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Enclosed for New York is copy of a CIA intelligence report dated 12/9/66 classified "Secret" and concerning the "impressions and observations of Canadian fellow travelers who have visited Communist China."

The CIA data relates to a group of Canadian (5) "leftists" who visited China in October, 1966, at the invitation of the Chicom Government. Some members of the group came away opposed to the "Cultural Revolution."

During the tour, the group was briefed in Peking on current conditions in China by T'ANG Ming-chao (0181/2494/ 3564, CTC), who was described as Vice Chairman, Chinese People's Committee on World Peace. Certain members of the group created somewhat of an uproar by asking awkward questions and making critical observations against the "Cultural Revolution." (\mathcal{Y}) (\mathcal{U})

It is believed that this is the same T'ANG Ming-chao who is reported to have been closely associated with Israel Epstein and who is also a contact of subject. He is also believed to be identical with the individual who is reported to be head of political intelligence for English speaking countries on behalf of the Chicoms.

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Recent reports indicate that Israel Epstein and his wife were arrested in China for espionage, Michael Shapiro was arrested for espionage, Sidney Rittenberg was purged from his job at Radio Peking and Anna Louise Strong was condemned by wall posters as "an imperialist agent." Sue Frank is obviously concerned about these reports, so much so that she is taking a trip in the near future to London and possibly Paris in an attempt to determine the truth or falsity of these reports. NY 4047-S² has advised that the above arrests have been the subject of discussions between Frank and her friends, all of whom appear to be quite upset.

It is logical to assume that Frank has contacts among Canadian pro-Chicom organizations, peace groups and individuals of similar ilk.

Taking all of the above factors into consideration, it might be very timely to direct an anonymous typewritten letter to T'ANG Ming-chao, Vice Chairman, Chinese People's Committee on World Peace, Peking, China, and mailed from Canada in which the writer would express concern regarding the arrests and purge of the individuals mentioned above. The writer could point out that he met T'ANG in October, 1966, and at that time expressed some concern at the excesses of the "Cultural Revolution" and that these excesses appeared to be continuing.

The writer could further state that his friend from New York, Sue, a loyal Maoist, and an acquaintance of T'ANG, conveyed to the writer her deep concern about the fate of the aforementioned individuals. The writer could then conclude the letter by stating that he would not identify himself or Sue for fear of disclosure of their identities to the Canadian authorities.

It would appear that such a letter would accomplish several objectives. T'ANG would most certainly know about whom the writer is talking when he referred to Sue and he would be concerned that Frank has communicated with someone who does not appear to be politically sound. If Frank is a spotter for the Chinese, this would raise some question in the minds of the Chinese as to her capability.

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Secondly, it can be assumed that T'ANG would be upset that Frank had been indiscreet enough to indicate to anyone that there might be a relationship between T'ANG and Frank. He would attribute this indiscretion on Frank's part to her concern over the arrest and purge of her friends in Peking. Frank's very trip to London would confirm the anonymous letter writer's statement of Frank's concern and T'ANG's suspicion as to the reasons behind her indiscretion. (56 (4))

Thirdly, if it can be determined that Frank is subsequently confronted concerning the letter, this would confirm the suspected relationship between the Chinese and/or T'ANG and Frank. NY 4047-S* would be useful in this regard(W)

Finally, if such a letter can be gotten out expeditiously and timed to coincide with Frank's trip to London and/or Paris, it could well result in a serious disruption of her attempt to determine the fate of Israel Epstein, et al.

New York submit your observations concerning the above remarks by return airtel and submit a suggested text of the letter to be utilized in this operation.

NOTE:

Sue Frank is known to have wide-spread contacts and it is known that she is upset by the recent reports of the purge and arrests in Peking of several of her Caucausian friends who are working there for the Chicoms. She is taking a trip to London, approximately 7/29/68 to ascertain the fate of her friends. It is being recommended to New York that we turn these arrests to our advantage by having an anonymous letter written by a person in Canada who purportedly was a member of a Canadian "left wing" group which visited China in 1966. The letter would be addressed to T'ANG Ming-chao, who addressed the group when he visited Peking and whom is believed to be identical with a close contact of Sue Frank. The letter would point out the concern of the writer and subject over the aforementioned arrests. The primary objective of this operation is to ahake the confidence of the Chinese in subject.

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