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The next letter made available by [redacted] was dated March 28, 1945, Beverly Hills, California. In this letter HAYDEN remarked that he had met [redacted] wife of one of the partisans he had met in Yugoslavia. [redacted] was in Los Angeles to speak at the fifth anniversary of the partisan resistance. He stated he had spent a delightful and stimulating evening with her. HAYDEN remarked that one of the things that he did miss on his return was the companionship of the girl who thinks as he does and at the same time is "not altogether lacking in the physical qualifications that are so delightful." He stated that he had lunch with an old friend who is now producing for RKO and that this friend had developed in "a very progressive fashion." He stated that he and this friend planned to attend a small group who had been working for FEPC and that [redacted] would be present at this meeting. [redacted] is believed to be [redacted]. [redacted] HAYDEN requested [redacted] to furnish him information with which he could use in arguments with non-Communists. He said that he wished had gone into the RN question with [redacted] when he was in San Francisco, because that seemed to be the standard point of debate by most everyone. He stated that he confessed he was unable to explain the state of the Red Army beyond the date agreed upon with Iran and Britain. He said that now with the latest development of the UNO and GROMYKO'S withdrawal he foresaw another of the same type argument and he believed the standard saying will be "just because Russia doesn't agree, what on earth reason is that for getting up and walking out—suppose every country did that!"

HAYDEN stated that he felt that in his position, with a limited education, that the most satisfactory course for him in which to lead in a discussion would be along lines of basic issues, such as the ability of the world to produce enough for all, and to keep clear of present day events which the average person "has swallowed such a formidable amount of propoganda and falsehood." He stated "your unflagging confidence and faith in my eventual course [redacted] has been one of the greatest and most strength-giving experiences I've had. It has been nearly five years now since I first took refuge aboard the 'bird' and I am ashamed of how falteringly and confusedly I came back aboard a few days ago, particularly considering the brilliant example of anti-fascism I saw in Yugoslavia, but I know now that down inside me I know who and what is right."

HAYDEN stated that he was enclosing some money with this letter and felt that it would contribute more "to the common cause" if [redacted] kept it. He said, however, he knew [redacted] would

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want to pass a large part of it on to the Peoples World. He remarked that he wished he had the guts and force of character that [REDACTED] had.

On May 2, 1946 HAYDEN wrote [REDACTED] from Newport Harbor, California and advised that he had been laid off by Paramount Studios and he would have eight weeks with nothing to do. He said that he had discussed his activities with a good many persons in Hollywood and that they had all agreed it would be best for him to take things easy in the political end at the present time. He had tentatively agreed to do some work for [REDACTED]

HAYDEN advised that he had bought a schooner "Wetona" which he was changing to "Quest." He remarked that he was in need of someone to live aboard this ship and wondered if [REDACTED] would be interested in taking the job at \$75.00 a month plus board.

It is to be noted that [REDACTED] His real name is [REDACTED]

In a letter dated May 25, 1946 from Newport Beach, California, HAYDEN advised [REDACTED] that he was glad to know that [REDACTED] would accept the job with him and he was sending a month's advance pay. He told [REDACTED] that he thought the book idea was great and he would not go to work until the middle of August and they would have an opportunity to get together and talk it over. This apparently referred to the book on the life of STERLING HAYDEN which [REDACTED] planned to write. HAYDEN advised that he was making good friends and that he was surprised to find the number of people who think right, right on the Paramount lot.

In a letter from Newport Beach, California dated June 5, 1946 HAYDEN stated that [REDACTED] a girl from the Norwegian Consulate, Washington, D.C., was coming aboard his boat to visit at the end of June. He stated that [REDACTED] was attending the Maritime Conference in Seattle, Washington, and he stated she was "head and shoulders above any girl" he had met so far. He stated that they had had several weeks together back East and he was very much interested in knowing her better.

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In a letter from HAYDEN to [redacted] not dated but believed to have been written in the Spring of 1947, HAYDEN described in detail the book which was believed to be the biography of HAYDEN'S life, written by [redacted]. The general tone of the letter would indicate that HAYDEN is not in favor of the book being published in the form of a biography. He was not enthusiastic about it being published at all. He spoke of discussing the book with EL., who is believed to be BETTE DUNOON, his wife, and indicates that she also is not in favor of the book being published.

He stated that he realized it would be disappointing to [redacted] have spent so much time in writing the book and to have to shelf it because of his, HAYDEN'S, misgivings. He stated, however, that it is his understanding that when they entered into an agreement of a book that it was with the complete understanding that the book would never be published if HAYDEN did not want it to be, or that it would be published as fiction if this action was deemed advisable. He said he realized that he should never have gone into it when he had doubts but that this mistake was already made and he felt that they should get together and talk the situation over and decide what would be best under the present situation. He stated that he planned a three months' cruise from one end of New England to the other during the summer of 1947. He had not decided whether he would buy a boat in New England or charter one [redacted]

In a letter dated March 3, 1947 from Santa Barbara, California HAYDEN again expressed his feelings about the book. He stated that inasmuch as the whole dispute was tied up to the extent of his progressive work and feeling, he felt that the book should be left on the shelf for the summer. HAYDEN stated that he believed that at the end of four months in New England he would return either "an escapist or a progressive". If he returns an escapist, [redacted] could release the book as a novel. If he continued to be a progressive [redacted] could take the edge off his mother and MADELINE and let the book go out as a biography. He said that he felt strongly that it is not right to write so piercing and analytical a book about anyone and that if the book is to be so ruthless, then it should be fictitious enough so that it is not merely HAYDEN'S story with names substituted. He stated that he was leaving for the East to look for a schooner and hoped to see him soon.

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82 [REDACTED] made available correspondence to [REDACTED] con-
cerning HAYDEN and concerning material that [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Among this material it is noted that
[REDACTED] had written and received a letter from Mrs. FRANCES HAYDEN,
STERLING HAYDEN'S Mother [REDACTED] letter to Mrs. HAYDEN requested answers

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to questions concerning HAYDEN'S early childhood and Mrs. HAYDEN'S letter answered these questions.

[redacted] also received a letter from [redacted] dated July 13, 1946 at [redacted]. This letter furnished information concerning some of HAYDEN'S activities while in Italy. He also had a letter dated August 17, 1946 from [redacted]. This letter also furnished information concerning HAYDEN'S activities in Europe during the war.

[redacted] also received a letter from [redacted] Hotel Washington, Washington, D.C. dated August 7, 1946. [redacted] praised STERLING HAYDEN very highly and stated he knew of no information that would be of value for biography purpose.

[redacted] also received a letter dated August 28, 1946 from [redacted]. [redacted] furnished information concerning HAYDEN'S activities on the Dalmatian Coast.

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With reference to [redacted], previously mentioned in this report who visited HAYDEN on his schooner, this [redacted] is believed identical to the [redacted] who wrote a letter to [redacted] on August 11, 1946 giving her address at that time as [redacted]. This letter indicated that [redacted] had spent some time on the "Quest" and that she had left the "Quest" at this time. She stated that she had accepted a job in one of the studios in Hollywood. She stated that she was living only three blocks from the Lincoln Book Store. She stated that she was very glad to be away from HAYDEN. She hated to see him rush back into the way of living that he had told her he wanted no part of. The letter would indicate that [redacted] is at least a communist sympathizer.

[redacted] also made available a letter dated July 1, 1946 [redacted] who was believed to be [redacted]. In this letter [redacted] was very bitter

[redacted] believed that he was unhappy with the gay life he had been leading [redacted]

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[REDACTED] In the letter dated August 24, 1946 [REDACTED] had heard that he had completed four thousand words in a book of STERLING HAYDEN'S life.

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[REDACTED] letters from [REDACTED] also in sympathy with the Communist cause [REDACTED] was close to the Book Shop where she could get even the Peoples World.

[These letters] would appear to contradict information as furnished by other sources that [REDACTED] was not a communist and [REDACTED]

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In this connection, the Herald Express on July 8, 1947 in an article by HARRISON GARROLL reflected that STERLING HAYDEN had bought a small island off the Maine Coast where he spent his boyhood; that he had also acquired a clipper-bowed schooner which he and BETTE planned to sail to California and use as their home there. This article reflected

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that BETTE expected to loaf around all summer in New England and that their address there was General Delivery Boothbay Harbor, Maine.

[REDACTED] was not able to give HAYDEN'S present address.]

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BOSTON DIVISION

AT BOOTHBAY HARBOR, MAINE

B7D [REDACTED] to determine if HAYDEN was active in communist front organizations in that area while vacationing there during the summer of 1947.

LOS ANGELES DIVISION

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

Will continue to follow HAYDEN'S activities to determine if he is presently active in communist front organizations. Should it be determined that he is at present inactive, consideration should be given to requesting Bureau authority to interview HAYDEN concerning his former contacts with suspected Comintern Apparatus agents.

A copy of this report is being designated for the San Francisco Division for their information due to Subject's past activities in the case entitled "COLRAP", San Francisco Office of origin.

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WASHINGTON SCENE By GEORGE DIXON

I SUBMIT this without comment as just about the limit in brazenness and effrontery. Prominent among the "unfriendly" Hollywoodians at the House un-American hearings is a young actor named Sterling Hayden. He is a

is arriving and I go up to San Francisco to meet him.

"He keeps me supplied with these pamphlets."

Paul Revere couldn't do this!



member of that extremely peculiar group which also includes John Howard Lawson, identified as the holder of a Communist party card; Humphrey Bogart and Lauren Bacall.

Like many of his ilk this Hayden is a fellow of almost sickening personal vanity. He must hold the center of the stage or he doesn't want to play.

Young Mr. Hayden, also following the pattern of his stripe, is quite socially conscious. While bleeding for the "underdog" he likes to be seen with the "right people."

He arranged a little dinner party here in Washington. Among the guests, and not suspecting what she was getting in for, was a member of one of our most respected families, the blonde and beautiful Miss Mary Benton Gore.

Actor Hayden apparently was quite taken with Miss Gore. He paid her marked attention. *Bit by bit* his conversation became more radical and suddenly he asked her why she was not a Communist.

TAKEN aback, but not wishing to appear so, Miss Gore played for time by asking why any American should want to be a Communist. "Because," replied the actor, "the Communist way is the only way of life. I would like you to read some literature on the subject."

He delved into a pocket and produced a handful of pamphlets. Miss Gore looked them over.

"I was shocked," she reported later. "They contained the most vicious Communist propaganda I have ever seen."

Miss Gore said she asked Hayden where he got such stuff. He gave her what she described as a "smart-aleck leer" and said:

"I have a pal who is the captain of a Russian boat. He is a wonderful old fellow. I wish you could meet him because I know you'd love him. His ship puts into San Francisco on regularly scheduled runs. He radios me every time he

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Re: STERLING HAYDEN

Hayden has a short wave set-up??

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November 25,

Director, FBI

JOHN HAMILTON, was.
INTERNAL SECURITY - R
(Los Angeles file 100-22040)

There are attached two photostatic copies of an article appearing in the October 31, 1947, issue of the Washington Post Times Herald newspaper, entitled "Washington Scene," by George Dixon.

You should bear in mind the information related to Dixon's column in conducting investigations and Communist cover so that any information developed tending to verify or disprove the allegations may be immediately reported to the Bureau. Any comments which you may have on these allegations should be forwarded to the Bureau, and whereas a specific investigation on this allegation is not being requested, if you have readily available means of determining the true situation, this, of course, should be done.

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Office Memorandum UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: Director, FBI
FROM: SAC, Los Angeles

SUBJECT: JOHN HAMILTON, was.
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Reurlet 11/25/47 with which you enclosed two photostatic copies of an article appearing in the October 31, 1947 issue of the Washington, D. C. TIMES-HERALD newspaper, entitled, "Washington Scene", by GEORGE DIXON.

This letter went on to state that the Bureau was interested in determining "the true situation" with respect to this individual.

Your attention is called to report of SA [redacted] Los Angeles, 11/3/47, entitled, JOHN HAMILTON, was., INTERNAL SECURITY - R. A review of this report will indicate that contained therein are many indications that HAMILTON is very definitely Communistically inclined and, in fact, has made many statements to indicate his beliefs. A review of this report will indicate that the services of a highly confidential informant were utilized, which made available many written statements on the part of the subject which, obviously, were written and signed by him, etcetera.

For your further information, I am enclosing herewith two photostatic copies of an article which appeared in the "Open Forum" of the HOLLYWOOD REPORTER newspaper, dated November 17, 1947. You will note from a review of this article that it purports to be a letter written by STERLING HAYDEN in which he makes a flat denial of the allegations made by DIXON in the original article, a copy of which was furnished with your letter.

The suggestion is made that quite possibly DIXON was referring to a visit to Washington by the subject in 1944-1945, during which time the file reflects that HAMILTON spent considerable time in Washington. His letter indicates that in making his denial, he refers to a recent trip inasmuch as subject's remarriage took place a short time ago. It will be noted also that the subject denies that he has any acquaintance with a captain of a Russian boat. The suggestion is made in this instance that quite possibly, if such a statement were made by the subject, that he was actually referring to [redacted]

Review of the referenced report will indicate that [redacted] has from time to time forwarded to the subject innumerable pieces of Communist literature. It should be noted in this connection that [redacted]

[redacted] so it is thought that quite possibly the Russian captain may, in fact, be [redacted] or the actual captain of some Russian boat that subject may have met through [redacted]

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Letter to the Director

December 5, 1947

RE: JOHN HAMILTON, was.
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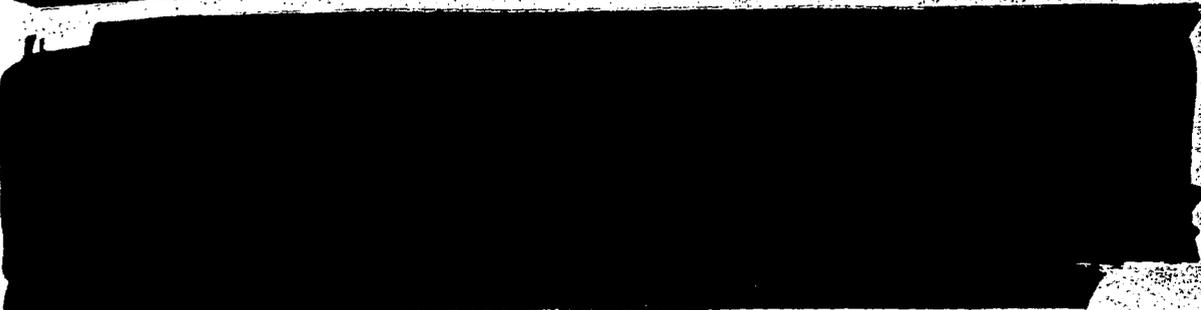
Inquiries along this line are being directed by an agent of my office and, in the event anything can be learned, you will promptly be advised. *B7D*

With respect to the referenced report, it will be noted that in the undeveloped leads set forth therein, a lead was set forth that consideration should be given to requesting Bureau authority to interview subject concerning his contacts with suspected Comintern Apparatus agents.

The suggestion is made by me that the article by DIXON and the subsequent denial by the subject, which have both been published, may open up an avenue of natural approach for an interview with the subject.

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Letter to the Director

December 5, 1947

RE: JOHN HAMILTON, was.
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The thought is advanced that in view of the subject's apparent termination of his picture career, combined with the fact that he has come to public attention as a Communist figure, that he might be receptive to interview with respect to his knowledge of the contacts who were suspected Comintern Apparatus agents.

|| In view of the "time element" involved, it is suggested that you now give your consideration to the advisability of granting permission to agents of this office to interview the subject.

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Sunday, November 17, 1947

OPEN FORUM

The Hollywood Reporter
Gentlemen:

In your publication of Nov. 14, 1947, you, purporting to quote from a column by a George Dixon, made libelous statements concerning me which I demand be corrected pursuant to the provisions of the California Civil Code, Section 48 (a). It is inconceivable to me that any newspaper man would print or reprint a story so damaging to a man's reputation without first taking the trouble to verify its facts and contents, which you might have easily done by checking with me before publication.

Your statement is entirely false and inaccurate. I do not know and did not meet any Miss Mary Benton Gore. I did not attend or arrange any dinner party at which Miss Mary Benton Gore was present nor, for that matter, did I attend or arrange any dinner party while I was in Washington. Furthermore, my wife accompanied me to Washington and was present during my entire sojourn in that city.

I never asked anyone why he or she was not a Communist. I have never said to anyone, "The Communist way is the only way of life," nor have I, at any time, made any statements similar thereto or derogatory to my country. I have never delved into my pockets and produced a handful of pamphlets or any pamphlets to show to any one. I have never stated that I have a pal who is a captain of a Russian boat who is supposed to be a wonderful old fellow and who supplies me with pamphlets, nor do I know anyone who is a captain of a Russian boat.

As to the charges that I am a person of "almost sickening personal vanity," that I "must hold the center of the stage" and that I like "to be seen with the 'right people,'" those are charges which relate largely to matters of opinion. Judging by the reaction today to your vicious and libelous editorial, those who know me would seem to feel otherwise. To the extent that these latter charges constitute or purport to constitute a statement of fact, they are totally untrue.

I govern my thinking and my actions on the basis that the duty of a man to stand up and fight for the American democratic ideals exists in peace time as well as in time of war.

It will be impossible for you to undo the great harm done me, but I demand that pursuant to the law, you take every step necessary in order to minimize that harm.

Very truly,
STERLING HAYDEN

HOLLYWOOD REPORTER

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Director, FBI
JOHN HAMILTON, with aliases
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Reference is made to your letter dated December 5, 1947, requesting that the Bureau give consideration to the advisability of granting permission to interview subject Sterling Hayden.

Following a review of the investigative case file relating to Sterling Hayden, it is the opinion of the Bureau that he should not be contacted for an interview. It is noted that there is nothing appearing in this investigation which would indicate that Hayden would be cooperative with the Bureau and it is also noted that there is considerable information reflecting that Hayden is most indiscreet.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : D. M. Ladd

FROM : J. P. Coyne

SUBJECT: JOHN HAMILTON, with aliases
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The Los Angeles Office has requested the Bureau to consider the advisability of granting permission to interview the subject. It is my opinion that this subject should not be contacted and the purpose of this memorandum is to enumerate the reasons, both pro and con, which have been considered in reaching this conclusion.

You will recall that John Hamilton is the motion picture actor Sterling Hayden. He was born March 26, 1916, at Montclair, New Jersey. While still in his "teens" he began a career of a seaman, achieving some notoriety with sailing vessels. According to newspaper accounts, his Hollywood career began in 1940 when pictures of him were exhibited to Producer-Director Howard Hawks. His first motion picture, "Virginia," was a success and was quickly followed by another, "Bahama Passage". In both films Hayden played opposite Madeline Carroll. He married her in 1942 but has since been divorced by her. Information was received that after Hayden's motion picture successes he suddenly disappeared from the Hollywood scene late in 1941. On October 26, 1942, he enlisted in the Marine Corps and was subsequently commissioned a Second Lieutenant and then a Captain.

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He was discharged from the Marine Corps in 1945 and subsequently returned to Hollywood where he resumed his film career.

A review of the investigative case file discloses the following considerations favoring an immediate interview of Sterling Hayden:

(1) This investigation was initiated in December of 1944 and has been conducted in a pending status almost continuously since then. The investigation has failed to establish any definite evidence that Hayden is engaged in espionage or is active in the illegal apparatus of the Communist Party. At the same time, however, considerable information has been developed reflecting that Hayden is outspokenly sympathetic to the Communist cause. It appears, therefore, that from an espionage standpoint at least, this case should be brought to a logical conclusion.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: JOHN HAMILTON, with aliases
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The attached memorandum raises the question of whether the Bureau should interview John Hamilton, alias Sterling Hayden. You will recall that Hamilton, as Sterling Hayden, has been prominent in motion pictures.

The Bureau's investigation, initiated in December, 1944, has failed to establish any definite evidence that Hayden is engaged in espionage or is active in the illegal apparatus of the Communist Party. He is outspokenly sympathetic to the Communist cause. The purpose of interviewing him would be, of course, in the hope that he would make some statements or admissions that would either implicate him or would increase our knowledge of Communist Party activities. I doubt that either contingency would occur. On the other hand, we would probably get a blast of publicity from Hamilton, alias Hayden, and a good segment of the public would believe that the Bureau is participating in the House Committee investigation of the motion picture industry, since I am informed there is a large part of the public that doesn't differentiate between the Bureau and the House Committee in the hearings and proceedings.

B7D [Redacted] Undoubtedly he would seize on this or any other opportunity to get his name in the papers but I doubt, consequently, that we would get anything except some bad publicity. I suggest, therefore, that we instruct the Los Angeles Office not to interview him at the present time, as the attached letter does, and that the matter be reconsidered in 90 days to determine if, at that time, there is any reason to interview him.

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Los Angeles Office has requested the Bureau to consider of granting permission to interview the subject. It is to enumerate the reasons, both pro and con, which led to reaching this conclusion.

John Hamilton is the motion picture actor born March 26, 1916, at Montclair, New Jersey. He began a career of a seaman, achieving some success with sailing vessels. According to newspaper accounts, his career began in 1940 when pictures of him were exhibited to Director Howard Hawks. His first motion picture, "Virginia," was played opposite Madeline Carroll. He married that after Hayden was divorced by her. Information was received from the Hollywood picture successes he suddenly disappeared in the Marine Corps late in 1941. On October 26, 1942, he enlisted in the Marine Corps and was subsequently commissioned a Second Lieutenant and then a Captain.

[REDACTED] he was discharged from the Marine Corps in 1945 and subsequently returned to Hollywood where he resumed his film career.

A review of the investigative case file discloses the following considerations favoring an immediate interview of Sterling Hayden:

(1) This investigation was initiated in December of 1944 and has been conducted in a pending status almost continuously since then. The investigation has failed to establish any definite evidence that Hayden is engaged in espionage or is active in the illegal apparatus of the Communist Party. At the same time, however, considerable information has been developed reflecting that Hayden is outspokenly sympathetic to the Communist cause. It appears, therefore, that from an espionage standpoint at least, this case should be brought to a logical conclusion.

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(3) In the recent past, newspaper columnist George Dixon published an article which in effect strongly labeled Hayden as a Communist. The article also reported that Hayden stated he had a pal who is a captain of a Russian boat and who keeps him supplied with pamphlets (of Communist propaganda). Portions of columnist George Dixon's story were subsequently reprinted in the "Hollywood Reporter". In answer to this Hayden wrote a letter which appeared in the "Open Forum" of the "Hollywood Reporter" newspaper dated November 17, 1947. In this letter Hayden categorically denied all the allegations made by Dixon. The Los Angeles Office has suggested that the article which was published by Dixon and the subsequent denial by the subject which likewise was published may open up an avenue of natural approach for an interview with the subject.

(4) The Los Angeles Office has also pointed out that the subject is considered to be "through" as a film star and that this combined with the fact that he has come to public attention as a Communist figure might make him receptive to an interview.

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The following considerations are suggested which warrant the conclusion that no interview should be conducted with subject Hayden:

B7c (1) Through a highly delicate and confidential source, there was made available correspondence from Sterling Hayden to [REDACTED] during the period January, 1939, to March, 1947; a review of this correspondence reflects that Hayden exhibits traces of instability. It is noted that he is given to expressions of wide generality lacking any basis in reality. During this investigation there was developed reliable information that [REDACTED]

B7D [REDACTED] It would thus appear from the information known about him that Hayden's personality combines certain traits with which it would be difficult to deal in an interview unless, of course, he was wholly cooperative.

(2) From the information known about Sterling Hayden, he appears to be most indiscreet. [REDACTED] *(c)*

B1 [REDACTED] It is conceivable that Hayden would treat a Bureau interview with him in the same manner, however unfavorable it would be for him to do so.

(3) It must be remembered that Sterling Hayden is a motion picture actor and as such a likely character for newspaper publicity. While there should be no question but that the Bureau would be acting within its jurisdiction in interviewing Hayden, there is still the possibility that an unfavorable press would play such an interview up. The interview coming as it does after the recent Hollywood hearing by the Un-American Activities Committee could possibly be linked to that hearing. It likewise must be remembered that Sterling Hayden possesses an ostensibly fine war service record which has been given considerable publicity and that such a record would be quickly picked up if any publicity resulted as a result of the Bureau's interview with Hayden.

(4) The result of the investigation does not assure that worthwhile information could be gained by the interview. It is recalled that this investigation did not develop any information of a positive nature that Hayden was engaged in espionage. [REDACTED] *(c)*

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The investigation of Sterling Hayden did, however, develop that he was very anxious to get an assignment with the underground forces in Spain.

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ACTION: For the above reasons, it is recommended that no interview with Hayden be conducted and there is attached for your approval a letter to this effect addressed to the Los Angeles Office. There is also attached for completion of the Bureau's files a summary of the derogatory information which was developed during the Hayden investigation.

Enclosure

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January 6, 1948

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RE: JOHN HAMILTON, with aliases
Sterling Hayden, Sterling Walters, Sterling Hamilton,
Sterling Walter Hayden, Montaign Relyea Walter,
Sterling Relyea Walter, _____ Kirk, _____ Bird.

The following is a summary of the derogatory information appearing in the Bureau's investigative case file pertaining to the above captioned subject.

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PERSONAL HISTORY

Records of the United States Marine Corps reflect that the subject was born on March 26, 1916, at Montclair, New Jersey. His name at birth was given as Montaign Relyea Walter. His parents were listed as George W. Walter and Minnie (Frances) Walter. On June 13, 1930, he was adopted by J. Watson Hayden and thereafter changed his name to Sterling Walter Hayden. Subject's name was legally changed to John Hamilton in June, 1943.

Commencing in March of 1933, Sterling Hayden began a career of a seaman, his principal service being with sailing vessels. It is noted that he operated for a time as a fisherman and eventually rose to the rank of master. From January, 1940, to August, 1941, he was employed by Paramount Pictures.

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In an article which appeared in the "PM" newspaper issue of October 6, 1946, the following personal history data were set forth concerning Hayden's screen career. According to the article, an Associated Press man, Tom Horgan, who was assigned to cover all the sailing activities and fishermen's races around Boston, started Hayden on his way to Hollywood by writing some pieces about the handsome sailor who "ought to be in the movies". Horgan thought so much of his idea that he sent some snapshots to Producer-Director Howard Hawks. As a result, Hayden was given the second male lead in the motion picture "Virginia" which starred Madeline Carroll and Fred MacMurray. According to the newspaper account, Sterling Hayden agreed to appear in the motion picture only because he saw a way to make enough money so that he could buy a sailing vessel.

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Through a highly delicate and confidential source there were made available original notes of the life of Sterling Hayden

According to these notes, Sterling Hayden and Madeline Carroll lived together secretly from July, 1941, to the time of their marriage in 1942. In the fall of 1940, Hayden made a trip to San Francisco which resulted in his first feeling of political consciousness. At that time he was willing to listen

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After leaving Hollywood in 1941, Hayden talked with William J. Donovan who was then Coordinator of Information for the President. He told Donovan that he wanted to get into the war and Donovan suggested that he could lead guerillas in the Middle East and as a result, Hayden was appointed Special Assistant to the Coordinator of Information and was ordered to Cairo, Egypt. A week before Hayden was scheduled to depart, Donovan told him that he would be given commando training. Subsequently, Hayden attended a commando school in England and he returned to the United States arriving early in April of 1942. At that time Donovan promised Hayden a commission which never came through. Following this he bought a schooner from Paramount Studios and with a picked crew of Negroes, he took several trips in the Caribbean Area carrying war supplies. He enlisted in the United States Marine Corps at New York City on October 26, 1942. He was commissioned a Second Lieutenant on June 29, 1943. From that time on to his discharge in 1945 he was assigned almost exclusively with the Office of Strategic Services.

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Hayden operated a schooner from Italy carrying supplies to the Partisans in Yugoslavia and returning to Italy Allied Aviators who had been forced down in Yugoslavia. In this work he made the acquaintance of several who had been active in the Spanish Revolution. He returned to the United States arriving on October 27, 1944.

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Thereafter, Hayden unsuccessfully made an effort to secure an assignment with the Office of Strategic Services to act in a liaison capacity with the underground movement in Spain. He left New York during the latter part of January, 1945, ostensibly to go into Spain. When he arrived in France, however, he was told by his superiors that the Spanish situation was under control and that he would not be allowed to make contacts as he had expected. Hayden joined the Field Detachment of the First Army in France and was sent to Cologne to conduct political investigations. He was next assigned by OSS to photograph German forts in the occupied zone. After the completion of this assignment he left Europe and returned to the United States where he was separated from the service.

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On February 15, 1946, the Norwalk, Connecticut, "Hour" newspaper contained an article stating that Sterling Hayden had been awarded the highest honor of Yugoslavia and had been presented with the Order of Merit by the Yugoslav Embassy in Washington, D. C.

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On March 14, 1946, Hayden filed a divorce complaint at Reno, Nevada, against his wife, Madeline Carroll. This complaint was answered by his wife who issued a cross complaint on which she was awarded a decree of divorce on May 8, 1946.

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On April 25, 1947, Sterling Hayden married Miss Betty Ann DeNoon of Pasadena, California,

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Sterling Hayden left San Francisco and returned directly to Washington, D. C., on December 12, 1944. He immediately took up a residence in an apartment which was leased to [REDACTED]

A physical surveillance conducted on the activities of Hayden disclosed that while in Washington he was in contact with [REDACTED] and it has been indicated from the notes in the possession of [REDACTED] that he was in contact with one [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] was made available through a highly delicate and confidential source. According to this source, when Hayden returned to the United States in 1944, he contacted [REDACTED] and introduced himself. He was invited to meet [REDACTED] reportedly an expert on Spain and described [REDACTED] as a close friend of the Lincoln Brigade. [REDACTED] related that Hayden became very much interested in the underground work in Spain and he and [REDACTED] schemed as to how they would be able to get Sterling Hayden into Spain. Thereafter, Hayden went to [REDACTED] of OSS and recounted that he had met a major who was a liaison between the guerillas in Spain and the Tito forces. This major had been successful in taking out of Spain for service in Tito's army Moscow trained guerilla fighters. [REDACTED] Hayden told [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] that he has connections with a Spanish republican general in New York and with Spanish republicans in the East and in San Francisco, California and that he felt quite able to act as liaison between the American forces and the republican underground in Spain. [REDACTED] Hayden then went to see Donovan who told him to write a report to President Roosevelt.

[REDACTED] Hayden told his story to other officials of OSS who doubted it. Subsequently Hayden returned to New York where he was introduced to various veterans of the Lincoln Brigade. [REDACTED] that while Hayden was in Washington, D. C., he resided with [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] arranged for an interview for Hayden with Henry Wallace to discuss his desires to go into Spain. Hayden talked with Wallace for approximately thirty minutes and Wallace referred him to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was introduced to [REDACTED] who was described [REDACTED] as the owner of the house on [REDACTED] where [REDACTED] Hayden was also described [REDACTED] Hayden did not get much help from [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] contacted Eleanor Roosevelt's secretary and made an appointment for Hayden. [REDACTED] Hayden, Mrs. Roosevelt and a single girl had drinks and dinner together. Mrs. Roosevelt began talking about Yugoslavia before Hayden had mentioned the Partisans. She told Hayden that she would talk

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to the President regarding Spanish work and that Hayden would hear from her. [redacted] and told him the matter was under advisement. Thereafter, on January 30, 1945, [redacted] Hayden left New York ostensibly to go into Spain. When he arrived in France he was told by his commanding officer, [redacted] of OSS, that the Spanish situation was under control and that he would not be allowed to make contacts as he had expected.

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With possible reference to the attempts of Hayden to secure an assignment with the Spanish underground movement, a highly confidential source furnished a copy of a letter which Hayden wrote [redacted] on November 1, 1944. In this letter, Hayden told [redacted] he did not return to America just by chance but that something had developed while he was in Yugoslavia which he felt [redacted] should be aware of and which he desired to talk over with him. He stated that he felt [redacted] approve the project he outlined and that since time was essential he would go ahead with the project.

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This investigation has established that Hayden enjoys a close personal relationship with [redacted]

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[redacted] is a member of the Communist Party. Through delicate and confidential sources, various letters that Hayden wrote [redacted] were made available for review. These letters reflect that Hayden is, to some extent, under the domination of [redacted] is in sympathy with the principles of the Communist movement. In this regard, it was noted that on March 17, 1944, Hayden wrote [redacted] he was glad that at long last he could see some of the fruits of his efforts of 1940 and 1941. He stated that he was standing by for a transfer to another theatre of war and would try for an assignment in the USSR, although he believed he would have little success in securing such an assignment.

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On April 17, 1944, Hayden wrote [redacted] "Your letters' enclosures made me realize how truly unique are the opportunities here to absorb and also participate in the fundamental struggle that is being brought ever nearer its ultimate goal. Actually, until your renewed guidance reached me I had only scratched the surface of the issues for which we fight. With your help I see clearly how much one can gain by work and study with these people who so completely exemplify the real ideas of the world today". In this same letter Hayden spoke of a friend whose acquaintance he had made in Europe who was formerly in the Spanish War and spent five years in prison at Belgrade. He also asked [redacted] send him the basic writings of Marks, Ingalls (Sic), and Lenin.

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In a letter dated May 1, 1944, Hayden wrote [redacted] stating that he anticipated with great delight meeting [redacted] when he returned and also anticipated receiving "additional reading material for which at long last

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I have developed an avaricious appetite and a tremendous need". In this same letter he expressed his appreciation [redacted] for the teaching and guidance he had received [redacted]. He concluded by asking [redacted] to how best "I can serve our cause or perhaps to be of service". He also stated "I am 100 per cent at the disposal of you and our leaders from this time on".

In a letter dated May 30, 1944, he stated that he had done everything in his power to have [redacted] brought out to represent the United States in a mission to Tito but that he was unsuccessful. He requested [redacted] send him or tell him the true details of the stand and line of the Communist Party just before and after Germany's attack on the USSR. He informed [redacted] this was one of the most consistent anti-Communist angles that was brought forward by the men he talked with. In the same letter he informed that he was enclosing a money order [redacted] could contribute as he saw fit and he stated that he was considering writing a letter either to the "People's World" or "New Masses" but would wait [redacted] advice about this.

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By a letter dated June 5, 1944, Hayden expressed to [redacted] serious misgivings over the philosophy he had adopted. He informed that he considered the freedom that existed for the individual in the United States preferable to a rigid controlled government. It will be noted that after this letter Hayden returned to the United States where he visited [redacted].

On December 13, 1944, Hayden wrote that while his experiences with the Yugoslavians had been good nothing ever experienced by him gave him such a strong feeling of purpose as did the days he spent with [redacted].

On March 17, 1945, in a letter to [redacted] Hayden made reference to his work conducting political investigations in France and he stated "I am considering sending you some of my reports but can't decide to do so as yet. I know you will be greatly interested in them". Following this he asked [redacted] send him copies of the "People's World" and "New Masses".

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A review of correspondence between Hayden [redacted] indicates that apparently Hayden [redacted]

However, it is noted that Hayden wrote to [redacted] expressing his misgivings [redacted]

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March 21, 1948

Mr. Joe Anglin

Director, FBI

San Francisco, Cal.

RE: [REDACTED]

Reference is made to the Bureau's letter dated January 12, 1948, in which you were advised that it was the opinion of the Bureau that [REDACTED] Sterling [REDACTED] should not be contacted for an interview. At that time it was noted that [REDACTED] was making [REDACTED] in this investigation [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] would be cooperative with the Bureau and it was further noted that there was considerable information reflecting that [REDACTED] is most influential.

The Bureau desires to know of any further information developed by you in this investigation, particularly such information reflecting on the desirability of interviewing [REDACTED].

The Bureau also desires that you furnish your recommendations regarding the preparation of a security index card on this subject.

cc: [REDACTED]

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Office Memorandum

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, Los Angeles

SUBJECT: JOHN HAMILTON, was.
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Reference is made to Bureau letter dated March 20, 1948 in the above-captioned matter.

A review of the files of this office failed to reveal any additional activities on the part of HAYDEN

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[REDACTED] In view of this information, together with the fact that HAYDEN is most discreet, as well as uncooperative, it is not believed that HAYDEN should be interviewed at this time.

Concerning the preparation of a security index card, there is being forwarded Form FD-122 to the Bureau recommending that a security index card be prepared on this subject. This recommendation is being made in view of Subject's activities with known Communists in the Los Angeles area.

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