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SUBJECT: ALEXANDER BARMINE

Special BB 152-W

TO: MAJOR JEAN V. GROMBACH

Investigation directed by: *Libby* *Washington*  
E.C.H., Jr. ✓

Sources of information: LCD  
FBI  
ONI  
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Summary of Information

Subject was born, educated and has spent the majority of his life in Russia. He is not known to have relatives outside of Russia at the present time. Subject entered the Russian Diplomatic Service, later becoming Charge d'Affairs in Athens for Soviet. In 1937, he was advised to return to Russia as he had been writing articles against the Soviet Regime. He refused, fled to France and, subsequently, tried in Russia and sentenced to death. During his stay in France, he was engaged as a mechanic in automobile business and continued writing anti-Soviet articles. Informants advise that the Subject feels very strongly against the Soviet Government but not against the Russian people. Obtained a permit to enter the U.S. through the aid of Walter Lippman and Ambassador Bullitt while in France. Came to America in 1940 and established a home in Florida. Since his arrival he has been linguist for NBC and has done free lance writing for various magazines--his articles dealing primarily with his native country. His latest book has not been published as there is question about it being too strong in sentiment against the Russian Government for the present time. The Subject has obtained his first citizenship papers.

All references give Subject high recommendation.  
He is definitely anti-Axis and anxious to aid America.

Recommendation: Security Approved.

Security Office Date: 5/8/42

By: /s/ George E. Brown Capt. A. I. S.  
Security Officer

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