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TO: Secretary of State
Attention: Mr. R. H. Ingersoll

FROM: Lyman B. Kirkpatrick
Assistant Director

SUBJECT: Noel, Herta, and Hermann FIELD

1. [redacted]

[redacted] The information is dated
14 November 1951.

2. [redacted]

Noel and Hermann FIELD at the time of this report were in Moscow where they were being interrogated by the MVD in connection with the case of Wladyslaw GOMULKA, former Secretary General of the Polish Communist Party, whose trial was being prepared.

3. ⁰ Herta FIELD has been seriously ill, but Source could neither confirm or deny the possibility that she had died. According to friends of the FIELDS, Herta has been in delicate health for many years.

4. Vilem NOVY, former Communist member of the Czechoslovak Parliament and Editor-in-Chief of "Rude Pravo", official organ of the Czechoslovak Communist Party, who was confronted with Noel and Hermann FIELD at Pankrac Prison in Prague several times since 1949, is expected to be transferred to Moscow.

5. Dr. Evzen KLINGER, former head of the Press Department of the Czechoslovak Ministry of Foreign Affairs, who, together with NOVY and Jiri HRONEK-LANGSTEIN, now Chairman of the State Propaganda Committee, contacted Hermann FIELD in London during the war, is still in prison in Prague and it is not planned that he be confronted with FIELD again. [redacted]

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6. General REICIN, former head of Czechoslovak Military Intelligence, arrested in February, 1951 in connection with the case of Dr. Vlado CLEMENTIS, Otto SLING and Marie SVERMOVA, has refused to admit any contacts with either of the FIELDS, and has denied that he took part in the formation of the anti-Stalinist underground in the Soviet orbit, organized by the FIELDS (from 1945 on) with American money. Soviet inquiries in Hungary concerning that matter are not yet concluded. [REDACTED]

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cc: Federal Bureau of Investigation