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FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (105-37990)

SUBJECT: DENNIS LYNN HARBER
IS-R

DATE: 2/5/60

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Re report of SA FRANKLIN B. TEETER, 12/30/59, at NY, containing results of background investigation in NYC area, and report of SA RUSSELL T. CURTIS, 1/29/60, at Kansas City, containing results of investigation at Kansas City, Missouri and Topeka, Kansas.

By letter dated 1/27/59, the Milwaukee Office advised NY, that it was unable to verify subject's attendance at the University of Wisconsin. Also a check of credit and criminal records was negative.

When subject was discharged from the VA Hospital in Kansas City, Missouri, on 1/18/60, he listed his home address as 7347 Grant St., Omaha, Nebraska. VA records contain nothing to indicate that he plans to return to the NYC area.

Although HARBER was apparently permanently released from the VA Hospital in Kansas City, he has had a past history of commitments to mental institutions and it is felt that he will probably require additional hospitalization and treatment in the future.

NY has been unable to ascertain the exact purpose of the contacts between HARBER and [Soviet LEONID A. KOVALEV, UN Translator.] However, attention is called to the fact that HARBER at the time of his association with [KOVALEV] was an instructor at the Berlitz School of Languages, NYC. It is also known that [various other Soviets] have shown a general interest in learning languages at the Berlitz School

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It is further known that both HARBER and [KOVALEV] speak Spanish, and it is possible that this common language ability was the basis of their association, even though there is no evidence that [the Soviet] took a course at the Berlitz School. (S)

In any event, the association between subject and [KOVALEV] was discontinued in early 1959 and it is felt that there is little likelihood of it being renewed in the immediate future. [KOVALEV] is currently [in the Soviet Union on home leave] and although he is expected to return to this country in March, 1960, it is possible that he may not return at all. He was [involved in the double agent operation between Soviet VADIM A. KIRILYUK and BS 789-S] and as a result of this operation, and based on a request by the U.S. State Department, the Secretary General of the United Nations requested and obtained [KIRILYUK's] resignation from the [U.N. Secretariat]. (S)

In view of the foregoing, NY feels that HARBER does not constitute a threat to the security of this country at this time and this case is being placed in a closed status. No consideration is being given to requesting permission to interview subject in view of his past history of mental illness. It is believed that such an interview might well result in embarrassment to the Bureau. However, should any information come to the attention of this office indicating that HARBER has renewed his contacts [with KOVALEV and/or any other Soviets.] this case will be promptly re-opened and additional investigation will be conducted. (S)

A copy of this letter is being furnished to Omaha for information purposes inasmuch as subject apparently resides within the territory covered by that office.

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REPORTING OFFICE NEW YORK	OFFICE OF ORIGIN NEW YORK	DATE 12/30/59	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 9/17 - 12/15/59
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NY T-1 in this report is [redacted]

In compliance with instructions previously received from the Bureau (Bureau airtel, 9/15/59, captioned [redacted] "PSI-R-DESECO") NY has closed its 134 case on [redacted] and will not initiate further contacts with this individual. However, NY will continue to accept any information that [redacted] voluntarily furnishes. (X)(u)

Since September, 1959, [redacted] has voluntarily contacted the NYO on several occasions but has been unable to expand upon the original information he furnished about HARBER's contacts with [Soviet LEONID A. KOVALEV] (S) (u)

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Attention is called to fact that the information pertaining to subject's medical history is protected by T symbol (T-3). This was done as the local Veterans Administration office requested that this information be kept confidential.

INFORMANTS

Identity of Source

File Number Where Located

NY T-1

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[redacted]
160 Claremont Avenue
NYC, Instructor,
Columbia University,
NYC
(by request)

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Physical Observation Posts
Springfield, Mass.

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NY T-3

Mrs. ROSLYN LIFSCHITZ,
Legal Division,
Veterans Administration,
252 Seventh Ave., NYC
(by request)

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(furnished to SA RAYMOND J. KOPP)

Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized in the report only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.

Identified below are those informants who were contacted re subject with negative results:

Identity of Informant

Date Contacted

Contacting Agent

NY 384-S*

11/19/59

SA JAMES P. HALLERON

NY 367-S

11/20/59

SA JAMES P. HALLERON

NY 646-S*

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SA JOHN A. HAAG

NY 559-S* (S)

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LEADS

KANSAS CITY

At Kansas City, Missouri

1. Will ascertain if HARBER is still a patient in the Veterans Hospital in Kansas City.

2. If HARBER is a patient in the Veterans Hospital, will attempt to obtain a current diagnosis of the state of his health and an estimate of how long he will be hospitalized. Kansas City is requested to furnish this information in report form along with any additional background information which is available.

MILWAUKEE (INFORMATION)

At Madison, Wisconsin

A copy of this report is being furnished to Milwaukee inasmuch as that office is in the process of conducting investigation in this case.

NEW YORK

At New York, New York

Will await the results of investigation being conducted by the Kansas City and Milwaukee Offices and will thereafter make recommendations as to the future handling of this case.

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Report of: FRANKLIN B. TEETER

Date: 12/30/59

Office: New York, New York

File Number: New York 105-37990

Title: DENNIS LYNN HARBER

#211,376
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Synopsis: DENNIS HARBER, 454 West 22nd St., NYC, reported to have been in contact with [Soviet translator LEONID A. KOVALEV] at a party in June, 1958. Investigation re DENNIS LYNN HARBER reflects he was born 11/26/27 at Fairmont, Minnesota; was a patient in Veterans Hospital, Kansas City, Missouri, as of September, 1959; was last known to reside in NYC at 454 West 22nd St.; and was employed from January, 1955 to June, 1958 as an English Instructor at Berlitz School of Languages, NYC. Other background data set forth and results of criminal, credit and election checks in NYC reported. HARBER unknown to several informants in NYC area.

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DETAILS

I. BASIS OF INVESTIGATION

On September 17, 1959, NY T-1 reported that in June, 1958, he gave a party at his residence which was attended by [Soviet translator, LEONID A. KOVALEV.] Also present at this party was one DENNIS HARBER, 454 West 22nd Street, New York City, an English instructor at the Berlitz School of Languages, 40 West 51st Street, New York City.

During this party, according to the informant, HARBER and [KOVALEV] were quite friendly. NY T-1 also advised that during the evening HARBER became intoxicated and started talking about Communism. According to the informant, HARBER talked about Communist cells in Spain and seemed to speak with authority and knowledge.

NY T-1 further reported that it was his understanding that HARBER and [KOVALEV] had been socially acquainted in the past; however, informant was unable to recall the source of this information.

Informant still further advised that he had heard that HARBER had at one time undergone psychiatric treatment in a Veterans Hospital in the New York City area. NY T-1 was unable to furnish the location of this hospital, nor was he able to furnish the identity of the person who had furnished him this information.

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The publication entitled "Staff of the United Nations Secretariat" report of the Secretary-General dated September 1959 and issued by the UN General Assembly reflects that Soviet LEONID KOVALEV is employed as a Translator-Trainee at UN Secretariat

NY T-2 advised that Soviet LEONID A. KOVALEV has participated in intelligence activities in the past

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FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (105-37990)

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On 9/17/59, while furnishing the details of his association with Soviet translator LEONID A. KOVALEV, [redacted] 160 Claremont Ave., NYC, a former instructor at the Berlitz School of Languages, 40 W. 51st St., NYC, reported that in June, 1958, he, [redacted] gave a party at his residence which KOVALEV attended. Also present at this party was one DENNIS HARBER, 454 W. 22nd St., Apt. 4W, NYC, identified by [redacted] as an English Instructor at the Berlitz School. During the party, HARBER and KOVALEV were friendly and FOREMAN advised that it was his understanding that the two had been socially acquainted in the past; however, he was unable to recall the source for this latter information. [redacted] further advised that, during this party, HARBER became intoxicated and started talking about Communism. He talked about Communist cells in Spain and, according to the source, seemed to speak with authority and knowledge.

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During the 9/17/59, interview, [redacted] furnished the following additional information about HARBER:

Source reported that he had heard that HARBER had in the past undergone psychiatric treatment at some Veterans Hospital in the NYC area, but was unable to furnish the identity of the person who had furnished him this information.

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[redacted] further reported that HARBER's roommate at 454 W. 22nd St., Apt. 4W, was one AMERICO (LNU). However, source advised that he had heard that HARBER is currently living someplace in the Middle West. Here again, [redacted] was unable to recall who had furnished him this information.

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In view of the foregoing, NY has opened a 105-Contact case on HARBER for the purposes of ascertaining the degree of association between HARBER and [KOVALEV] in the past (S) and to determine if this association has continued to the present time. NY is also interested in ascertaining if [HARBER has any potential as a double agent.] (S)

The following investigation has been conducted:

On 11/18/59, Mr. JOSE MANOS, Assistant Director, Berlitz School of Languages, 40 W. 51st St., NYC, made available HARBER's employment record. It reflected that HARBER first went to work for the Berlitz School as an English Instructor on 1/5/55. He worked at irregular intervals thereafter, his last period of employment being from March, 1958, to 6/26/58. His application for employment reflected that he was born on 11/26/27, in the US, that his residence address in 1955 was 319 W. 14th St., NYC, and his Social Security number was listed as 005-12-1422. This application further reflected that HARBER was at one time in the US Army (dates and ASN not shown), and served in US occupation forces in Germany and Italy. It still further revealed that HARBER attended the University of Wisconsin (dates and field of study not shown) and was formerly employed as an Instructor at the Boys Industrial School at Topeka, Kansas (period not reflected).

At the conclusion of the 11/18/59, interview, JOSE MANOS advised that the Berlitz School had on several occasions since June, 1958, tried to get in touch with HARBER, to ascertain if he wanted to teach courses; but they had been unsuccessful, even though he had left a telephone number with them, namely CHelsea 3-7208. According to MANOS, an individual who identified himself as AMERICO had answered the telephone each time they called advising that HARBER was out of the city.

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