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For information, subpoenas for their appearances before the FGJ, [redacted] investigating instant case involving JACK SOBLE, MYRA SOBLE, JACOB ALBAM, et al, were served on [redacted] and [redacted] on 2/12/57 in Mexico where subjects have been living for sometime. Since that date subjects have made legal efforts to avoid appearing before the FGJ, PAUL O'DWYER, brother of WILLIAM O'DWYER, former Mayor of NYC, having acted as their attorney in this matter. Final date set by USDC, [redacted] for appearance of subjects was [redacted] and [redacted] failed to appear. On 4/1/57 subjects were served with order to show cause why they should not be cited for contempt; order returnable 4/15/57. On 4/15/57 order made returnable 4/25/57. In view of latter, U.S.A. seeking to find property of subjects in amount of \$100,000 for levy.

Above should be interviewed for any information he or she might have regarding ALFRED STERN and his wife, MARTHA DODD STERN, including their background, activities, associates, friends, financial transactions, domestics, any typewritten specimens of the STERNS, contacts with Soviet or Satellite diplomats or nationals. Information indicating any possible espionage or subversive activity on their part, etc. Particular attention should also be paid to any possible documentary evidence or potential witnesses regarding CP membership of STERNS, as possible perjury indictment may be considered. Information indicated both ALFRED K. STERN and MARTHA DODD, prior to their marriage, were active in anti-Nazi work in Germany. They were married in June 1938. It is known VASSILI ZUBILIN and subsequently JACK SOBLE acted as Soviet espionage superiors of STERNS in the 1940's.

*CS [PAR 15] (conceal and paraphrase), who has advised that the [s] following statements may not be used in any court proceedings in the U.S. but may be used merely as a source of leads and for cross-examination, has advised that JANE ZLATOVSKI, admittedly active on behalf of Soviet Intelligence Service, has stated that one of MARTHA STERN's main functions was the recruitment of Soviet agents and she allegedly produced many recruits. Any available information should also be obtained concerning ALFRED STERN and MARTHA DODD's activities in Germany in the 1930's; concerning MARTHA DODD's activities in Washington, D.C., in the late 1930's and concerning both STERNS activities in NYC and elsewhere, subsequent thereto. It is noted both STERNS have been reported to have been members of the CP.

Indices should be reviewed on the above individual, or individuals, and unless information in the files would preclude it, interview should be conducted and photos exhibited. Surep.

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