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1. GALSTON, Arthur William aka GOLDSTEIN, Arthur William
2. SINGER, Ethan R.
3. COE, Robert

Based On: New York Times article attached dated 11 May 1971 and related traces, primarily from FBI.

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GALSTON, Arthur William aka Arthur William GOLDSTEIN (201-022298)

Born 21 April 1920, New York, New York, Biology professor, Yale Univ. In 1952 studied at Medicinska Nobelinstitutet in Stockholm, reported to have been a communist sympathizer and to have associated with various CPUSA front organizations. During 1960-61 traveled on a Fulbright grant for a year's study at the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization, Canberra, Australia. Engaged in research work at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, traveled to Poland on invitation received from an official Polish Academy of Science, was to attend the International Biochemical Congress, Moscow, on invitation received from the Executive Committee of the Vth International Congress of Biochemistry. In 1969 acted as host at Yale to Soviet Nationals visiting under the provisions of the East-West Exchange Agreement in the science field. Was invited to attend War Crimes Commission in Stockholm in Nov 70. His wife, Dale Judith was reported to be a member of the Youth Branch of the CP in New Haven and in 1954 reported to be a member of the L.A. CP. (Call info. from BUREAU.)

SIGNER, Ethan R. (Ethan-Singer) ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Associate professor, biology, MIT. Rag Check - Signer of MIT in Hanoi mid-April 71 with Arthur Galston of Yale.

In the summer 1969 taught in Cuba. Name appeared in N Y Times, 3 May 1970, on list "Faculty Committee Against Vietnam War"

ECKSTEIN, Alexander Professor, Economics, Center for Chinese Studies, Univ. of Michigan.

Member, Board of Directors, National Committee on United States-China Relations.

COE, Robert Geophysicist Robert Stephen COE.

Born 20 February 1939, Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Son of Frank Coe (201-169934) member of Soviet espionage group active in Wash. D.C. in early 40's. ~~XXXX~~ Attended Harvard University 1956-61; admitted to University of California as a graduate student in geophysics in 1961; and in 1964 was advanced to candidacy for a Ph.D. In 1966 was affiliated with Geological Dept., Univ. of California. (All Bureau info.)

CHOUARD, Dr. Pierre Professor of Botany at Sorbonne Univ. Paris, France

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U.S. SCIENTISTS WILL VISIT CHINA

Biologists Critical of War Said Either to Be There or About to Go From Hanoi

By WALTER SULLIVAN

Two American biologists are reported by their colleagues to be in China or about to go there from Hanoi, the North Vietnamese capital. A third American, a geophysicist from the University of California at Santa Cruz, is also said to have received permission to visit Peking shortly.

The biologists are Dr. Arthur W. Galston, professor of biology at Yale University, and Dr. Ethan Signer, an associate professor of biology at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

The geophysicist is Dr. Robert Coc, whose father has been living in Peking. Dr. Galston is a specialist in plant physiology who has been an outspoken critic of American defoliation in Vietnam. Dr. Signer, a specialist in the genetics of bacterial viruses, has also been an active critic of the war in Vietnam.

Few, if any, American scientists have been able to visit the Chinese mainland since the

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Communists took control in 1949. For a number of years scholarly journals were exchanged, but in about 1955, with the onset of the Cultural Revolution this flow was cut off. In fact, publication of many journals in China was apparently suspended during that period of turmoil.

However, a trickle of publications out of China has continued, primarily to scientists in countries other than the United States. Thus there has been a limited flow of information on developments in such fields as astronomy, archeology and biochemistry.

Some Western Visitors

There have also been some scientific visitors from Western nations whose relations with China were less hostile than those of the United States, notably Britain, France and Canada. In recent years such visits have become rare. However, it is reported that Dr. Pierre Chouard, professor of botany at the Sorbonne in Paris, has now received clearance for a trip.

The sudden opening of China to visits by American journalists a few weeks ago has raised hopes for a breakdown of the barriers against scientists. Last



Dr. Arthur W. Galston

development of scholarly communications with the People's Republic of China met in Washington to consider possible action.

The committee was headed by Dr. John Lindbeck, director of the East Asian Institute of Columbia University, until his death in January, and a new chairman has not been chosen. It represents the National Academy of Sciences and other learned societies. Under consideration by the committee is an invitation to some Chinese scientists to meetings to be held in this country next summer.

Another group interested in scholarly exchanges is the National Committee on United States-China Relations. It is headed by Dr. Alexander Eckstein of the University of Michigan, an authority on Chinese economics, and includes businessmen and retired government officials as well as scholars.

Of major importance to the scholarly community will be the restoration of exchanges of specialized journals. Visitors to China have found American journals on file at research centers, but the flow has been one-way and, apparently, of a limited nature.