

29 March 1954

TO :
FROM :
SUBJECT:

1. Subject recently informed her Case Officer that she had been approached socially by one ~~(Name)~~ Herman STAROBIN described himself to subject as "being left of the Communist Party of the United States". () stated that STAROBIN is approximately in his middle thirties, a resident of the Bronx, and is presently employed making hollow steel doors in Brooklyn.

2. During the course of further questioning by another () Case Officer, () advised that STAROBIN made the following statements in her presence:

- a. that he was a correspondent for a British newspaper during World War II and is an acquaintance of ~~(Name)~~ Margaret HIGGINS, war correspondent;
- b. that he has lived in Paris and would like to return there but is having visa(passport) trouble;
- c. that he was the original backer of a successful Broadway play () which is now touring the United States. () could not remember the name
- d. As a backer of this play he was associated with ~~(Name)~~ SILVA who is an alleged Communist.

STAROBIN made mention to subject of acquaintances who were ousted from the United Nations as suspected Communists, and of people who have resorted to the protection of the Fifth Amendment. STAROBIN informed subject that he was a friend of the late ~~(Name)~~ and ~~(Name)~~ who were executed by the United States Government for treason. Subject stated that STAROBIN is apparently emotionally disturbed over the situation of the ROSENBERG children and claims that he plays chess with them every Sunday. Having apparently discovered that () is employed

STAROBIN immediately broached the subject of fostering some form of legislation in behalf of the ROSENBERG children, which would better their position both for the present and the future. STAROBIN stated that she was in no position to influence such legislation and that she believed any such overture to her loss would be in vain. In addition, () stated that STAROBIN frequently mentions the name CIA and also speaks of the intelligence organizations of other nations. () advised that she believes STAROBIN to be a law student since she met him through a friend (not named), a lawyer who claims STAROBIN is a college friend. () was ordered not to have any further contacts with STAROBIN.

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