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RICHARD CYRIL FRANK  
SUSAN HEILIGAM FRANK  
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*Richard Frank*

ReBulet to Legat, London, dated 11/14/66 concerning  
Chicoin, no copies furnished New York.

Enclosed for each recipient are two copies of a  
letterhead memorandum prepared at Bureau setting forth back-  
ground data, descriptive information and a summary of subjects'  
activities primarily dealing with their foreign travel.

Legat, London, furnish original of memorandum to  
Mr. Alex M. MacDonald, head of D Branch, British Security  
Service (MI-5), making reference to his discussion with Bureau  
representatives regarding Chinese matters. If you feel  
MacDonald would not be aware of the results of prior coverage  
afforded subjects by MI-5, consideration should be given to  
furnishing him copies of communications previously furnished  
by MI-5 setting forth this data. Photographs of subjects,  
if not previously furnished to MI-5, should also be given to  
MacDonald. (S)

For information New York, during November, 1966,  
Mr. MacDonald visited Bureau Headquarters. Bureau representa-  
tives advised him of the FBI's interest in affording extensive  
coverage to subjects during any forthcoming visits to England.  
Mr. MacDonald requested he be furnished a summary of their  
background and activities. (S)

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2 - New York (Enclosures - 2) (100-107383; 100-42479)

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December 5, 1966

SLD/KSR 10-4-77 RICHARD CYRIL FRANK  
(JFK) SUSAN HEILIGMAN FRANK

Subjects, husband and wife, reside at 110 Christopher Street, New York, New York. Susan Frank claims to be a free-lance writer, and her husband, a cameraman and writer who has worked in the past in the television industry.

Susan Frank was reported to be a member of the Communist Party, USA, as late as 1961, and information was obtained indicating Communist Party membership on the part of her husband in 1957. They are known to currently associate with Communist Party members; however, as of 1963, Susan Frank was suspected of being an agent of the Peking Government by a high ranking official of the Communist Party, USA. They are in frequent contact with leaders of the Progressive Labor Party, and associate with James and Ann Lee, owners and publishers of the procommunist newspaper, "China Daily News." She has reportedly written articles for "Challenge" the publication of the Progressive Labor Party under the pseudonym of Lisa Armand.

They traveled to Red China in 1959 where they worked for the English-language edition of the "Peking Review" for about two years. They visited the Soviet Union prior to their return to the U. S. in 1961. Subsequent to their return, both began propagandizing for Red China.

In August of 1963, Susan Frank was reported to be in possession of several news releases from Heinhua News Agency, 76 Chancery Lane, London, England. Richard Frank was reported to be in possession of an address book setting forth the following:

"J. Perry, London Export Corp., 5 Chandos Street, London U.1; TA Hing-chou, 86 6790-9 x54; Epsteins, H 89 3691, O 9 0951 x370."

In April, 1964, a confidential source abroad provided information indicating the above could refer to: (S)

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1. Jack Perry of the London Export Corporation which supports the expansion of trade with China.

2. Tang-Ming Chao (0781/2494/3564), who at one time edited the "China Daily News," and was regarded by the Communist Party, USA, as a specialist in Far Eastern affairs. He is currently the Vice Chairman of the Editorial Board of "China Reconstructs" and a member of the China Peace Committee and the World Peace Congress.

3. Israel Epstein, an editor of "China Reconstructs." (S)

In April, 1963, Susan Frank was reported to have been contacted by an individual believed to be identical with Tang-Ming Chao referred to above. The purpose of the contact was to extend an invitation to the subjects to return to China, and/or to recommend people who would be willing to travel to and work for China.

During September, 1963, the subjects attempted to contact Peggy Pinckherd, 3 Heathview, Gordon House Road, London, England, with respect to their intended arrival in London.

A confidential source abroad advised that Peggy Pinckherd was probably identical with Margaret Mary Joan Agnes Pinckheard, a fairly long-standing member of the Communist Party of Britain who visited Communist China in 1952. She has been active in the Britain-China Friendship Association since that time. (S)

In September, 1963, information was received indicating subjects were planning to travel to London. While Susan Frank did not make the trip, her husband did and was apparently in London during the period September 13, 1963, to October 5, 1963.

Richard Frank left New York City on May 4, 1964. Various confidential sources abroad have advised that on May 5, he transited Milan, Italy, arriving in Geneva, Switzerland, on May 6, where he resided at the Hotel Victoria and the Hotel du Jet d'Eau until May 14. He was in Paris on May 17, and returned to the U. S. via Canada on May 19. The sources were unable to report any significant information regarding his activities while abroad. (S)

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[On August 12, 1964, Susan Frank arrived in Milan, Italy, from New York City, according to a confidential source abroad.] She returned to New York on August 26, 1964, indicating to an associate she had been visiting her father in New Jersey. While no information was developed regarding her activities on this trip, the following should be noted:

Another government agency, which conducts intelligence investigations, advised that from August 10, 1964, to August 26, 1964, a convocation of 150 pro-Chinese communists from throughout the world was held in Albania. The purpose of this meeting was the formation of an international communist movement in support of the Chinese communists. (S) (u)

On June 26, 1965, Susan Frank departed the U. S. for Algiers, Algeria, via Paris, returning to the U. S. from Paris on July 9, 1965. Mrs. Beryl Epton, wife of William Epton, apparently accompanied Susan Frank on this trip. William Epton is the Vice President of the Progressive Labor Party in the U. S., who, on January 27, 1966, was sentenced to one year in prison, having been convicted of criminal anarchy and conspiracy to overthrow the government of New York State.

The purpose of Susan Frank's trip was to cover an African-Asian conference in Algiers for the "Monthly Review," an independent social magazine published in New York City. After her return to the U. S., she contended she had spent some time in London, England.

On January 12, 1966, Susan Frank departed the U. S. en route to London. [A confidential source abroad reported that she departed London on January 25, 1966. During her stay in England, she was in contact with the Campaign Against Racial Discrimination requesting its members to send protests to the Mayor of New York regarding the trial of William Epton.] SA source of another governmental agency, which conducts intelligence investigations, reported subject may have been in contact with William Ash and other individuals involved in the Society for Anglo-Chinese Understanding, a British organization which seeks to promote friendship and contacts with Communist China. (S) (u)

[This same source furnished information indicating she was in Brussels, Belgium, on January 26, 1966, using the name of Lisa Armand. Among other individuals, she (S) (u)]

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