



Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

Los Angeles 13, California
April 9, 1948



IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO
FILE NO. 100-22949

Director, FBI

RE: JOHN HAMILTON, was.
SECURITY MATTER - C
(Bufile 100-337177)

Dear Sir:

It is recommended that a Security Index card be prepared relative to the individual named below:

Name: JOHN HAMILTON

Aliases: Sterling Hayden, Sterling Walters, Sterling Hamilton, Captain John Hamilton, Captain Sterling Walter Hayden, Montaign Relyea, Walter, Sterling Relyea Walter, Kirk, Bird.

Residence Address:

Aboard the boat "Quest" moored at Wilmington Boat Works, Wilmington, California.

Business Address:

Paramount Studios, Los Angeles, California.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Native Born	<input type="checkbox"/> Alien	<input type="checkbox"/> Naturalized
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Communist	<input type="checkbox"/> German	<input type="checkbox"/> Miscellaneous
<input type="checkbox"/> Fascist (Italian)	<input type="checkbox"/> Japanese	<input type="checkbox"/>

Date of Birth March 26, 1916
 Place of Birth Montclair, New Jersey
 Entered U. S. _____ at _____
 Naturalized (date) _____
 Naturalized (place and Court) _____

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Very truly yours,
R. B. HOOD
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DIRECTOR, FBI

JOHN HAMILTON, was
SECURITY MATTER - C
Your file 100-33719

Reference is made to your Form FD 122 dated April 9, 1948, recommending the preparation of a security index card on the above captioned individual.

In accordance with your recommendation a security index card is being prepared at the Bureau and you will be appropriately advised of same upon its preparation.

The Bureau desires to make available all pertinent information concerning the subject's Communist activities and contacts to the Division of Records of the Department of Justice.

A review of the subject's file at the Bureau reflects that reports which have been previously submitted on the subject are not suitable for distribution in that the sources of information have not been adequately protected to enable such dissemination. The nature of this investigation to date has necessitated the inclusion of certain information and disclosure of sources which we cannot disclose at this time. It is particularly noted that in the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated January 23, 1945 at Washington, D. C., captioned "Sterling Hayden, was, Security Matter - C", and in the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated November 3, 1947 at your office, information is set forth which precludes this distribution.

In order that the pertinent information may be disseminated at the Dept. of Government, you are requested to prepare a summary report on the subject, including only pertinent information showing his background and Communist affiliations. The information contained in this report should be set out in such a manner as to thoroughly conceal the confidential sources of same.

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Special Agent in Charge
Los Angeles

RE: SECURITY MATTER

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ON 9-12-87
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Dear Sir:

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Please be advised that a security index card has been prepared at the Bureau, captioned as follows:

HAMILTON, JOHN NATIVE BORN COMMUNIST
Aliases: Sterling Hayden, Sterling Walters, Sterling Hamilton,
Captain John Hamilton, Captain Sterling Walter Hayden,
Montaigne Ralyea Walter, Sterling Ralyea Walter, Kirt,
Hird.

Res. Address: Aboard the boat "Quest" moored at Wilmington Boat Works,
Wilmington, California.

Bus. Address: Paramount Studios, Los Angeles, California

The above caption should be checked immediately for accuracy against the information contained in your files, and the Bureau should be informed of any discrepancies. You will prepare without delay a 5" x 8" white card captioned as above and reflecting your investigative case file number for filing in your Confidential Security Index Card File. In the event the above caption is not correct, the card you prepare should be correctly captioned, and the Bureau should be informed of the correct caption.

The caption of the card prepared and filed in your Office must be kept current at all times and the Bureau immediately advised of any changes made therein in that connection.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

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100-22919

REPORT MADE AT: LOS ANGELES
DATE WHEN MADE: 6/25, 31, 1964
PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: [REDACTED]

CHARACTER OF CASE: SECURITY MATTER (C)
TITLE: JOHN HAMILTON, with aliases; Sterling Hayden, Sterling Hayden, Sterling Hayden, Sterling Hamilton, Captain JOHN Hamilton, Captain Sterling Walter Hayden, Mountain Relyea Walter, Sterling Relyea Walter, Bird

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PERSONAL HISTORY
AGENCY: 100 State
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REP. FORW. BY: 115-516

Records of the U. S. Marine Corps reflect subject was born March 26, 1916, at Montclair, New Jersey, as MONTAINE RELYEA WALTER. However, the birth records were changed by correction on February 3, 1922, to reflect subject's name as STERLING RELYEA WALTER. The subject's parents, American-born, were listed as GEORGE W. WALTER and MINNIE (FRANCES) WALTER. These records further reflect that on June 13, 1930, subject was adopted by J. WATSON HAYDEN and thereafter his name was changed to STERLING WALTER HAYDEN. It is noted at this point that the records of Superior Court, Bridgeport, Connecticut under Docket No. 67021 reflect that subject petitioned the court to change his name from STERLING WALTER HAYDEN to JOHN HAMILTON, which petition was granted June 25, 1943.

U. S. Marine Corps records listed HAYDEN's education as two years high school, Brown and Nichols School, Cambridge, Massachusetts. Following HAYDEN's employment these records reflected that he was employed on various schooners on the east coast from March 1933 to January 1940, as a fisherman and master until employed by Paramount Studios, Los Angeles, California in 1940.

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AGENCY: [REDACTED]
REQ. REC'D: 10-15-64
REP. FORW. BY: [REDACTED]

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: R. B. Hood
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Records of Superior Court, Bridgeport, Connecticut, under Docket No. 67021, where subject petitioned to have his name changed to JOHN HAMILTON, reveal that HAYDEN married MADELEINE CARROLL, movie actress, March 11, 1942, at Peterboro, New Hampshire. In addition, MADELEINE CARROLL stated she was born in Birmingham, England, February 26, 1906, and was naturalized February 26, 1943, under Petition Number 36251, Naturalization Number 5434659.

Records of the County Clerk, Washoe County, Reno, Nevada, reflect that under Action No. 98441, MADELEINE CARROLL HAMILTON was granted a divorce from JOHN HAMILTON on May 8, 1946, on grounds of mental cruelty.

The "Los Angeles Times" for April 26, 1947, revealed that STERLING HAYDEN was married to BETTY ANN DeNOON, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. OMAR DeNOON of Pasadena, California, at the Montecito Presbyterian Church on April 25, 1947.

There is no evidence that HAYDEN has a criminal record.

HAYDEN is presently residing aboard his schooner "The Brigadoon of Boothbay," at the California Yacht Club, San Pedro, California.

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advised that HAYDEN arrived in

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San Francisco on December 6, 1944, and remained until December 21, 1944, during which time he was a guest of [REDACTED]

According to this informant, on December 7, 1944, HAYDEN and [REDACTED] met [REDACTED] in front of the Pig 'n Whistle Restaurant on Powell Street in San Francisco. Then the group proceeded to the RKO Grill on Turk Street, where they took a secluded booth in the rear of the room. They remained in conversation for approximately one hour and fifteen minutes, at which time [REDACTED] left, the others departing approximately ten minutes after [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] seemingly intended to be present at this meeting as he entered the restaurant and apparently looked for the other members of the party. He did not observe them due to the secluded location of the booth they occupied, and after remaining for approximately twenty minutes returned [REDACTED]

Following this, HAYDEN visited the International Book Store at Tenth and Market Streets, San Francisco (Communist book store), where he remained approximately one hour. Later HAYDEN accompanied by [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] proceeded to Oakland, California, where they boarded a Soviet Vessel, the "DIURM." They remained aboard this vessel for one hour and fifteen minutes. During the evening HAYDEN [REDACTED] accompanied by two unidentified women, who likewise appeared to be guests on [REDACTED] visited at the home of [REDACTED]

On December 8, 1944, informant advised that [REDACTED] and HAYDEN visited the Russian War Relief offices located at 68 Post Street, and thereafter left with two individuals in an automobile bearing California license plates [REDACTED] which license is registered to [REDACTED]

On December 10, 1944, HAYDEN [REDACTED] visited at [REDACTED] which is the address of [REDACTED] Present at this meeting was [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] advised that HAYDEN left San Francisco on December 11, 1944, aboard Western Airlines Flight 33 for Los Angeles at 1:17 P.M.

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[REDACTED] advised that STERLING HAYDEN arrived in Los Angeles on December 11, 1944, for a brief visit and on the afternoon of that same date left Los Angeles via American Airlines en route to Washington, D. C.

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[REDACTED] subsequent to HAYDEN's tour of duty at Bari, Italy, which ended October 10, 1944, HAYDEN returned to New York, and while there contacted [REDACTED] and introduced himself. This introduction occurred during the latter part of October 1944.

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According to the informant, the letters [REDACTED] indicated that after this introduction [REDACTED] endeavored to arrange for STERLING HAYDEN to go to Spain as a undercover worker. [REDACTED] introduced HAYDEN to members of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade, and while in New York, HAYDEN also met officials of the Communist Party.

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During January 1945, HAYDEN left New York for duty abroad with OSS, but instead of going to Spain as he desired, was directed to Paris, France.

[REDACTED] HAYDEN had in his possession two letters from the Spanish Republican General and two letters from the Lincoln Brigade Veterans, which were addressed to Spanish underground workers near Toulouse, France. HAYDEN went to France by way of London, and upon arrival in Paris reported to [REDACTED] OSS. HAYDEN was unable to meet the underground workers near Toulouse, France, inasmuch as he was ordered to the front, and burned the two letters in his possession.

On April 17, 1944, HAYDEN wrote [REDACTED] "Your letters and 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. Before leaving the other side I began work on helping my few thinking friends to see what is what, just as you helped and are helping me. It is all up-hill and I frequently need to recall your patience and steadfastness to carry it on..... The reading matter has all come through safe in spite of the shoals of stupidity and reefs of reaction which it had to infiltrate along the way. Most of it I have read and absorbed, and all of which I will have completed and I hope digested by the time I write you again. I pass it on here among people who are tremendously encouraged to see from it that there is a parallel in America to advance with them in the real fight. A good friend over here is what the service people called 'the political advisor' for the whole Dalmatian Coast. He has behind him fourteen months at the Front in Spain and five years in prison at Belgrade. Such men are apart from the old world I have lived in and there are many of them. What a contrast to our Stork Club leaders who are so weak that their ignorance is matched only by their capacity for prolonging the war. My friend gets everything I've read and from there, you may note, it goes to where it should. If it is possible I would like any available copy of the basic writings of MARK, INGALLS, LENIN, preferably in small enough volumes to pack around for I have not much space or weight allowance at times. Also with a direct eye to future assignments, anything enlightening of the situation of the Chinese Eighth Route Army."

In a letter written to [REDACTED] May 1, 1944, it was noted that typewritten copies of this letter had been made, apparently by [REDACTED] to be sent to other individuals. At the top of this typewritten copy was a notation that the following letter was written on May 1, mailed May 6, received in San Francisco on May 13, and that it was written as HAYDEN was

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returning from a secret mission to the heart of Yugoslavia. There was also a notation, "Please see to it that it does not fall into the hands of reactionaries who could use it against the soldier." Parts of this letter are being quoted as follows:

HAYDEN expressed his appreciation to [redacted] for the teaching and guidance that he had received from him. He described a great celebration and parade for the Partisan Army that he had seen that morning on an island. He remarked about how the observers had cried, "Zivio Tito," "Zivio Stalin."

HAYDEN concluded this letter as follows:

"Please give me your free ideas as to how best I can serve our cause or perhaps to be of service. I am one hundred per cent at the disposal of you and our leaders from this time on."

In a letter dated May 30, 1944, HAYDEN wrote [redacted] that he now had a stockpile of literature which [redacted] sent him. He told him how much he appreciated this material. He stated he was having a tough time reading STALIN's "Dialectics."

In a letter dated December 26, 1944, HAYDEN expressed his appreciation of the wonderful days he had spent with [redacted] San Francisco. He stated: "Here on this coast I have established a few contacts but none comparable, of course, to the circle which you work with. Heard some wonderful tributes to S. WELSON the other evening. Apparently he was really a leader."

By letter dated January 14, 1945, HAYDEN stated that he had spent ten days in New York which were very fruitful; that he is now equipped with letters and is becoming a local authority on the whole matter as far as his organization was concerned. He stated he felt that this was good inasmuch as it put him in an increasingly strong position regarding this particular phase of the war. HAYDEN apparently was referring to his contact with [redacted] members of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade.

It is to be noted that HAYDEN had received letters from veterans of the Lincoln Brigade and from a Spanish republican general in New York City, and it was apparently these letters that he referred to.

In this regard, HAYDEN remarked that he wanted to send overseas several packages of some of the books which he had collected which he would not have time to read before leaving. He stated, however, that

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friends in New York felt that it was a foolish risk in view of his official position. He said they almost "hit the roof" when he told them about the volume and variety of material [redacted] had sent him. He stated further that they would not even let him go near the largest book store in New York. HAYDEN remarked that he did not think that these precautions were absolutely necessary but would follow their instructions until he arrived in Europe and got the lay of the land concerning censorship. He stated, however, that he did attend the anti-Franco rally which he considered an interesting experience.

On March 17, 1945, HAYDEN wrote that his Spanish deal fell through and that he had taken a position at the front. He remarked he was well pleased with his present work; that he had with him one or two men who "think straight." He advised that among persons working with him was [redacted] knows [redacted] very well. HAYDEN stated that [redacted] was his right-hand man.

In reference to his work, HAYDEN described it as being political intelligence and 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, HAYDEN requested [redacted] send him copies of the "People's World" and "New Masses," Communist publications.

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DESCRIPTION:

Name	JOHN HAMILTON, with aliases
Race	White
Age	32
Date of birth	March 26, 1916
Place of birth	Montclair, New Jersey
Height	6'3
Weight	215
Hair	Blond
Eyes	Blue
Complexion	Fair

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Surveillance conducted by Special Agent [redacted] San Francisco, as reflected in report of Special Agent [redacted] dated March 15, 1945, at San Francisco, entitled, "COMINTERN APPARATUS - INTERNAL SECURITY (R)."

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Surveillance conducted by Special Agent [redacted] San Francisco, as reflected in report of Special Agent [redacted] dated March 15, 1945, at San Francisco, entitled, "COMINTERN APPARATUS - INTERNAL SECURITY (R)."

Surveillance conducted by Special Agent [redacted] Los Angeles, reflected in report of Special Agent [redacted] dated January 15, 1945, at Los Angeles, entitled, "COMINTERN APPARATUS - INTERNAL SECURITY (R)."

[redacted]

A highly confidential source known to Special Agents [redacted] as reflected in report of Special Agent [redacted] dated November 3, 1947 at Los Angeles, entitled, "JOHN HAMILTON, was., - INTERNAL SECURITY (R)."

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AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

Will continue to follow and report activities of the subject
in this case.

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to report (marked at bottom) 11/24/48*

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October 27, 1948

SAC, Los Angeles

Director, FBI

JOHN HAMILTON, WAS.
SECURITY MATTER - C
Your file 100-22949

Re report of SA [redacted] dated October 5, 1948 at your office.

It is noted that you carry this case in a pending status, however, no leads are set forth at the end of the above report reflecting the investigation you intend to conduct on the subject.

It is requested that you prepare and submit five copies of the lead sheet to the Bureau for inclusion in Bureau copies of this report.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: October 10, 1948

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES

SUBJECT: JOHN HAMILTON, was.
SECURITY MATTER - C
(Your file 100-337177)

Baurlet October 27th last concerning the above-captioned matter.

There are enclosed herewith five copies of the lead sheet for the report of SA [redacted] dated October 5, 1948.

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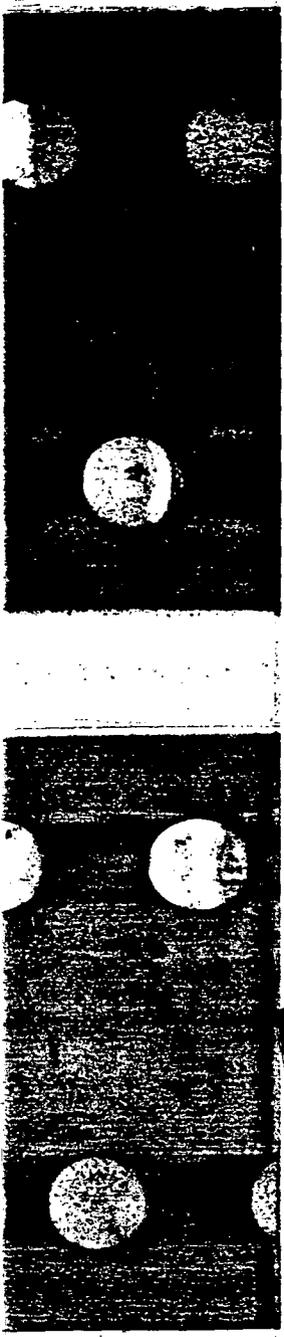
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Office Memorandum

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, Los Angeles

SUBJECT: JOHN HAMILTON, was
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DATE: November 25, 1949

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Rebulet dated 11/18/49, entitled Security Index.

A review of the list attached to the referenced letter fails to reflect that the Bureau is presently maintaining a Security Index Card on the above subject.

A review of the file reflects that a Security Index Card was authorized on July 21, 1948 and that this has not been cancelled. The Bureau is requested to correct its records accordingly.

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SAC, Los Angeles

December 19, 1949

Director, FBI

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SECURITY MATTER - R
Los Angeles file 100-37177
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The Bureau does maintain a Security Index card on this individual.

Your attention is directed to the fact that this case is carried in a pending status by your Office and that the last report submitted was that of Special Agent [redacted] dated October 5, 1948. Please bring this case to a logical conclusion.

Bureau file 100-37177 ✓

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, Los Angeles

SUBJECT: JOHN HAMILTON, Was.,
SECURITY MATTER- C
Bureau File 100-337177

DATE: January 6, 1950

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Reference is made to Bureau letter dated December 19, 1949, and to the report of SA [redacted] at Los Angeles, California, dated October 5, 1948, in the above-captioned investigation.

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A news article appearing in the October 25, 1949, issue of the "Hollywood Reporter", a motion picture trade publication, reveals that STERLING HAYDEN is now under contract to M-G-M where he will portray a role in a new production entitled "Asphalt Jungle". This article explained that HAYDEN's contract is for one picture only with an option for a term renewal. A news article appearing in the "Hollywood Variety" for November 2, 1949, revealed that HAYDEN who has for the past several years resided on his boat which has been anchored in the Wilmington area of the Los Angeles Harbor, had established his residence in Beverly Hills, California. This article indicated that HAYDEN intends to make his home in the Beverly Hills area permanently.

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To: Director, FBI

January 6, 1950

RE: JOHN HAMILTON, Was.,

37D In view of the information concerning HAYDEN [REDACTED] [REDACTED] it is suggested that the Bureau authorize an interview of HAYDEN by two Agents familiar with Communist activities in order that all possible information which he is alleged to possess may be obtained.

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DATE 9-18-87 BY SP1ACB/c

Reurlet dated January 6, 1950, wherein you advised of information received from [redacted]

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Your attention is directed to the fact that the last report submitted by you is the summary report of Special Agent [redacted] dated October 5, 1948. In your letter of January 6, 1950, you did not advise whether you have checked the files of your office to determine if you have received any information subsequent to the last information reported to the Bureau for any renewed or continued Communist activity on the part of Hamilton.

On December 5, 1947, you submitted a letter to the Bureau requesting consideration of the advisability of granting permission to Agents of your office to interview the subject. Permission for an interview was declined on January 14, 1948. Under date of April 9, 1948, you advised that it was not believed that Hamilton should be interviewed at that time.

It is pointed out that should your office have information received subsequent to your letter of December 5, 1947, reflecting [redacted]

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Before the Bureau will authorize you to establish contact with the subject you should advise whether or not you have received any information subsequent to your letter of December 5, 1947, which may have a bearing on the decision of the Bureau as to whether subject should be interviewed. You should check your files for any information of that nature being particularly alert for information reflecting Hamilton to have recently been associated with Communists.

Please advise the Bureau in this regard as soon as possible. Thereafter, the Bureau will consider the advisability of authorizing this interview.

The subject of this case is more popularly known as Sterling Hayden, a well known movie actor, who has been investigated in the past for Communist activity. Authorization for interview of subject was not granted in Los Angeles request of December 5, 1947, inasmuch as there was no information indicating he would be cooperative and in view of information available reflecting him to be indiscreet. Instructions to Los Angeles on January 14, 1948, not to interview the subject at that time were concurred in by the Director. After receipt of the information requested in this letter, serious consideration should be given to authorizing the requested interview based upon information furnished in Los Angeles letter of January 6, 1950.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: February 28, 1950

FROM : SAC, Los Angeles

SUBJECT: JOHN HAMILTON, was.
SECURITY MATTER - C
(Bureau File 100-337177)

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It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above captioned individual.

The Security Index Card on the captioned individual should be changed as follows: (Specify change only)

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RACE _____ SEX _____ NATIVE BORN _____ NATURALIZED _____ ALIEN _____

COMMUNIST _____ SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY _____ INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST LEAGUE _____

MISCELLANEOUS (Specify) _____

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DATE OF BIRTH _____ PLACE OF BIRTH _____

RESIDENCE ADDRESS 595 North Beverly Glen, Los Angeles, California

BUSINESS ADDRESS (Show name of employing concern and address) Metro

Goldwyn Mayer Studios, Culver City, California

NATURE OF INDUSTRY OR BUSINESS (Specify from Strategic and Vital Industry List)

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES

SUBJECT: JOHN HAMILTON, was.
SECURITY MATTER - C
(BuFile 100-337177)

DATE: May 11, 1950

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Remylet dated January 6, 1950 and rebulet dated February 7, 1950.

Information concerning the above captioned subject, who is known in the motion picture industry as STERLING HAYDEN, reflects that

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No information concerning Communist Party activities on the part of the subject has been reported to this office [REDACTED] concerning Communist matters in the past two years and no information concerning the subject's Communist activities appear in the files of this office.

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In view of these circumstances it is suggested that the Bureau consider authorizing two agents of this office to interview HAYDEN under an appropriate pretext to ascertain whether or not he would be willing to cooperate by furnishing information concerning his past activities in Communist matters to this Bureau. If authorization for this interview is granted it is recommended that such interview be held in abeyance pending receipt of information

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