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4 August 1951

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Citizenship Status of Bernard Leon Barber, Jr., 38-451687

1. On 4 August, Mr. Edward Hart and Mr. Tommy conferred with Mr. Warner and Mr. O'Hall of the General Counsel's office on the subject of restoration of the citizenship of Bernard Barber. For further information see a memorandum, dated 14 July 1950, which summarizes the previous steps taken to restore this citizenship and a memorandum, dated 17 July 1951, giving Mr. Barber's statement to the Office of Security in regard to his case. These memoranda are in the subject's 202 file. Mr. Warner recommended that Mr. Tommy see Mr. Murphy of the Alien Affairs Office to get the complete background on the situation before any further efforts are made to obtain restoration of subject's citizenship. Any information obtained should be passed to Mr. O'Hall of the Office of the General Counsel in Room 321, East Building.

2. Mr. Tommy conferred with Mr. Bennett of the Alien Affairs Office on the Bernard Barber case. Mr. Bennett was familiar with the case and provided the summary of the Immigration and Naturalization Service dated 11 July 1951. This summary includes two House Committee reports, dated 11 July 1951, and a Department of State memorandum on subject's citizenship, dated 15 July 1951.

3. Mr. Tommy is making a current check with the Office of Investigation to determine what happened to the passport. It will be ascertain any current information concerning the passport. According to Mr. Bennett, there will probably be some information which to check. The fact is that the Office of Investigation, through contractual means, could have a passport which is to restore the citizenship of Mr. Barber. The fact is that Mr. Barber could leave the country, for example, for an investigation case, and presumably obtain a passport. The fact is that Mr. Barber could be eligible for citizenship in the United States and be eligible for citizenship in the United States.

4. There is now in the hands of a special reference party to the case. The case is recorded in the file of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, dated 14 July 1951. The case involves only October 1951. The information of a House Committee report of the subject would substantially be of interest of importance.

The alternative of having subject leave the country may be considered if the necessary documentation, as he was authorized from his official position, is not available.

In accordance with the above information, the Bureau telephoned the Embassy in London and a check with the Office of Immigration and Naturalization was made to determine if any information since the case was reported in 1970. It is therefore recommended that the Office of the General Counsel conduct an investigation of the possibility of introducing a new entry procedure to permit citizenship for Mr. Barker.

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