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SUBJECT: PIEL, Gerard [REDACTED]

(aka: "Jerry" PIEL)

1. Gerard PIEL is on the Board of Trustees of the Institute of Policy Studies (1963 information). [Eleanor Virden Jackson PIEL, wife of Gerard PIEL, was on the Board of Directors of Ramparts magazine from July 1966 to June 1967, the last issue of Ramparts listing the names of the Board of Directors.] [REDACTED]

2. Since 1947 Gerard PIEL has been president of Scientific American, Inc.

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The September 1963 issue of Scientific American carries an ad for personnel for CIA which states that the Agency has career opportunities for physicists, chemists, etc. and that inquiry should be made to Dr. William R. Rufford, 2430 "E" Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.

3. Information received from the FBI which reflects the following:

In November 1951 PIEL was appointed a Special Consultant to the Federal Security Agency, Washington, D.C.

Gerard PIEL was Science Editor of Life magazine (published by Time magazine) from 1938 to 1944. One of his co-workers at Life was Dennis FLANAGAN, son of Nan BRAYMAN, well-known CP member. In 1947 PIEL, FLANAGAN and Donald MILLER set up a management partnership and bought Scientific American, Inc. Whitaker CHAMBER, self-confessed Soviet espionage agent, who was an editor of Time, reported that a group of three or four people left Time and became editors of Scientific American. "Jerry" PIEL was the leader of this group which included Dennis FLANAGAN. CHAMBERS stated that the group members probably were Communist sympathizers. He further stated that a mysterious subsidy became available for the purchase of Scientific American. PIEL selected FLANAGAN to be an editor and vice president.

PIEL was registered at the Board of Election in 1944, 1946 and 1947

for the American Labor Party (cited by HCUA in Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications).

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Gerard PIEL and his first wife, Mary Bird PIEL, living at 138A W. 12 Street, New York City, were active in 1950 in the "12th Street Neighbors for Peace", which was connected with the Stockholm Peace Petition. PIEL was the leader of one of the programs held by the "12th Street Neighbors for Peace" and spoke on the hydrogen bomb. It is known that one of the meetings was held on 19 July 1950 at the home of Mark SHULMAN, 4 East 12th Street, New York City. Mrs. SHULMAN (Pearl MULLEN) was identified as an active Communist from 1930 to 1945. During this time the CP had increased its pressure on the "peace offensive" ranging from national headquarters down to neighborhood groups.

On 30 October 1950 the FBI interviewed Gerard PIEL concerning his association with Abraham BROTHMAN. Abraham BROTHMAN and Miriam MOSKOWITZ were convicted in November 1950 in the Federal Court of New York City on charge of obstructing justice in connection with the trial of Julius ROSENBERG, convicted and sentenced in New York in 1951 on espionage charge.

Elizabeth BENTLY, former Soviet espionage agent, testified in court that she had acted as courier between BROTHMAN and Jacob GOLOS, head of the Soviet espionage net, in 1941. PIEL said that he was an acquaintance of BROTHMAN and MOSKOWITZ. He said that he first met BROTHMAN when he (PIEL) was employed by the Henry J. Kaiser Co., 610 Fifth Avenue, New York City, in 1946. PIEL said that he had heard that BROTHMAN was a chemist of distinction and reportedly well informed on plastics and attempted to get BROTHMAN to do some work for the Kaiser Company. BROTHMAN did not go to work for the Kaiser Company. PIEL said that BROTHMAN told him that he had appeared before a Grand Jury in 1947 in connection with a charge of Communism. BROTHMAN, after his release on bail, called on PIEL and asked him to publish a scientific article that BROTHMAN had written. PIEL said that he told BROTHMAN to send the article to him and that it would be considered on the basis of its scientific worth. PIEL stated that Marian MOSKOWITZ had called him after her arrest asking for financial help and that he told her that he could not help.

On 15 December 1954 Gerard PIEL was a guest at a Bill of Rights dinner in New York City, sponsored by the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee (cited by HCUA).

On 16 March 1956 Gerard PIEL was in contact with Iosif ZELENSAK [REDACTED] 3rd Secretary, Rumanian Legation, Washington, D.C. (Believed to be a security officer at the Legation.)

PIEL and his second wife, Eleanor Jackson PIEL, stated that they intended to travel to Europe on 10 February 1958 and wanted to visit the Soviet Union. A polish visa had been issued to PIEL during the period 1 November 1957 to 21 February 1958.

On 6-7 August 1959 PIEL was invited to a press conference and the closing of the Soviet Fair at the New York Coliseum, New York City.

Gerard PIEL made a contribution of \$100.00 on 5 February 1960 to the Citizens Committee to Preserve American Freedoms, Los Angeles (cited by HCUA).

On 12 September 1960 PIEL attempted to contact Raul ROA, Foreign Minister of Cuba, at the Cuban Mission to the United Nations, New York City, to invite ROA to dinner. Mrs. ROA said that PIEL was a friend of theirs. Gerard PIEL and his wife were invited to a reception on 24 September 1960 sponsored by the Fair Play for Cuba Committee in honor of Fidel CASTRO in New York City.

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In January APIEL's name was on the mailing list of the West Side
Peace Committee, Conference of Greater New York Peace Groups.

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Biographic Data

PIEL, Gerard (aka "Jerry")

Born 1 March 1917, Long Island, New York, son of William F. J. PIEL born in Belgium, President of Piel Brothers Brewery of Brooklyn, New York, and Loretta PIEL (see SCOTT).

Siblings: William F.J. PIEL, Jr.; partner in the law firm Sullivan and Crosswell, New York City.

David J. PIEL, New York City.

John J. PIEL, M.D., San Francisco, California.

Mary Piel WARD, Greenwich, Connecticut.

Rita Piel BROWN, Harwinton, Connecticut.

Education: AB Harvard - 1937
Dr. Science - Lawrence College, Appleton, Wisconsin, 1956.
Colby College - 1960.
University of British Columbia - 1965.

Career: 1938 - 1944 - Science Editor, Life magazine
1945 - 1945 - Henry J. Kaiser College, New York City
1946 (June) - 1947 (September) - Self employed.
1947 (September) - Organized Scientific American.

Marriages: Mary PIEL (nee BIRD) born 24 August 1914, Hutley, New Jersey.

Divorced in 1954. Two sons: Jonathan Bird PIEL and Samuel Bird PIEL.

Eleanor Virden-Jackson PIEL (SEE separate summary).

Addresses: 1937 - 30 Fifth Avenue, New York City

1938 - 9 East 97th Street, New York City

October 1942 - September 1943 - Lime Kill Road, Suffern, New York
ca. 1947 - ? - 138 A W. 12th Street, New York City

1951 - 24 Bank Street, New York City

Present - 320 Central Park West, New York City

Sources: Who's Who in America 1966-1967

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BROTHMAN, Abraham: Convicted in Nov 1950 on charge of obstructing justice in trial of Julius ROSENBERG.

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