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To: Legat, [Ottawa] (s)
From: Director, FBI (100-339235) - 30/

SUSAN HEILIGMAN FRANK
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ReBuairtels 7/24/68 and 7/30/68 and New York
airtel 8/2/68, copies of which are enclosed for Legat,
[Ottawa.] (s)

For the information of Legat, [Ottawa] (s), Susan Frank
is a U.S. citizen who has been active in pro-Chicom matters
in the U.S. and allegedly has been in contact with Chicom
intelligence in London and appears to be involved in
intelligence activities for the Chinese communists. She
recently left the U.S. on a trip to Paris and London to
verify the purge of her pro-Chicom friends in Peking,
Israel Epstein, Michael Shapiro, Sidney Rittenberg and
Anna Louise Strong. We are going to exploit the situation
by attempting to disrupt Frank's activities in London and
Paris and to attempt also to tarnish her image with the
Chicoms. (s)

As it is indicated in the enclosed airtels,
T'ANG Ming-chao addressed a group of [Canadian] leftists
in Peking in 1966. It is believed that this is the same (u)
individual who is a close contact of Susan Frank. For the
reasons indicated in the enclosed airtels, we are going to
utilize these relationships and direct an anonymous letter
to T'ANG, purportedly from a member of this [Canadian] peace
group who is also a friend of Susan Frank. (s)

Enclosures - 3

- 1 - New York (100-42479)
- 1 - Foreign Liaison Unit (route thru for review)

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Airtel to Legat, Ottawa
 RE: SUSAN HEILIGMAN FRANK
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In response to Bureau's instructions, the New York Office in reNYairtel submitted the text of a letter to be sent to T'ANG Ming-chao, Vice-Chairman, Chinese People's Committee on World Peace, Peking, China. (S) (u)

(S) Legat is requested to prepare a type-written letter to T'ANG on stationery purchased in Canada and utilizing the text suggested by the New York Office. It will not be necessary to utilize the apostrophe in writing T'ANG's surname or the Bureau approved manner of writing Chinese names, for to do so would indicate a knowledge of the Chinese language on the part of the writer which might not be the case. It is suggested that the name be written in the following manner: Tang Ming Chao. (S)

(S) Legat should also advise RCMP on a confidential basis of the details of this operation and obtain its concurrence prior to sending out the letter described above. (S)

NOTE:

Susan Frank is known to have wide spread contacts with whom she has discussed recent reports of a purge of her Caucasian friends in Peking who are working there for the Chicoms. She has left the U.S. on a trip to Paris and London to verify these reports. We are attempting to exploit this situation 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 the individual who greeted the group when it visited Peking and who is believed to be identical with a close contact of Susan Frank. The letter would point out the concern of the writer and the subject over the aforementioned purge. Primary objective of this operation is to shake the confidence of the Chinese in Susan Frank. New York has submitted the text of the letter to be used and it is being furnished to Legat, Ottawa, to be typed and sent to China. Legat, Ottawa, is also being instructed to advise the RCMP concerning this operation. (S) (u)

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Transmit the following in _____
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-339235)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-42479)(P)

SUBJECT: SUSAN HEILIGMAN FRANK
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ReBuairtels 7/24 and 7/30/68, instructing NYO submit suggested text of anonymous letter to be sent TANG Ming-chao from Canada in effort to discredit and tarnish subject's image with the Chinese and NYairtel to Bu 7/25/68 re observations concerning proposal.

For information of CG, reBuairtel 7/24/68, proposed mailing of anonymous letter from Canada to TANG Ming-chao, Vice Chairman, Chinese People's Committee on World Peace, expressing concern regarding fate of ISRAEL EPSTEIN and wife, SIDNEY RITTENBERG, MICHAEL SHAPIRO and ANNA LOUISE STRONG. Letter would also express concern of subject with objective TANG would be concerned re subject's capabilities and indiscretions as well as to cause a disruption of her attempt to determine the fate of EPSTEIN, et al.

ReBuairtel 7/30/68, indicated such operation would work to the advantage of the Ad Hoc Committee (AHC) in the event subject cares to confide in the AHC.

As instructed by Bu, NY submits a suggested text along the following lines, if such letter is to be prepared and forwarded to TANG.

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Special Agent in Charge

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(S) "I was one of the fortunate group of individuals [from Canada] who were afforded the privilege of visiting your country in October, 1966. (S)

"Perhaps you will not remember me, but I had the pleasure of meeting you in Peking during our visit when you and other members of the Chinese People's Government greeted and allowed us the opportunity to present questions regarding your country. (S)(u)

"At that time, I expressed some concern at, what appeared to be, excesses of the Cultural Revolution and wondered whether some of the people who had suffered violence and abuse at the hands of the Red Guards might not in fact be innocent. Your reply was that as a result of over enthusiasm it was always possible to make mistakes, however, they would be rectified in time. (S)(u)

"My purpose in writing is to express my concern and that conveyed to me by a friend from NY, SUE, a loyal Maoist, and acquaintance of yours, over the fact that recent reports have indicated that long time friends of the Chinese People's Government, ISRAEL EPSTEIN and his wife and MICHAEL SHAPIRO had been arrested for espionage; SIDNEY RITTENBERG had been purged from his job with Radio Peking and ANNA LOUISE STRONG had been condemned as an "imperialist agent." We are deeply concerned regarding the treatment of these friends of the Chinese People's Government and wonder whether the abuses which I previously mentioned are continuing in spite of your statement the mistakes would be rectified. If these rumors are true a serious mistake has been made and we appeal to you as a friend to intercede on behalf of the friends of the Chinese People's Government. (S)(u)

"You can well understand my reason for not signing the letter or identifying SUE, for to do so could conceivably disclose our identities to the authorities. (S)(u)

"/s/ A Friend" (S)(u)

Information copy being furnished CG in view of their interest in subject [as it concerns AHC and] for any possible comment re the operation. (S)(u)

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