



U.S. Department of Justice

Federal Bureau of Investigation

Washington, D.C. 20535

MR PAUL SPORER

July 26, 2007

Subject: SPORER, CHARLES

FOIPA No. 1063514- 000

Dear Requester:

The enclosed documents were reviewed under the Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts (FOIPA), Title 5, United States Code, Section 552/552a. Deletions have been made to protect information which is exempt from disclosure, with the appropriate exemptions noted on the page next to the excision. In addition, a deleted page information sheet was inserted in the file to indicate where pages were withheld entirely. The exemptions used to withhold information are marked below and explained on the enclosed Form OPCA-16a:

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78 page(s) were reviewed and 78 page(s) are being released.

- Document(s) were located which originated with, or contained information concerning other Government agency(ies) [OGA]. This information has been:
 - referred to the OGA for review and direct response to you.
 - referred to the OGA for consultation. The FBI will correspond with you regarding this information when the consultation is finished.

You have the right to appeal any denials in this release. Appeals should be directed in writing to the Director, Office of Information and Privacy, U.S. Department of Justice, 1425 New York Ave., NW, Suite 11050, Washington, D.C. 20530-0001 within sixty days from the date of this letter. The envelope and the letter should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Appeal" or "Information Appeal." Please cite the FOIPA number assigned to your request so that it may be easily identified.

The enclosed material is from the main investigative file(s) in which the subject(s) of your request was the focus of the investigation. Our search located additional references, in files relating to other individuals, or matters, which may or may not be about your subject(s). Our experience has shown, when ident, references usually contain information similar to the information processed in the main file(s). Because of our significant backlog, we have given priority to processing only the main investigative file(s). If you want the references, you must submit a separate request for them in writing, and they will be reviewed at a later date, as time and resources permit.

EXPLANATION OF EXEMPTIONS

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- (b)(1) (A) specifically authorized under criteria established by an Executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy and (B) are in fact properly classified to such Executive order;
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- (b)(7) records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, but only to the extent that the production of such law enforcement records or information (A) could be reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings, (B) would deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication, (C) could be reasonably expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, (D) could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of confidential source, including a State, local, or foreign agency or authority or any private institution which furnished information on a confidential basis, and, in the case of record or information compiled by a criminal law enforcement authority in the course of a criminal investigation, or by an agency conducting a lawful national security intelligence investigation, information furnished by a confidential source, (E) would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions if such disclosure could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law, or (F) could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual;
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AMERICAN EMBASSY

Rome, Italy, June 28, 1948

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No. 997

Received from the State Department
through Liaison channels

Date: 9/18/48

SUBJECT: Disappearance of Ante Paskov, Messenger at
American Consulate, Zagreb.

[Redacted box]

ANTONIO PASKOV

With reference to telegram No. 2777 of June 25, 1948
regarding the disappearance of Ante Paskov, a messenger of
the American Consulate at Zagreb, the Embassy at Rome has the
honor to transmit herewith copies of a letter, with enclosure,
which it has received from Mr. Paskov, as well as copies of a
letter received from (Sporer Dragutin) the pilot of the Yugoslav
plane on which Paskov escaped from Yugoslavia.

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Enclosures:

1. Copies of Letter from Ante Paskov, with enclosure.
2. Copies of Letter from Sporer Dragutin.

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Fraschette June 17 1948

To the

Embassy of the USA

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I undersigned Paskov Ante am employed by the American Consulate at Zagreb, Jugoslavia, as office boy.

As you can see from the annexed letter to the American Consulate at Zagreb, Jugoslavia, I have escaped from Jugoslavia at June 3 with the pilot-radio telegraphist Sporer Dragutin leaving my family to the mercy of the communist police, although I love my family with all my heart, because I wished not to betray the confidence of the American Consular Authorities at Zagreb.

Considering that, I am sure that you will be so kind to send somebody to us here in Fraschette for obtain our liberation.

I beg you also to send the included letter to the American Consulate at Zagreb.

Your faithfully

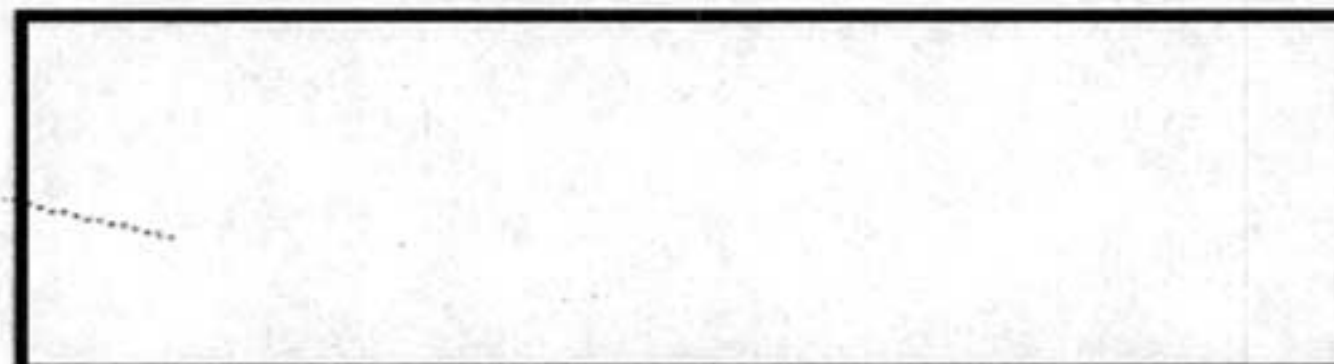
(Signed) Ante Paskov

My address

Paskov Antonio
U.R.P.S. gr. 3
Fraschette by Alatri
prov. Frosinone

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To

The American Consulate

Zagreb Jugoslavia

I undersigned, your employee Paskov Ante declare the seguent; about April 29 I became the deliberation to leave my flat inside three days with the right to make my observations into the term of three days, what I have done and I have gone to the lodging office, but without any result, having been answered that the competent law clerk is not in office and that I must come the next day.

When I came the next day the law clerk had simply told me that I must work for the OZNA, because I have till yet done nothing for the new Jugoslavia while I have all the probabilities to done it. He told me that I must tell him who comes into the consulate, what for, and all the movements inside the Consulate. He told me also that he has the law into his hands and that he can do all he wish with me, and finally he compelled me to undersign that I am a collaborator of OZNA. He told me that I must meet him and made my reports to him.

This was for me a very heavy blow and I lost all my forces, especially when he told me that I must speak of the question with nobody if I wish not to be killed.

On our first meeting I have told him that I cannot act this way, that into the Consulate is coming nobody except the farmers asking for the probabilities of emigration in USA but he told me that I am in condition of helping him very much, and they will give me food and other articles, also money but I refused all his proposals knowing that I shall go to my vacancy on May 1 and thinking that maybe I shall be in the possibility to escape from Jugoslavia. In the meantime I losed constantly my weight till I lose 7 kg. I thinked day and night that, if I shall be compelled to do what they asked from me, I shall lost my honour, and if this must happen it is better for me to lost my life and so I decided to escape or to die, and to leave my family that I love with all my heart, as you all know, and from whom I have had no news since today.

I succeed to escape, in the contrary I will done self murder, because I was not wishing to betray the confidence of [redacted] who was so kind to recomand me and [redacted]

I know that I am guilty for not having told all to [redacted] but I was menaced of death and I have noticed that a member of OZNA was always behind me and I beg [redacted] to consider this fact and to help me in this my misfortune.

When asked by the Italian authorities wher I wish to emigrate I declared that I wish to go to USA and I hope that [redacted] will help me.

I pray too that my salary will be paid to my wife and to protect my family, and if possible to give my news and his news to me.

Now I shall describe my flight; I think about May 1 in afternoon I meet a person and I told him that I wish to escape from Jugoslavia. He answered me that a friend of him wish to escape with an airplane and if I wish I can go with him. I decide to go and got the first train for Belgrad.

The next day I meet the radio telegraphist and pilot Dragutin Sporer, who bought me the ticket for the airplane Belgrad-Sarajevo. The next day we have had a meeting in his room and he told me that tomorow when I come into the airplane I must seat at the first place behind the pilot cabin and when he shall call me I must enter into the cabin.

After 15 minutes flight he called me and when I entered the cabin Dragutin Sporer got the pistol and compelled his assistant to rise the handt up and than I bound his wrists. This way we bound all the equipe except for the second pilot whom Sporer ordered to obey him. Than Sporer seated himself

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on the other place and piloted so till near Split, when he raised and seated down on the radio for send a message to Rome. In this moment the second pilot, who was sitting on the second pilot place stopped the second motor crying; hunting flighters, for disconcern Sporer and in the meantime he flung himself over me for take my pistol. But Sporer come to me, took my pistol, fired two times, ordered to the second pilot hands up and seated on the first pilot place. He succeed to erect the airplane while I bound the second pilot on the radio.

Now I was watching all the four bounded fellows and Sporer piloted the airplane over the Adriatic Sea, while we have seen Bari. Then told me to untie the second pilot, and ordered him to seat at the second pilot place flighting along the litoral, while Sporer send through the radio a message to Brindisi, then seated himself on the second pilot place and so we comed at the aerodrom Palese by Bari.

Now I and Sporer are into the camp Frascette by Alatri-Rome, and We beg you kindly to help us.

Your faithfully

(Signed) Ante Paskov

My address
Paskov Ante
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Fraschette d'Alatri 18 Juni 1948

To the

EMBASSY of USA

ROME.

My name is Sporer Dragutin, aged 28, born at Zagreb (Jugoslavia).

I am WOP/AIR and pilot, and before the War I was in the Jugoslav Air Forces till April 10 1944. After that I was in the Croatian Air Forces, when, on February 1944, I escaped with an airplane in Italy, where I have been since April 10 1944 in the RAF in the Middle East, as WOP/AIR, and after that in BAF since November 1944, and finally in Jugoslavia.

Till February 1 1947 I was in the Jugoslav transport Commando, when I was demobilized and I got job in the Jugoslav Civil Airlines (JAT)

On June 3 this year with an airplane Douglas with 22 passengers and 5 air crew, when the same flie from Beograd to Sarajevo with the help of a passenger I bound the other members of the crew, it is to say the first and the second pilot, the engineer and WOP/AIR assistant, continuing to flie to Bari (Italy) where the airplane landed the same day about 16,30 GMT.

The names of the passengers that comed, as stabilized before, and remained in Italy are; Paskov Ante, Petrovic Alexandra and Tomovic Spasojka.

I have relatives in USA and I wish to emigrate there. Because I am now into a Concentration Camp, I beg you to be so kind and inform me of the possibilities of this my purpose.

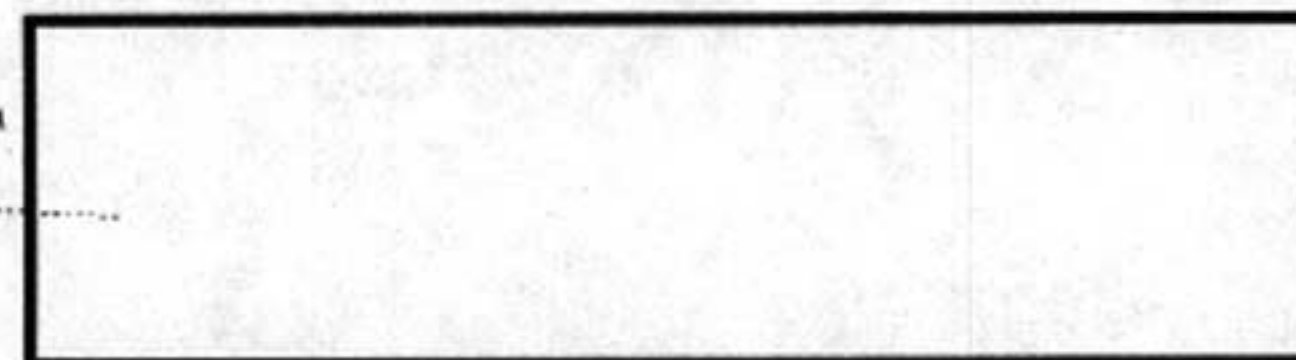
Awaiting your answer I remain

your very truly

(Signed) Sporer Dragutin

My address
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

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FROM : SAC, NEW YORK [redacted] (P)

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SUBJECT: DRAGO SPORER

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Attached herewith for the Bureau are two photographic copies of an article which appeared on page 5 of the Pan American World Airways publication "The Clipper", dated April, 1957.

Attached herewith for the Milwaukee Office are two photographic copies of the above mentioned article and one copy of NY report of SA [redacted] dated 7/8/55, entitled "UNITED AMERICAN CROATIANS [redacted]". This report contains information regarding SPORER.

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Established sources are currently being contacted for additional information, which, when obtained, will be provided to the Bureau and Milwaukee.

The original of "The Clipper" article was furnished by [redacted] on 5/19/57. [redacted] has furnished reliable information in the past.

See encl.

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Flight TO FREEDOM

A drama that had its beginnings nine years ago in the air over Yugoslavia came to a joyous conclusion for Charles Sporer, GAO Pax Rev, on January 29. On that day his long-standing desire to attain United States citizenship was realized.

A Yugoslavian by birth, but determined to escape Communist control, Mr. Sporer, on June 3, 1948, took command by force of the Yugoslavian Airline DC-3 of which he was a regular crew member and found asylum in the free world.

Of the 27 other persons aboard the plane, only one, a passenger, was in league with Mr. Sporer. After ordering the flight mechanic into the baggage compartment to check on an imaginary imbalancing factor and directing the stewardess to remain in the rear to help balance the craft, Mr. Sporer gave a pre-arranged signal to his co-conspirator to enter the cockpit. This alarmed no one, passengers being permitted to make in-flight cockpit visits as a matter of policy on the Yugoslavian Airline.

Mr. Sporer, in true Wild West fashion, was armed with two pistols. He kept a close scrutiny on the radio operator and the Captain while his colleague bound them with rope. The second pilot was at the controls and remained unaware of what was transpiring. When the mechanic returned from his wild goose chase, he soon found himself bound hand and foot and huddled in a corner with the other crew members. The cooperative passenger kept all three under guard.

Mr. Sporer then assumed the Captain's seat and set course for Bari, Italy. His pistol persuaded the second pilot to obey his commands.

The passengers and stewardess gained no inkling of these events until they observed that the plane was flying over water. It was bound from Belgrade to Sarajevo and should have



CHARLES SPORER

remained over land. One of the passengers, a member of the Yugoslav Cabinet, then attempted to enter the cockpit but quickly desisted when he found that the doors had been tied shut.

The venture very nearly resulted in tragedy when Mr. Sporer attempted to satiate a long-suppressed desire to express his opinion of Yugoslavia's overlords. He wanted to radio his "goodbye to Belgrade" and the second pilot seized the opportunity presented by Mr. Sporer's preoccupation with the radio controls to make a last ditch effort to frustrate his plan.

When Mr. Sporer noticed that the plane had changed course, he jumped to the second pilot's side, fired a warning shot, and found that one motor was not running. Quite shaken because the plane was losing altitude rapidly and had veered way off course, it took him a few seconds to find the trouble.

The copilot had switched the engine's fuel supply to an empty gas tank. Mr. Sporer remedied this and, fortunately, the motor kicked right over. The remainder of the trip was uneventful.

Shortly after arriving at Bari, Mr. Sporer's request for asylum was granted. Only three of the passengers and none of the crew members elected to remain on this side of the Iron Curtain. (Continued on Page 10)

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For the next three years, while awaiting the issuance of an American visa, Mr. Sporer was employed by the International Refugee Organization. He arrived in the U.S.A. on September 21, 1951 and joined PAA three weeks later.

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FROM : SAC, NEW YORK [redacted]

SUBJECT: [redacted]

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Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are five copies of a letterhead memorandum and five copies of an evaluation memorandum, dated and captioned as above.

The information contained in the letterhead memorandum is being furnished to the Bureau in a form suitable for dissemination.

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One copy of the letterhead memorandum is being furnished to the INS, NYC.

NYO files contain no other references to the subject other than the information received from INS, Philadelphia.

The NYO will conduct no active investigation regarding this subject.

In the event any information is received that the subject is taking positive steps to remain in the US, the Bureau will be immediately advised.

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August 29, 1960

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
New York, New York

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

August 29, 1960

Re: [REDACTED]

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A confidential source advised on August 5, 1960, that he had recently had a conversation with an individual who is acquainted with [REDACTED] who is generally known as [REDACTED]. The individual advised the confidential source that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The individual informed the confidential source that [REDACTED] had recently arrived in the United States for the purpose of visiting [REDACTED] Mrs. Dragutin Sporer, who resides at 47-21 98th Street, Corona, New York. Mrs. Sporer is the wife of Dragutin Sporer, a former Yugoslav airplane pilot who fled Yugoslavia a number of years ago and subsequently entered the United States for permanent residency.

Concerning [REDACTED] the individual advised the confidential source that [REDACTED] was born in Ohrid, Yugoslavia, and is approximately 40 years of age. [REDACTED] was employed several years ago as an electrical engineer at the Rade Koncar, which is a large factory located in Zagreb, Yugoslavia. [REDACTED] recently wrote a book about higher mathematics for which he received a bonus of 3500 dinars from the Yugoslav Government. [REDACTED] is well read and knows much about the education and economic conditions in Yugoslavia, as well as the Yugoslav political situation in that country.

The confidential source advised that he gained the impression as a result of his conversation with the individual that [REDACTED] would prefer to remain in the United States permanently rather than return to Yugoslavia. The confidential source furnished no specific information that [REDACTED] has taken any positive steps to remain in the United States for permanent residency.

The confidential source advised he is not personally acquainted with [REDACTED] nor has he ever observed [REDACTED] and, as a result, is unable to furnish a physical description concerning him.

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[REDACTED]

The Immigration and Naturalization Service located at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, furnished information on July 11, 1960, concerning [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Bobar Sporer, 47-21 98th Street, Corona 68, New York, and was admitted until November 9, 1960.

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DATED 04-18-2007

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 8-28-63

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FROM : SAC, WFO [redacted] (RUC)

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On 7-19-63 SA [redacted] caused a search to be made of the Security and Visa Office of the Department of State and was advised their files contained no identifiable record concerning the subject.

IC [redacted] caused a search to be made of the files of the Passport Office, Department of State and was advised on 7-23-63 that no identifiable record was located concerning the subject.

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On August 5, 1963, SA [redacted]

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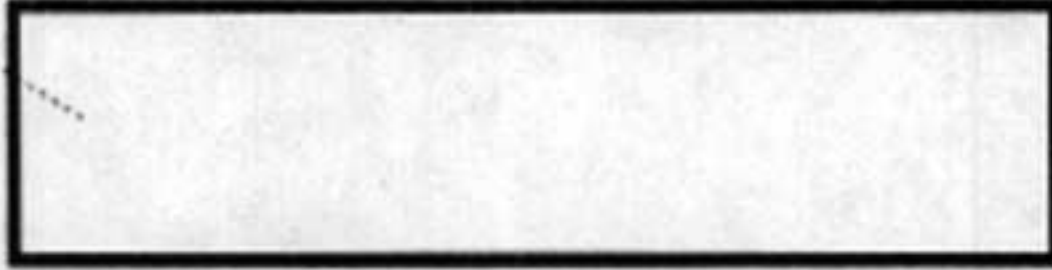
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On 8-21-63 IC  was advised by Central Records Office, Immigration and Naturalization Service that no identifiable record could be located concerning the subject.

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AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN. Will check records local INS for any information concerning the subject and forward results to Bureau and WFO.

Will consider checking G-2, Fort Holabird, Maryland, for any information concerning subject.

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(S) FROM : *PHJ* SAC, MILWAUKEE [redacted] (P)

SUBJECT: DRAGO SPORER
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(S) OO: MILWAUKEE

0-7 to MI #4 12-363
Ans: letter to reach [redacted] 12/10/63

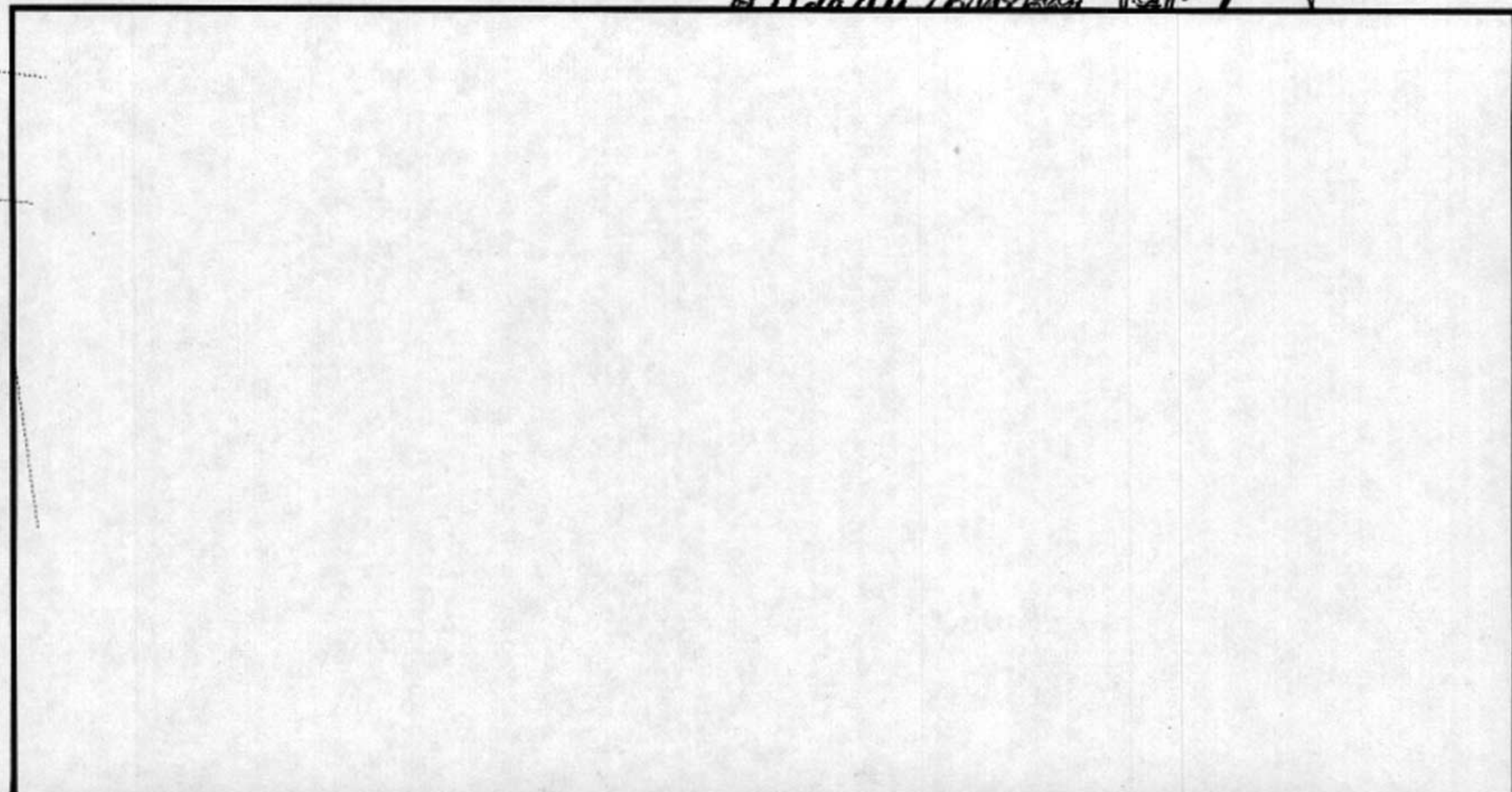
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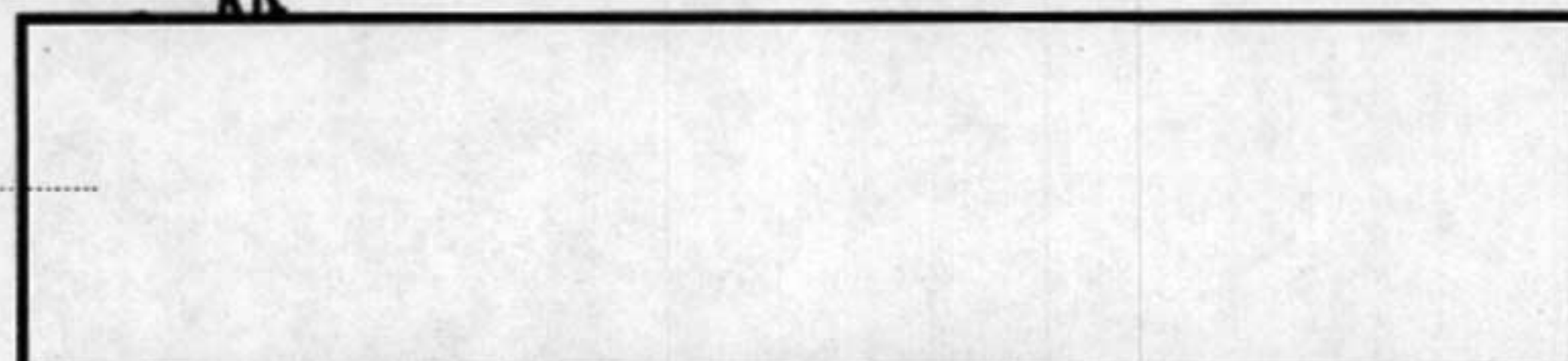
A check of the records of INS, Federal Building, Milwaukee, failed to reflect any record for the captioned individual.

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The Baltimore Office is requested to check records of G-2, Fort Holabird, Maryland, for any information concerning the subject.

- (S) ② - Bureau (RM)
- 2 - Baltimore (RM)
- 1 - WFO (RM) (Info)
- 1 - Milwaukee [redacted]
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DATE: 11/13/63

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

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FROM : SAC, BALTIMORE [redacted] RUC

SUBJECT: DRAGO SPOBER
[redacted]

(S) OO: Milwaukee

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Re Milwaukee letter to Bureau, 9/30/63.

Files of G-2, USACRF, Fort Holabird, Baltimore, Maryland, were checked through the [redacted] on 11/7/63 for SA [redacted] without locating any record of the subject.

*for
S.I.*

- 2 - Bureau (REGIS MAIL)
 - 2 - Milwaukee [redacted] (REGIS. AIRMAIL)
 - 1 - WFO (Info.) (REGIS. MAIL)
 - 1 - Baltimore
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DATE: 11/13/63

TO (S): DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK [redacted] (RUC)

SUBJECT: DRAGO SPOBER aka
Dragutin Sporer; Charles Sporer
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Enclosed herewith are five copies for the Bureau and two for Milwaukee of a memorandum dated and captioned as above.

Information set forth herein was obtained from a highly sensitive source and if utilized in disseminable communication must be suitably paraphrased to protect this source and is classified "Secret".

(S) The first source is [redacted] The second source mentioned is [redacted] who provided this information to SA [redacted]

(S) The third source is [redacted] who furnished this information to SAS [redacted]

(S) The fourth source is [redacted]

(S) [redacted] who furnished this information to SA [redacted]

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- (S) (2-Bureau (Encls. 5) (RM) *NR*)
- (S) (2-Milwaukee (Encls. 2) (RM))
- (S) (1-New York [redacted])
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AGENCY [redacted]
 REQ. REC'D [redacted]
 DATE FORW. 11-26-63
 HOW FORW. [redacted]
 BY [redacted]

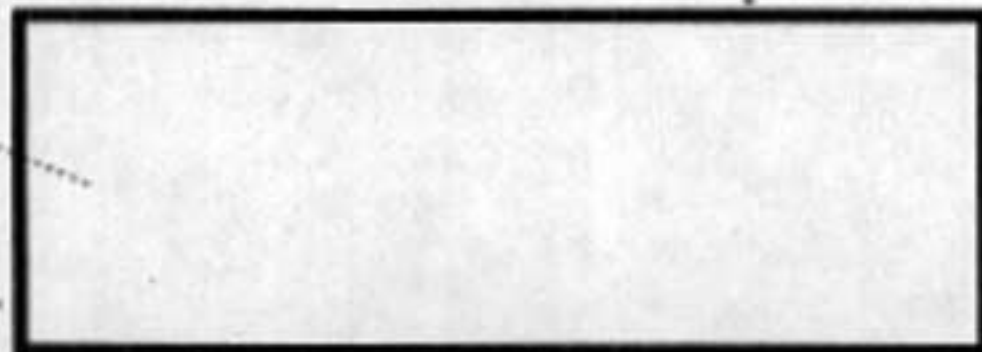
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November 13, 1963

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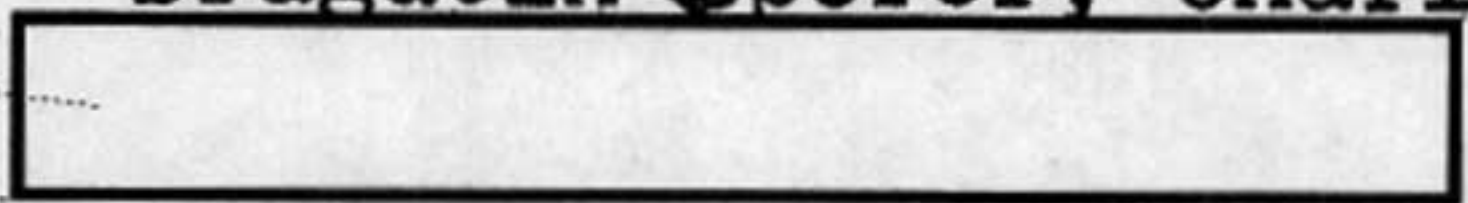
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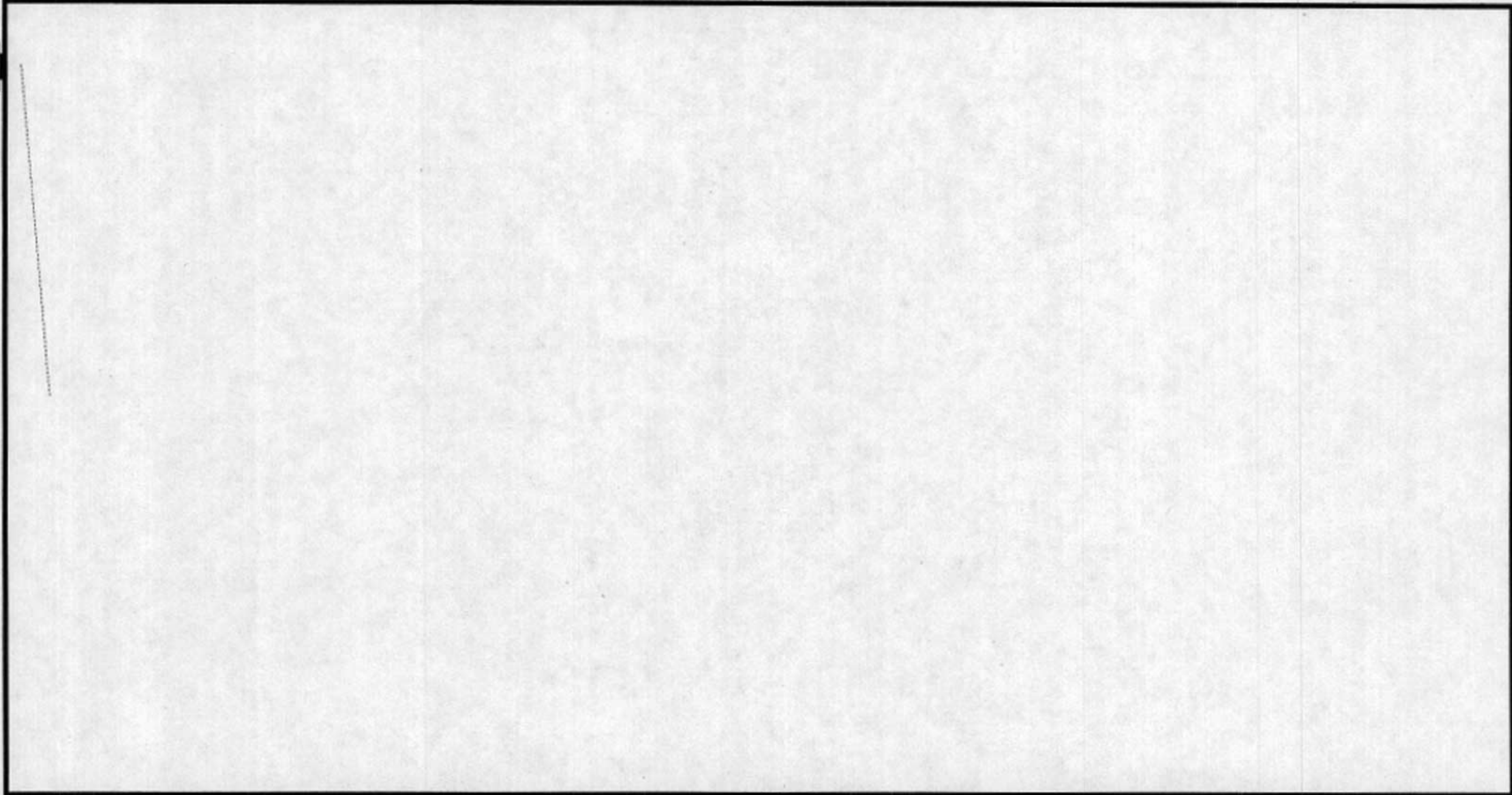
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Drago Sporer also known as
Dragutin Sporer; Charles Sporer

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Sporer and his wife reside at 32-36 47th Street,
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Drago Sporer

Sporer was an Air Force Sergeant in the Air Force of the Royal Government of Yugoslavia. During World War II, he joined the Air Force of the Independent State of Croatia, which was under the leadership of Dr. Ante Pavelic, who became an ally of Hitler.

The source was of the opinion that Sporer was not a true follower of the Pavelic Terrorist Government.

In 1945, when Tito took control of Yugoslavia, Sporer continued to serve with the Yugoslav Air Force. He soon realized what type of control a Communist Government exerted over its people, and on June 3, 1948 fled from Yugoslavia under dramatic circumstances. Sporer took control of a Yugoslav plane which was carrying 27 passengers and ordered it flown out of Yugoslavia into Italy. Sporer was granted asylum in Italy and subsequently he came to the United States.

From 1948 to 1951 while residing in Rome, Italy, Sporer worked for the International Refugee Association. During this period he associated with various anti-Communist and anti-Fascist elements of the Serbian, Croatian and Slovene colonies in that area.

In September, 1951, Sporer came to the United States and took up residence in New York City. Soon afterwards he obtained a position with Pan American World Airways where he is known as a good worker and enjoys many friendships.

Sporer was not involved in politics while in Yugoslavia. Since his arrival in the United States he has given the impression of attempting to play an important role among

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Yugoslav refugee elements. Sporer joined a Croatian Youth Group which advocated unity with Serbians and Slovenes, and generally advocates a pro-Yugoslav line.

Sporer is a correspondent for certain Croatian publications wherein he continuously praises the American system of government.

In New York Sporer gives the impression of being very ambitious and is often seen in the company of exiled leaders of Yugoslavia, who currently reside in the New York City area. Sporer engaged in much correspondence with friends in Europe and follows newspaper articles which appear in a wide variety of newspapers, both in the United States and in Europe on matters pertaining to Yugoslavia.

Sporer gives the impression of gathering information of every type regarding the activities of anti-Communist organizations of the Serbs, Croats and Slovenes in the United States and abroad. The source stated it is not clear to whom Sporer is providing the information he gathers.

The source stated it is his opinion that Sporer would not be disloyal to the United States and he does not believe him to be a Communist or a Communist sympathizer. The source stated that he has known Sporer to sharply criticize Fascist elements as well as Communists.

On April 10, 1955, Sporer directed a letter to the head of a Radio Station in New York City (Radio Station WHOM) stating that a Croatian organization which was to offer lectures through this Radio Station was identified with the Fascist government which ruled Croatia during World War II.

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On March 30, 1959, this source furnished information that Sporer along with a group of Croatian intellectuals and politicians met in the apartment of Bogdan Radica in New York City, and discussed the current situation in Yugoslavia. The source stated that this gathering consisted of various elements of the Croatian colony in the United States as well as some exiled leaders from Europe.

The source stated that Radica was a former news correspondent for the current Yugoslav Communist Government. Radica defected to the United States in approximately 1947.

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The records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), 20 West Broadway, New York, New York, contain the following information:

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] He was destined to the residence of Charles Sporer, 37-79, 101st Street, Corona, New York. [REDACTED] was accompanied by [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

A third source, who served as a member of the Yugoslav Army from 1947 to 1953, on July 24, 1957, stated that Drago Sporer is an employee of the Pan American World Airline in New York, and resides at 32-36 47th Street, Astoria, Long Island, New York. The source stated that Sporer is of Croatian descent and is a member of the Roman Catholic Church. The source stated that even though Sporer is a member of the Roman Catholic Church he attends many agents

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organized by the Serbian Orthodox Church in New York City and usually takes notes whenever speeches are given. This source stated that he considers this highly unusual and he has gained the impression that Sporer must be collecting information in behalf of some investigative agency. This source was unable to elaborate any further in this regard.

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On November 9, 1957, an individual who gave his name as Charles Sporer appeared at the New York Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and provided the following information:

He stated he is a former Yugoslav Air Force pilot who came to the United States in September, 1951, and was currently employed as an accountant with Pan American World Airways in Long Island, New York. He stated that he escaped from Yugoslavia by flying one of the Yugoslav planes out of Yugoslavia into Italy. //

Sporer stated that on November 8, 1957, he received a telephone call from an individual who stated he had been aboard the Yugoslav plane which Sporer utilized to

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Drago Sporer

escape from Yugoslavia. This individual would not reveal his name, but stated he was from Montenegro, Yugoslavia.

Sporer stated that on November 9, 1957, this individual again telephoned Sporer at Sporer's office, and requested to meet him outside of Sporer's office. Sporer stated that he departed from his office to meet this individual, but when he appeared at the designated place, this individual did not appear.

✓ Sporer stated that it was his impression that perhaps from one of the Yugoslav establishments in New York City, were conducting some type of investigation to ascertain Sporer's whereabouts in the United States. Sporer concluded by stating that he had not additional information to supply, but would provide the New York Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation any additional information which may develop in this regard.

Sporer gave his address as 47-21 78th Street, Corona 68, New York, telephone number Illinois 7-0969.

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(S) TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 12/10/63

(S) FROM : SAC, MILWAUKEE

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Dragutin Sporer; Charles Sporer

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Enclosed are five copies for the Bureau, 2 for New York and one for the WFO of a letterhead memorandum captioned "DRAGO SPORER, aka. Dragutin Sporer, Charles Sporer"

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[Redacted]

[Redacted]

The Confidential Source referred to in the letterhead memorandum is

[Redacted]

an established source of the Milwaukee Office on Yugoslav matters. LHM is classified confidential due to information supplied by this source, the unauthorized disclosure of which could possibly result in the compromising of a source of continuing value.

- (S) 2 - Bureau [Redacted] (Encs. 5) (RM)
- (S) 2 - New York [Redacted] (Encs. 2) (RM)
- (S) 1 - Washington Field (Enc. 1) (RM)
- (S) 1 - Milwaukee [Redacted]

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LHM not disseminated since it contains no info of intelligence interest

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Milwaukee, Wisconsin
December 10, 1963

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(S) DRAGO SPORER, also known as
Dragutin Sporer, Charles Sporer
[Redacted]

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On September 11, 1963, [Redacted] Immigration and
Naturalization Service, Federal Building, Milwaukee,
Wisconsin, advised that her records failed to reflect any
record of captioned subject.

On September 27, 1963, [Redacted] Credit Bureau, Milwaukee
Association of Commerce, 611 North Broadway, Milwaukee,
Wisconsin, advised that her records contained no record for
captioned subject.

On October 18, 1963, [Redacted] Bureau of Identification,
Milwaukee Police Department, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, advised
that her records contained no arrest record for Drago Sporer.

The following persons were contacted in the neighborhood
of the 400 block North 32rd, Milwaukee, on October 11, 1963,
and they advised that the captioned person was unknown to
them:

[Redacted]

A Confidential Source conversant with Yugoslav matters
in the Milwaukee area on November 27, 1963, advised that
captioned person was unknown to him and he was unable to
furnish any information regarding him.

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TO

SAC, New York

(Your file)

DATE: 2-18-64

FROM

Director, FBI (Bufile and Serial)

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Room No.

636 RB

SUBJECT:

OMNIA SPORER

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Post in file and
destroy 0-1
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1. Bufiles indicate this case is delinquent. Give specific reason for delinquency.

Subject currently in NYC area.

All pertinent info let forth

is disseminated from in part.

In absence of info, subject active admit

2. Date airtel letter submitted report letterhead memo will be submitted

3. If valid reason exists for not submitting report at this time, state reason specifically and when report will be submitted

4. Status of Appeal Inquiry Investigation Prosecution
Closed

5. Submit airtel letter report letterhead memo

SEARCHED _____ INDEXED _____
SERIALIZED _____ FILED _____
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FBI - NEW YORK

(Place reply hereon and return to Bureau. Note receipt and acknowledgment on top serial in case file)

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Subject currently in NYC area.

[REDACTED]

All pertinent info set forth
in [REDACTED] disseminable form in past.

In absence of info subject acting against
US defense interests will keep
in closed
Status.

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DATE: 12/10/63

TO: Director, FBI (Bufile - [redacted])

FROM: SAC, MILWAUKEE (RUC)

SUBJECT: DRAGO SPORER, aka.
Dragutin Sporer, Charles Sporer

0-1 to NY re #244 2-18-64
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The captioned individual has been the subject of a security investigation by this office. The New York Division has verified the permanent presence of the subject in its division as residing and working at the addresses listed below. The New York Division is being considered the new office of origin.

Residence address
32-36 47th Street, Astoria, Long Island, New York

Business address

Check the following applicable statements

- This individual is the subject of a Security Index Card (The Bureau is requested to make the appropriate changes in the Security Index at the Seat of Government. The _____ Division should affix the addresses indicated above and the appropriate case file number.)
- This subject is tabbed for Detcom
- This subject was carried as a Key Figure or Top Functionary
- Handwriting specimens have been furnished to the Bureau
- A photograph has been furnished to the Bureau
- A security flash notice has been placed with the Identification Division and a copy has been designated therefor

The following pertinent items are being forwarded to the new Office of Origin with its copies of this letter

- Security Index Cards
- Serials (specify)
- Photograph of subject (check appropriate item listed below)
 - Negative and three copies of most recent or best likeness photograph
 - None available.
 - Previously furnished

Registered Mail

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- (S) 2 - Bureau (Encs. 7) (RM)
(2 cc cover letter and 5 cc letterhead memorandum)
- (S) 2 - New York (Encs. 4 - 2 cc cover letter and 2 cc LHM) (RM)
- (S) 1 - WFO (Encs. 2 - 1 cc cover letter and 2 cc LHM) (RM)
- (S) 1 - Milwaukee

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DATE: 8/14/67

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI [redacted]

(S) FROM : *[Signature]* SAC, NEW YORK [redacted] (C)

SUBJECT: DRAGO SPORER aka
Dragutin Sporer,
Charles Sporer
[redacted]

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Enclosed are nine copies of an LHM captioned as above. Also enclosed are 3 copies of a photograph of the subject. Enclosed for WFO is one copy of an LHM captioned as above.

Subject was interviewed on 11/9/57, at the NY Office of the FBI, where he appeared voluntarily. SPORER at that time stated it was his impression that one of the Yugoslav establishments in NYC was conducting some type of investigation to determine SPORER's whereabouts in the U.S.

In accordance with Bureau instructions, a copy of the LHM is being furnished to the local office of Secret Service along with an FD-376.

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(S) 12) (RM)
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STATE [redacted] /RAO/INS
ONI/OSI/ASST

Date 8/29/67 by *[Signature]*

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SEP 5 1967 Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

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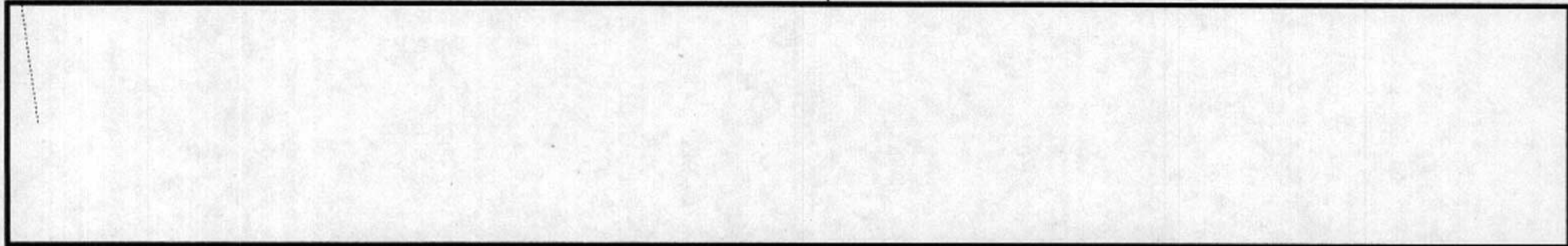
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Also known as Dragutin
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Included in this list was Drago Sporer.

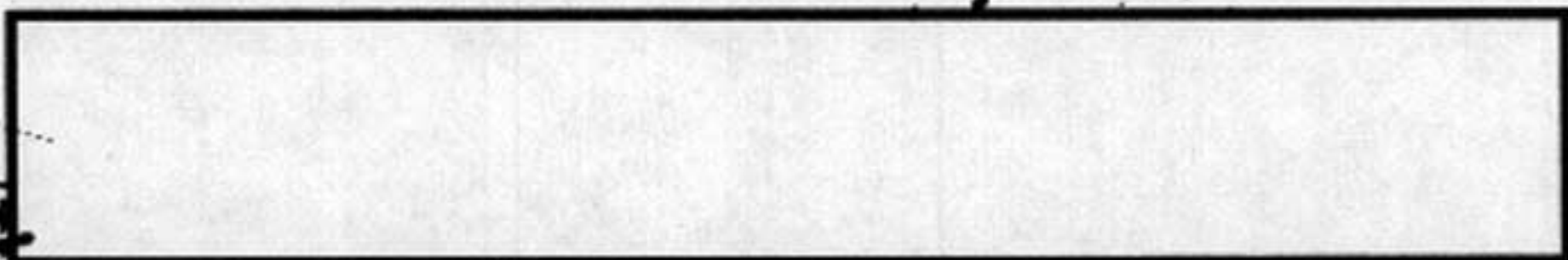
Records of the local office, Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) under file A-8-112-999, reflected that on July 23, 1951, Dragutin Sporer applied for an immigration visa and alien registration before the American Consular Sub-Office at Bagnoli, Naples, Italy. At that time he furnished the following descriptive data:

Name:	Dragutin Sporer
Date of Birth:	December 19, 1919
Place of Birth:	Zagreb, Yugoslavia
Height:	6'2"
Weight:	160 pounds
Hair:	Brown
Eyes:	Brown
Complexion:	Fair
Marks:	None
Relatives:	Father - Anton - deceased
	Mother - Anna, deceased


Zagreb, Yugoslavia

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Drago Sporer

Sporer arrived in the United States at New York City, on September 21, 1951. On January 29, 1957, Sporer was naturalized as an American citizen.

In 1948 Sporer escaped from Yugoslavia by hijacking a Yugoslav airliner in flight. Sporer and a co-conspirator were armed with pistols during the hijacking.

On February 8, 1967, Sporer, residing at 84-20 51st Avenue, Elmhurst, New York, advised that he is currently employed by Pan American World Airways as an accountant. He stated that he does not belong to any Yugoslav organizations in the United States, and he denied participating in any demonstrations in the past.

Sporer is the owner of a 1961 tan Buick, four door sedan, bearing New York license PAA-481.

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August 14, 1967

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Director
United States Secret Service
Department of the Treasury
Washington, D. C. 20220

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Re: Drago Sporer

Dear Sir:

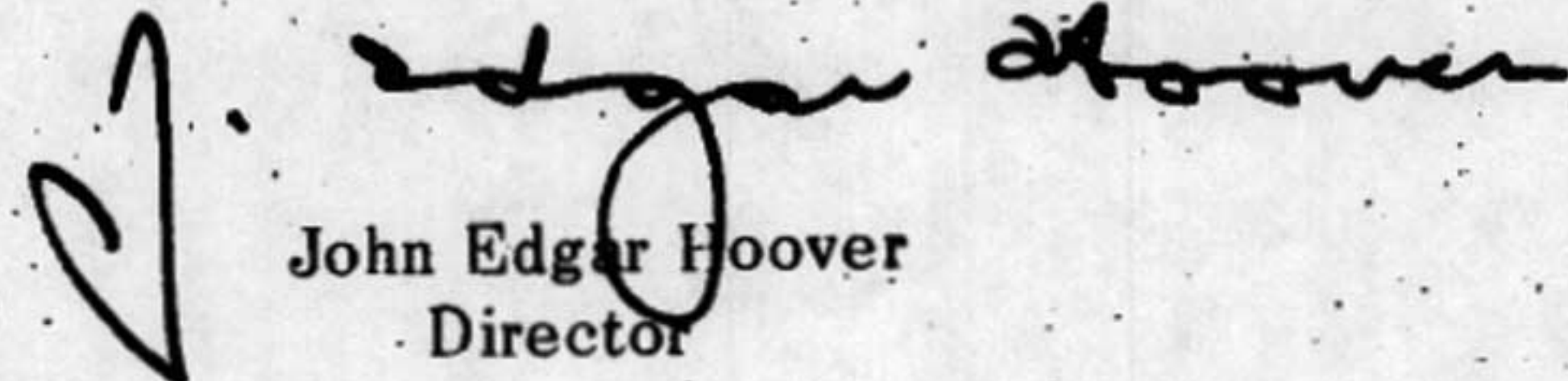
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The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.
2. Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.
3. Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U. S.
4. U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.
5. Subversives, ultrarightists, racists and fascists who meet one or more of the following criteria:
 - (a) Evidence of emotional instability (including unstable residence and employment record) or irrational or suicidal behavior;
 - (b) Expressions of strong or violent anti-U. S. sentiment;
 - (c) Prior acts (including arrests or convictions) or conduct or statements indicating a propensity for violence and antipathy toward good order and government.
6. Individuals involved in illegal bombing or illegal bomb-making.

Photograph has been furnished enclosed is not available
 may be available through _____

Very truly yours,


John Edgar Hoover
Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s))
U. S. Secret Service, NYC (RM)

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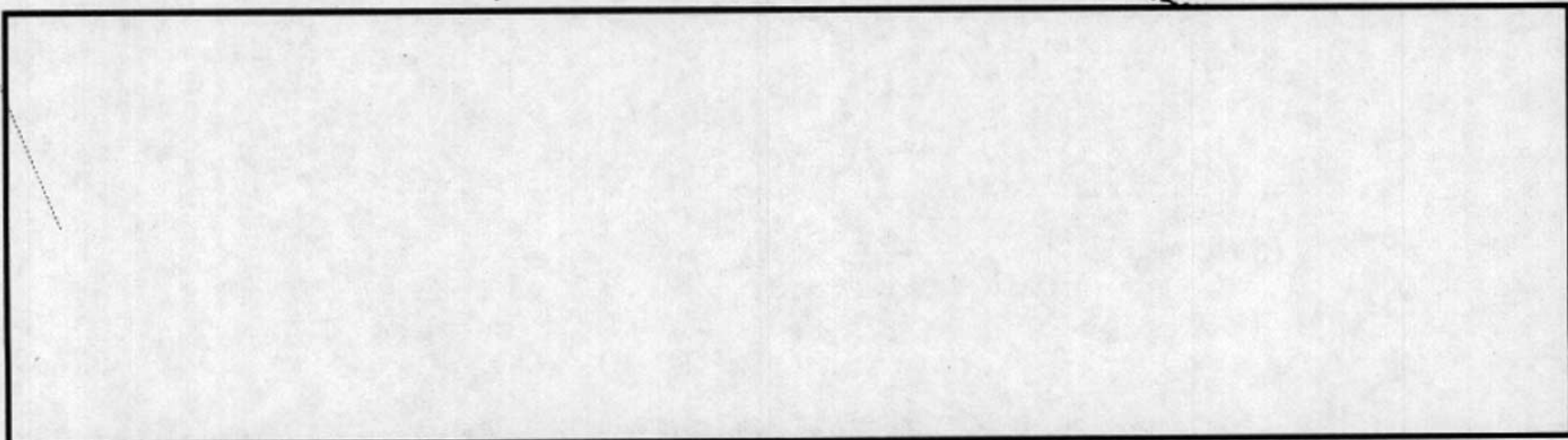
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3 photos of Charles Sporer

9 copies of LHM re subj
3 photos of subj
2 FD 376s

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TO: (S) DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 8/14/67

FROM: (S) SAC, NEW YORK

SUBJECT: DRAGO SPORER, aka

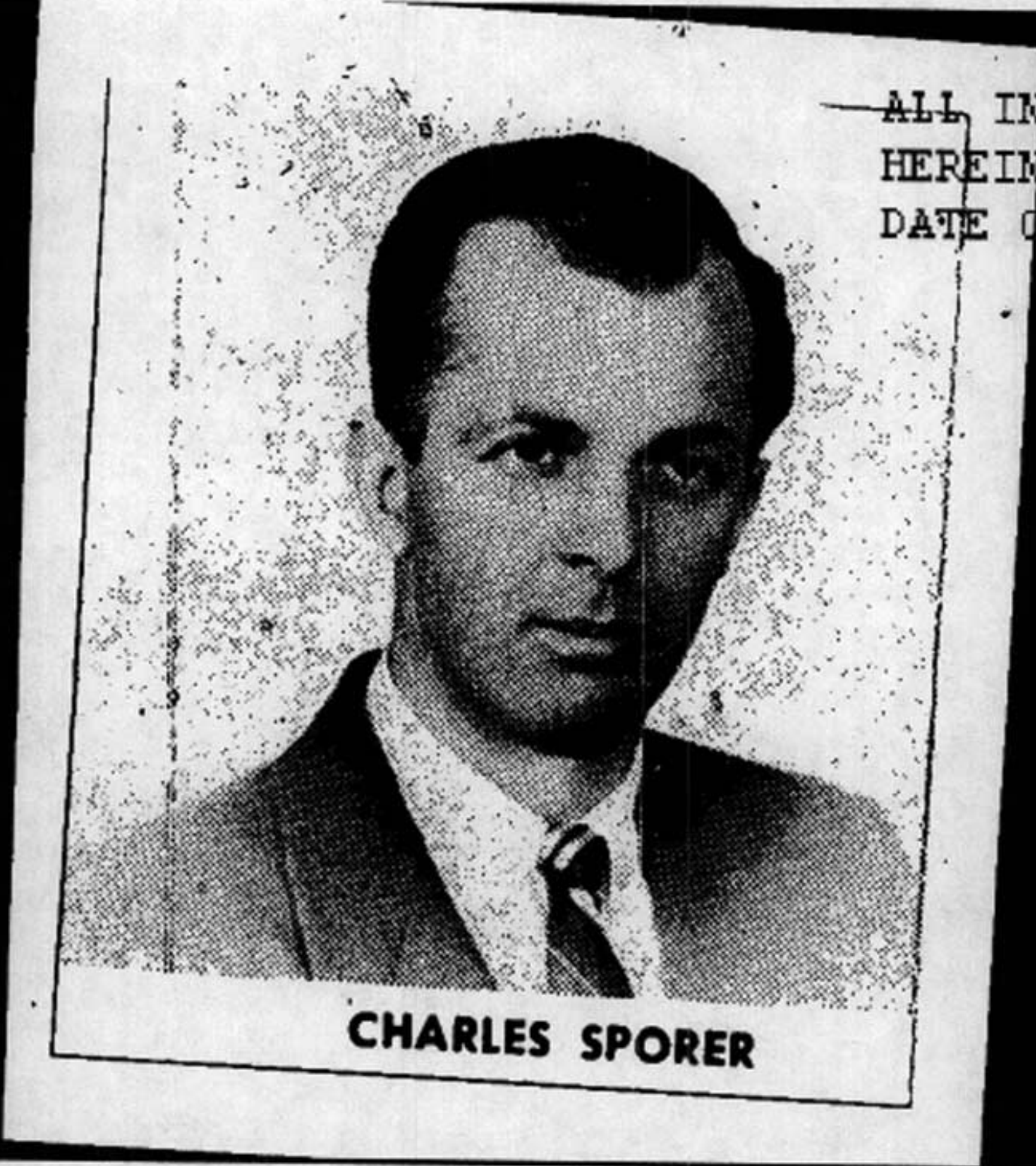
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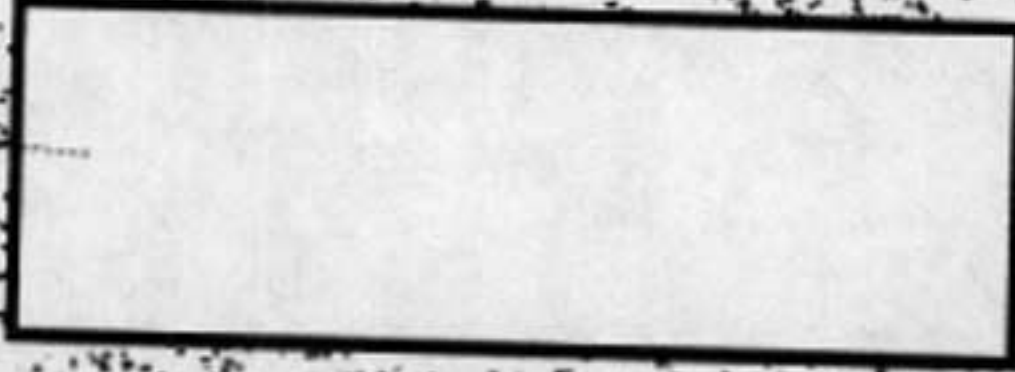
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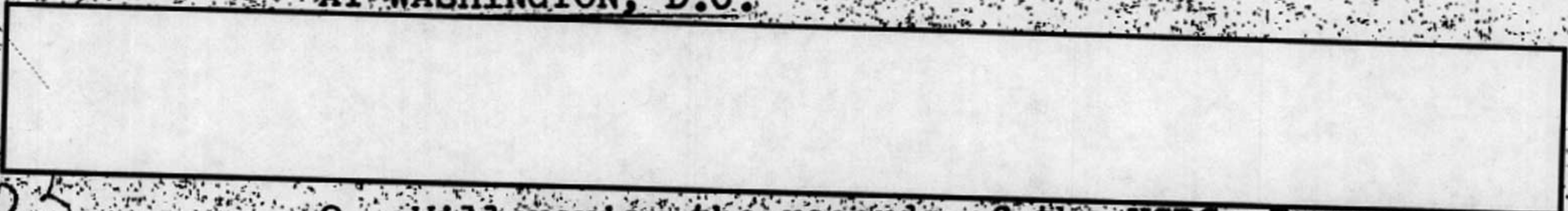
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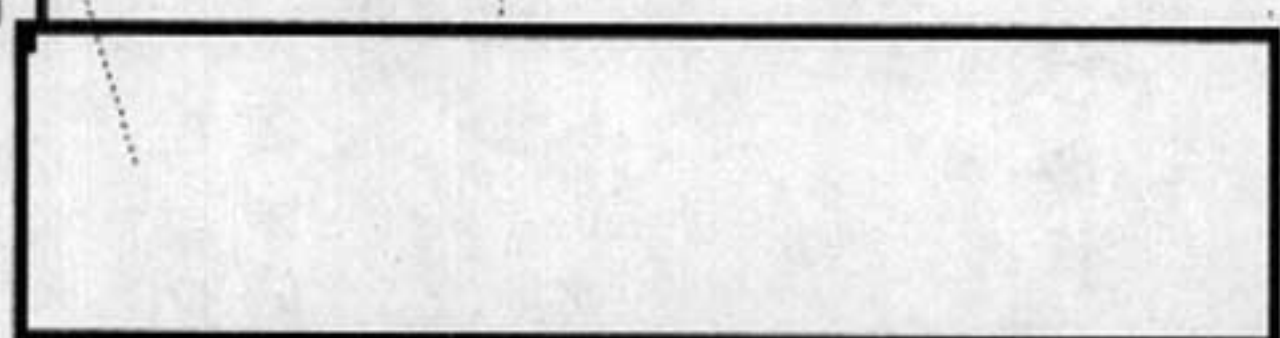
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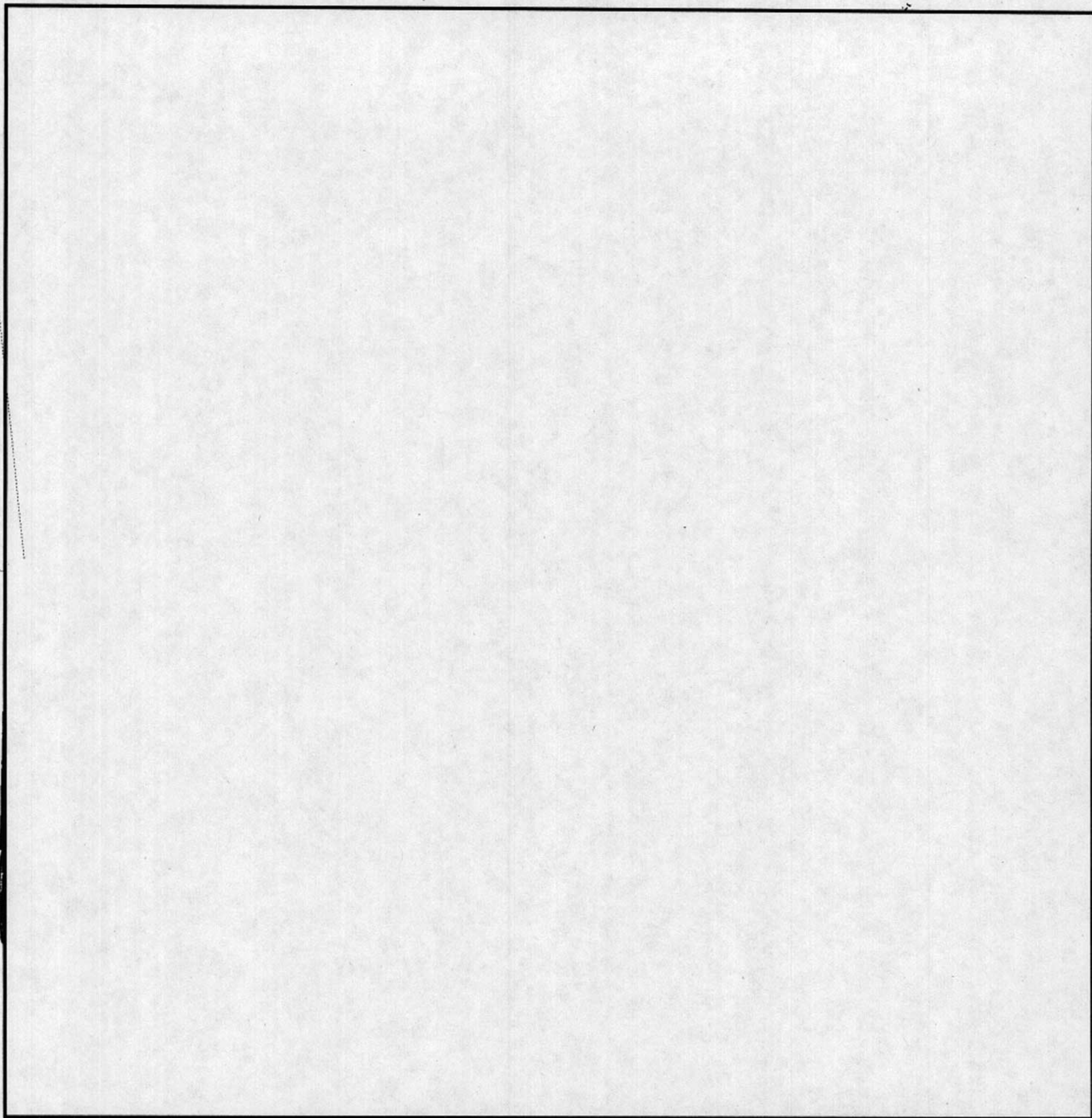
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In view of the above, the New York Office will conduct investigation regarding [Redacted] and will reopen case file regarding [Redacted]

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Philadelphia will review file concerning [Redacted] and conduct investigation, if deemed appropriate.

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TO: (S) Director, FBI ([redacted])

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FROM: Legal Attache, ([redacted])

SUBJECT: (S) [redacted]

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(S) Reference: (S) Bulet to [redacted] 7-31-67

Dissemination, as outlined below, was made on dates indicated
to foreign agencies listed.

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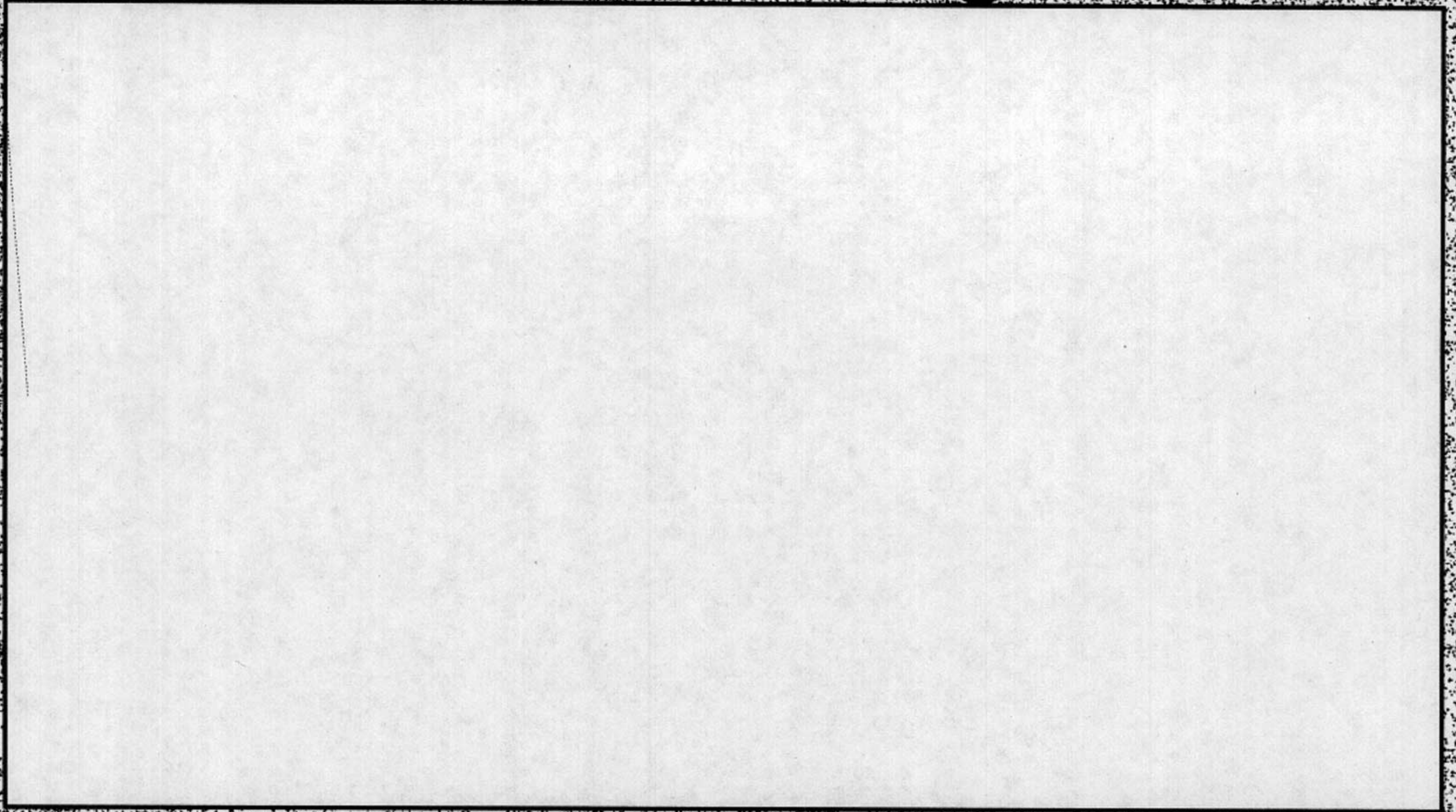
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(S) ReNYlet to Bureau 3/6/68.

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On 3/22/68, SE [redacted] advised that a
check of records of the Passport Office, USDS disclosed no
identifiable record concerning subject.

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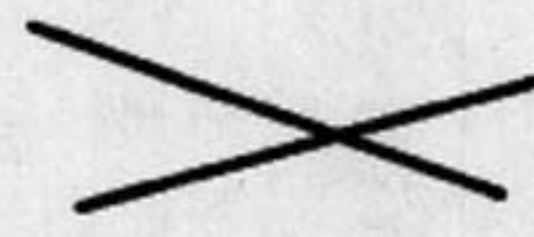
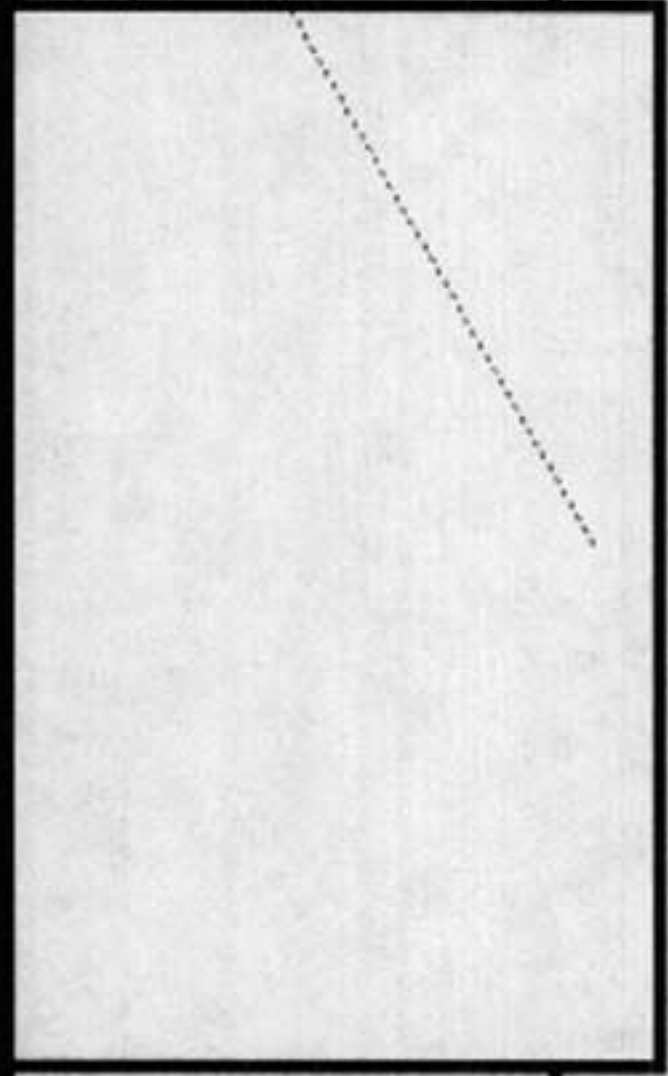
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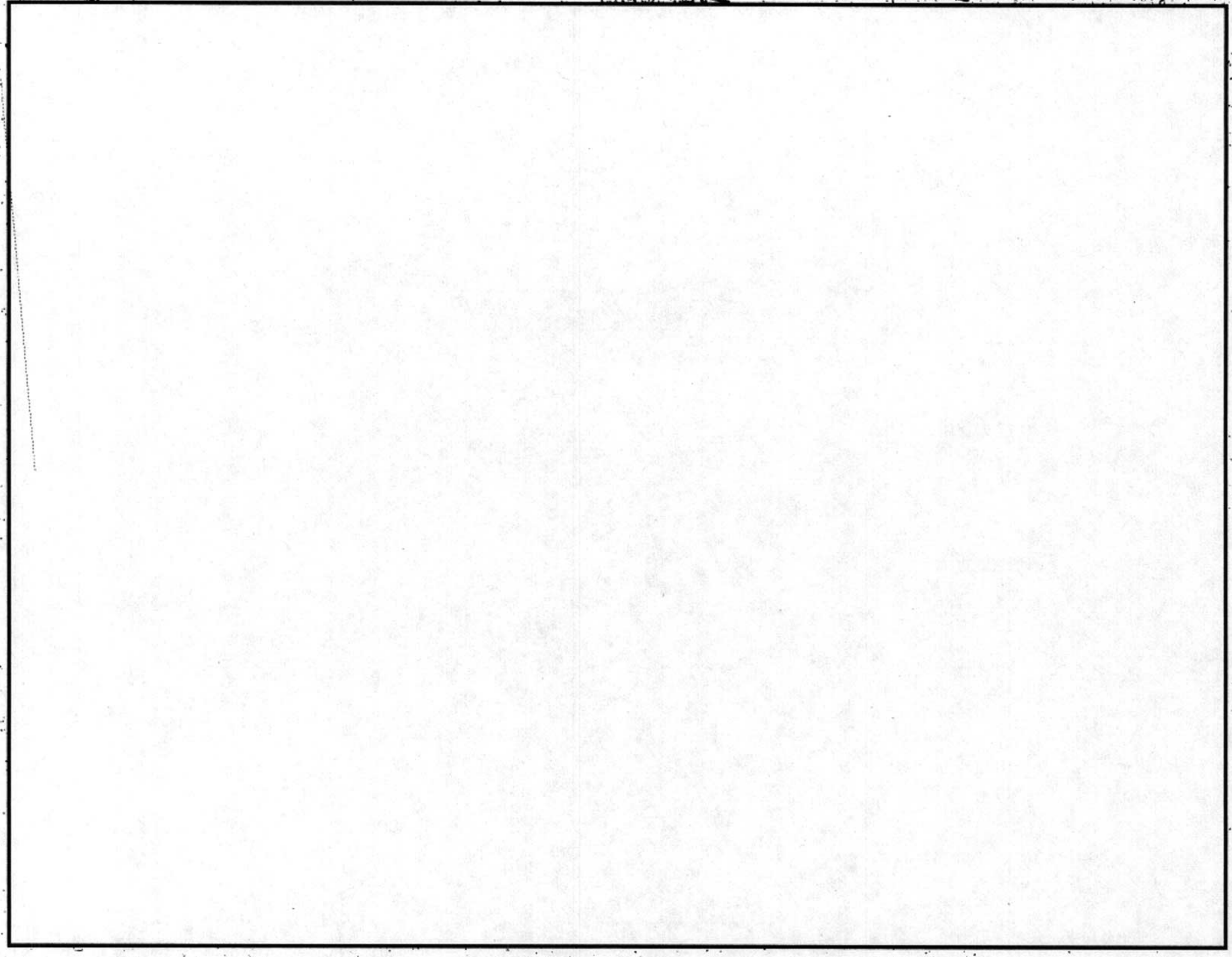
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI [redacted]

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FROM : SAC, NEW YORK [redacted] (P)

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DATED 04-18-2007

SUBJECT: DRAGO SPORER, aka
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RE: DRAGO SPORER

Bureau authority is requested to interview subject in accordance with existing instructions relating to interviews of security subjects. Care will be exercised to protect the original source in this matter. No direct questions will be asked during the interview which will disclose to the subject the identity of the official or the establishment contacted, the method used in the contact, or the fact we are aware of the contact. The interview will be conducted in a manner so that the subject will volunteer the details of the contact. If this subject is cooperative, no affirmative steps will be taken during the initial interview to direct his activities, but a separate communication will be directed to the Bureau setting forth the results of the interview [redacted]

I. The subject resides at 84-20 51st Ave., Elmhurst, NY, and is employed by Pan American World Airways as an accountant. He was born 12/19/19, in Zagreb, Yugoslavia, and was naturalized a US citizen on 1/29/57.

II. The subject is married. Board of Election records indicate his wife is unemployed.

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IX. Re LHM contains information concerning SPORER's visit to the NYO in 1957 when he stated that he had the impression someone from one of the Yugoslav establishments in NYC was conducting an investigation to ascertain his whereabouts in the US. SPORER will be approached, if Bureau authority is obtained, and questioned as to whether he has any recent indication that the Yugoslav government is interested in his whereabouts, reminding him of his above mentioned impressions. If he replies affirmatively all details will be obtained.

(S) [Redacted]

[Redacted] if he replies negatively, it will

be noted that the FBI has reason to believe his whereabouts are again of interest to the Yugoslav government. He will be advised that often seemingly innocent meetings with other immigrants, or even Yugoslav nationals, could be an attempt by the Yugoslavs to ascertain his location.

(S) [Redacted] he will

be advised if he has had any contact with members of the "Lado" Dance Ensemble or members of the "Branko Krsmanovic" Chorus, both of which are Yugoslav groups that recently toured the US.

(S) [Redacted]

It is felt that one of these questions will cause the subject to supply the details [Redacted]

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DRAGO SPORER

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Reurlet 5/9/68.

Authority to interview subject at this time is denied. A review of the Bureau file in this case indicated that it has been reported in the past that subject appeared to be collecting information of every type on anticommunist organizations not only of Croats but also of Serbs and Slovenes in the U. S. It was also indicated that he was believed to be writing for Croatian publications. It is possible that these two activities are related but there is no indication that it has been determined the publications he was writing for or what type of articles he wrote. Inquiry should be made to determine these items, if possible.

It is noted that relet does not indicate that checks have been made concerning subject recently with possibly knowledgeable sources in the Croatian field. This should be done.

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Upon completion of investigation, which should place you in a position of being more knowledgeable concerning subject's activities in the event of an interview of him, you may resubmit your request.

For your information, a check of Bureau indices on the individuals who reportedly escaped from Yugoslavia with subject, Ante Paskov, [Redacted] disclosed no information indicating that they are in the U.S.

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- Callahan _____
- Conrad _____
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- Rosen _____
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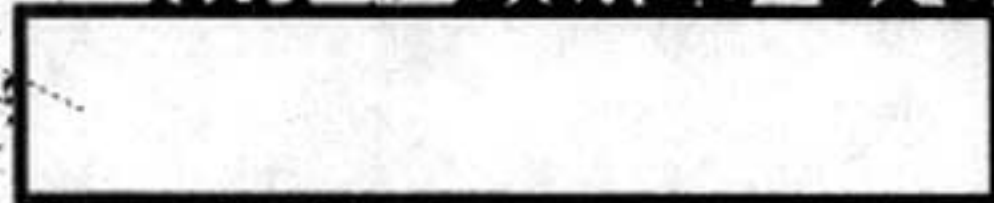
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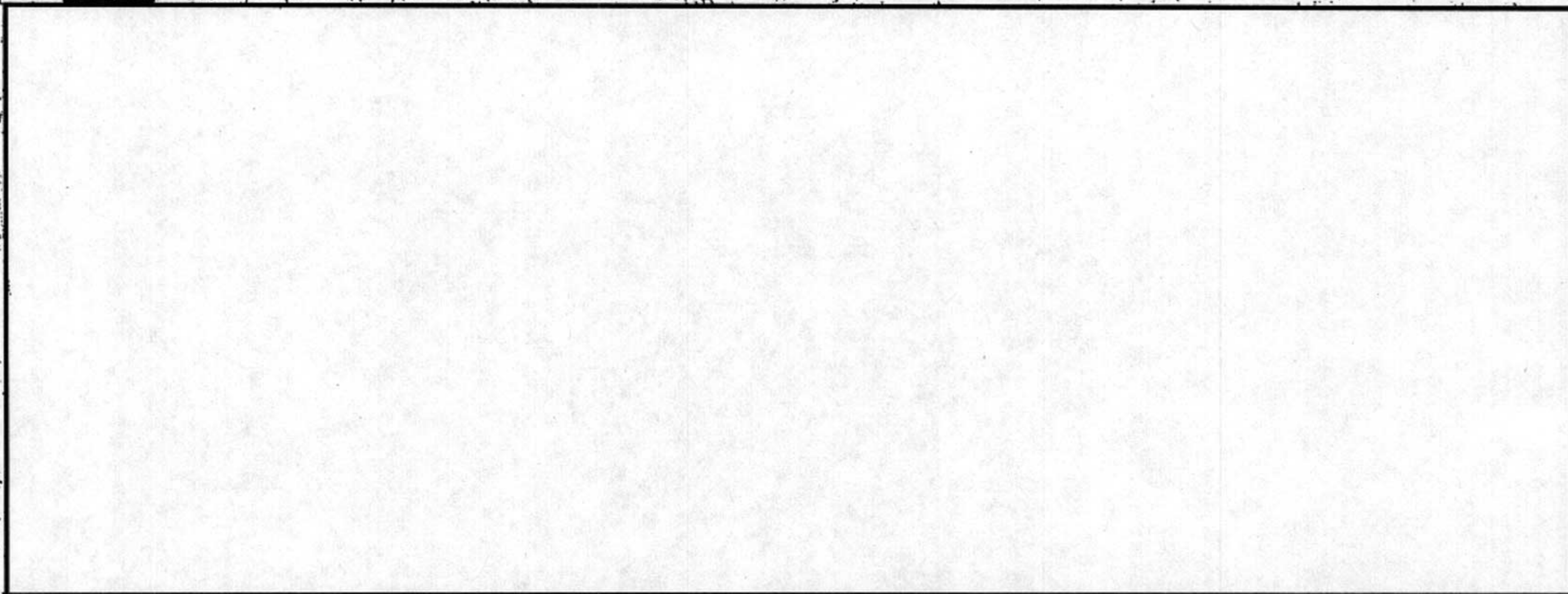
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DRAGO SPORER

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- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Bishop
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - [redacted]
- 1 - Mr. Thomas

Reurlets 5/9/68 and 7/30/68.

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You are authorized to interview subject in accordance with existing instructions relating to interviews of security subjects and subjects of contact cases. The sources of information concerning subject's contacts with [redacted] are to be protected and the interview is to be handled in such a manner that subject will volunteer details of the contacts. If subject is cooperative, take no steps during the initial interview to direct his activities but submit results to the Bureau together with your recommendations for future action in this case.

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NOTE:

See memorandum [redacted] to Mr. W. C. Sullivan, dated 8/9/68, same caption, prepared by JPT:ebp.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI [redacted]

DATE: 7/30/68

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FROM : [signature] ASAC, NEW YORK [redacted] (P)

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ReBulet advised NY to determine the type of publications subject writes for and the type of articles he writes, as well as rechecking sources in the Croatian field, prior to resubmitting a request to interview the subject.

On 6/21 and 7/10/68, [redacted] advised the following concerning SPORER:

He is a member of a Croatian organization known as the Yugoslav Democratic Union (YDU), with headquarters in Munich, Germany. (NY files contain only one reference to the YDU, which was furnished to the Bureau by NYlet, 7/31/63, under the caption, "FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS - YU." This letter indicated the YDU had headquarters in London, England, and was apparently an anticommunist organization.) The source stated the [redacted] a Croatian emigre from Sibenik, Yugoslavia, who now resides in Munich, Germany. The YDU has no branch in NYC, although SPORER is believed to have some friends who are sympathizers of the YDU. The YDU advocates replacing the communist government in Yugoslavia with a democratic regime in which would emphasize greater individual freedoms while retaining the confederation of republics which presently constitute Yugoslavia. It is noted that this differs from the aim of most Croatian emigre organizations which advocate an independent state of Croatia.

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The source further advised that SPORER is a part-time writer for "Hrvatska Zora," a Croatian newspaper published in Germany, and "Hrvatski Glas" a Canadian Croatian newspaper. He does not write for any Croatian publications in the US.

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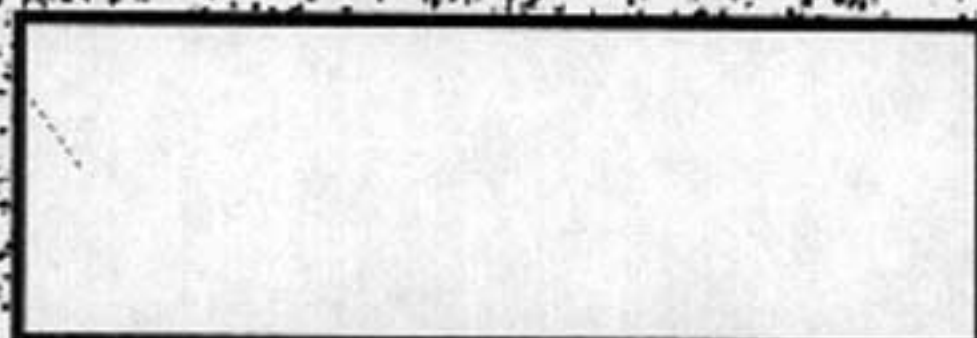
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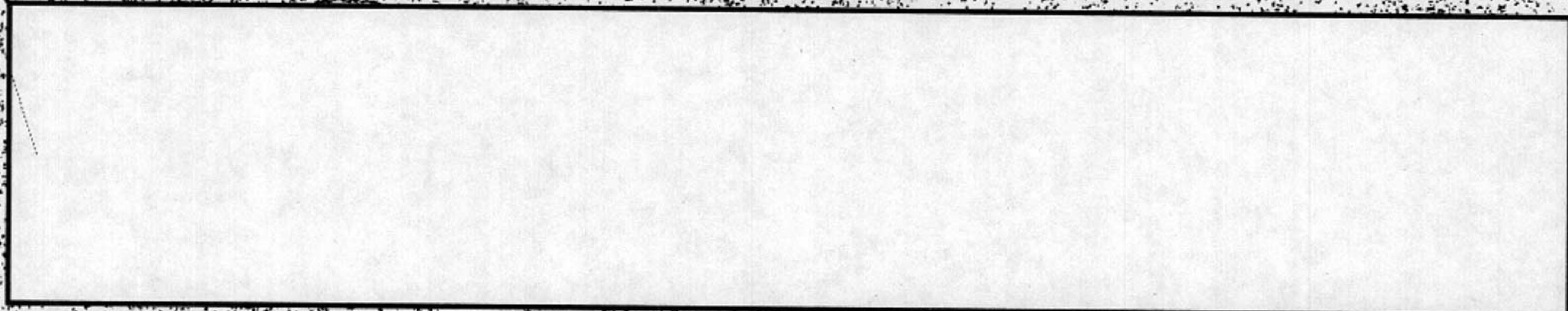
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According to the source, SPORER is critical of the Serbian communists in Yugoslavia, and in this respect, he might be considered an anticommunist. However, his political views fluctuate, and from time to time he has reportedly been in contact with some Yugoslav government officials who have traveled to the US. In view of this, he is not trusted by a number of Croatian exiles residing in the NYC area.

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Bureau authority is requested to interview the subject in accordance with existing instructions relating to interviews of security subjects.

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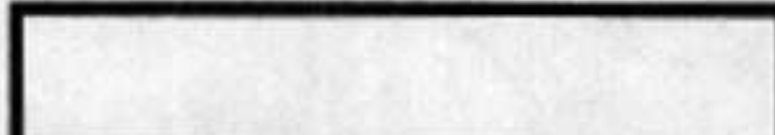
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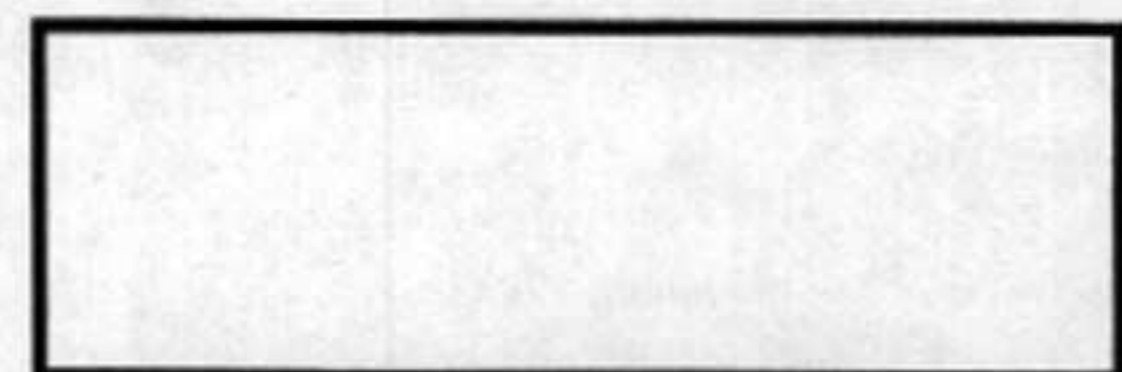
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TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan *JCS*

FROM :  *JCS*

SUBJECT: DRAGO SPORER

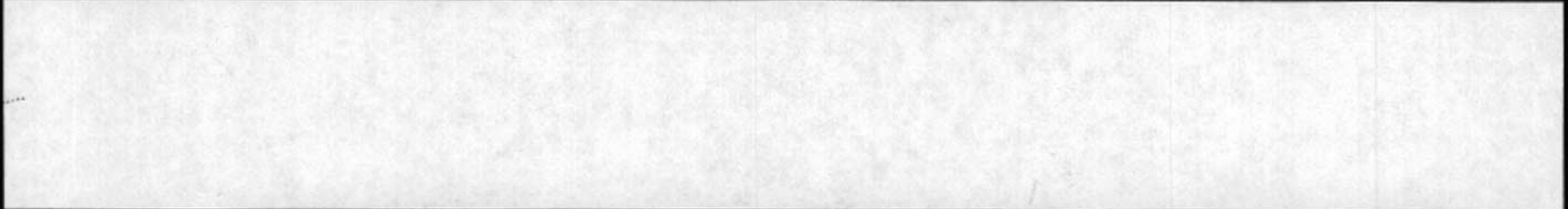
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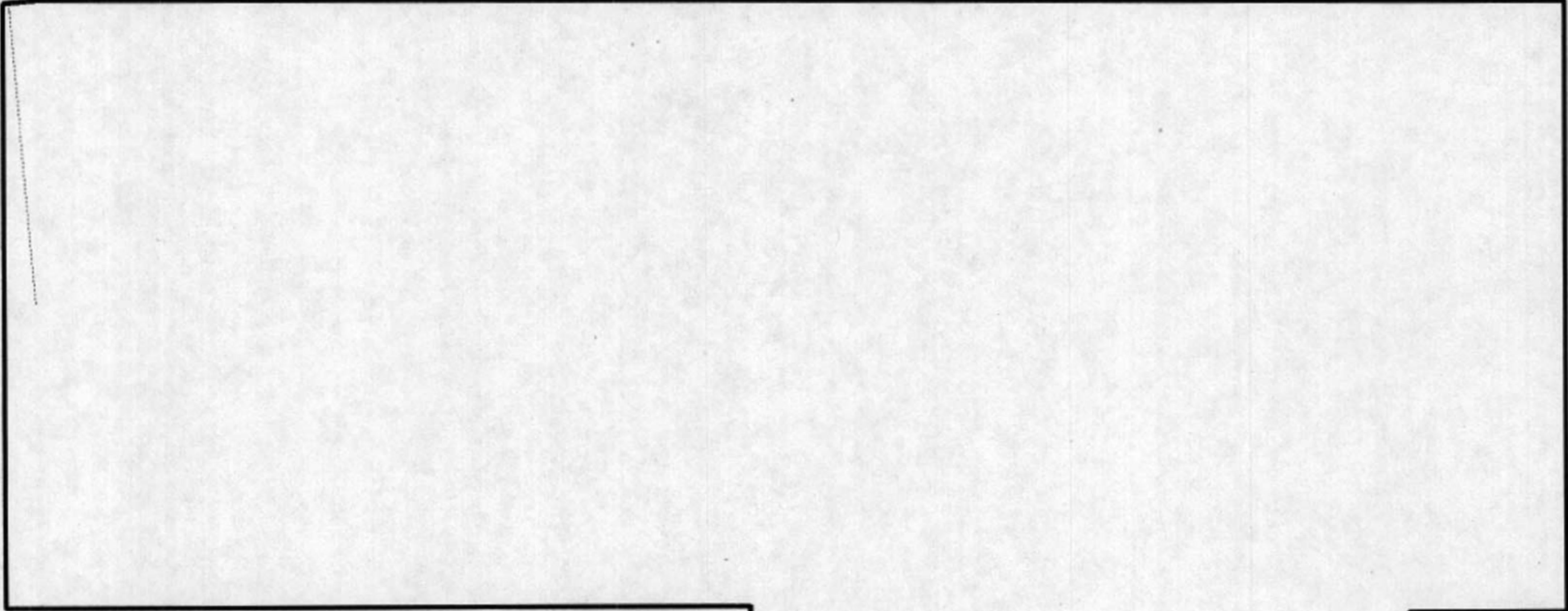
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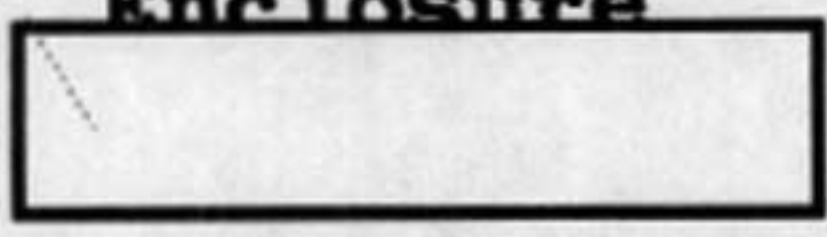
Subject was born 12/19/19 in Yugoslavia, escaped from Yugoslavia by highjacking a Yugoslav airplane and diverting it to Italy in June, 1948. He came to the U. S. in 1951 and was naturalized 1/29/57. He is an accountant for Pan American World Airways, New York. He also reportedly writes articles on a part-time basis for Croatian language newspapers in Canada and Germany. His writings are termed very favorable to the U. S. and he is described as an anti-communist and antifascist.

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(S) Memorandum for Mr. Sullivan
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With your approval attached letter authorizing interview of subject by New York will be sent.

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(S) FROM: SAC, NEW YORK [redacted] (C)
SUBJECT: DRAGO SPORER
(S) [redacted]

ReBulet 8/12/68, authorizing an interview of the subject.

(S) Enclosed for the Bureau are five copies of an LHM dated and captioned as above.

[redacted]

During the interview the subject was very cooperative and volunteered the information contained in the enclosed LHM.

(S) [redacted]

(S) NY is closing this case since the subject does not appear to be engaged in any activity inimical to the security of the US.

(S) [redacted]

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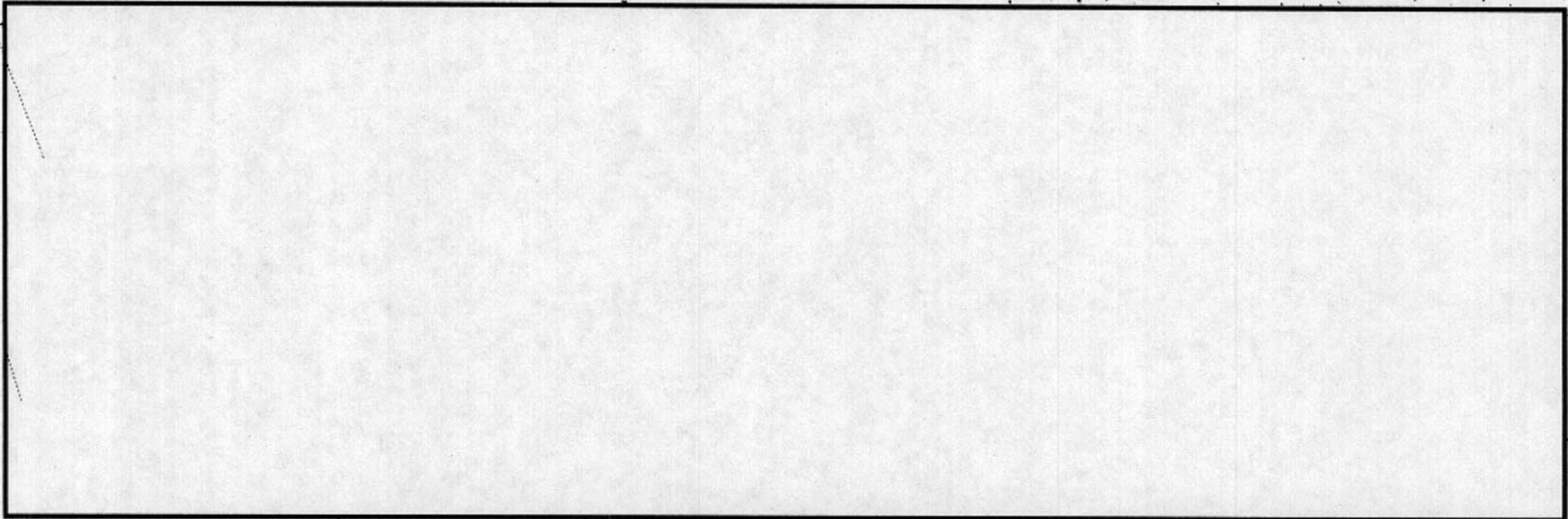
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Drago Sporer was interviewed by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) on September 11, 1968, and furnished the following information:

He is a Yugoslav immigrant of Croatian background who came to the United States in 1951 and who is presently employed as an accountant by Pan American World Airways, in the Pan Am Building in NYC. Although an American citizen, he still maintains a keen interest in Yugoslav politics and attempts, in a small way, to influence the thinking of Yugoslav emigrants and citizens by writing articles in two Yugoslav emigre publications. These publications are "Hrvatski Glas" ("Croatian Voice," published by the Croatian Peasants Party in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada) and "Hrvatska Zora" ("Croatian Dawn," published in Munich, Germany, and, according to the subject, not affiliated with any political party or movement); the theme of his articles is generally anti-Tito and anticommunist and advocates the continuance of Yugoslavia as a country, although with non-communist leadership.

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Drago Sporer

Sporer explained that he espouses a confederation of Yugoslavia, and this approach differs from that adopted by most other Croatian emigres who would like to see Croatia become an independent state. Sporer stated that he rejects this view as being unrealistic and as a result has been criticized by other Croatian emigres and has even been accused of being a communist. He stated that anyone who took the time to read his articles would realize that he is far from being a communist. He does not belong to any emigre organizations either in the United States or abroad.

In connection with his writing, he subscribes to several Yugoslav publications, among which are "Pregled" and "Odjek" of Sarajevo and "Praxis" of Zagreb, all of which are literary and historical magazines. He also receives the Yugoslav daily "Vjesnik," although he has never requested a subscription to this newspaper.

He attends the performances of various Yugoslav cultural and theatrical groups that appear in the United States, and last fall he attended a NYC performance of the Yugoslav Dance Ensemble "Lado." After the performance, he contacted the director of this troupe and made arrangements to meet him at JFK International Airport to discuss Yugoslav cultural developments, and bid him farewell.

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Drago Sporer

(S) According to Sporer they had a complete exchange of ideas on their particular political viewpoints, but [redacted] did not appear to be interested in learning any personal data concerning Sporer or any contacts that Sporer had. They parted rather amicably, but without any further mention of future contacts between them. [redacted]

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Following is descriptive data on Sporer:

Name	Drago Sporer
Aliases	Dragutin Sporer, Charles Sporer
Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of birth	December 19, 1919
Place of birth	Zagreb, Yugoslavia
Height	6'2"
Weight	160 pounds
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Gray
Marital status	Married, two children ages 5 and 10.

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Drago Sporer

Citizenship

Naturalized a United States citizen on January 29, 1957, at the United States District Court, Eastern District of New York; certificate number 7765753.

Education

B.S. in Social Studies from Fordham University in 1967.

Occupation

Accountant Pan American World Airways, NYC.

Address

33-25 72nd Street, Jackson Heights, NYC.

Telephone

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SAC, New York [redacted]

11/15/68

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Director, FBI [redacted]

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DRAGO SPORER

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You are authorized to recontact subject [redacted]

[redacted] In view of his apparent controversial reputation and his activities as a contributor to Yugoslav emigre publications, your contacts with him must be carefully planned and discreetly executed.

[redacted] you should furnish pertinent information to the Bureau and request that he be so designated.

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NOTE:

Subject was born 12/19/19 in Yugoslavia and escaped in June, 1948, by hijacking a Yugoslav airplane. He came to U. S. in 1951 and was naturalized in January, 1957. He is an accountant for Pan American World Airways in New York. His writings for Yugoslav emigre publications in Canada and Germany are deemed favorable to the U. S. He is reputed to be anticommunist and antifascist. He was interviewed 9/11/68 concerning a reported contact he had with a Yugoslav intelligence agent. He was cooperative and volunteered information indicating that he may be able to furnish information of value to the Bureau. Controversies concerning him evolved from disagreements with other immigrants as to the form of government Yugoslavia should have when the Tito Regime no longer exists.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 10/30/68

(S) FROM : SAC, NEW YORK

SUBJECT: DRAGO SPORER

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ReNYlet, 9/18/68, and NYlet, 7/30/68.

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[Redacted]

The following information is set forth for the Bureau's information:

- a) Information from NY files concerning the subject has previously been furnished the Bureau.
- b) ReNYlet, 7/30/68, advised that [Redacted] stated that SPORER was not trusted by other Croatian immigrants, although he is believed to be anti-communist. The lack of trust stems from the fact that SPORER does not advocate an independent state of Croatia.
- c) From the interview with the subject, plus information from informants, SPORER appears to be patriotic, responsible and reliable.
- d) Credit and arrest records contained nothing pertinent.

An FD-165 has been transmitted to the Identification Division.

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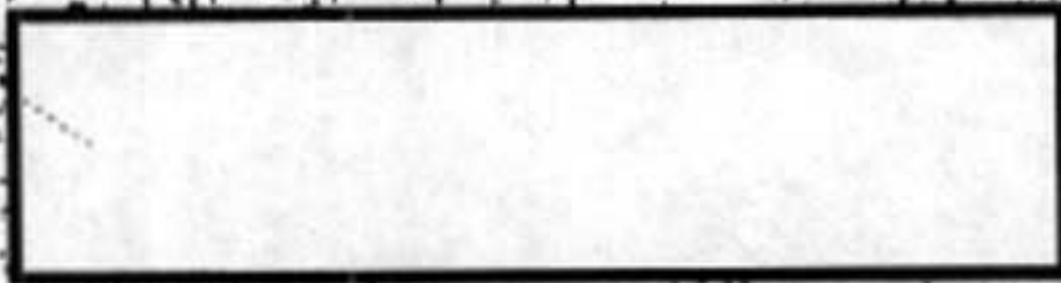
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- e) Not applicable
- f) Not applicable
- g) The subject is married and the father of two children.
- h) None known.

Complete background data on the subject is contained in NY LHM of 9/18/68.

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DRAGO SPORER

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TO : (S) DIRECTOR, FBI [redacted]
FROM : (S) SAC, NEW YORK [redacted] (P)
SUBJECT: (S) DRAGO SPORER
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The subject was telephonically contacted during December of 1968 but requested that he not be contacted personally until after January 1, 1969 because he was extremely busy at his current job with "end of the year" type accounting work.

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SPORER stated that he is till engaged in writing articles for "Hrvatska Zora" (Croatian Dawn, published by the Croatian Peasants Party in Winnipeg, Manitoba).

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He said that at one of the meetings he was with

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[REDACTED] subsequently advised SPORER that [REDACTED] had told him, after SPORER left, not to trust SPORER. SPORER commented that this was a typical example of the main flaw in the Yugoslav character - the failure to cooperate with each other and the constant accusations and counter-accusations being leveled against each other. SPORER furnished a note indicating that [REDACTED] has accused other Yugoslav emigres in the past of being fascists, etc.

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[REDACTED]

Based on the information furnished to date, and the Yugoslav emigre circles the subject has contact with, NY feels that continued contacts with SPORER will be fruitful. They will, of course, continue to be handled in a discreet manner to prevent any possible embarrassment to the Bureau.

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Background on SPORER is contained in NY letter 10/30/68 and NY LHM of 9/18/68.

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(S) TO : DIRECTOR, FBI [redacted]

(S) FROM : SAC, NEW YORK [redacted] (P)

(S) SUBJECT: DRAGO SPORER, [redacted]

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Residence and Employment

[redacted] resides at 33-25 72nd Street, Queens, New York. He is employed as an accountant with the passenger revenue section of Pan American World Airways in the Pan Am building in New York City.

Membership in Subversive Organizations

None.

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Summary of Information Furnished

[redacted]

Type and Number of Meetings Attended and Other Activity

[redacted] attends the meetings of Ustashi (Croatian fascist) organizations which are held in the New York area. In addition he also attends meetings of the Croatian Academy, a group of Croatian intellectuals. [redacted] still writes articles for several emigre newspapers in an anticommunist and anti-TITO vein. He is in contact with many Croatian emigre leaders abroad and he subscribes to several Yugoslav journals.

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(S) TO : DIRECTOR, FBI [redacted]

(S) FROM : *gmler* SAC, NEW YORK [redacted] (C)

SUBJECT: DRAGO SPORER, [redacted]

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In addition to his regular employment at Pan American World Airways, [redacted] recently started a second job in the accounting department at Korvette's Department Store. As a result of this, he has of necessity decreased his activity in Croatian emigre circles and [redacted]

In view of this, this case is being placed in a closed status and the provisions of the Manual of Instructions, section 107 Q, [redacted] have been followed.

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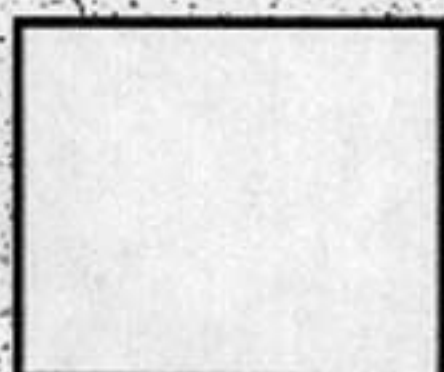
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