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Ernst Julius Klaus

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Dr. Klaus Fuchs Case

Joel Barr

201-691

References:

1. You will, of course, recall the investigation of subject which you conducted at our request in 1949. In connection with the Dr. FUCHS case, more definite information has now been received which would tend to confirm the allegations of subject's involvement in Soviet espionage activity. While attempting to persuade David and Ruth GREENGLASS to flee the United States immediately after the arrest of Harry GOLD on 23 May 1950, Julius ROSENBERG told them that more important people than they had already left the country; that Joel BARR was then in Europe working for the Russians, and that BARR was using his music studies as a cover for espionage activity.

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3. Subject was seen by an acquaintance in the Students' Cite Club, located on the corner of Boulevard Malesherbes and Boulevard Courcelles in approximately June, 1950. Subject told this acquaintance that he was leaving Paris, but avoided giving a direct answer when asked about his

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intended destination. The acquaintance has expressed the opinion that subject may have returned to Sweden, inasmuch as he spoke Swedish fairly well and liked the country.

4. Since subject left his quarters in Neuilly-Plaisance on or about 16 June 1950, it has been established that a letter addressed to him at that address, postmarked Stockholm, 11 July 1950, from one Billy KLIIVER, Vazag 24, Stockholm, arrived there for him.

5. It is requested that you conduct a very discreet investigation in order to determine if BARR has returned to Sweden and the nature of his activities there. In contacting you may give the same reasons for your interest as were set forth in paragraph 2 of Identifying and background data on subject's correspondent Billy KLIIVER would also be appreciated.

Releasing Officer

Coordinating Officer

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