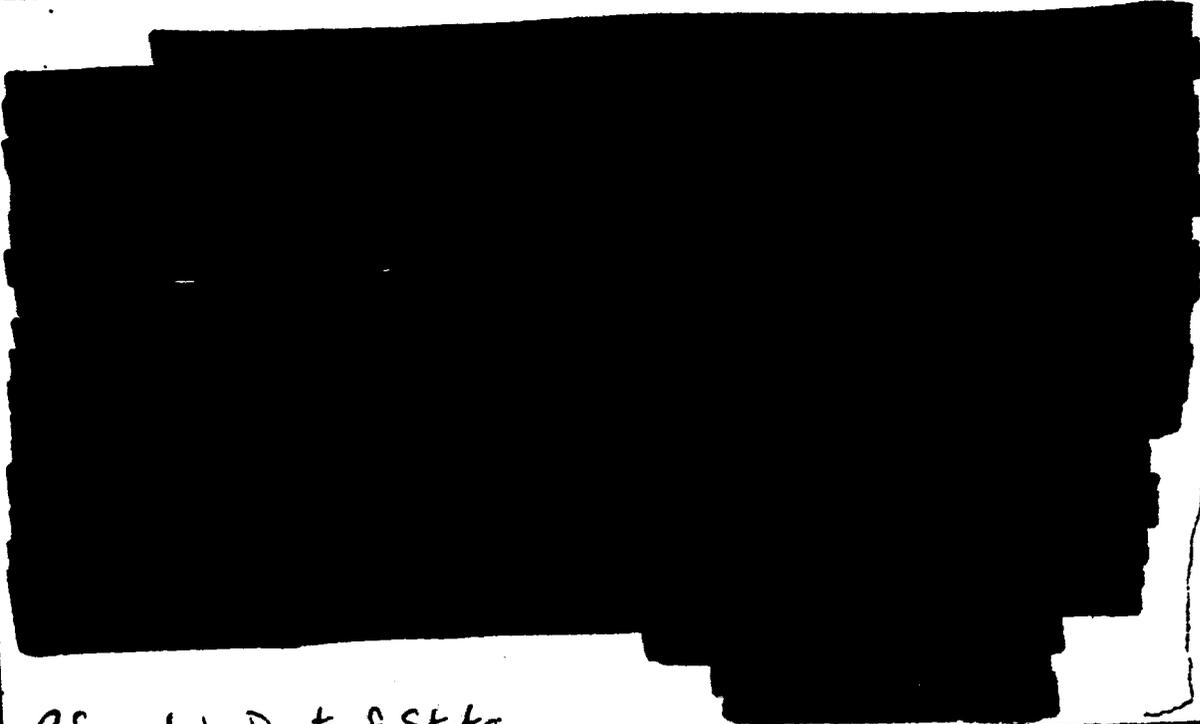
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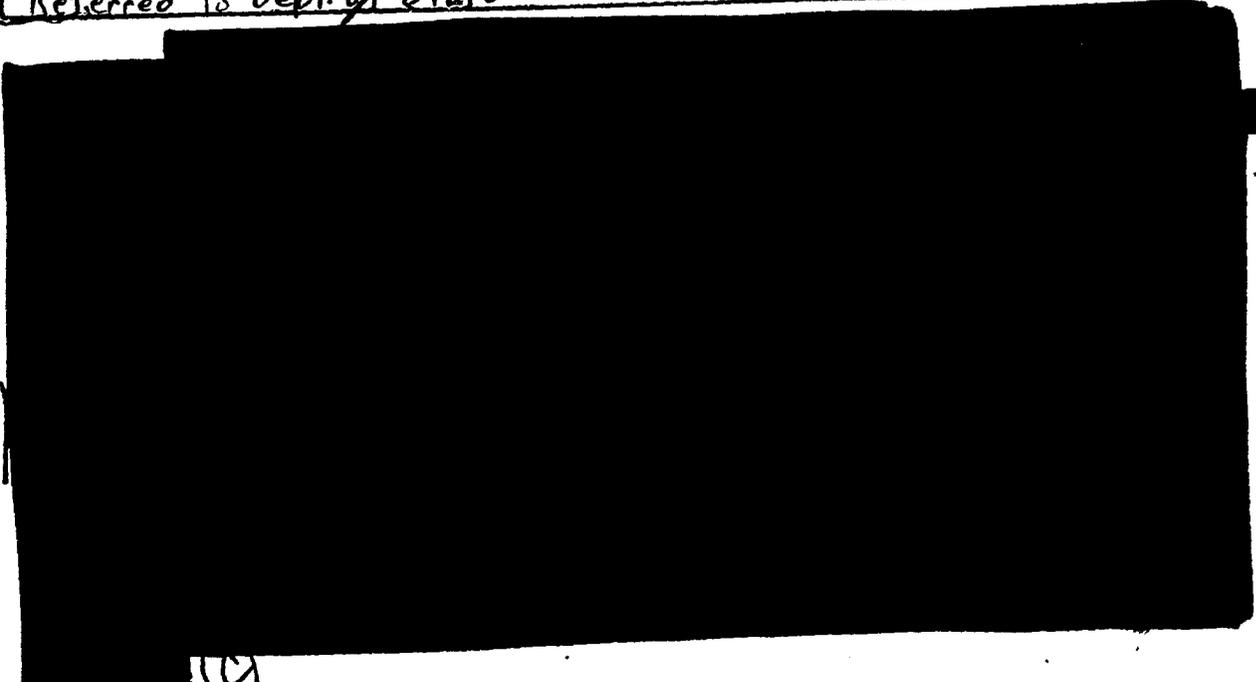
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During that period Navy personnel maintained a confidential room in the White House, which actually was a clearing house and repository for all intelligence information to be made available to the President and was generally known as "The Map Room." He believes that all intelligence information for the President from all intelligence agencies was initially directed to that office. He believes some Presidential Aides or Assistants may have had access to the Map Room maintained by the Navy.

[redacted] was interviewed on [redacted] at his office. [redacted] During [redacted] b7c b7D

his tenure there he had occasion to know the subject and had conferred with him in an official capacity, but he does not now recall the nature or details of CURRIE's activities, nor does he have any recollection of CURRIE's close associates, personal acquaintances, or specific duties. He recalls him only as a rather personable young man with apparently a wide acquaintance in Government circles.

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[redacted] was interviewed at his office at [redacted] b7c b7D

He knew the subject casually and was aware of his position on the White House Staff but never had any occasion to contact him officially or personally on any matter. He was unable

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to furnish any information concerning the subject's associates, acquaintances, or specific duties as he was not aware of these. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] advised that by specific direction no civilian on the White House Staff had admittance to the Map Room and he knows of only two exceptions to this order and those were upon specific instructions of the President. One was HARRY HOPKINS and the other was GRACE TULLY, whose visits were very infrequent, only to return to the Map Room confidential items the President had reviewed and was returning there for safekeeping.

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[REDACTED] was interviewed on [REDACTED]

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He first met LAUCLIN CURRIE when CURRIE was brought to Washington by JACOB VINER of Chicago University as one of a group to conduct a survey of banking and monetary matters for the Treasury Department. During subsequent service with the Government, [REDACTED] advised that he had occasion to confer with CURRIE at the White House on various matters pertaining to the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and Alien Property Control. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] cannot recall any indication that CURRIE was anything but loyal. Since he learned of the allegations concerning the subject through the media of the press, he has frequently attempted to recall any indications of any disloyalty on CURRIE's part but has failed to do so. [REDACTED] advised that in retrospect a remote persuasion that CURRIE may have had Communist tendencies was the fact that CURRIE was an avowed atheist and chided him and other associates for their religious affiliations. [REDACTED] was unable to furnish any information pertinent to this investigation.

[REDACTED] was interviewed on [REDACTED] and advised that he knew the subject when the subject was a Deputy Administrator for FEA. His relationship with CURRIE was

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casual and extended over a period of only a few months. [redacted] was unable to identify any of CURRIE's close associates or acquaintances during this period and was unable to furnish any information pertinent to this investigation. b7c
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[redacted] was interviewed in his office on [redacted] b7c
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[redacted] was interviewed at [redacted] on [redacted] [redacted] advised that he knew CURRIE only in this capacity. b7c
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[redacted] stated that he does not recall any incident or conversation during this association that would have led him to question the loyalty of LAUHLIN CURRIE to the United States. [redacted] he was aware of the allegations concerning CURRIE but was unable to furnish any information pertinent to this investigation.

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[redacted] was interviewed on [redacted] he knew LAUHLIN CURRIE, who was serving as Deputy Administrator. His association, however, was probably limited to staff meetings. He stated that he admired LAUHLIN CURRIE as a capable individual and respected his ability.

[redacted] advised that he can now recall only one close associate that CURRIE had while on the staff of FEA and identifies this individual as V. FRANK COE. [redacted] could furnish no additional information concerning the subject.

[redacted] was interviewed at his office on [redacted]

Although he recalls that LAUHLIN CURRIE was designated as a member of this Committee as a representative of the White House, [redacted] does not now recall that CURRIE had attended any of the meetings of this committee [redacted] He stated that he knew LAUHLIN CURRIE only very casually and does not believe he met him more than a few times during his entire government career. [redacted] stated that there was nothing he could recall in any of CURRIE's statements that would cause him to suspect CURRIE of disloyalty. He was unable to identify any associates of CURRIE with the exception of HARRY D. WHITE. He recalls that HARRY D. WHITE introduced CURRIE to him when they first came to Washington in the early 1930's. [redacted] was unable to furnish any information pertinent to this investigation.

[redacted] was interviewed at his residence, [redacted] on [redacted]

He advised that he conferred with LAUHLIN CURRIE on matters of labor statistics and recalls on several occasions discussing an analysis which CURRIE had requested from his Bureau. LAUHLIN CURRIE at that time was a member of the White house Staff and requests he made for information from the Bureau of

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Will continue attempts to locate and interview [REDACTED]

REFERENCE: Bureau letters dated April 28 and April 30, 1954.

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

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[REDACTED] recollection of LAUCHLIN BERNARD CURRIE was around 1934 or 1935 when CURRIE came to Washington, D.C. and took a Government position with the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System as an Economic Advisor. From about 1934 to 1939, CURRIE held other positions in the Government, one of which was believed to be the Works Progress Administration. Around 1939, CURRIE became Administrative Assistant to the President and held that position until September of 1942. [REDACTED] had no social contact with CURRIE. He knew of CURRIE during this period primarily by his reputation and occasionally he met him while in the course of his official duties.

CURRIE's Connection With Foreign Economic Administration

[REDACTED] Sometime in 1942, President FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT indicated to [REDACTED] there had been a great deal of friction between CURRIE and other members of the White House staff. [REDACTED] CURRIE was taken into the FEA as Acting Deputy Administrator.

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During CURRIE's tenure with the FEA as an Economic Advisor, he took part in some of the planning to aid various U.S. allies by economic and military assistance. This assistance was commonly known as "lend-lease". In addition, some of his duties took in the task of supplying the U.S. Armed Forces with food and material.

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This position as Acting Deputy Administrator was held for a period of sixty to ninety days, [redacted] CURRIE resigned and did not even inquire as to the reason for his requested resignation. [redacted] CURRIE could not play a part in any organization. Everytime he was assigned to a particular duty he would never complete it but would be engaged in some other matter to which he was not assigned. [redacted]

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[redacted] For these reasons, his resignation was requested.

During this period of employment, [redacted] that CURRIE was interested in the Chinese question. CURRIE tried to get into the supervisory field of the FEA without success, where the nub of the whole economic policy toward China was determined. This supervisory field was the determining body as to the extent of the military and economic aid that China under Chiang Kai-shek would receive.

It was noted [redacted] that CURRIE was "very anti-Chiang Kai-shek" because he considered that China under Chiang Kai-shek was a corrupt regime which did not represent the Chinese people.

CURRIE's Duties at the White House

[redacted] that from about 1939 to 1945, CURRIE held various positions at the White House, with the exception of 1942 when he was with FEA. He could not reveal the specific duties of CURRIE while he was at the White House. He surmised that CURRIE prepared memoranda on economic plans both foreign and domestic. These memoranda were probably sent to the President and the State Department. [redacted] opinion is based on his experience in Government circles. He believed that CURRIE had access to "very confidential material" from the

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very nature of his position in the White House. The type of material which CURRIE would have access to was not known.

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After CURRIE's resignation in 1942, CURRIE later showed up as a member of the White House staff whose office was located in the old State Department Building. [REDACTED] President ROOSEVELT did not learn until sometime later that CURRIE had returned to the White House staff.

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Miscellaneous

[REDACTED] as long as he knew CURRIE he never was in social contact with him nor did he have any intimate knowledge of his activities. Their acquaintance was limited to times when their paths crossed due to official duties. He also noted that he has not met CURRIE since 1944 when he went to China on a diplomatic mission.

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[REDACTED] CURRIE as a very intelligent and educated person who had a lot of book knowledge. However, he lacked ability and always thought he was right. He described CURRIE as a "conniver" and "a busybody who had more damned ideas than a dog had fleas". He again said that because of the lack of social contact with CURRIE he did not know any of his personal associates but assumed that his associates were individuals in Government circles.

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[REDACTED] stated that his experience with CURRIE did not indicate that he ever was disloyal to the United States Government.

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For the information of the New York Office, the Washington Field Office requested by letter dated May 4, 1954, on instant caption, that the Chicago Office interview [redacted] Chicago Office determined [redacted] was in Washington, D.C. and was advised by [redacted] that doubt existed that he could be interviewed before May 20, 1954, because of planned extensive trips. Washington Field Office was advised by separate communication to conduct the interview of [redacted]

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WASHINGTON FIELD - INFORMATION:

One copy of this report is designated for the information of the Washington Field Office in view of their active investigation in this case.

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Bulet to New York dated April 23, 1954.
Washington Field letter to the Director dated May 4, 1954.

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[REDACTED] stated that he had no knowledge of CURRIE'S duties as an Assistant Administrator to the President at the White House but recalled that CURRIE was an economist and presumed that his White House functions were in this field.

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[REDACTED] had the feeling that CURRIE was somewhat anti-British. He could recall no specific statements made by CURRIE which gave him this feeling and stated that he had no indication at any specific time that CURRIE actually was anti-British.

[REDACTED] pointed out that at that time Russia was an ally of the United States but that CURRIE did nothing to show favoritism toward Russia and he had no feeling that CURRIE was sympathetic to Russia or the form of government in Russia.

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[REDACTED] was interviewed [REDACTED] at which time he advised that [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] During this time he was acquainted with an associated with CURRIE from approximately the summer of 1943 until October, 1945.

[REDACTED] was aware of the allegations that had been made concerning CURRIE and stated that these allegations had puzzled him, for no information had ever come to his attention either through his association with CURRIE or from any other source that CURRIE might have been a Communist Party member or a member of a conspiratorial group. He stated that he knew CURRIE quite well, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] it was his understanding that prior to CURRIE'S association with FEA that CURRIE had been fairly close to the President in a position which he believed to be as an economic advisor on monetary problems. He could give no further information concerning CURRIE'S position or duties at the White House.

[REDACTED] on one occasion during world war II LEON BLUM, who was the leader of the anti-Communist regime in France, was in the United States and during his visit endeavored to obtain a loan from the United States for the French Government. He stated that BLUM was very anxious to consummate this loan before his departure from the United States in order to strengthen the standing of his party in France. [REDACTED] CURRIE'S position with regard to the loan was one of sympathy toward the French and that CURRIE had done nothing to delay or block this loan.

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[redacted] would define CURRIE'S beliefs as an individual who believed in 'liberal capitalism'. He stated that by this he meant that he believed that CURRIE, with respect to his economic beliefs, followed the Cambridge School of Economics in his way of thinking and was a disciple of JOHN MAYNARD KEYNES. He stated that to his knowledge CURRIE was not dogmatic or fanatic in his beliefs.

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[redacted] had not been intimate socially with CURRIE but that he had had dinner once or twice at CURRIE'S home at which time he met CURRIE'S wife. He stated that the last time he saw CURRIE was in 1948, when CURRIE was in New York City and [redacted] to lunch with him. Subsequently, a friend, not identified by [redacted] told [redacted] he was going to Colombia, South America, [redacted] told this friend to say hello to CURRIE for him.

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[redacted] were assigned at various times during World War II to the Map Room in the White House, where matters of a confidential nature were delivered by various government agencies, and retained for the attention of the President.

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[redacted] was interviewed [redacted] advised that he was not acquainted with LAUCHLIN CURRIE and could furnish no information concerning him or his position or duties at the White House.

[redacted] He stated that on infrequent occasions he took information of a confidential nature to the White House

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and delivered it to the Naval aide in the Map Room for safekeeping until the President could see it unless the information was designated "eyes only" in which case he would take it directly to the President himself.

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[REDACTED] stated that during this entire period he only went to the White House on two or three occasions and that these visits were in connection with operational and war plans and had nothing to do with the delivering of confidential material to the President. He stated that he had never met LAUCHLIN CURRIE and could furnish no information concerning him, his position or duties at the White House, or the allegations concerning CURRIE.

[REDACTED] was

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He advised that he had never met CURRIE and could furnish no information concerning his position or duties at the White House, or concerning the allegations regarding him.

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At Washington, D. C.

Will report results of all interviews conducted by Washington Field.

Will conduct interviews authorized by and such investigation as instructed by the Bureau.

NEW YORK

At New York, New York

Will conduct such interviews as may be authorized by the Bureau.

REFERENCE:

Report of SA [REDACTED] 4/8/54, NY
Bureau letter to Washington Field, 4/28/54
Bureau letter to New York, 4/28/54
Washington Field letter to Bureau, 5/12/54

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TITLE LAUCHLIN BERNARD CURRIE, was.		CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

[REDACTED]

Also in frequent contact with CURRIE during last three months of 1943 when CURRIE was being groomed to take over as Deputy Administrator of FEA. CURRIE, an Administrative Assistant to President Roosevelt at the time. [REDACTED] had no knowledge re CURRIE's duties in this connection. Described CURRIE as being a "know it all" type of man. Stated he never had reason to question CURRIE's loyalty to the United States.

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DETAILS:

[REDACTED] related he first met CURRIE when employed by the Treasury Department but could not recall CURRIE's position at the time. He stated he saw very little of CURRIE during this period.

[REDACTED] advised that he did not know what

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CURRIE's duties were as Administrative Assistant to the President. [REDACTED] CURRIE's office was in the State Department in Washington, D. C. He advised he was in frequent contact with CURRIE during the last three months of 1943, during which period arrangements were being made to consolidate lend-lease, Board of Economic Warfare and the Release and Rehabilitation Administration into one organization, namely, the Foreign Economic Administration. [REDACTED]

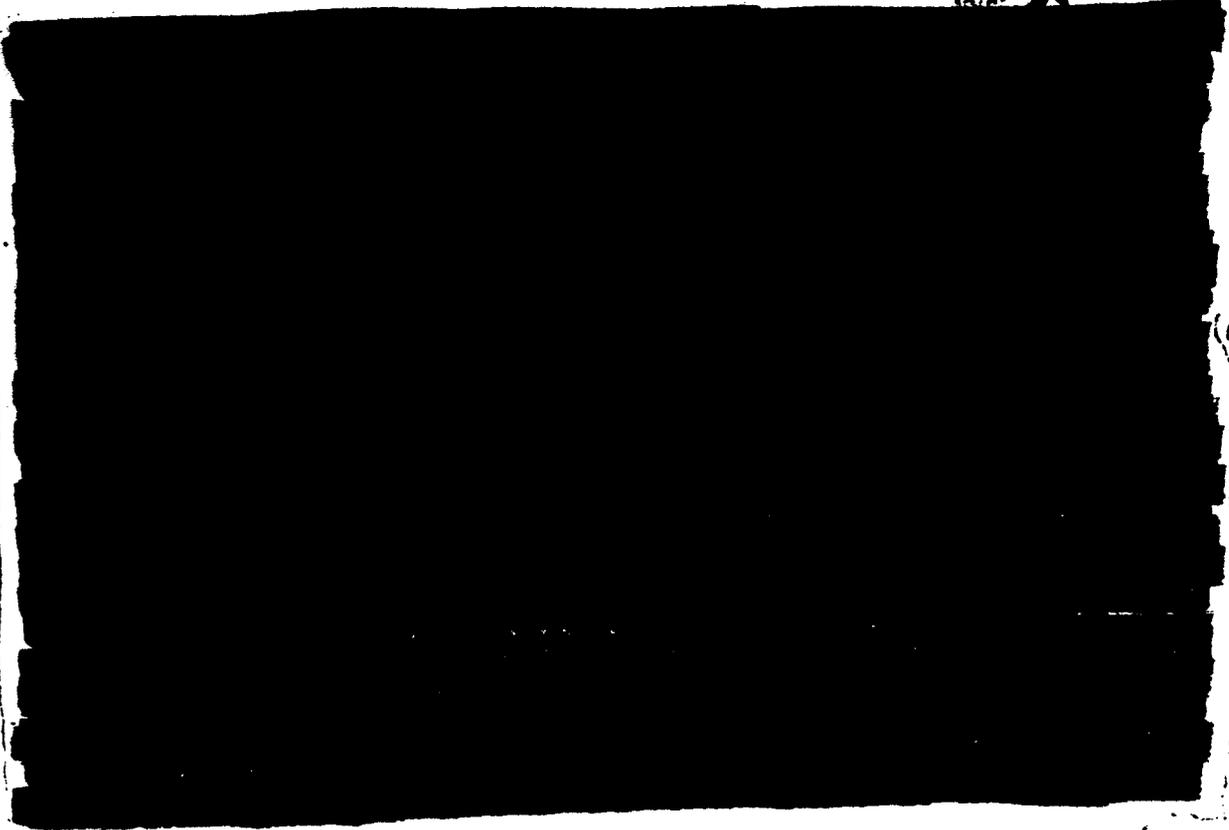
[REDACTED] He advised he did not know what CURRIE's duties were prior to this period, other than CURRIE had the title of Administrative Assistant to the President. He stated CURRIE was made Deputy Director of FEA in January, 1944, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] advised he has had no contact with CURRIE since that time. He related that he did not like CURRIE personally, but CURRIE was a vain "know it all" type of man. He stated he never had reason to question CURRIE's loyalty to the United States.

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REFERENCE:

Washington Field letter to Bureau dated 4-19-54.
Bureau letter to New York dated 4-28-54.

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TITLE MAUCHLIN BERNARD CURRIE, was.		CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

DOROTHY BACON CURRIE on 8/3/53 in Corporation Court, Alexandria Virginia, started proceeding to divorce subject on grounds of desertion and abandonment. Final decree establishing divorce was granted 11/30/53. Subject used name of BERNARD CURRIE. Property agreement between them gave DOROTHY CURRIE \$350 per month in addition to remaining as beneficiary of two life insurance policies on life of subject. DOROTHY CURRIE resides 224 N. Alfred Street, Alexandria, Virginia.

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DETAILS: Records of the Corporation Court, Alexandria, Virginia reflect that under Chancery Case #8539, DOROTHY BACON CURRIE on August 3, 1953, entered action to divorce BERNARD CURRIE on the grounds of desertion and abandonment dating from May, 1952, when subject went to Columbia. Mrs. CURRIE listed her address since September, 1953, as 224 North Alfred Street, Alexandria, Virginia. She noted in her petition that she and BERNARD CURRIE, her husband, formerly resided at 729 South Pitt Street, Alexandria, Virginia.

The record of this divorce proceeding reflects that on November 30, 1953, DOROTHY BACON CURRIE was granted a final decree which established her divorce from BERNARD CURRIE.

In the record of this proceeding, it is noted that the subject and his wife entered into an agreement, which became

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part of the divorce papers, wherein the subject was to pay DOROTHY CURRIE \$350 per month. He also agreed to keep in effect, pay the premiums, and not to change the beneficiary of a \$20,000 life insurance policy on his own life. The beneficiary under the policy is DOROTHY CURRIE and the policy is with the Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Co. Subject also agreed to keep in effect and not change beneficiary of a \$3,000 life insurance policy which he carries on his life with the Drydock Savings Bank, New York, N. Y. The property settlement agreed upon between the two parties stipulated that subject was to maintain the will he then had in effect which would give his two children, L. MORGAN CURRIE and ROBERTICK B. CURRIE one half of the subject's estate.

At the time of the final decree, November 30, 1953, subject was in Bogota, Columbia. There was nothing in the file of the divorce proceedings which indicates that he contested the divorce. The property settlement indicates that he wished to see the divorce perfected.

The files of the police department and [REDACTED] both Alexandria, Virginia, do not reflect any record for the subject or DOROTHY BACON CURRIE. 670

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In the event DOROTHY CURRIE is interviewed it is to be noted that if she has any indication at all that her former husband is going to be prosecuted and if the prosecution is successful, his income and means of livelihood would be cut off, thereby cutting off her alimony of \$350 per month which he is ordered by the court to pay. Mrs. CURRIE may be extremely reluctant to furnish any information. However, it is possible she may be willing to divulge information about the subject as she may have built up a great dislike for him because he divorced her in order to marry a Columbian woman.

If an interview with DOROTHY CURRIE is ordered, it is suggested that the interview be conducted by the WFO which has a detailed knowledge of the activities of the subject.

REFERENCE

New York airtel to Bureau 6/3/54.

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TITLE LAUCHLIN BERNARD CURRIE, was.		CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: [REDACTED] was interviewed on [REDACTED] at which time he advised that he was not in Washington during the period pertinent to this investigation and did not know the subject. [REDACTED] could furnish no pertinent information.			
DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.		APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND FIELD OFFICES ADVISED BY ROUTING SLIP(S) OF <u>Class</u> DATE <u>5/50/81</u> <u>b.J.</u>	
[REDACTED] was interviewed in his office on [REDACTED] advised [REDACTED] He advised that he did not attend or participate in any COMINT briefings at the White House. He stated that he was aware of the functions of the Map Room at the White House but never visited there and was not personally acquainted with its detailed operations or personnel. He			
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further advised that he did not know the subject or any of the several civilian aides assigned to the White House staff. [redacted] was unable to furnish any information pertinent to this investigation.

[redacted] was interviewed at her residence [redacted] on [redacted]

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[redacted] advised that she cannot now particularly recall the identities of his associates with the following exceptions:

During the period of some congressional hearings, the results of which were generally publicized, she recalled that LAUCHLIN CURRIE had frequently associated with certain individuals identified during the course of those hearings. She stated that CURRIE lunched on quite a few occasions with ABRAHAM GEORGE SILVERMAN, HARRY DEXTER WHITE, and FRANK COE. COE was also employed at FEA during this period and was frequently in CURRIE's office. She recalled the name of GREGORY SILVERMASTER as that of an individual whom CURRIE contacted at the Department of Agriculture but she was unaware of the nature or extent of these contacts. She does not recall that SILVERMASTER ever visited CURRIE's office [redacted]

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AT WASHINGTON, D. C.:

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REFERENCE: Washington Field report dated May 18, 1954
Bureau letter dated April 28, 1954

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TITLE LAUCLIN BERNARD CURRIE, was.			CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R

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ON **2/2/81**

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:
[REDACTED] was interviewed on [REDACTED] that he has heard of LAUCLIN BERNARD CURRIE through newspaper articles but has never met him. b7c
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DETAILS:
[REDACTED] was interviewed at his office, [REDACTED] on [REDACTED] and furnished the following information:

[REDACTED] He never was assigned to the Map Room in the White House and had no connections whatsoever with the White House. He further stated that the name of LAUCLIN BERNARD CURRIE was familiar to him because he recalled reading his name in the newspapers some years ago; however, he claimed that at no time did he ever meet CURRIE and that he knew of no information concerning him other than what he had read in the newspapers. b7c
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REFERENCE

Chicago air-tel to the Bureau dated 5/19/54.
Report of SA [REDACTED] dated 5/14/54 at Chicago. b7c
WFO letter to the Bureau dated 5/13/54.
Bureau letter to New York dated 4/28/54. ✓

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TITLE LAUCHLIN BERNARD CURRIE, was		CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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[REDACTED] was interviewed on [REDACTED] at which time he advised [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] had no dealings during the above described period with the President's Administrative Assistants, and that he did not know them personally. He stated that the assistants did not have access to classified information in the Map Room of the White House unless they obtained it through the President, or other high officials who had access to it.

[REDACTED] did not know Mr. CURRIE; that he never met or spoke to him, but that he recalls the name through seeing it in the newspapers after the war as having been an Administrative Assistant to the President. [REDACTED] did not know whether CURRIE held the position of Administrative Assistant to the President during the time [REDACTED] was assigned to the White House.

[REDACTED] was interviewed on [REDACTED] by SAs of the Los Angeles Division. He stated that he was never assigned to duty in the Map Room of the White House during World War II, and only later heard of its existence. [REDACTED] advised that he was assigned to [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] He could furnish no information pertinent to this investigation with respect to Mr. CURRIE or Mr. CURRIE's duties at the White House.

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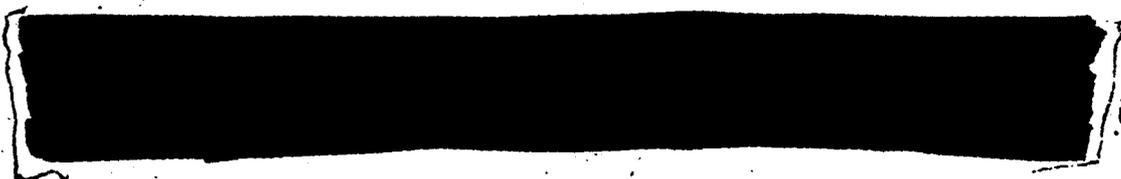
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THE NEW YORK DIVISION

At New York City

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REFERENCE

Norfolk letter to Bureau, 6/11/54.
Letter from Legal Attache, Paris, to Bureau, 5/26/54.
Los Angeles Airtel to Bureau, 5/25/54.
Los Angeles letter to Bureau, 5/7/54.
Report of SA [redacted] 5/25/54, NY.

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(c) [REDACTED] noted that she had felt concern in association with LAUGHLIN MORGAN CURRIE in view of the latter's identity and that she had also felt additional [REDACTED]

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concern in young CURRIE's association with [REDACTED] and as to whether LAUHLIN MORGAN CURRIE might obtain information from such associates and furnish same to his father. [REDACTED] acknowledged that she probably had mentioned the latter concern in the presence of [REDACTED] (C) b1 previously identified. [REDACTED] stated, however, that no information has actually come to her attention to indicate any compromise of security-type information in the above association. She noted that according to [REDACTED] both LAUHLIN MORGAN CURRIE and Mrs. CURRIE have evidenced a strong sense of loyalty to and faith in the subject. [REDACTED] stated, however, that in this regard [REDACTED] has mentioned nothing to indicate any questionable activities on the part of LAUHLIN MORGAN CURRIE or his mother.

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It is noted that [REDACTED] previously mentioned, recontacted the writer on July 8, 1954, at which time she furnished further information to the effect that she understood that LAUHLIN MORGAN CURRIE was presently pursuing a course in radio engineering at the Capital Radio Engineering Institute in Washington, D.C.

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In view of the above indicated government employment of [REDACTED] it is thought that this matter may possibly result in a request for later further inquiry by the Bureau in relation to the Security of Government employees; therefore, the following is set forth as a matter of possible future guidance:

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It is noted that instant report sets forth the results of an interview with [REDACTED] wherein she has stated her concern in the association of [REDACTED] with LAUCHLIN MORGAN CURRIE, in view of the latter's identity and her additional concern in LAUCHLIN MORGAN CURRIE in view of his residing with the above-indicated government employees.

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[REDACTED] while appearing of average intelligence, was observed to be a highly nervous type person who expressed particular concern that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] it is, therefore, suggested that any further contact with her be

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first arranged by direct telephonic contact with her. Her
telephone number is [REDACTED]

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Telephone call from Inspector [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] of b7c
the Bureau to SAC LAUGHLIN, WFO, 7/2/54.

WFO airtels of July 2, 7, 13 and 14, 1954.

Bureau letter to WFO dated 7/2/54.

Bureau airtel to WFO dated 7/3/54.

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state young CURRIE exhibits strong respect for father and maintains subject was never Communistically inclined and was never knowingly involved in pro-Soviet or Un-American activities. ELIZABETH BENTLEY, self-admitted former Soviet Espionage Agent, has previously named CURRIE as among persons known by BENTLEY as involved in a Soviet Espionage Conspiracy during the early 1940s. [REDACTED] maintain they have never disclosed any unauthorized information to young CURRIE or anyone else and that nothing has come to their attention to indicate that LAUHLIN MORGAN CURRIE or his father was attempting to obtain or interested in learning any such information. Both regard LAUHLIN MORGAN CURRIE as a person of good character, habits, who is loyal and trustworthy. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] claim such contact has produced no additional cause to question their activities or sympathies. [REDACTED] acknowledge [REDACTED]

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awareness as to the identity of subject in connection with BENTLEY
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DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

Information has been previously reported in this matter
to the effect that a [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] had reportedly stated concern in the association
of [REDACTED] with LAUHLIN MORGAN CURRIE, son of
the subject, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] interviewed [REDACTED] stated that she
was basically concerned in [REDACTED] association with young CURRIE
in view of CURRIE's identity; that she felt additional concern as
to whether LAUHLIN MORGAN CURRIE might obtain information from
the above government employees and furnish same to his father.

Subsequent investigation has identified the above
referred to associates of CURRIE as [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] noted that some three or four months after he became acquainted with LAUHLIN MORGAN CURRIE he also became aware of the subject's general identity as a former government figure of some prominence. He stated that to the best of his recollection he did not become aware of any particular security concern in the background of the subject until [REDACTED]. In this regard he explained that about a year ago, he became aware that the subject had returned to Washington in connection with some type of hearing or legal concern into previous activities of a security nature.

[REDACTED]

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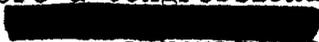
[REDACTED] stated that the subject and DOROTHY BACON CURRIE have since been divorced and that to his knowledge Mrs. CURRIE maintains a home by herself

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in Alexandria, and has a younger son, RODERICK CURRIE, believed to be a student at Colorado State College, who spends part of his summers with his mother.



In the above regard, it is noted that ELIZABETH BENTLEY, a self-admitted former Soviet Espionage Agent in testimony before the House Committee on Un-American Activities, has previously identified LAUCHLIN BERNARD CURRIE as among persons known by her as being involved in a Soviet Espionage Conspiracy during the early 1940s.

In connection with the above,  indicated that he had become generally aware of the above allegations previous to the subject's visit as described above and was also of the understanding that the subject had been previously subpoenaed to appear before a Congressional Committee in connection with such charges.  stated that during some phase of his acquaintance with LAUCHLIN MORGAN CURRIE, he had heard young CURRIE make reference to such charges on which occasion CURRIE had indicated strong feeling of respect and confidence for his father and had maintained that his father was in no way Communistically inclined and never knowingly engaged in any pro-Soviet or anti-American activities.  had the understanding that the subject had denied the above referred to charges on appearance before the Congressional Committee and did not "hide" behind the Fifth Amendment.

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[REDACTED] knew nothing further as to the subject's current activities but, however, nothing had come to his attention during the above-described personal contact with the subject or during the period of his association with young CURRIE to prompt further question as to the sympathies and activities of the subject. He stated that likewise nothing had come to his attention to prompt any such concern as to LAUCLIN MORGAN CURRIE, his mother, or any other members of the CURRIE family. [REDACTED] regards LAUCLIN MORGAN CURRIE as a person of good character habits and believes him to be completely loyal and trustworthy. [REDACTED] had never disclosed any unauthorized information pertaining to his work or any other government matter to LAUCLIN MORGAN CURRIE or any other person. He stated additionally that nothing had ever come to his attention to indicate that CURRIE or the subject was attempting to obtain or interested in learning any such information through [REDACTED] or any other associates of CURRIE's known to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] volunteered that he regards LAUCLIN MORGAN CURRIE as a person of above-average intelligence and that young CURRIE is especially interested in mechanics and has exhibited exceptional ability along these lines. [REDACTED] had never volunteered any details as to the nature of his employment in young CURRIE's presence or any other unauthorized person; [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated that in further reflection as to the above concern, he concluded that after all, LAUCLIN MORGAN CURRIE was merely the son of the subject and that he had no suspicion or feeling of disloyalty on the part of LAUCLIN MORGAN CURRIE, and therefore, he could see no further cause for alarm. [REDACTED] may have discussed this matter with [REDACTED] previously mentioned, but that he did not believe [REDACTED] discussed such matter or concern with anyone else.

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He stated that nothing has come to [REDACTED] attention to indicate that the subject was attempting to influence LAUCHLIN MORGAN CURRIE's thinking along any questionable lines. He stated additionally that nothing had come to his attention to indicate that any members of the CURRIE family have any pro-Communist sympathies or interest along such lines.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

In reference to his general knowledge concerning the subject, [REDACTED] recollection that he first became generally aware as to the identity of the subject as LAUCHLIN MORGAN CURRIE's father during the winter of 1951-1952 when an article appeared in the "Time" Magazine regarding LAUCHLIN BERNARD CURRIE's selection to serve as an Economic Advisor to the Colombian Government. [REDACTED] had a particular recollection that

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young CURRIE exhibited considerable pride in this and had displayed the article among acquaintances [REDACTED] stated that he does not recall any reference to any questionable security allegations involving the subject coming to his knowledge at that time, but, however, he believes that by the spring of 1952, [REDACTED] had become generally aware of the allegations attributed to ELIZABETH BENTLEY involving the subject. He stated that it was [REDACTED] recollection that such allegations involving LAUCHLIN BERNARD CURRIE raised questions primarily as to some of subject's former associates during his government service.

[REDACTED] stated a recollection that he met the subject for the first time and this only casually during the spring of 1952 on which occasion he has a recollection that the subject was in Washington in connection with some Congressional Hearing or either on some personal matter involving himself and his wife. [REDACTED] had also become aware about that time that the subject and his wife, DOROTHY BACON CURRIE, were then considering a divorce.

[REDACTED] reference to his awareness of the subject's identity in connection with the allegation by ELIZABETH BENTLEY, stated that LAUCHLIN MORGAN CURRIE, himself, may have first brought this matter to [REDACTED] attention. In this regard, he recalled that on some occasion in their association, LAUCHLIN MORGAN CURRIE had very definitely discussed this matter [REDACTED] the impression that young CURRIE considered his father completely innocent of any willful involvement and any suspicion that his father was Communistically inclined as absurd. [REDACTED] young CURRIE never gave an impression of attempting to deny his father's relationship with some of the persons mentioned by BENTLEY, such as HARRY DEXTER WHITE.

[REDACTED] had become aware that there had been official concern in CURRIE's association with OWEN LATTIMORE. [REDACTED] could not specifically recall the first instance of this matter coming to his attention, but that he did recall that CURRIE had returned to Washington during the

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spring of 1953 [REDACTED] understood CURRIE
had been called to testify in connection with proceedings pertaining
to LATTIMORE.

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nothing come to his attention [REDACTED] concluded that there had been

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[REDACTED] which would indicate any pro-Communist tendencies or un-American sympathies on the part of the subject, LAUHLIN MORGAN CURRIE, or any other member of the CURRIE family.

[REDACTED] through his association with LAUHLIN MORGAN CURRIE he has gained the impression that CURRIE has deep respect for his father and believes him innocently involved in the allegations of ELIZABETH BENTLEY. As to LAUHLIN MORGAN CURRIE, [REDACTED] believes young CURRIE to be a sincere and trustworthy person and [REDACTED] feels a certain sense of respect for young CURRIE's confidence in the subject.

[REDACTED] advised that he had met DOROTHY BACON CURRIE, subject's former wife, on several occasions, and that he could recall no statements or indications by her which he felt were intended to cast any reflection on the loyalty and character of the subject. [REDACTED] despite their matrimonial difficulties, he likewise felt that Mrs. CURRIE bears no particular grudge against the subject and [REDACTED] considers their difficulties as completely domestic.

[REDACTED] He stated that he understands that Mrs. CURRIE is presently employed in Brentano's Book Shop in Alexandria, Virginia, and that she is also pursuing an art course at American University.

[REDACTED] from time to time since becoming aware of allegations pertaining to the subject as mentioned herein, [REDACTED] has given serious thought as to his relationship with MORGAN CURRIE. He stated in this vein he is convinced that young CURRIE is a person of good character, who is sincere and trustworthy, and whose loyalty has absolutely no cause to be questioned by him. He stated further that he has the impression that the BENTLEY allegations pertaining to the subject, primarily involved associations with other persons with whom CURRIE would necessarily have dealings in connection with his former government employment. [REDACTED] was not aware of any information to clearly indicate that subject had any wilful or ulterior motive in connection with such associations, and that, therefore, [REDACTED] felt that the most he could do was merely maintain an "open mind" as to the subject's reported involvement with allegations stated by ELIZABETH BENTLEY. [REDACTED] nothing had come to his attention in any personal relationship with the subject or any other members of his family wherein [REDACTED]

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[redacted] felt the subject or any members of his family had evidenced any Communistic or un-American leanings.

[redacted] stated that he had never discussed any unauthorized information with LAUHLIN MORGAN CURRIE, the subject, or any other persons not entitled to receive same. He stated that likewise he had never detected any indication or felt reason for concern as to whether or not LAUHLIN MORGAN CURRIE might be attempting to obtain or even be interested in learning any details involving [redacted] additionally, that to his knowledge, none of LAUHLIN MORGAN CURRIE's other associates had ever disclosed any unauthorized information in CURRIE's presence [redacted] to indicate that CURRIE was interested in attempting to gain any unauthorized information from any other person.

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Rebulet directed WFO to interview the above persons to ascertain whether LAUHLIN (MORGAN CURRIE has discussed the allegation concerned herein or furnished any pertinent information about the subject.

Rebulet also directed WFO to submit under a Security of Government Employees caption, complete background information available on [REDACTED] together with allegations reflecting on the possible loyalty of such persons.

Accordingly, such available information pertaining to [REDACTED] is being furnished by separate correspondence under an "SGE" caption relative to [REDACTED]

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