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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

March 7, 1935.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON.

Mr. Tolson
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Carson
Mr. Egan
Mr. Gurnea
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Keith
Mr. Lester
Mr. Quinn
Mr. Schilder
Mr. Smith
Mr. Tamm
Mr. Telford
Miss Gandy

Mr. Nicholas, Branch 97, State Department, called the Identification Unit yesterday and inquired whether fingerprints had been received from Denmark for one Nicholas Sherman, Leon Josephson and George Mink. A check of the files failed to result in the location of any record of the receipt of these fingerprints. Mr. Nicholas was so advised.

The fingerprints referred to above were received today. A search of the files, with the assistance of these fingerprints, failed to disclose any prior records. Together with the fingerprints of the three individuals named were also received the fingerprints of one Hans Grunfeld. No record could be found for Grunfeld.

I called Mr. Nicholas at the State Department and advised him that no records could be found in our files for these three persons. It appears that these individuals are in custody at Copenhagen, Denmark on charges of espionage. George Mink is also charged with possession of false passports.

[redacted] is being advised that no records exist in the files.

Respectfully,

John J. Edwards.

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Sir,

I beg to enclose herewith for search at your Bureau the finger prints and photograph of one Leon ^OJ o s e p h - s o n , born in Libau, Lettonia, the 17 June 1898, who is at present in custody at Copenhagen charged with espionage, and shall be glad, if you will kindly furnish me at your earliest convenience with information as to the character and antecedents of the prisoner and the genuineness of his passport.

He state, ^{ADMITS} that he is an american citizen and is in possession of an american passport No. 158380, delivered the 13 December 1934 in Washington.

He was arrested here together with Hans Grünfeld, Nicolas Sherman and George Mink, whose finger prints and photographs are enclosed.

He state, that he is son of Joseph and Bertha Josephson, and that his residence is: Trenton, N.Y., 23 Sanhecon Drive.

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The Department of Justice, Division of Investigation, Washington. b7D

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Sir,

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I beg to enclose herewith for search at your Bureau the finger prints and photograph of one Nicolas Sherman, born at Jeratow, Yugoslavia, the 22 November 1892, who is at present in custody at Copenhagen charged with espionage, and shall be glad if you will kindly furnish me at your earliest convenience, with informations as to the character and antecedents of the prisoner and genuineness of his passport.

He state, that he is an american citizen and is in possession of an american passport No. 55972 on the name Nicolas Shermann, delivered the 14 August 1933 in Washington.

He was arrested here together with Hans Grünfeld, Leon Josephson and George Mink, whose finger prints are enclosed.

He state, that he is son of Paul and Kattie Sherman, and his residence is: Brooklyn, New York, Woodruff Av. 96.

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The Department of Justice, Division of Investigation, Washington.

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Sir,

I beg to enclose herewith forsearch at your Bureau the finger prints and photograph of one Hans Grünfeld, born in Vienna the 25 May 1899, who is at present in custody at Copenhagen charged with espionage, and shall be glad if you will kindly furnish me at your earliest convenience with information as to the character and antecedents of the prisoner.

He was arrested here together with Nicolas Sherman, George Mink and Leon Josephson, whose finger prints are enclosed.

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To

The Department of Justice, Division of Investigation, Washington.

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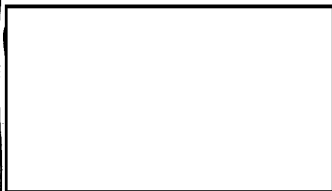
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Dear Sir:

Referring to fingerprints forwarded by you, please be advised that an examination of the fingerprint records of the Division of Investigation fails to disclose any data concerning the following:

- ~~---~~ Nicolas Sherman
- ~~---~~ Hans Grunfeld
- ~~---~~ Leon Josephson
- ~~---~~ George Mink

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Very truly yours,

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Director.

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Sir,

I beg to enclose herewith for search at your Bureau the finger prints and photograph of one George Mink, born at Philadelphia the 23 April 1899, who is at present in custody at Copenhagen charged with espionage, and shall be glad if you will kindly furnish me at your earliest convenience with information as to the character and antecedents of the prisoner and the genuineness of the following passports:

He is in possession of an american passport No. 84893 on the name George Mink, born the 23.4.1899 in Philadelphia delivered in Washington the 31.3.1934. He was further in possession of following ^{ADDITIONAL} american passports:

- 1) Passport No. 88049 for Al Gottlieb, born 10 August 1899 in New York, delivered in Washington the 12 April 1934,
- 2) Passport No. 154245 for Abraham Wexler, born the 14 January 1896 in Poland, delivered in Washington the 14.11.1934,
- 3) Passport No. 156773 for Harry Herman Kaplan, born the 14 June 1899 in Lithuania, delivered in Washington the 3 December 1934.

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He state, that he is son of Samuel and Nathalia Mink and that his residence is: New York, 54 West 71 th Street.

He is suspected of being a member of an organized gang of international criminals and was arrested together with Hans Grunwald, 25.5.1899 in Vienna, Nicolas Sherman, 22.11.1892

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Sir,

Referring to my letter of the 23 February 1935 and your reply of the 11 March 1935 concerning George Mink, Nicolas Sherman, Leon Josephson and Hans Grünfeld, I shall be glad to be informed at your earliest convenience, whether the identity of George Mink, Leon Josephson and Nicolas Sherman is established by help of photograph, and whether the american passports, mentioned in my above-named letter, in reality are delivered to the Mink, Josephson and Sherman.

I am to add, that Sherman was in possession of an american passport No. 55972, delivered at Washington the 14.8. 1933 on the name Nicolas Sherman, a canadian passport No. 47651 delivered the 28.12.1932 in Ottawa on the name Abraham Goldman (both with the photograph of Sherman), and a canadian Naturalization-Certificate No. 44115, delivered the 7.7. 1926 in Canada to tailor Abraham Goldman, born July 1898 in Kielce, Poland.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

The Division of Investigation, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington.

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April 11, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,
New York, New York.

Dear Sir:

A letter was received in the Bureau from [redacted] dated March 23, 1935, requesting that investigations be conducted for the purpose of establishing the identities of the following individuals who are under arrest by the Danish authorities on charges of espionage:

(X) (X) G-1 (u)
George Mink
Nicolas Sherman (X) (X) G-1 (u)

The communication from Denmark reports that Mink states he is the son of Samuel and Nathalia Mink and that his residence is 54 West 71st Street, New York City; and that Sherman states he is the son of Paul and Mattie Sherman and that his residence is "Brooklyn, New York, Woodruff Ave. 96". (X) (X) G-1 (u)

There are transmitted herewith duplicate sets of the photographs of the above individuals, and it is requested that appropriate inquiries be made into the genuineness of the above statements as soon as possible. (X) (u)

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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DECLASSIFIED BY: ~~G-1~~
#2251276

Dear Sir:

A letter was received in the Bureau from the [redacted] dated March 23, 1938, requesting that inquiries be conducted for the purpose of establishing the identity of one Lena Josephson who was under arrest by the Danish authorities for espionage. (X) (C) G-1 (u)

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The letter from Denmark states that Josephson claims to be the son of Joseph and Bertha Josephson and that his residence is "Trenton, N. Y., 23 Sanhson Drive". Under the assumption that this should be Trenton, New Jersey, your office is requested to conduct an investigation in the vicinity of this address for the purpose of determining the genuineness of Josephson's statements. For your assistance there are inclosed herewith duplicate sets of the photographs of this person. It is requested that your report in this matter be submitted as soon as possible. (X) (C) G-1 (u)

Very truly yours,

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My dear Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of March 23, 1935, concerning George Mink, Nicholas Sherman, Leon Josephson and Hans Grunfeld, whose fingerprints you forwarded to this Bureau with your letters of February 23, 1935.

It is noted that you request an investigation be conducted for the purpose of establishing the identities of Mink, Josephson and Sherman through the medium of the photographs furnished by you, and that you also desire information concerning the genuineness of the American passports in the possession of these persons. Please be advised that I have caused appropriate inquiries to be made with respect to these matters and shall refer to you any information obtained as soon as possible. I regret that there has been a delay in connection with your previous request.

With the expression of my regard and esteem, I am

Sincerely yours,

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Director.

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April 27, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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AND FIELD OFFICES
ADVISED BY ROUTING
SLIP (S) OF Philadelphia
DATE 7/12/79 GAJ/RLS~~

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter of April 11, 1935 wherein you were requested to conduct inquiries for the purpose of determining the truth or falsity of statements made by one Leon Josephson to the effect that he is the son of Joseph and Bertha Josephson and that his residence is "Trenton, N. Y., 23 Sanhecon Drive". It is assumed that this should be Trenton, New Jersey.

As you were advised in Bureau letter of April 11, 1935, Josephson was under arrest by the [redacted] b7D [redacted] who requested that the above inquiries be made. It is requested that appropriate investigation be made of this matter immediately, and that your report be submitted thereon at the earliest date possible. (S) (u)

Very truly yours,

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Special Agent in Charge,
New York, New York.

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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter of April 11, 1935 wherein you were advised that a letter dated March 23, 1935 was received in the Bureau from the [redacted]

[redacted] requesting that investigation be made for the purpose of establishing the identities of the following individuals, who are under arrest by the Danish authorities on charges of espionage:

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George Mink
Nicolas Sherman

As you were advised in Bureau letter of April 11, 1935, the communication from Denmark reports that Mink states he is the son of Samuel and Nathalia Mink and that his residence is 54 West 71st Street, New York City; and that Sherman states he is the son of Paul and Kattie Sherman and that his residence is "Brooklyn, New York, Woodruff Ave. 96".

It is requested that immediate inquiries be made into the genuineness of the above statements, and that your report thereon be submitted as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,

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Director.

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Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **PHILADELPHIA PA**

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FILE NO. **65-9 EES**

REPORT MADE AT PHILADELPHIA PA	DATE WHEN MADE 4/29/35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 4/19-24-25/35	REPORT MADE BY C. E. FELLENER
TITLE LEON JOSEPHSON			CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject alleged to be born in Brooklyn, N.Y., May 17, 1896; graduated Trenton High School, Trenton, N.J., and New York University Law School; practiced law in Trenton until about four years ago. Has a married brother living at 23 Sampson Drive, Trenton, N.J. Now supposed to be connected as attorney with the United States of Soviet Russia. Description herein. No criminal or credit record.

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DATE **7/1/83**

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REFERENCE:

Letter from Bureau dated April 11, 1935

DETAILS:

AT TRENTON, N.J.

Agent examined 1933 Street Directory, which indicates Subject has the following relations:

Josephson, David S., residence: 880 Bellevue Av. (brother)
Occupation: Josephson's

Josephson, Leah, residence: Newark, N.J. (sister)
Occupation: Nurse

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Josephson, Leon, residence: 1009 Greenwood St. (Subject)
Occupation: Lawyer - Josephson & Josephson

Josephson, Louis, residence: 23 Sanhican Drive. (Brother)
Occupation: Lawyer - Josephson & Josephson

Josephson & Josephson, lawyers, 724 Broad St. Bank Bld., Trenton, N.J.

Josephson, Barney, traveling salesman, address unknown.
Josephson, Ethel, address unknown.

The last two names in the above paragraph were furnished
by Subject's uncle, Samuel Hirschfeld.

Agent examined 1935 New Jersey Bar Directory, which
indicated that Subject Leon Josephson of the law firm of Josephson
& Josephson, with offices in the Broad Street Bank Building, was
admitted to the Bar in November of 1921, and that Subject's brother,
Louis Josephson of the same firm, was admitted to the Bar in February
1921, and was appointed Master in 1924.

The 1935 telephone directory does not list Subject, but
does list his brother Louis Josephson, residing at 23 Sanhican Drive,
telephone number 3-3552.

Neighborhood Investigation

On April 19th, 1935, Agent contacted Doctor Cohen, 1007
Greenwood Avenue, Trenton, N.J., who stated that he did not know
Subject or his family as they moved from this address six or seven
years ago; at the present time a family by the name of H. Kline
resides at 1009 Greenwood Avenue.

On April 19th, 1935, Agent contacted Robert Levitt, 116
Mill Street, a tailor, who stated that he used to be acquainted
with Subject, that Subject's uncle Hirschfeld, told him that several
judgements were outstanding against Subject and that is why he
does not care to be around Trenton; that Subject travels extensively,
and is alleged to have some connection with the Soviet Government.
He is supposed to be a communist and at one time belonged to a young
socialist club called "IFESOP", this club is no longer in existence
in New York or Trenton.

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Agent exhibited Subject's picture to Leavitt and he identified him. Mr. Leavitt further stated that Subject has an uncle residing at 124 So. Warren Street, by the name of Hirschfeld, and no doubt the latter could furnish additional information.

On April 19th, 1935, Agent contacted Samuel Hirschfeld, 124 So. Warren Street, who operates a tailors trimming store at the above address, is an uncle of Subject; he stated that Subject's father died when Subject was about 7 or 8 years of age, that his mother died last year; that Subject has three brothers and two sisters and when he was a young man, he was connected with the Socialist party, and used to belong to the Young Men's Hebrew Association. He lived in New York last year, prior to that he was in partnership with his brother Louis, in the law business, there was not enough money in it for the two of them so Subject dropped out about 3 or 4 years ago and worked in New York with some other law firm.

Mr. Hirschfeld advised further Subject is single, and that his brother Louis and his wife and two children live at 23 Sanhican Drive. As far as he knew Subject had no criminal record.

On April 25th, 1935, Agent contacted Attorney Robert Austin in the Trenton Trust Company Building, who said he remembered a little about Subject and that there was rumor in the neighborhood that he was connected, as an attorney, with the United States of Soviet Russia, and that he buys tractors for them.

During this interview Mr. Austin discreetly telephoned to Subject's brother Davis, who furnished a description of Subject and said that Subject wrote him a letter about three months ago from Zurich, Switzerland, and that this letter stated that he would return to the United States in about two months. David Josephson further said that Subject was born in Brooklyn, N.Y.; his father was born in Liva, Latvia, and was naturalized, probably in New York, that Subject's mother was born in the same country and was not naturalized.

Credit and Criminal Record

During Agent's interview with Attorney Austin, he telephoned to the Trenton Credit Bureau and the latter did not have a credit report on Subject.

On April 19th, 1935, Agent contacted Captain R. L. Snook of the New Jersey State Bureau of Criminal Identification, who advised

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after searching his records, that Subject had no criminal record on file.

During this interview with Captain Snook, he telephonically contacted Sergeant Sharp of the Trenton Identification Bureau, Trenton Police Department, who found no record of Subject.

Educational Record:

On April 24, 1935, Agent contacted Miss Katherine Goldenberg at the Trenton Central High School, Chambers Street, who examined the school records which indicated that Subject was born May 17, 1898, was 15 years of age when he entered the school and resided at 604 So. Warren Street; that he entered the school September 1912 and graduated in June of 1916. The place of birth of Subject was omitted.

On April 24, 1935, Agent contacted G. W. Smith, Clerk in the Clerk's Office, New Jersey Supreme Court, who examined Subject's application and records pertaining to his admission to the Bar, which indicated that Subject's admission was dated September 18, 1921, that his address was 1009 Greenwood Avenue, Trenton, N.J., and that he graduated from Trenton High School in June 1916, entered New York University Law School, September 12, 1916 and graduated with the degree of LL.B. on June 11, 1919; that he served his apprenticeship in the law office of Milton W. Newman from September of 1920 to April of 1921, Jersey City, N.J.; also, in the office of his brother Louis Josephson, from May 1921 to September of 1921; that he was admitted to the New Jersey Bar in November of 1921.

On April 25th Agent interviewed Attorney Maxwell Kramer in the Mercer County Court House, Trenton, N.J., who stated that he did not remember much about Subject and corroborated the description of Subject contained herein. Mr. Kramer was one of Subject's sponsors when he was admitted to the Bar.

The following description of Subject was obtained by Attorney Austin from Subject's brother Davis, as specified herein:

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Name: Leon Josephson
Age: 57 (Born May 17, 1898)
Place of birth: probably Brooklyn, N.Y.
Complexion: dark
Height: 5'9"
Weight: 160 pounds
Moustache: none
Eyes: brown
Hair: black
Glasses: (worn part of time)
Marital status: single
Criminal record: none discovered

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For the information of the New York office Subject is under arrest at Copenhagen, Denmark, for espionage, by the [redacted] who request that the identity of Subject be established.

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It is requested that the matter be expedited.

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Will verify Subject's birth record, being particular to show the name of his father and mother.

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TITLE: LEON JOSEPHSON			CHARACTER OF CASE: ESPIONAGE

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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Investigation disclosed that Leon Josephson, attorney, was born at Libau, Latvia, June 17, 1898, emigrated to the United States, July 1, 1900, naturalized as U.S. citizen at Newark, N.J. 1920, applied for U.S. passport at Newark, N.J. December 6, 1934. Department of State has made an extensive investigation regarding Josephson and his four associates who are now under arrest at Copenhagen, Denmark, for espionage. All are members of a group of Communists whose past activities are well known to the State Department. Josephson has no criminal record at New York City.

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Report of Special Agent C.E. Pelletier, Philadelphia, dated April 29, 1935.

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A.R. Burr, Special Agent in Charge, Department of State, Postoffice Building, 31st Street and Eighth Avenue, New York City, was interviewed, and he advised that he was familiar with the history of Leon Josephson and his four associates who are now under arrest at Copenhagen, Denmark, for espionage. Mr. Burr stated that the Department of State had made an extensive investigation regarding

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Josephson and his associates; that all are members of a group of Communists whose past activities are well known to the Department of State. Mr. Burr stated that his records show that Subject Josephson was not born at Brooklyn, N.Y. as indicated in the report of reference. The records of the Department of State show that Leon Josephson, an attorney at Trenton, New Jersey, who is identical with the subject of this case, was born at Libau, Latvia, on June 17, 1898; that he emigrated to the United States on July 1, 1900 and was naturalized as a U.S. citizen in the U.S. District Court at Newark, New Jersey in the year 1920. The records further disclose that Josephson, who is single, was issued a passport in December 1929 and also another passport on December 6, 1934; the latter passport gave him permission to visit all countries in Europe; that his father, Joseph Josephson, was born in Latvia and is now deceased. There was no record of his mother as same is not set out in passport applications.

Josephson is an associate of George Mink and Nicolas Sherman, subjects of New York File 65-33, entitled "GEORGE MINK, NICOLAS SHERMAN - ESPIONAGE". Mink and Sherman are also under arrest in Denmark at this time for espionage. Mink is a well known international Communist. (X) (X) (X) 6-11-41

Subject Josephson, under the name of Leon Josephson, has no criminal record at New York City. A thorough check could not be made, however, due to the fact that no fingerprint classification was given.

In view of the fact that the records of the Department of State are authentic and that they had Josephson under investigation for many months, and as they established that he was born at Libau, Latvia on June 17, 1898, it was, therefore, not necessary to check the birth records at Brooklyn, N.Y.

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REPORT MADE AT: NEW YORK CITY	DATE WHEN MADE: 5/9/35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 4/11 & 7, 1935	REPORT MADE BY: J.J. KEATING
TITLE: GEORGE MINK. NICOLAS SHERMAN.			CHARACTER OF CASE: ESPIONAGE

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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George Mink, well known international Communist and speaker at I.W.W. meetings, travelled on American passport and reported to have been born at Scranton, Pennsylvania, April 23, 1899. Department of State, however, cannot find any record of his birth in United States. Mink served in U.S. Navy during Fall 1934 and lived for about two weeks at apartment of one Sadie Doran, New York City, who is secretary of International Workers Order, Inc. Mink was formerly secretary of Marine Workers Industrial Union, a Communist organization. He was one of a delegation of eight to visit White House on October 24, 1932 demanding relief for seamen. Nicolas Sherman born in Yugo-slavia November 22, 1892, emigrated to the United States, May 15, 1912, naturalized December 30, 1921 at Pittsburgh, Pa. Address given in Brooklyn, N.Y. by Sherman to Danish Police, does not exist. Department of State has made an extensive investigation regarding Mink and Sherman and his three associates who are now under arrest at Copenhagen, Denmark for espionage. All are members of a group of Communists whose past activities are well known to the State Department. Subjects have no criminal record at New York City.

DETAILS:

REFERENCE:

Bureau letters dated April 11, and 27, 1935.

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DETAILS:

The reference letters indicate that subjects are under arrest at Copenhagen, Denmark, on charges of espionage. It is stated that he is the son of Samuel and Katharina Mink, that his residence is 54 West 71st Street, New York City. Sherman advised that he is the son of Paul and Martha Shapiro and that his residence is 26 Woodruff Avenue, Brooklyn, N.Y. The New York Office has requested the appropriate inquiries into the background of the above statements as soon as possible.

James Williams, a French-Canadian, who is superintendent at 54 West 71st Street, New York City, was interviewed. He identified the apartment of a Mrs. Sadie Dorn as approximately two weeks in the fall of 1934. He further advised that Mrs. Dorn informed him of December 1934, he personally delivered a passport to Myerintendant stated that Mrs. Sadie Dorn was a heavy set Jewish woman who was reported to be a social worker of some kind, and that Robert, Room 12, 300 West 72nd Street, New York City, some information relative to this woman might be obtained, as this was the renting office for the apartment house.

Mr. Bratcher was interviewed, and he produced his records which show that Mrs. Sadie Dorn rented a one room kitchenette unfurnished apartment at 54 West 71st Street, New York City on September 12, 1934 at a rental of \$10.00 per month, and moved out on January 5, 1935 owing one month's rent. The records show that she was employed for four years by the International Workers Order, 80 Fifth Avenue, New York City, telephone ALexander 1-7135. Another reference noted was Sol Dorn, 1414 Broadway, 14th Avenue, located at 14th Street, New York City, whom she had known for two years; the telephone number of Sol Dorn was given as ALexander 6-4570.

Mrs. Sadie Dorn was located on the 15th floor, 80 Fifth Avenue, New York City, which is the office of the International Workers, Inc. She stated this is a fraternal insurance organization which seeks insurance to working groups and that the organization was chartered under the laws of the State of New York. She further

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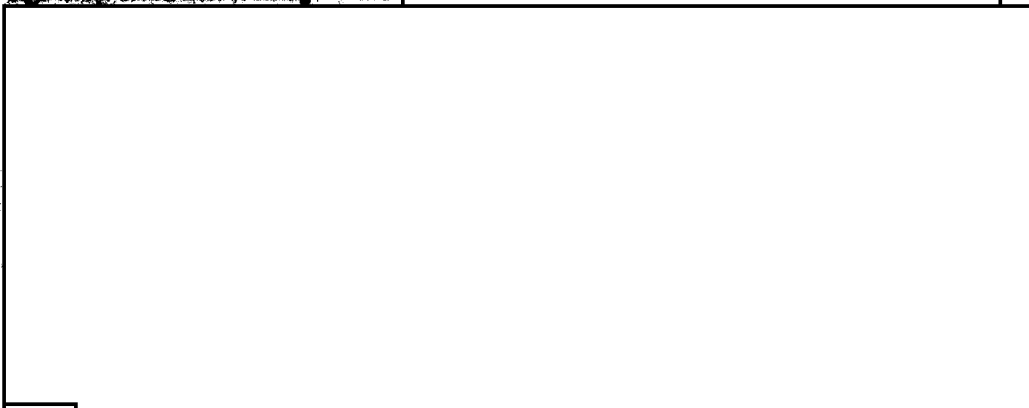
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advised that she was secretary of the organization and that she now resides at 1470 East 10th Street, New York City. She stated that this was not a Communist organization although they may have some Communists as members. She identified photograph of George Mink, and stated that she had met him a few years ago at a social; that she believed he was born in New Jersey or Pennsylvania; that she met him again about Christmas 1934 at which time he was selling merchandise, and that he asked her if she would permit him to have his mail sent to her address; that she granted his request. She stated that about this time she left for Chicago to transact business for the International Workers Order, Inc. She stated that Mink did not live in her apartment but probably received his mail there for a period of approximately two weeks. She appeared to be evasive and extremely worried when informed that Mink was in jail at Copenhagen, Denmark. She did not identify the photograph of Nicolas Sherman as any person with whom she was acquainted. *X* *u*

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Captain Dugan and Lieutenant Pike of the Alien Squad, New York City Police Department, were interviewed. They informed agent confidentially that [redacted]



[redacted] The records of the Police Department show that Mink formerly resided at 1131 Stratford Avenue, Bronx, N.Y.

Check at the Bureau of Identification, New York City Police Department, indicates that the subjects in this case have no criminal record under their given names. No fingerprint classifications being available, it was impossible to make a thorough check at the New York City Police Department.

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A.R. Burr, Special Agent in Charge, Department of State, Postoffice Building, 31st Street and Eighth Avenue, New York City, was interviewed, and he informed that the Department of State had conducted an extensive investigation of Mink, Sherman, and their three associates who are now in jail at Copenhagen, Denmark, on charges of espionage; that Mink is a well known Communist, and that he had questioned Mink during the past several years on approximately six occasions due to his activities as a Communist and due to the fact that when Mink applied for passports he stated he was born at Scranton, Pennsylvania, although the State Department could not find a record of his birth. Mr. Burr stated that Mink had produced affidavits to the Department of State alleging that he was born at Scranton, Pennsylvania, on April 23, 1899. Mr. Burr stated that Mink had served in the U.S. Navy; that his father, Samuel Mink, now deceased, was born in Russia; that Mink has had several passports, the last record being that of March 5, 1934, at which time Mink stated he lived at 26 East 10th Street, New York City.

The records of the Department of State show Mink's description as follows:

Name:	George Mink
Age:	34 (born April 23, 1899)
Height:	5'11 1/2"
Hair:	Black
Eyes:	Hazel
Scars, etc.:	No distinguishing marks
Occupation:	Silk expert, and salesman.

The records of the Department of State on Nicolas Sherman, disclose that Nicolas Sherman was born in Yugo-slavia, November 22, 1892; that he came to the United States on May 15, 1912; that he was naturalized in the U.S. District Court, Western District of Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, December 30, 1921, and that he

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is a mechanical engineer by occupation; that he is the son of Paul Sherman, deceased, who was a native of Austria. The records further disclose that when Sherman applied for a passport in the year 1934, he stated he was single and resided in Apartment 2, 91 Woodruff Avenue, Brooklyn, N.Y. Description of Sherman as contained in the records of the Department of State, is as follows:

Name:	Nicolas Sherman.
Age:	40 (born Nov. 22, 1892)
Height:	5'7"
Hair:	Dark brown
Eyes:	Brown
Scars; etc.	No distinguishing marks
Occupation:	Mechanical engineer.

Hugo Sellner, superintendent of the apartment houses located from 70 to 91 Woodruff Avenue, Brooklyn, N.Y., was interviewed and he was shown photograph of Subject Sherman. He stated that he did not recognize this photograph as any person who resided at 91 Woodruff Avenue; that several families in the house had roomers and that he believed some person by the name of Sherman received mail there. Investigation at the apartment house disclosed that Sherman was unknown there.

Thomas Garvey, assistant superintendent of the Flatbush Post-office Station was interviewed. He checked his records and stated that no mail was delivered to any person by the name of Sherman at the aforementioned address. He further advised, after interviewing the carrier who has been serving this route for approximately five years, that the carrier stated he had never delivered any mail to a person named Sherman in the vicinity of 91 Woodruff Avenue, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Investigation further disclosed that 96 Woodruff Avenue does not exist. Numbers 94 and 98 exist, these are private houses directly across the street from No. 91, which is an apartment house. It will

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be noted that Shorman informed the [redacted] that he was
the son of Paul and Kattie Shorman and that his residence was
96 Woodruff Avenue, Brooklyn, N.Y. 8/1 6-u

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My dear Sir:

I beg to refer to my letter of April 10, 1935, concerning George Mink, Nicolas Sherman and Leon Josephson, whose fingerprints you forwarded to this Bureau with your letters of February 23, 1935. (S) u

As you were advised in my letter cited, inquiries were initiated by this Bureau for the purpose of establishing the identities of Mink, Josephson and Sherman through the medium of the photographs furnished by you. I am setting out below information disclosed as a result of these inquiries. (S) u

It is noted that information appears in your letter of February 23, 1935, that Josephson states he is the son of Joseph and Bertha Josephson and that his residence is Trenton, New York, 23 Sanhecon Drive. Please be advised that there is no town of Trenton in New York. Since there is a town of Trenton in New Jersey, investigation has been conducted at this point and it has been ascertained that subject's brother, Louis Josephson, is residing at 23 Sanhecon Drive in that town. Advice has been received that subject was born at Libau, Latvia, June 17, 1898, and that his father, Joseph Josephson, is now deceased. (S) u

With regard to Nicolas Sherman, who, according to your letter of February 23, 1935, states he is the son of Paul and Kattie Sherman and that his residence is Brooklyn, New York, Woodruff Avenue 96, please be advised that there is no such address as that given in your letter. Numbers 91, 94 and 98 Woodruff Avenue do exist in Brooklyn, New York. Investigations were conducted at these places with the assistance of the photograph furnished by you, but no one was located who knew this subject. (S) u

With regard to your report that George Mink states he is the son of Samuel and Nathalia Mink and that his residence is New York, 54 West 71st Street, please be advised that this Bureau's investigations have disclosed that Mink received his mail at this address for approximately two weeks during the Fall of 1934, but that he never resided at this address. Advice has been received that his father, Samuel Mink, is now deceased. It has not been possible to identify any record of subject's birth in this country. (S) u

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In connection with your inquiry concerning the passports in the possession of these persons, please be advised that I have caused copies of your letters to be referred to the United States Department of State for appropriate attention in this regard. (X) u

With the expression of my regard and esteem, I am

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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June 1, 1935.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of State,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

I have the honor to inclose herewith copies of three letters dated February 23, 1935, together with a copy of a letter dated March 23, 1935, addressed to the Federal Bureau of Investigation by the [redacted] wherein inquiries are made concerning passports which were found in the possession of three individuals known as George Mink, Nicolaas Sherman and Leon Josephson. The authorities in Denmark have been advised that since this matter lies within the jurisdiction of your Department copies of the letters have been referred to you for attention. (S) (X) (u)

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As you will observe from the inclosed letters, the Danish officials requested information concerning the criminal records of these persons in this country. Under date of March 11, 1935, the Federal Bureau of Investigation addressed a letter to the officials in Denmark advising that a search of the fingerprints of these persons against the files of the Identification Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation failed to disclose any prior criminal records. In a further communication addressed to Denmark, dated May 31, 1935, advice was furnished as to the result of inquiries that had been instituted for the purpose of establishing the genuineness of statements made by those persons regarding their identities and their residences. (S) (X) (u)

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Sincerely yours,

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Dear Sir:

Referring to your print regarding George Mink, #---, the following is an abstract of subject's fingerprint record on file in the Federal Bureau of Investigation: (X) u

Subject as George Mink, #---, arrested by [redacted] Copenhagen, Denmark, date not given, charged with espionage. Fingerprinted February 22, 1935. (X) G-1(u)

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As George Mink, #---, inquiry made by [redacted] May 29, 1935, the following information appearing on this print: "As George Mink, arrested by Police of Copenhagen, date not given, charge, falsification of passports. Fingerprinted February 22, 1935." (X) G-1(u)

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
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1. George Mink
2. Al Gottlieb, born Aug. 10, 1899 in New York;
Abraham Wepler, born Jan. 14, 1896 in Poland;
Harry Hermann Kaplan, born June 14, 1899 in
Lithuania.

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3. April 23, 1899 in Philadelphia (U.S.A.)

4. Calls himself an American citizen

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5. Single, Jewish

6. Mitchell

7. New York, 54 West 71 Street.

8. Samuel and Nathalia Mink

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10. American passport no. 84893 issued Mar. 31, 1934
in Washington to George Mink. In his file
now found in addition the following passports (American):
passport no. 156773, issued Dec. 3, 1934 in Washington to
Al Gottlieb; passport no. 154245, issued Nov. 14, 1934
to Abraham Wepler, Washington; passport no. 156773, issued
Dec. 3, 1934 in Washington to Harry Hermann Kaplan.

11. Charged with falsification of passports.

12. Apprehended by Criminal Police in Copenhagen on the charge of
falsification of passports and for assuming a false identity
(fingerprinted Feb. 22, 1935).

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13. Height 5' 2" ; dark hair, clean shaven, medium build.

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- 1- George Mink
- 2- Al Gottlieb, born Aug. 10, 1899 in New York; Abraham Wexler, born Jan. 14, 1896 in Roland; Harry Hermann Kaplan, born June 14, 1899 in Lithuania.
- 3- April 23, 1899 in Philadelphia (U.S.A.)
- 4- Calls himself an American citizen.
- 5- Single, Jewish.
- 6- Merchant
- 7- New York, 54 West, 71 Street.
- 8- Samuel and Nathalia Mink
- 9- --
- 10 American passport #84893 issued March 31, 1934 in Washington to George Mink. In his possession were found in addition the following passports (American): Passport #156773, issued Dec. 3, 1934 in Washington to Al Gottlieb; passport #154245, issued Nov. 14, 1934 to Abraham Wexler, Washington; passport #156773, issued Dec. 3, 1934 in Washington to Harry Hermann Kaplan.
- 11 Charged with falsification of passports.
- 12 Apprehended by criminal Police of Copenhagen on the charge of falsification of passports and for assuming a false identity (fingerprinted Feb. 22, 1935.)
- 13 Height 5 ft. 2 inches; black hair, clean shaven, yellowish-blue eyes, convex nose.
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- 15 Previous record unknown.

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Special Agent in Charge,
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APPROPRIATE AGENCIES
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SLIP (S) OF ~~CLASSIFICATION~~
DATE 7/12/79 ~~695/RLS~~

8/8/85 229,312
BY 945/UMS

Dear Sir:

The Bureau is in receipt of a letter from the [redacted] requesting advice as to the authenticity of a report received from the Commissioner of Police of [redacted] to the effect that one George Mink, who has been arrested in Copenhagen, Denmark, for espionage and falsification of passport, may be identical with a man of a similar name who is recorded as being the chairman of the Marine Workers' Industrial Union of the United States of America and Secretary of the Marine Workers' League, 72 South Street, New York City. (X) & G-1W

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There are inclosed herewith copies of the fingerprints and photograph, together with a transcript of the criminal record as disclosed by the Bureau's files, of the George Mink who was arrested at Copenhagen. It is requested that your office conduct appropriate inquiries for the purpose of determining whether this subject is identical with the subject mentioned in the communication from New Scotland Yard. (X) & G-1W

Very truly yours,

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John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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November 22, 1955.

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My dear Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of October 26, 1955, with reference to the case of George Mink, your #I.B. 43/55, and in accordance with your request therein I am causing appropriate inquiries to be made with reference to the authenticity of the report that you received from the Commissioner of Police of [REDACTED] to the effect that Mink may be identical with a man of a similar name who is recorded as being Chairman of the Marine Workers' Industrial Union of the United States of America and Secretary of the Marine Workers' League, 28 South Street, New York City. Immediately upon the completion of these inquiries, I shall communicate to you the results thereof.

With expressions of my regards and esteem, I am

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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Vienna, October 26 th 1935.

M i n k George.

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Rferring to your estimed letter of June 5, 1935, concerning
 George ^{38 11-12-85} M i n k , I have the honour to inform you that we have
 received an information concerning the said individual from
 the Commissioner of the Police of [redacted]

[redacted] which reads as follows:

" George Mink may be identical with a man of a similar name
 who is recorded as being the chairman of the Marine Workers'
 Industrial Union of the United States of America and Secretary o
 the Marone Workers' League, 28 South Street, New York City."

I should be very obliged to you ,if you would be kind enough
 to let me know if the supposition of the London Police could be
 affirmed by your researches.

Thanking you in advance for all trouble provoked by that
 request, I am dear Sir,

Yours very truly

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December 10, 1935.

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Special Agent in Charge,
New York, New York.

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Dear Sir:

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Reference is made to your letter of November 30, 1935, in reply to Bureau letter of November 22, 1935, in which you were informed that the Bureau has received a letter from the [redacted] requesting that appropriate inquiries be made for the purpose of determining whether the George Mink arrested at Copenhagen, Denmark, is identical with a man of similar name who is reported as being the chairman of the Marine Workers' Industrial Union of the United States of America, and Secretary of the Marine Workers League, 28 South Street, New York City. (S)u

It is noted that you state in your letter of November 30, 1935, that the desired information is contained in the report of Special Agent J. J. Keating, dated May 9, 1935, at New York City, in the case entitled GEORGE MINK. NICOLAS BREMERMAN - ESPIONAGE. This report does state that Mink was former National Secretary of the Marine Workers' Industrial Union, a communist organization. However, there is no information as to whether he is at present affiliated with that organization. It is noted that the authorities in Denmark wish to be advised whether or not Mink is now chairman of the Marine Workers' Industrial Union. It will not suffice to report that he was formerly National Secretary of that organization. Furthermore, inquiry was made as to whether Mink is Secretary of the Marine Workers League. No information covering this inquiry appears in your report. The Bureau wishes, moreover, to be advised as to whether the address given in a communication from Denmark, namely 28 South Street, New York City, is correct. (S) G-1111

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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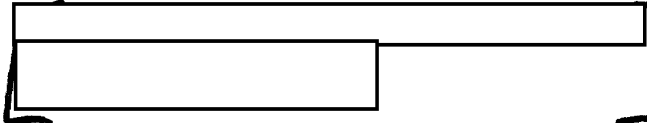
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February 5, 1936.

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My dear Sir: 9145 C110ms

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I have the honor to refer to your letter of October 26, 1935, and my reply thereto dated November 22, 1935, relative to the case of George Mink, your #I.B.43/35. ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

As you were advised in my letter of November 22, 1935, appropriate inquiries were being instituted, pursuant to the request contained in your letter of October 26, 1935, with reference to the authenticity of the report, which you received from the Commissioner of Police of [redacted] to the effect that Mink may be identical with a man of a similar name who is recorded as being Chairman of the Marine Workers' Industrial Union of the United States of America and Secretary of the Marine Workers' League, 28 South Street, New York City. ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

It has been ascertained that George Mink was former National Secretary and Chairman of the Marine Workers' Industrial Union. It is noted that on March 30, 1935, this organization was dissolved. Immediately prior to that time its headquarters had been at 111 Broad Street, New York City.

With reference to the further inquiry in your letter, information has been received that Mink was an executive of the Marine Workers' League, although it has not been possible to ascertain whether he was Secretary of that organization. The Marine Workers' League, when it existed, had meeting rooms at 28 South Street, New York City. However, it has been out of existence since April, 1930.

In the event you desire any further inquiries to be conducted concerning Mink's activities in this country, please do not hesitate to advise me of your wishes in this matter. ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

With expressions of my regard and esteem, I am

Sincerely yours,

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

John Edgar Hoover, 4-18-79
Director.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION.

FORM NO. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT NEW YORK CITY

N.Y. FILE NO. 65-33 dem

REPORT MADE AT: NEW YORK CITY	DATE WHEN MADE: 1-17-36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 1/8-10/36	REPORT MADE BY: J. J. KEATING
TITLE: GEORGE MINK NICOLAS SHERMAN			CHARACTER OF CASE: ESPIONAGE
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p>George Mink arrested at Copenhagen, Denmark, on March 8, 1935, and subsequently convicted in that country for possession of fraudulent American passports, is identical with the George Mink, leading American communist, who was formerly an executive of the Marine Workers' League and the Marine Workers Industrial Union of the United States of America, at New York City. These organizations are now defunct. The business of both of these organizations is now being conducted by the Communist party, Section 1, with offices at 148 Houston Street, New York City. Mink has no criminal record at New York City.</p>			
<p>COPIES DESTROYED R42 JUN 9 1961</p> <p>REFERENCE: Bureau letters dated November 22, 1935, December 10, 1935 and April 11, 1935.</p> <p>DETAILS: <u>DETAILS:</u></p> <p>The information requested in Bureau letter dated April 11, 1935, was obtained and set out completely in the report of the writer, dated at New York City, May 9, 1935, in the above entitled case.</p>			
<p>APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>Whitney</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE</p> <p>COPIES OF THIS REPORT FURNISHED TO: 3 Bureau 2 New York</p> <p>ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN OTHERWISE</p> <p>ROUTED TO: <i>IDENT</i></p> <p>RECORDED AND INDEXED JAN 18 1936</p> <p>CHECKED OFF: FEB 6 1936</p> <p>JACKETED:</p>			

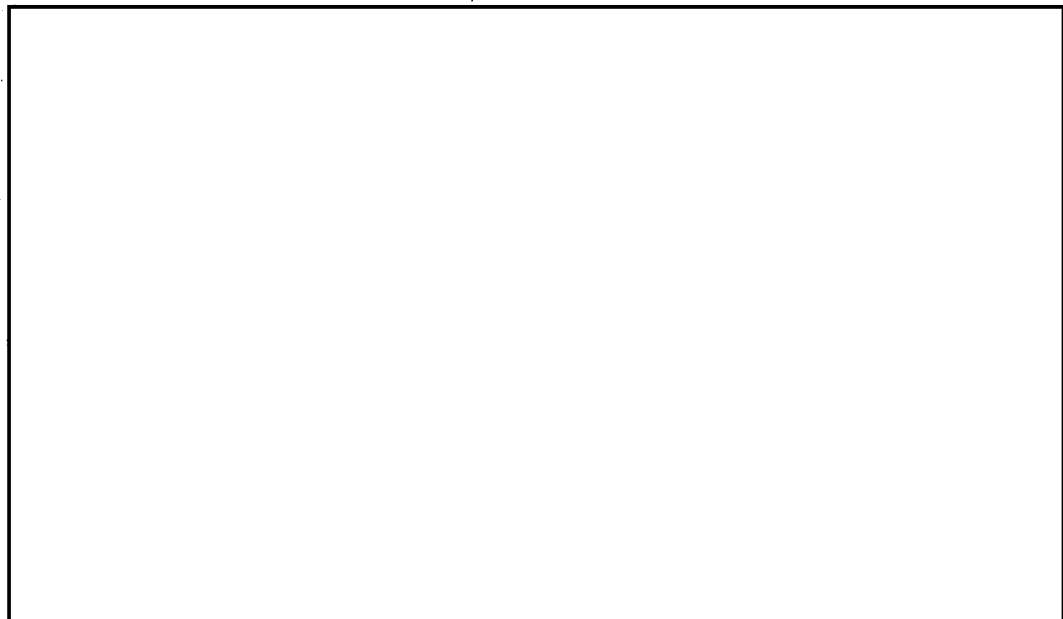
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In reference letter of Nov. 22, 1935, it is noted that the [redacted] requested advice as to the authenticity of a report received from the Commissioner of Police of [redacted] London, to the effect that one GEORGE MINK, who had been arrested in Copenhagen, Denmark, for espionage and falsification of passport, may be identical with a man of similar name who is recorded as being the chairman of the Marine Workers' Industrial Union of the United States of America and Secretary of the Marine Workers' League, 28 South Street, New York City. (X) G.W.

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Lieut. PIKE of the Alien Squad, New York City Police Department, was interviewed. He contacted some of his undercover men who are active in communist affairs in New York City and specially connected with the Marine Workers' League in New York City.

Lieut. PIKE arranged for a conference between agent and one of the undercover men assigned marine work. This man's name is unknown to agent. The information elicited from him, in the presence of Lieut. PIKE, is to be treated confidentially, and is as follows:

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The undercover man stated that

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Investigation at New York City established the fact that the GEORGE MINK arrested at Copenhagen, Denmark on March 8, 1935 and subsequently convicted in that country for possession of fraudulent American passports, is identical with George Mink, the internationally known American communist, who was formerly an executive of the Marine Workers' League, which was dissolved in April, 1930, at which time the headquarters of the organization was located at 28 South Street, New York City. (S) X

The investigation further established the fact that GEORGE MINK was formerly National Secretary and Chairman of the Marine Workers' Industrial League of the United States of America, which was formed at a convention of the Communist marine workers, held at New York City on April 26 and 27, 1930. This organization was dissolved on March 30, 1935.

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The investigation further disclosed that GEORGE MINK'S official position in the Marine Workers' Industrial League of the United States was delegated to ROY B. HUDSON, a Communist leader among the marine workers in New York City, at the time MINK and his group left the United States for Russia in the Fall of 1934.

The fact that these two organizations have been dissolved establishes definitely that MINK is not connected with them at this time, although he is known as a Communist leader in the United States, and was associated with leading Communists in marine industries.

A check of MINK'S fingerprints, a photographic copy of which was forwarded to the New York Bureau Office, was made at the Bureau of Identification, New York Police Department, which definitely established that MINK has no criminal record in Greater New York.

GEORGE MINK is an associate of LEON JOSEPHSON, subject of New York File 65-34, entitled "LEON JOSEPHSON, Espionage". JOSEPHSON was one of the members of MINK'S party arrested at Copenhagen, Denmark on March 8, 1935 and subsequently convicted of possessing fraudulent American passports. JOSEPHSON is an attorney by profession, and formerly practiced law at Trenton, New Jersey. He represented Soviet Russia in the United States. *(Handwritten initials: J, C)*

The books and pamphlets for Communists who are marine workers are printed and published by the International Pamphlets, 799 Broadway, New York City. Some of their literature is also published by the International Publishers, 381 Fourth Ave., New York City.

All leads in this case have been covered and it is, therefore, being closed.

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be noted that Sherman informed the [redacted] that he was the son of Paul and Kattie Sherman and that his residence was 96 Woodruff Avenue, Brooklyn, N.Y. ~~(S)~~ ~~(S)~~ G-44

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All leads requested having been covered, this case is closed.

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ADDRESS REPLY TO
"THE ATTORNEY GENERAL"
AND REFER TO
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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

WASHINGTON, D. C.

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40-9476 *Wzy*

August 19, 1936.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR,
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION.

There is attached hereto a copy of a memorandum from the Secretary of State of August 14th, in which it is requested that the State Department be furnished with copies of photographs and fingerprints of a man who was arrested at Copenhagen, Denmark, in February, 1935, on a charge of espionage and who had in his possession a passport of this Government in the name of Nicholas Sherman. The memorandum states that it is understood that the photographs and fingerprints of this man are in the Bureau files.

This matter is referred to you for consideration and appropriate attention.

Respectfully,

Brian McMahon

BRIEN McMAHON,
Assistant Attorney General.

Enclosure #13490.

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In reply refer to
859.1121 Josephson, Leon/58

August 14, 1936

The Secretary of State presents his compliments to the Honorable the Attorney General and states that it is the understanding of this Department that the Department of Justice has in its files photographs and fingerprints of a man who was arrested at Copenhagen, Denmark, in February, 1936, on a charge of espionage and who had in his possession a passport of this Government in the name of Nicholas Herman.

It may be stated for the information of the Department of Justice that the aforementioned person was convicted in Denmark and was sentenced to eighteen months in prison. He was paroled during the latter part of June 1936 and went to the Soviet Union in the early part of July 1936 using a travel document supplied by the Soviet authorities. The American passport referred to above was fraudulently obtained and the importer was recently indicted in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York for violating the passport laws. This Department contemplates sending out to

to American consular officers a circular regarding the impostor who informed an American consular officer that he could return to this country and obtain a passport whenever he desired. Accordingly, it is requested that this Department be furnished with copies of the photographs and fingerprints of the impostor. This Department would also appreciate being furnished with any information regarding the impostor's whereabouts which the Department of Justice may receive.

A true copy of
the signed original.
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copy of this communication.

R.B.S.

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April 10, 1939

MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL BRIEN McMAHON

Reference is made to your memorandum dated March 31, 1939, with which you inclosed a copy of a letter received from the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, in which he requested authority to enter an order of nolle prosequi to indictment number C 99-26 in the case involving Nicholas Sherman and Joshua Tamer.

In answer to your inquiry as to whether this Bureau has any knowledge as to the present whereabouts of these two men, I must advise you that the files of the Bureau fail to reflect the information desired by you.

It is noted, however, that a wanted notice is maintained in the files of the Identification Division of the Bureau indicating that Nicholas Sherman is wanted by the Department of State for violation of the passport laws. No reference to Joshua Tamer is contained in our files.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
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BRIEN McMAHON
ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL

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Department of Justice
Washington

March 31, 1939.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. J. EDGAR HOOVER,
DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Mr. Tolson	_____
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Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Glavin	_____
Mr. Ladd	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
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Mr. Carson	_____
Mr. Egan	_____
Mr. Gurnea	_____
Mr. Harbo	_____
Mr. Hendon	_____
Mr. Jones	_____
Mr. Mumford	_____
Mr. Quinn	_____
Mr. Nease	_____
Mr. Gandy	_____

There is enclosed herewith a copy of a letter dated March 24, 1939, received from the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, wherein he requests authority to enter an order of nolle prosequi to indictment number C 99-26 in the case involving Nicholas Sherman and Joshua Tamer.

It is requested that you advise this Division if you have any knowledge as to the present whereabouts of these two men.

Brien McMahon

BRIEN McMAHON,
Assistant Attorney General.

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September 3, 1936.

MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL McMAHON

Reference is made to your memorandum dated August 19, 1936, in which you make inquiry concerning one Nicholas Sherman.

For your information, I am transmitting herewith a photographic copy of the fingerprints of one Nicholas Sherman who is probably identical with the person concerning whom you make inquiry. There are also inclosed a copy of the photograph of this subject and a copy of his criminal record, our FBI-911032. (X) 4

An appropriate wanted notice has been placed in the files of the Identification Division of the Bureau providing that the State Department is to be notified in the event any information is subsequently received concerning this individual.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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December 19, 1935

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RE: GEORGE WINK alias GEORGE
WINKOFF alias ALFRED WINKITZ

By letter dated February 23, 1935, the [redacted]

[redacted] Denmark, forwarded to this Bureau the fingerprints and photograph of George Wink, with advice that Wink was arrested by that organization, together with Leon Josephson, Hans Brunfeldt and Nicholas Sherman. At the time of this correspondence the Bureau was advised that Wink was under arrest in Copenhagen, Denmark, charged with espionage. When arrested he advised the police officers at Copenhagen that he was born in Philadelphia on April 23, 1899, being the son of Samuel and Nathalia Wink, his address in New York City being 54 West 11st Street. The Danish police suspected him of being a member of an organized gang of international criminals.

At the time of his arrest in Copenhagen Wink was in the possession of American passport No. 84893, in the name of George Wink, showing that he was born at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on April 23, 1899. This passport was delivered to Wink in Washington, D. C., on March 31, 1934. He was also in possession of the following additional American passports:

Passport No. 88049, for Al Gottlieb, born August 10, 1899, in New York, passport delivered at Washington, D. C., April 12, 1934.

Passport No. 154245, for Abraham Wexler, born January 14, 1896, at Poland, passport delivered at Washington, D. C., November 14, 1934.

Passport No. 156773, for Harry Herman Kaplan, born June 14, 1899, in Lithuania, passport delivered at Washington, D. C., December 3, 1934.

The Danish authorities requested information as to the character and antecedents of Wink, together with information bearing upon the genuineness of the above-mentioned passports.

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Accordingly, an investigation was undertaken by the New York City office of the Bureau and inquiries were made at 54 West 71st Street, the address which Wink had furnished the Danish authorities. Eugene Billodeau, the superintendent of the said building, identified the photograph of George Wink, advising that this man had lived in the apartment of Mrs. Sadie Doran for approximately two weeks during the fall of 1934. Mrs. Doran advised Mr. Billodeau that the man identified as Wink was her brother. He stated further that sometime during the month of December 1934, he, Billodeau, personally delivered a passport to Wink, the latter informing that he, Wink, was leaving for Europe. (X) u

The property at 54 West 71st Street, New York City, was at the time of the investigation in May, 1935, being handled by Bracher and Hubert, Room 32, 200 West 72nd Street, New York City. Mr. Bracher produced records showing that Mrs. Sadie Doran rented a one-room furnished kitchenette apartment at 54 West 71st Street on September 1, 1934, at a rental of \$40.00 per month and moved out on January 5, 1935, owing a month's rental. The records disclosed that Mrs. Doran was employed for four years by the International Workers Order, Incorporated, 80 Fifth Avenue, New York City. Mrs. Sadie Doran was interviewed at the headquarters of the International Workers Order, 80 Fifth Avenue, New York City, at which time she advised that she was then Secretary of the said organization and also had then changed her residence to 470 East 10th Street, New York City. She identified the photograph of George Wink, advising she had met him a few years previous at a social. She gave it as her belief that Wink was born in New Jersey or Pennsylvania. She stated she met him on another occasion about Christmas of 1934, at which time he was selling merchandise and that he asked her if she would permit him to have his mail sent to her address. She stated she granted this request. She stated that about that time she left for Chicago, Illinois, to transact some business for the International Workers Order. She denied that Wink had lived in her apartment but conceded that he had probably received his mail there for approximately a period of two weeks. She appeared extremely evasive and worried when informed that Wink was in jail at Copenhagen, Denmark. (X) u b7D

Inquiries were conducted through Captain Lagan and Lieutenant Pike of the Alien Squad, New York City Police Department, who advised that [REDACTED]

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The records of the Police Department, New York City, disclosed that Mink formerly resided at 1114 Stratford Avenue, Bronx, New York City.

Inquiries were made of A. R. Burr, Special Agent in Charge, Department of State, Post Office Building, 31st and 8th Avenue, New York City. He informed that the Department of State had conducted an extensive investigation concerning Mink and the others mentioned hereinbefore. He informed that he had personally questioned Mink during the past several years on approximately six occasions, due to Mink's activities as a Communist and due to the fact that when Mink applied for passports he stated he was born in Scranton, Pennsylvania, although the State Department found no record of his birth. Mr. Burr stated that Mink had produced affidavits to the State Department alleging that he was born in Scranton, Pennsylvania, on April 23, 1899. Mr. Burr stated that Mink had served in the United States Navy; that Mink's father was Samuel Mink, deceased, who was born in Russia; that Mink had several passports, the last record being that of March 5, 1934, at which time Mink stated he lived at 26 East 10th Street, New York City. The records maintained by Mr. Burr disclosed that Mink's description in 1935 was as follows:

Age	34 years (born April 23, 1899)
Height	5' 4 1/2"
Hair	black
Eyes	hazel
Scars	no distinguishing marks
Occupation	silk expert and salesman.

The Bureau is in receipt of a letter from police officials at Vienna, Austria, dated October 26, 1935, advising the Bureau that

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information had been received by the Vienna police officials from the Commissioner of Police of [redacted] to the effect that: (C) G-10

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[George Mink may be identical with a man of a similar name who is recorded as being the Chairman of the Marine Workers' Industrial Union of the United States of America and Secretary of the Marine Workers League, 28 South Street, New York City.] (C) G-10

The Vienna authorities accordingly asked to be advised whether the information furnished by the Commissioner of Police [redacted] was correct. Another investigation was accordingly undertaken which disclosed that the George Mink arrested at Copenhagen, Denmark, on March 8, 1935, and subsequently convicted in that country for the possession of fraudulent American passports is identical with George Mink, the internationally known American Communist who was formerly an executive of the Marine Workers League, which League was dissolved in April, 1930, at which time the headquarters of the said League was located at 28 South Street, New York City. (C) (u)

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The investigation further established that George Mink was formerly National Secretary and Chairman of the Marine Workers Industrial Union of the United States of America, which was formed at a convention of the Communist Marine Workers held at New York City on April 26 and 27, 1930. This organization was also dissolved on March 30, 1935.

During the course of this investigation information was confidentially obtained in New York City to the effect that George Mink and six others during the latter part of 1934 were sent to Russia with some secret papers; that they attended a conference of the Communist Party at Moscow in the winter of 1934 and 1935.

During the investigation of the Hunger March on Washington, D. C. in November 1932, confidential information was obtained to the effect that George Mink was Chairman of the Marine Workers Industrial Union, which then had headquarters at 140 Broad Street, New York City. The principals connected with this organization, known as the Inner Circle, were:

George Mink	- Chairman
Eoy Hudson	- Secretary
A. Jones	
J. Nelson	

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Although prominent in the Inner Circle of the Communist Party, little is known of George Mink, the Directing Head and National Chairman of the said Union, having taken any leading part on the outside until he accepted the Chairmanship of this group which demanded a hearing in Washington, D. C. Mink is considered dangerous, in so far as he will resort to any methods to gain his objective. He generally keeps in the background when any underhanded work is being conducted and directs operations from his office, in consequence of which he does not become embroiled in such matters. He has been under suspicion by the New York City Police Department for having had knowledge of the conduct of John G. Soderberg, a Communist who served a sentence for the placing of bombs on vessels in New York Harbor. It is alleged that one of Mink's principal objectives, at least in 1932, was to break the moral of the inmates of the Seamen's Church Institute, New York City. In 1932 Mink was reported to live at 1114 Stratford Avenue, New York City, and was said to be the brother-in-law of William Z. Foster.

The correct name of Mink is said to be Minkoff. He attended the seating of the National Committee of the Communist Party in Chicago, Illinois, at the celebration of its 20th Anniversary of the founding of the Communist Party, U.S.A., from September 1 to 4, 1939.

In 1933 Mink represented, in Europe, the Marine Workers' Industrial Union, a Communist subsidized organization. He was subsequently imprisoned for a period of eighteen months in Denmark on the charge of having violated the Espionage Act of that country. Thereafter he was deported to America. Mink is the brother-in-law of Losovsky, former head of the Red International of Labor Unions. Mink is regarded as one of the cleverest Communists in the United States. It is said that from 1924 to 1935 he was in complete charge of the Communications System of the Communist Party throughout the world. He is reported to be well versed in Naval tactics and on Naval equipment. It is said that Mink keeps abreast with new developments in this line of work. Mink is reported to possess a splendid collection of books on the subject of Naval tactics in an apartment in New York City. His one weakness is said to be women. It is reported that it was a woman agent in Denmark who disclosed his activities to the Government of that country. Mink is also said to have served a period of enlistment in the United States Navy. It is reported he maintains a constant contact with E. K. Gebert in New York City. (X) 6-11-41

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Mink was the head of the GPU (Russian Secret Police) in Barcelona, Spain, during the Spanish Civil War. Returning to this country he entered the Seamen's Union, thereafter becoming active in GPU work for the Communist Party. It is said that Jack Stachel, one of the leading Communists in the United States, is a lieutenant for Mink. (X) u

Joseph Zack, a former leader in the Communist Party, U.S.A. and a former close associate of Earl Browder, testified before the Dies Committee that Mink is involved in GPU activities in the United States on behalf of the Soviet Government. Zack testified that Mink is a big bluffer and a loud talker; that while Mink was in Spain during the recent Civil War, the latter introduced American gangster methods, performing a number of assassinations on behalf of the Communist organization. Among those who were assassinated by Mink was one leading Spanish literary figure, name undisclosed.

There appeared in the publication "VANGUARD" for April 1938, on page 11, an item concerning GPU activities in the United States. The article disclosed that Mink is a former Philadelphia taxi driver and petty crook who became the GPU chief in Barcelona, Spain. It is alleged in the said item that Mink utilized an American passport under the name of Alfred Hertz. The same item pointed out that Mink is the assassin of Camillo Berneri and Barbieri. This allegation is made by the prominent New York anarchist, Carlo Tresca, on the strength of evidence presented by associates of Tresca in the organization called C.N.T. - P.A.I. in Spain. (The correct name of this organization is unknown.)

It is disclosed that Mink was once associated with the International of Seamen and Harborworkers. This was a Communist organization, the officers of which were:

George Mink
Roy Hudson
Thomas Ray
Al Lannon.

It is also disclosed that Mink was a delegate of the Marine Workers' Industrial Union to the 5th World Congress of the Red International of Labor Unions in 1930. It is said that he entered Russia on April 8, 1932 and left that country on May 16, 1932.

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The files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation disclose that on October 24, 1932, eight members of the Marine Workers' Industrial Union presented a petition to Mr. Joslin, Secretary to former President Herbert Hoover. The contents of the petition are not known. Mink was one of the petitioners, the others being the following:

John E. Clarke	-	Baltimore, Maryland
E. L. Burke	-	Baltimore, Maryland
George Mink	-	New York City; Chairman
John Cercher	-	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
H. Jones	-	New York City
J. Nelson	-	New York City
Louis L. Lopez	-	Philippine Islands
J. Youthis	-	Baltimore, Maryland.

An excellent photograph of this group is available.

It is reported that Private Arthur Fredette of the Metropolitan Police Department has accumulated considerable data concerning the activities of the Marine Workers' Industrial Union. Fredette has in his possession a copy of the petition presented by the said Union to Mr. Joslin.

On September 4, 1936, the fingerprints of one Geor Mink were received from the [redacted]

[redacted] These fingerprints disclosed the arrest of Mink for his activities as an agent of universal Communism. (Cf) u

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The Bureau has received the following information from a confidential source, unverified by investigation:

Mink has been active in the National Maritime Union in the Great Lakes District. His correct name is said to be Minkoff. He is a Philadelphia Jew and a former taxi driver who was closely linked with the Philadelphia underworld. He is rough, uncouth and almost illiterate. He has been a Communist Party member from the formation of the said Party in 1919. He was one of the "sluggers" for the William Z. Foster group in New York and Philadelphia at the Communist Party factional fight in 1925. In 1927 he was the head of a group of left-wing seamen and longshoremen in New York, although up to that time, it is said, he had had no experience as a seaman. He was an agent for the Red International of Labor Unions in 1934. This group is commonly referred to as the Profintern. At that time he was assigned to the Scandinavian countries.

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It is said that while he was in Copenhagen, Denmark, he got in trouble with a woman who exposed him as a Communist agent. The Danish Government seized his papers, codes and other material and sentenced him to jail. After over a year in jail he was sent to Spain by the Communist International in 1936. While in Spain he acted as a spy for the purpose of denouncing all who opposed the Communist Party in the Civil War. He was responsible for the "liquidation" of many who opposed the Communist Party in Spain. After returning to the United States he was sent to Mexico where he and his associates were apprehended in the immediate vicinity of the home of Diego Rivera, where Leon Trotsky was then and is now living. He was detained for a time by the Mexican Police and upon returning to the United States was taken into the National Maritime Union. It is said that he is now in charge of the work formerly conducted by Roy Hudson. (S) G-100

William C. McGuistion, in testifying before the Dies Committee, declared that George Mink is "the power behind the scenes" of the American Communist Party. He also declared that Mink is the power behind the West Coast Maritime Unions and that Harry Bridges is only the nominal leader of the said Unions. McGuistion further charged that Mink is "the direct agent of the Soviet Military Intelligence in the United States."

Mink bears FBI#911040 and his criminal record is disclosed as follows: (S) (u)

As George Mink, #—, arrested by the [redacted] Denmark, date not given but he was fingerprinted on February 22, 1935; charge - Communistic espionage and indecent behavior; sentenced - July 30, 1935, to 18 months, minus two months imprisonment and expulsion; July 23, 1936 released and deported to Soviet Russia. (S) (u)

On February 22, 1935, this individual was fingerprinted by the [redacted] charge - falsification of passports and assuming a false identity; deported July 23, 1936 from Denmark to Soviet Russia after having suffered his punishment. (S) (u)

As George Mink, #—, arrested by the [redacted] date not given but fingerprints received at the FBI September 4, 1936; charge - suspect, activities as an agent of Universal Communism. (S) (u)

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The only additional personal description in the Identification Division files is to the following effect:

Name - George Mink
Hair - dark brown
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Ears - large.

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7559-4757 - George Mink, correct name Minkoff, C.P. organizer, among marine workers and former Soviet Secret Agent. Attended the meeting of the National Comte of the C.P. in Chicago at its telebration of the tweentieth anniversary on Sept 1-4, 1939. This was the 20th Anniversary of the founding of the C.P. in Chicago.

In 1933 Mink represented the Marine Workers' Industrial Union, a Communist subsidized union, in Europe. He was subsequently imprisoned for 18 months in Denmark for violation of the Denamrk Espionage Act, and subsequently deported to America. The above furnished by McGuistion, 7559-4131.

7559-4326- Mink is the brother in law of Losovsky, former Russian cabinet member as head of the Russian Unions. Mink has been interested in the waterfront trouble in the Gulf area. He is one of the cleverest C.P. members in this country, and from 1924 to 1935 was in complete charge of the communications system of the C.P. throughout the world; is well versed in naval tactics and on naval equipment and keeps abreast of new developments in this line; ~~and he is a very good~~ Mink possesses a wonderful collection of books in a N.Y. apartment on naval tactics and naval equipment. Mink's one weakness is women. It was a woman agent in Denmark who caught him there and built up the case for t e govt of Denmark. Mink served a hitch in the U.S. Navy.

61-7561-417. Mink is reportedly in contact with B.K. Gebert in N.Y.C. (S) u

7559-4608- Mink was the head of the G.P.U. in Barcelona; that returning to this country he went into the Seamen's Union; acrive in G.P.U. work for the Party. Mink beli ved to have been arrested on one occasion in Stockholm, Sweden; that Jack Stachel, Secy of the C.P. in N.Y. is one of Mink's lieutenants. (S) u

7559-5272x Photograph. (Incidentally copies of the cr. rec. and photographs have been requested of the Idnet.)

7559-4064- Mink is regarded by Joseph Zack as being involved in G.P.U. activities here for the Soviet govt. He stated that Mink is a big bluffer and a loud talker. He was over in Spain during the civil war and introd ced American gangster mtthods there, performing a number of assassinations on behalf of the Russian Communist rganization. Among those who wwere assassinated by him was one of the leading Spanish literary figures.

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J. E. Hoover
 Director.

CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
Danish State Police Copenhagen, Denmark	George Mink #---	not given (finger- printed 2/22/35)	communistic espionage and indecent behavior	conv. 7/30/35 18 mos., minus 2 mos. imprison- ment and expulsio 7/23/36 rel. and expulsed to Soviet Russia. (X)
B. of I. Vienna, Austria #---	George Mink, #--- PD, Copenhagen, Denmark	not given (finger- printed 2/22/35)	falsification of passports and assuming a false identity	deported 7/23/36 from Denmark to Soviet Russia after having suffered his punishment.
Policia de Investi- gaciones, Montevideo Uruguay	George Mink, #---	not given (prt. rec. 9/4/36)	suspect - activities as an agent of Universal Communism	

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Mr. Cincin testified
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That Les Mink is the power
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Harry Bridges is only their
nominal leader.

He also charged that Mink
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7559-2716- p 2. This refers to an article on Mink in Vanguard for April 1938, p. 11, which shows that Mink is a former Philadelphia taxi driver and petty crook, latter G.P.U. chief in Barcelona, under the name of Alfred Hertz, carrying a faked American passport. Mink has been named as the assassin of Camillo Berneri and Barbieri by Carlo Tresca on the basis of conclusive evidence presented by our comrades of the C.N.T - F.A.I. in Spain.

7550-800- Mink was also associated with the International Of Seamen and Harborworkers, a communist organization whose officers were, George Mink, Roy Hudson, Thomas Ray and Al. Landon.

61-105-391- Mink is mentioned in the Fish Reports, Part V, vol 2 p. 2 and Part IV, vol 1, pages 180 and 220 and 259

61-6889-6 - Was a delegate of the Marine Workers Industrial Union to the Fifth World Congress of the Red International of Labor Unions in 1930. He entered Russia again on April 8, 1932, and left that country on May 16, 1932

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On Oct 24, 1932, eight members of the Marine Workers Industrial Union presented a petition to Mr. Joslin, Secy to the President of the U.S. Among the petitioners was George Mink. A photograph of the eight men is available in 61-6859-4. The contents of the petition are not known. List the names of the petitioners with Mink, and have the photo reproduced.

On Sept 4, 1936, the fingerprints of one Geor Mink were received from the [redacted] showing the arrest of Mink for his activities as an agent of universal communism. (66-5500-E-12.

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MEMBER OF COMMITTEE FROM MARINE WORKERS INDUSTRIAL UNION
WHO PRESENTED PETITION TO MR. JOSLIN SEC. TO PRESIDENT
AT WHITE HOUSE OCT. 24th, 1932
FRONT ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: JOHN E. CLARKE, BALTIMORE, MD.
E. L. BURKE, BALTIMORE, MD.
GEORGE MINK, NEW YORK, CITY. CHAIRMAN
JOHN EMMET CERCHER, PHILADELPHIA, PA.
AND H. JONES, NEW YORK, CITY.

REAR ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT.
J. Nelson, N.Y.C.
Louis L. Lopez, Philippines.
J. Youthis, Baltimore.

Submitted October 24th 1932 by Arthur E. Fredette, M.P.

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G. P. U. INTRIGUES IN AMERICA

THAT the G.P.U. maintains its spies in foreign countries has been known to many, but it was generally assumed that their main activities centered upon the tasks of informing on and denouncing each other or keeping track of the latest Moscow line. But several occurrences in the past few years have revealed the astonishing and horrible fact that the Stalinist octopus has extended its tentacles far beyond the courtroom walls and the G.P.U. dungeons of Moscow. Its human victims are seized on the shores of Geneva, on the Barricades of Barcelona, even on the streets of New York, and transported to the inky black hell of the "Socialist Fatherland." No more can any revolutionist or truly honest liberal sit back complacently and view the degenerate regime from the distance. Once safety from Moscow was measured by the distance from that unhappy paradise. Today we are faced with the astonishing fact that no one anywhere, who is too well-informed, is safe from Stalin's international gangsters.

The recent case of Robinson-Rubens and the disappearance of Miss Juliet Stuart Pointz reveal the methods of the G.P.U., how the Moscow trials are prepared, how witnesses and "confessions" may be obtained and how undesirables are disposed of.

Stalin prepares his trials not only with the purpose of disposing of enemies, shifting blame to the shoulders of unfortunate rivals, future and past, for the mistakes of his regime, but with the view also of influencing foreign policy and setting the stage for military alliances. It is no secret that he fervently hopes for such an alliance with the U.S. against Japan. If the foreign office cannot do it, then maybe the G.P.U. can? The intrigue apparently involves a cooked-up Japanese plot against America and the unfortunate confessors will be the Fascist agents of Japan—the Robinson-Rubens couple.

But the facts that have been revealed have exploded the well laid plans of the bureaucracy. Many months ago the Soviet government let it be known that they were seeking for a Robinson couple. The couple obliged and arrived at Moscow, leaving America as the Rubens and coming into the U.S.S.R. for the benefit of the G.P.U., as the Robinsons. That they were G.P.U. agents, being sacrificed may be incontrovertibly shown:

They applied for birth certificates in the name of long dead children and used an address on 17th St. N. Y., which was the hangout of Stalinists and G.P.U. agents. They obtained their passports thru the intervention of one Sharfin, a member of Section 15, Bronx C.P. The passports were received in care of Helen Ravitch, also a communist at the Drama Travel League, who is the wife of Dr. S. Bernstein, personal physician to Wm. Z. Foster, communist leader, and to the Stalinist I.W.O. The G.P.U. got them faked passports—and their friends described them as "communists." Mr. Alfred Bingham, editor of *Common Sense*, has received a letter from a close friend of Mrs. Rubens, a resident of Miami, Florida, stating categorically that Mrs. Rubens was a fanatical communist. Mrs. Rubens participated in communist unemployed demonstrations and was hailed into court for her activities. And to add the appearance of authenticity to the trial the couple visited the West Coast where Japan would presumably have its interest centered and saw the sights of Mexico so that Trotsky could be implicated. Thus the plot was laid. The conduct of the Soviet authorities offers further evidence. First came denials and then affirmation of the arrest. After much pressure and delay an "interview" was granted to the American *attaché*, in which Mrs. Rubens refused American aid. But to Moscow's dismay, the woman has definitely been established as an Ameri-

can citizen, and as a result the case was investigated by the U. S. government.

Juliet Stuart Pointz' disappearance has not received the attention from the press nor from radicals and "liberals" that it should have. Why are the latter silent about her? Where is Juliet Pointz?

Startling circumstantial evidence indicates that Miss Pointz was either kidnapped or lured to Russia from New York by agents of the G.P.U.

The woman was an outstanding Stalinist leader, for years serving as a connecting link between the American Communist Party and Moscow. Miss Pointz held an important position in the G.P.U. and when her loyalty to Stalin waned a short time ago, the bureaucracy feared she would disclose some of the secret methods of Moscow. Juliet Stuart Pointz disappeared on or about June 5th, 1937. *Her disappearance aroused no public interest on the part of the Communist Party. A high official of the Party even denied that she was known to the Party!*

Associated with Miss Pointz in her G.P.U. activities were several other agents who could probably shed much light on her disappearance. One George Mink, late Philadelphia taxi-driver and petty crook, latter G.P.U. chief in Barcelona, under the name of Alfred Hertz, carrying a faked American passport. Mink has been named as the assassin of Camillo Berneri and Barbieri by Carlo Tresca on the basis of conclusive evidence presented by our comrades of the C.N.T.-F.A.I. in Spain. Miss Pointz was seen with Mink as late as 1936 in Moscow. Another G.P.U. agent who was in the company of Miss Pointz the week of her disappearance and an ideal man to do the "job" because he had known her for many years, (it was he who had first introduced her to the Communist Party) was Schachno Epstein, former editor of the Communist Yiddish daily, *Freiheit*.

Before the Russian Revolution, Epstein was an editor of *Gerechtigkeit*, the Yiddish organ of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union. Miss Pointz was then employed in the same union and the two were intimate friends. When the revolution broke out Epstein went to Russia, joined the communists to save his neck and was sent back to America as Joseph Berson. Later he became editor of the *Freiheit*. In two or three years he was recalled to Russia. As it happens to anyone in the Russian system who can be of use, accusations are made, confessions given and, before this modern era of mass murder, exile and recantation, would usually be the sequence of events. Thus Epstein was denounced as a Trotskyite and after a short period of exile he became an agent of the G.P.U. as the price for his liberty and life, ready to do whatever they bid, just as the unfortunate Robinson-Rubens couple.

Miss Pointz returned from Moscow in 1936 disillusioned and therefore dangerous to the Party. It is only natural that her life long friend, Epstein, should be given the new "job." He was seen in her company by several persons just prior to her disappearance.

On August 17th, 1937, Epstein sailed from America on the "Queen Mary." He told Julius Hochman, general manager of the Dressmakers Joint Board of the I.L.G.W.U., who was travelling in the same boat that he was going back and forth from Russia to keep valid his American Citizenship status as Schachno Epstein. The list of passengers published by the "Queen Mary" showed no such name. It is a fact that he was travelling under the name of Stone—with a false passport. (Stone was on the list.) In the Jewish circles of the United

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the Business Agent, Brother Weiner, as to what was going on. He was out, but an investigating committee was sent and found the shop working full blast. On Monday morning I came to work. The manager of the shop, Morris Kneitel, refused to let me work. He said, "Go to Weiner, he will tell you why." When I went to Brother Weiner to ask for an explanation, he declared, "You started all the trouble, and you, yourself, will have to take the consequences. I won't do anything for you." I then went to Brother Gold, who reinstated me. But things became worse. I was being persecuted. They encouraged some of the women workers to pick fights with me, promising them better working conditions for their dirty work. I was again sent away from the shop. Weiner again refused to do anything for me. I was again reinstated by Brother Hollander.

Realizing that they could not take my job away, they made it unbearable for me. . . . And now comes the climax of this scandalous affair.

A presser by the name of Sam Feldman, works in the shop of Rosman & Sheer. As a member of Local No. 3, he signed an affidavit, in which Weiner and the chairman were accused of taking graft, extorting money from him under all sorts of pretenses. I was accused by Weiner of telling the presser to make out this affidavit. I was fired from my job. Weiner told me I was through. When I went to Weiner and asked for my job back, he insulted me in the vilest language. He got himself a woman gangster who threatened me. When I came to Weiner's door this bodyguard was there. She went into Weiner's office, and after coming out she attacked me. I am deprived of earning my daily bread because I was foolish enough to demand that the union live up to its boast of being "progressive" and "democratic" (that it be a REAL union). I dared to interfere with the racketeering of the officialdom. Now I am out of the trade. I appeal to all true friends of unionism to print this protest. I stand behind every statement made. My case is not the only one; countless sincere union members have been subjected to the same even worse persecutions. As a matter of principle the facts about the Amalgamated Clothing Workers should be brought before the workers. I CHALLENGE any contradiction to the facts stated above. I am willing to submit this case to any IMPARTIAL tribunal, and I will abide by the decision. Let the charlatans and gangsters and pompous racketeers of the union answer this challenge if they DARE.

SIGNED Jennie Cohen
FORMER MEMBER Local 23, A. C. W. U. of A.

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States where he worked he is also known as Stone. The day that Carlo Tresca appeared before the Grand Jury, *The Jewish Daily Forward* published the name of Schachno Epstein in connection with the Pointz case. It seems that the *Forward* is not afraid of any comeback from Epstein. One of the editors of that paper has stated that a leading member of the Communist Party has told him that the charges in connection with this matter are true and that the facts are known in Communist Party circles in New York City.

Where is Juliet Stuart Pointz? That the government is not much concerned we can clearly see and understand. That the Communist Party doesn't evince any interest in her disappearance can have but one explanation. But that thousands of liberals, radicals and organizations like the American Civil Liberties Union and its director Roger Baldwin should have no word of protest is abominable. The safety of outspoken anti-Stalinists is at stake. Shall Stalin be permitted to extend the terrors of his G.P.U. even to the shores of America? The labor and liberal world owes itself an answer to that question. What shall that answer be?

TROTSKY SETTLES ALL

His Eminence, Leon Trotsky, from his seat at Coyacan, Mexico, has placed the final seal on Kronstadt. But even his usual brilliance could not put an end to the "hue and cry over Kronstadt," certainly not the puerile potpourri of slander, falsification and amalgams that Trotsky attempts to palm off on us. Does the assassin of the Kronstadt sailors believe that he can wash his bloody hands of the tragic event by disguising its significance with references to it as an attempt on the part of the anarchists to cover what he calls their "popular front" tactics in the Spanish tragedy?

Long before the Spanish events there was Kronstadt and the issue was raised then. Before Kronstadt and during the Revolution, Malatesta, seeing the methods of the Bolsheviks, correctly pointed out where their road was leading them. Long before the Russian Revolution, Kropotkin and Bakunin, with deep insight, accurately indicated the eventual destiny of Marxist ideas put into practice. In the light of the collapse of Russian "revolutionary" Marxism and the betrayals of "reformist" Marxism in other countries it becomes necessary to undertake a thorough investigation of the theoretical and tactical bases of Marxism. Kronstadt is one key in our unravelling of this problem and proof of the inevitably counter-revolutionary nature of Marxism. This is the issue, Leon Trotsky. Do not befuddle it for the sake of building up a new party.

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Dear Sir:

The Bureau has reason to believe that George Mink alias George Minkoff alias Alfred Berts may be guilty of a passport fraud. To this end the Bureau's files have been reviewed and there are transmitted herewith copies of a memorandum concerning this individual, dated December 19, 1939. (u)

It is pointed out that Mink, using the name of Alfred Berts, carried a false American passport. It is, therefore, desired that the records of the Passport Division of the Department of State be searched for any record of Mink, under the various aliases which he is known to have used. Particular attention is directed to page 3 of the attached memorandum, disclosing that the Department of State has conducted a rather extensive investigation of Mink. It is shown also that Mink has applied for passports. It is desired, therefore, that you obtain photostatic copies of all passport applications on the part of Mink, who may have used any one of the aliases mentioned in the attached memorandum in such applications.

For your information and assistance photostatic copies of the cover page, page 11 and the back cover page of "VANGUARD" for April, 1939, are being forwarded herewith. It is pointed out that "VANGUARD" is a libertarian-Communist journal, published by the Vanguard Corporation, 45 West 17th Street, New York City. The article concerning the activities of George Mink, appearing on page 11 of the said issue of "VANGUARD," does not disclose the name of the author. It is believed, however, that appropriate inquiries should be made immediately at the headquarters of "VANGUARD" in an effort to determine the identity of the writer, so that he may be appropriately interviewed for full information concerning the use by Mink of forged American passports.

- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. Nathan
- Mr. E. A. Tamm
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Coffey
- Mr. Egan
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Crowl
- Mr. Harbo
- Mr. Lester
- Mr. Hendon
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Sears
- Mr. Quinn Tamm
- Mr. Tracy
- Miss Gandy

It is also pointed out in the article that Carlo Tresca, a well-known anarchist leader in New York City, may likewise have information

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on this subject. It is believed, therefore, that he should be interviewed fully in the premises.

For your assistance there are also transmitted herewith copies of the photograph of Mink. *ew* (X)(u)

The New York office is the office of origin in this matter.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosure

CC - Washington Field (with enclosures)

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Report Made At NEW YORK, N. Y.	Date When Made 4-16-40	Period For Which Made 3-1, 2, 4, 5-40	Report Made By J. A. SIZOO
Title GEORGE MINK, with aliases: George Minkoff, Alfred Hertz, Alfred Herz.			Character of Case SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject is said to be a member of the Communist Party, a present or past member of the OGPU, present or past head of the Marine Workers Industrial Union, a Communist organization. He is said to have been the "liquidator" for OGPU during the Spanish War. He is said to travel on fake passports, and was arrested by [redacted] for having passports in his possession. Files in Bureau and New York City reviewed for background information.

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The opening of this case is predicated on a memorandum forwarded to this office with reference letter. This memorandum is dated December 19, 1939, and sets forth all the information concerning the Subject which was contained in the Bureau's files. For the information of offices receiving copies of this report, and which may conduct additional investigation at some future time, the memorandum is being set forth in detail as follows:

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RE: GEORGE MINK alias GEORGE
MINKOFF alias ALFRED HERTZ

By letter dated February 23, 1935, the [redacted]

forwarded to this Bureau the fingerprints and photograph of George Mink, with advice that Mink was arrested by that organization, together with Leon Josephson, Hans Grunfeld and Nicholas Sherman. At the time of this correspondence the Bureau was advised that Mink was under arrest in Copenhagen, Denmark, charged with espionage. When arrested he advised the police officers at Copenhagen that he was born in Philadelphia on April 23, 1899, being the son of Samuel and Nathelia Mink, his address in New York City being 54 West 71st Street. The Danish police suspected him of being a member of an organized gang of international criminals. (X) G-1 (u)

At the time of his arrest in Copenhagen Mink was in the possession of American Passport No. 84893, in the name of George Mink, showing that he was born at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on April 23, 1899. This passport was delivered to Mink in Washington, D. C., on March 31, 1934. He was also in possession of the following additional American passports: (X) G-1 (u)

Passport No. 88049, for Al Gottlieb, born August 10, 1899, in New York, passport delivered at Washington, D. C., April 12, 1934. a

Passport No. 154245, for Abraham Wexler, born January 14, 1896, at Poland, passport delivered at Washington, D. C., November 14, 1934. (X) G-1 (u)

Passport No. 156773, for Harry Herman Kaplan, born June 14, 1899, in Lithuania, passport delivered at Washington, D. C., December 3, 1934. (X) G-1 (u)

The Danish authorities requested information as to the character and antecedents of Mink, together with information bearing upon the genuineness of the above-mentioned passports. (X) G-1 (u)

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Accordingly, an investigation was undertaken by the New York City office of the Bureau and inquiries were made at 54 West 71st Street, the address which Mink had furnished the Danish authorities. Eugene Billodeau, the superintendent of the said building, identified the photograph of George Mink, advising that this man had lived in the apartment of Mrs. Sadie Doran for approximately two weeks during the fall of 1934. Mrs. Doran advised Mr. Billodeau that the man identified as Mink was her brother. He stated further that sometime during the month of December 1934, he, Billodeau, personally delivered a passport to Mink, the latter informing that he, Mink, was leaving for Europe. (X) (X) u

The property at 54 West 71st Street, New York City, was at the time of the investigation in May, 1935, being handled by Bracher and Hubert, Room 32, 200 West 72nd Street, New York City. Mr. Bracher produced records showing that Mrs. Sadie Doran rented a one-room furnished kitchenette apartment at 54 West 71st Street on September 1, 1934, at a rental of \$40.00 per month and moved out on January 5, 1935, owing a month's rental. The records disclosed that Mrs. Doran was employed for four years by the International Workers Order, Incorporated, 80 Fifth Avenue, New York City. Mrs. Sadie Doran was interviewed at the headquarters of the International Workers Order, 80 Fifth Avenue, New York City, at which time she advised that she was then Secretary of the said organization and also had then changed her residence to 470 East 10th Street, New York City. She identified the photograph of George Mink, advising she had met him a few years previous at a social. She gave it as her belief that Mink was born in New Jersey or Pennsylvania. She stated she met him on another occasion about Christmas of 1934, at which time he was selling merchandise and that he asked her if she would permit him to have his mail sent to her address. She stated she granted this request. She stated that about that time she left for Chicago, Illinois, to transact some business for the International Workers Order. She denied that Mink had lived in her apartment but conceded that he had probably received his mail there for approximately a period of two weeks. She appeared extremely evasive and worried when informed that Mink was in jail at Copenhagen, Denmark. (X) (X) u

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Inquiries were conducted through Captain Dugan and Lieutenant Pike of the Alien Squad, New York City Police Department, who advised that [REDACTED]

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The records of the Police Department, New York City, disclosed that Mink formerly resided at 1114 Stratford Avenue, Bronx, New York City.

Inquiries were made of A. R. Burr, Special Agent in Charge, Department of State, Post Office Building, 31st and 8th Avenue, New York City. He informed that the Department of State had conducted an extensive investigation concerning Mink and the others mentioned hereinbefore. He informed that he had personally questioned Mink during the past several years on approximately six occasions, due to Mink's activities as a Communist and due to the fact that when Mink applied for passports he stated he was born in Scranton, Pennsylvania, although the State Department found no record of his birth. Mr. Burr stated that Mink had produced affidavits to the State Department alleging that he was born in Scranton, Pennsylvania, on April 23, 1899. Mr. Burr stated that Mink had served in the United States Navy; that Mink's father was Samuel Mink, deceased, who was born in Russia; that Mink had several passports, the last record being that of March 5, 1934, at which time Mink stated he lived at 26 East 10th Street, New York City. The records maintained by Mr. Burr disclosed that Mink's description in 1935 was as follows:

Age	34 years (born April 23, 1899)
Height	5' 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Hair	black
Eyes	hazel
Scars	no distinguishing marks
Occupation	silk expert and salesman.

The Bureau is in receipt of a letter from police officials at Vienna, Austria, dated October 26, 1935, advising the Bureau that

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information had been received by the [redacted] from
the Commissioner of Police of [redacted]
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George Mink may be identical with a man of a
similar name who is recorded as being the Chairman
of the Marine Workers' Industrial Union of the United
States of America and Secretary of the Marine Workers
League, 28 South Street, New York City. (X) W

The Vienna authorities accordingly asked to be advised
whether the information furnished by the Commissioner of Police
[redacted] was correct. Another investigation was accordingly
undertaken which disclosed that the George Mink arrest at
Copenhagen, Denmark, on March 8, 1935, and subsequently convicted
in that country for the possession of fraudulent American pass-
ports is identical with George Mink, the internationally known
American Communist who was formerly an executive of the Marine
Workers League, which League was dissolved in April, 1930, at
which time the headquarters of the said League was located at 28
South Street, New York City. (X) GWA

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The investigation further established that George Mink
was formerly National Secretary and Chairman of the Marine Workers
Industrial Union of the United States of America, which was formed
at a convention of the Communist Marine Workers held at New York
City on April 26 and 27, 1930. This organization was also dissolved
on March 30, 1935.

During the course of this investigation information was
confidentially obtained in New York City to the effect that George
Mink and six others during the latter part of 1934 were sent to
Russia with some secret papers; that they attended a conference of
the Communist Party at Moscow in the winter of 1934 and 1935.

During the investigation of the Hunger March on Washington,
D. C. in November 1932, confidential information was obtained to
the effect that George Mink was Chairman of the Marine Workers
Industrial Union, which then had headquarters at 140 Broad Street,
New York City. The principals connected with this organization,
known as the Inner Circle, were:

George Mink - Chairman
Roy Hudson - Secretary
H. Jones
J. Nelson.

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2. Although prominent in the Inner Circle of the Communist Party, little is known of George Mink, the Directing Head and National Chairman of the said Union, having taken any leading part on the outside until he accepted the Chairmanship of this group which demanded a hearing in Washington, D. C. Mink is considered dangerous, in so far as he will resort to any methods to gain his objective. He generally keeps in the background when any underhanded work is being conducted and directs operations from his office, in consequence of which he does not become embroiled in such matters. He has been under suspicion by the New York City Police Department for having had knowledge of the conduct of John G. Soderberg, a Communist who served a sentence for the placing of bombs on vessels in New York Harbor. It is alleged that one of Mink's principal objectives, at least in 1932, was to break the moral of the inmates of the Seamen's Church Institute, New York City. In 1932 Mink was reported to live at 1114 Stratford Avenue, New York City, and was said to be the brother-in-law of William Z. Foster.

The correct name of Mink is said to be Minkoff. He attended the meeting of the National Committee of the Communist Party in Chicago, Illinois, at the celebration of its 20th Anniversary of the founding of the Communist Party, U.S.A., from September 1 to 4, 1939.

In 1933 Mink represented, in Europe, the Marine Workers' Industrial Union, a Communist subsidized organization. He was subsequently imprisoned for a period of eighteen months in Denmark on the charge of having violated the Espionage Act of that country. Thereafter he was deported to America. Mink is the brother-in-law of Losovsky, former head of the Red International of Labor Unions. Mink is regarded as one of the cleverest Communists in the United States. It is said that from 1924 to 1935 he was in complete charge of the Communications System of the Communist Party throughout the world. He is reported to be well versed in Naval tactics and on Naval equipment. It is said that Mink keeps abreast with new developments in this line of work. Mink is reported to possess a splendid collection of books on the subject of Naval tactics in an apartment in New York City. His one weakness is said to be women. It is reported that it was a woman agent in Denmark who disclosed his activities to the Government of that country. Mink is also said to have served a period of enlistment in the United States Navy. It is reported he maintains a constant contact with B. K. Gebert in New York City.

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Mink was the head of the GPU (Russian Secret Police) in Barcelona, Spain, during the Spanish Civil War. Returning to this country he entered the Seamen's Union, thereafter becoming active in GPU work for the Communist Party. It is said that Jack Stachel, one of the leading Communists in the United States, is a lieutenant for Mink.

Joseph Zack, a former leader in the Communist Party, U.S.A. and a former close associate of Earl Browder, testified before the Dies Committee that Mink is involved in GPU activities in the United States on behalf of the Soviet Government. Zack testified that Mink is a big bluffer and a loud talker; that while Mink was in Spain during the recent Civil War, the latter introduced American gangster methods, performing a number of assassinations on behalf of the Communist organization. Among those who were assassinated by Mink was one leading Spanish literary figure, name undisclosed.

There appeared in the publication "VANGUARD" for April 1938, on page 11, an item concerning GPU activities in the United States. The article disclosed that Mink is a former Philadelphia taxi driver and petty crook who became the GPU chief in Barcelona, Spain. It is alleged in the said item that Mink utilized an American passport under the name of Alfred Hertz. The same item pointed out that Mink is the assassin of Camillo Berneri and Barbieri. This allegation is made by the prominent New York anarchist, Carlo Tresca, on the strength of evidence presented by associates of Tresca in the organization called C.N.T. - F.A.I. in Spain. (The correct name of this organization is unknown.)

It is disclosed that Mink was once associated with the Interantion of Seamen and Harborworkers. This was a Communist organization, the officers of which were:

George Mink
Roy Hudson
Thomas Ray
Al Lannon.

It is also disclosed that Mink was a delegate of the Marine Workers' Industrial Union to the 5th World Congress of the Red International of Labor Unions in 1930. It is said that he entered Russia on April 8, 1932 and left that country on May 16, 1932.

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The files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation disclose that on October 24, 1932, eight members of the Marine Workers' Industrial Union presented a petition to Mr. Joslin, Secretary to former President Herbert Hoover. The contents of the petition are not known. Mink was one of the petitioners, the others being the following:

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John E. Clarke	- Baltimore, Maryland
E. L. Burke	- Baltimore, Maryland
George Mink	- New York City; Chairman
John Cercher	- Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
H. Jones	- New York City
J. Nelson	- New York City
Louis L. Lopez	- Philippine Islands
J. Youthis	- Baltimore, Maryland.

An excellent photograph of this group is available.

It is reported that Private Arthur Fredette of the Metropolitan Police Department has accumulated considerable data concerning the activities of the Marine Workers' Industrial Union. Fredette has in his possession a copy of the petition presented by the said Union to Mr. Joslin.

On September 4, 1936, the fingerprints of one Geor Mink were received from [redacted]

[redacted] These fingerprints disclosed the arrest of Mink for his activities as an agent of universal Communism. (S) u

The Bureau has received the following information from a confidential source, unverified by investigation:

Mink has been active in the National Maritime Union in the Great Lakes District. His correct name is said to be Minkoff. He is a Philadelphia Jew and a former taxi driver who was closely linked with the Philadelphia underworld. He is rough, uncouth and almost illiterate. He has been a Communist Party member from the formation of the said Party in 1919. He was one of the "sluggers" for the William Z. Foster group in New York and Philadelphia at the Communist Party factional fight in 1925. In 1927 he was the head of a group of Left-wing seamen and longshoremen in New York, although up to that time, it is said, he had had no experience as a seaman. He was an agent for the Red Interantional of Labor Unions in 1934. This group is commonly referred to as the Profintern. At that time he was assigned to the Scandinavian countries.

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The only additional personal description in the Identification Division files is to the following effect:

Name	- George Mink
Hair	- dark brown
Eyebrow	- separated; arched - slanting inward
Ears	- large.

A photograph of the eight men who were members of the Marine Workers Industrial Workers, and who presented the petition referred to in the memorandum to MR. JOSLIN in 1932 is being placed in the New York file. There were also forwarded to this office with reference letter photographs of Subject MINK, copies of which are being forwarded to each field office receiving copies of this report. This office also received a photographic copy of the fingerprints of Subject, which is being placed in the New York file. The photostatic copy of the article appearing in the "VANGUARD" magazine, referred to in the above memorandum, is being placed in the New York file.

The files in the New York Office have also been reviewed to ascertain whether any additional information was contained therein concerning the activities of Subject. It is noted that New York File 61-507 concerning Communist activities in the United States contains a letter dated October 2, 1939, setting forth an interview with informant [redacted] also stated that MINK was head of the OGPU in Barcelona, Spain, and he returned to this country and went into the Seamen's Union; that he was very active in OGPU work for the Party, and after two men had been bumped off he left for the West Coast. ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

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The informant advised that it is believed MINK was arrested in Stockholm, Sweden. JACK STACHEL, Secretary of the Communist Party in New York, is said to be one of MINK'S recruits. This information concerning MINK and STACHEL comes to [redacted] from the Trotskyites. This file also contains a letter to the Bureau dated October 26, 1939 setting forth an interview by another informant of this office, wherein this informant advised that he had learned MINK was then in New York, having last year returned from Spain, where he was instrumental in killing a score of people, both Communists and Nationalists. He described MINK as small in stature, very clever, and definitely the most important member of the OGPU in the United States. The informant could not provide MINK'S address.

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It is said that while he was in Copenhagen, Denmark, he got in trouble with a woman who exposed him as a Communist agent. The Danish Government seized his papers, codes and other material and sentenced him to jail. After over a year in jail he was sent to Spain by the Communist International in 1936. While in Spain he acted as a spy for the purpose of denouncing all who opposed the Communist Party in the Civil War. He was responsible for the "liquidation" of many who opposed the Communist Party in Spain. After returning to the United States he was sent to Mexico where he and his associates were apprehended in the immediate vicinity of the home of Diego Rivera, where Leon Trotsky was then and is now living. He was detained for a time by the Mexican Police and upon returning to the United States was taken into the National Maritime Union. It is said that he is now in charge of the work formerly conducted by Roy Hudson. (X) 4 u

William C. McCuiston, in testifying before the Dies Committee, declared that George Mink is "the power behind the scenes" of the American Communist Party. He also declared that Mink is the power behind the West Coast Maritime Unions and that Harry Bridges is only the nominal leader of the said Unions. McCuiston further charged that Mink is "the direct agent of the Soviet Military Intelligence in the United States."

Mink bears FBI #911040 and his criminal record is disclosed as follows: (X) 4 u 6

As George Mink, #---, arrested by the [redacted] [redacted] date not given but he was fingerprinted on February 22, 1935; charge - Communistic espionage and indecent behavior; sentenced - July 30, 1935, to 18 months, minus two months imprisonment and expulsion; July 23, 1936 released and deported to Soviet Russia. (X) 6	b7D 61 5 (S)
On February 22, 1935, this individual was fingerprinted by the [redacted] [redacted] charge - falsification of passports and assuming a false identity; deported July 23, 1936 from Denmark to Soviet Russia after having suffered his punishment. (X)	
As George Mink, #---, arrested by the [redacted] [redacted] date not given but fingerprints received at the FBI September 4, 1936; charge - suspect, activities as an agent of Universal Communism. (X)	

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The same informant also advised that MINK is associated with one B. K. GEBERT, of New York City, who is a Polish Jew, and the Chief of the Polish Section of the Communist Party in the United States, which has its headquarters at the International Workmen's Organization, 80 5th Avenue, New York City. (X)

N.Y. File 61-476 concerning Communist activities contains certain reports of confidential informants, and a report by Informant AX dated November 9, 1932, advising that GEORGE MINK, then National Secretary of the Marine Workers League, was expected in California to reorganize the Seamen Workers League. (X)

N.Y. File 61-507 concerning Communist activities in the United States contained a memorandum dated November 12, 1939 concerning information by Confidential Informant JOHN, wherein he advised that GEORGE MINK has been in the OGPU since 1931 or 1932, and has been internationally active, and is a native American. He advised that MINK returned from the OGPU school in 1932, following which he worked in Berlin, engaged in spying on the German Party leaders, and engaged in police work for the Comintern. JOHN met MINK in a book store at Wilhelmstrasse in Berlin, and later in Jensen's apartment in Copenhagen, and then in the International Hotel in Hamburg, and again in the Lux Hotel in Moscow. (X)

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RICHARD JENSEN, above referred to, is said to be a member of the City Council of Copenhagen, and also a member of the Executive Committee of the Comintern. It is said that he receives second-hand passports from all over the world, and in a country house maintained on the outskirts of Copenhagen, has means whereby these passports are changed, all old stamps, etc., eliminated, and subsequently filled in as needed. When HITLER came into power, MINK is supposed to have been sent to Copenhagen, and JOHN heard at the Gestapo headquarters in Berlin that MINK was then wanted for espionage. JOHN states that he saw MINK'S photograph in the Gestapo headquarters, where he was listed as "probable international head of OGPU terrorists". He further advised that in 1937 MINK was in Spain, at that time being head of the foreign section of the OGPU in Barcelona, where he was active in weeding out the anti-Stalinists. Following the breakdown in Spain, MINK disappeared, and JOHN did not hear of him again until his name appeared recently in the New York City papers. (X)

N.Y. File 61-498, also concerning Communist activities in the United States, contained a memorandum dated November 24, 1939 concerning information furnished by [REDACTED]

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[] advised that MINK represents Russia, and is in fact a superior officer of EARL BROWDER. He advised that MINK contacts the law firm of Frank and Fink, 291 Broadway, and that this firm also works under his orders. He states that he saw MINK in the offices of this law firm in July 1939, and that this was the last time he saw MINK. Prior to that time he saw MINK go to the desk at Hotel Somerset at 47th Street, where he recieved a letter. He did not know whether or not MINK lived at that hotel. After receiving the letter MINK met someone else in the hotel, and they left. According to information furnished to [] by JEROME KING, MINK murdered a man in Switzerland about nine years ago, fled the country, and went to Russia, from whence he came to the United States via Canada.

He advised that MINK is the head of the Communist organization in the United States, and provided the following description:

Age	40 to 45
Height:	5' 9"
Weight:	158 to 170 pounds
Eyeglasses:	Wears glasses at times
Complexion:	Dark
Hair:	Black, curly, and bushy
Dress:	Neat

This file also contains a letter to the Bureau dated November 1, 1939, setting forth information forwarded this office by WILLIAM C. McCUISTION, who had appeared before the Dies Committee a short time prior to that date. McCUISTION advised that the members of the National Executive Committee of the International of Seamen and Harborworkers included MINK, ROY HUDSON, THOMAS RAY and AL LANNON. HUDSON and MINK were were National Secretary and National Chairman, respectively, of the Mine Workers Industrial Union, and the above four individuals are all American citizens, and are regular attendants at the Communist International in Moscow.

This office also has a file, which is New York File 65-33, entitled "GEORGE MINK; NICOLAS SHERMAN; ESPIONAGE", setting forth the investigation conducted as a result of the request of the [] the substance of which is quoted in the above Bureau memorandum.

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At the request of Bureau reference letter, the writer interviewed CARLO TRESCA. He advised that information among his friends is to the effect that MINK is now in Mexico. He stated that MINK left the United States at the time the passport fraud trials began, and went to Mexico. He advised that MINK is a member of the Communist Party, and is also an OGPU agent. He states that MINK was in Barcelona in 1937, when a friend of TRESCA'S was killed. TRESCA advised that two men came to him with a description of the individual using the name HERTZ, who is reported to have been the "liquidator" of the OGPU in Barcelona, and he advised that this description was identical with that of MINK. He stated that he then made inquiries and ascertained that MINK was in Barcelona at that time, and is well satisfied in his own mind that MINK is identical with the individual using the name ALFRED HERTZ, who was then in Barcelona. He states that MINK disappeared from Barcelona immediately after the death of several individuals there, and then is reported to have appeared in Switzerland. He was not in possession of information as to the name used by the individual in Switzerland, but he states that an OGPU agent liquidated at least one person in Switzerland, and that among the effects found after the agent's disappearance there was an overcoat with a Madrid label inside. TRESCA is therefore of the opinion that this OGPU activity in Switzerland was also in the hands of MINK, and TRESCA states that he was certain of MINK'S membership in the OGPU because another member told him that MINK was an OGPU agent. He stated that several ex Communist Party members advise of MINK'S membership in the Communist Party.

TRESCA stated that he was the author of the article concerning MINK which appeared in the "VANGUARD" magazine. TRESCA stated that the article appearing in the "VANGUARD" magazine is a summary of an article which he published in his own paper called "Il Martello" in which he states that he definitely accused MINK of being responsible for the death of BERNERI E. BARBIERI, and also of being an agent of the OGPU. He states that no denials were received by him concerning his allegations, and therefore he is certain that he was not mistaken. He gave the writer a copy of the issue of "Il Martello" dated February 28, 1938, containing this article, which is written in Italian, and is being forwarded to the Bureau with copies of this report for appropriate translation. TRESCA stated that he thought if he made appropriate inquiry, he could ascertain the present whereabouts of MINK, and volunteered to do so. He was advised that he would be re-contacted at a later date.

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A check of the records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York, 55 5th Avenue, New York, was made by R. H. KIMMLER, who presented the writer with the file on CARLO TRESCA. The file indicated that TRESCA is a lecturer, and contained an article from the New York Times dated December 19, 1937, concerning the disappearance of JULIET STUART POYNTZ, and indicated that TRESCA was alleged to have some information concerning this article. The article indicated TRESCA was of the opinion she had been lured back to Russia by OGPU agents.

The Credit Bureau contained no information concerning the Subject in this case, nor did it contain any information concerning SADIE DORAN, who is mentioned in Bureau memorandum as being the woman in whose apartment MINK lived for approximately two weeks during 1934.

The Bureau memorandum indicated the last residence of SADIE DORAN as being 470 East 10th Street, New York City. The writer checked the mail boxes located at that address, but failed to find the name of SADIE DORAN. The apartment superintendent was asked whether or not he had any idea where SADIE DORAN had moved, and he stated that if her name was not listed in the mail boxes he had no information at all concerning her.

A check of the 1934 City Directory indicates an individual named SADIE DORAN was then residing at 404 East 65th Street. She will be interviewed to ascertain whether or not she is identical with the SADIE DORAN referred to in Bureau memorandum.

The records of the Retail Credit Bureau, 470 Lexington Ave., were exhibited to the writer by MR. H. L. ALLEN, Manager, which records contained the file on GEORGE MINK. He was listed as the National Organizer of Marine Workers. A report dated September 8, 1933 described GEORGE MINK as being 34 years old, single, German extraction, no dependents, finances negligible, business bad. At that time he was reported to have been unemployed for the past two months. The following addresses were listed for MINK: 539 West 18th Street, 140 Broad Street. The report indicated that he had been operating a club and restaurant at the Broad Street address in connection with the Mine Workers Union, and that the business went broke and was taken over by the union. This place is patronized by seamen, and at that time MINK was supposed to reside in a cheap rooming house on the West Side.

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The records of Dun and Bradstreet, Inc. had no information concerning GEORGE MINK, but contained a report on the Marine Workers Industrial Union. This report was dated June 14, 1934, and indicated that ROY HUDSON, Secretary, was the only officer to be listed. He was interviewed on June 12, 1934, and stated that the Union was formed during 1928, and that it was an international non-incorporated and non-profit organization for the benefit of marine workers. He advised that the national headquarters were in Copenhagen, Denmark, and that they had over 10,000 members, having offices in all principal cities in the United States. The San Francisco Office is listed as being at 437 Market St. HUDSON refused to give any financial information on the Union.

The matter of the present whereabouts of MINK was discussed with Special Agent George J. Starr, of this office, who advised that the talk among the local Communists is that MINK is in Seattle, or at least on the West Coast. Copies of this report are being forwarded to the several field divisions, inasmuch as investigation may be requested at some future time.

Enclosure for the Bureau

1 Italian newspaper "Il Martello".

Enclosures for each Field Division

1 Photograph of GEORGE MINK

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION, AT NEW YORK CITY, will re-contact CARLO TRESKA, and ascertain whether or not he has learned the present whereabouts of MINK.

Will contact 539 West 18th Street, and ascertain if any information is available concerning MINK'S present whereabouts.

At 404 East 65th Street, will ascertain whether or not SADIE DORAN still resides at this address, and if so, will interview her for information concerning MINK'S whereabouts.

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