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MARGARETE PITTMAN INTERNAL SECURITY - C ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN OTHERWISE.

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Reference is made to your letter dated 12-21-59 and Rureau letter dated 12-23-59 to the Legal Attache, Paris, with copies to you, in the captioned matter.

As noted in Bulet of reference, many of the names contained in Pittman's address book are, or CS have been, Communist Party functionaries. This was to be expected and it is not believed that any particular significance could be attached to those entries in view of Pittman's long history of communist activities and associations. Consequently, in your review, your primary purpose should be to ascertain whether any of Pittman's contacts are with individuals concerning whom there is good reason to suspect that there is some subversive connection other than their normal communist affiliation. For example, if you find a person in a delicate position [included in the address book concerning whom there is no known normal reason for Pittman to contact, this matter should be pursued.

NOTE: Subjects key figures San Francisco Office. Are currently residing Moscow, Russia, where John Pittman is employed as Moscow correspondent for "The Worker," communist publication. French authorities obtained old address books of Pittman during his visit in Paris while en route to Russia. The address books in question contained hundreds of names of individuals, for the most part known CP members or functionaries, that Pittman has associated with during his long history of CP activity. San Francisco Office is currently analyzing the information contained in the address books pursuant to Bureau instructions.

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ReBulet dated 10/28/59, captioned as above, which enclosed a gopy of a letter from the Legal Attache, Paris, dated 10/15/59, Ctogether with 97 photographs of material obtained from the effects of JOHN PITTHAN in Paris by the Direction de la Surveillance du Territoire (DST).]/SI

The photographs contain names of hundreds of individuals (2) together with a few addresses, both domestic and foreign. The San Francisco Office appreciates the interest of the Bureau in cooperating with the request of the Legal Attache, Paris, regarding the names of possible espionage agents among the names contained in the lists [5] maintained by PITTMAN and toward this end is searching all names through the San Francisco indices in an effort to obtain further identifying data, since in many instances there are no addresses and [5] in all instances there is no identifying data. The San Francisco Office has volumes of search slips and is diligently reviewing the references, the results of which will be furnished the Bureau and auxiliary offices as soon as possible in order that the significance of the appearance of (5) the names in the effects of PITTMAN can be analyzed and furnished the Bureau and interested Legal Attaches. When further identifying data is obtained, or possible identifications are obtained, the Bureau may then desire to check the names through Bureau indices and have field offices covering the residences of the individuals furnish information available Yin their indices.

The San Francisco Office will give this matter continuous attention and advise the Bureau as soon as possible.

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Reference to made to your letter dated November 19, 1959, enclosing a memorandum received from the French Domestic Counter-[5] intelligence Espionage Service dated November 4, 1959, which was translated at the Eureau and the names listed therein checked against Bufiles. This check could not be 100% complete because arrain of the names were illegible and there was a last of sufficient identifying data concerning a number of others. However, as a result of this search and in response to the specific question [asked by the French as to whether any Soviet agents could be identified from the names listed in Pittman's address books, the answer is in the negative.

You may desire to give the French the following information. As was to be expected, a great majority of the individuals who could possible that feet are known to be or to have been connected with the Communist Party, VIA, in varying degrees. This includes a considerable number of individuals who have contributed articles to communist publications. There were also numerous names of individuals who were apparently business contacts of Pittman's in the publishing and literary fields.

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Subjects, husband and wife, are key figures of San Francisco Office. Both are currently residing in Moscow, Russia, where John Pittman is the Moscow correspondent for the "Daily Worker." While en route to Moscow during a stopover in Paris, France, the French suthorities obtained photographs of address books of Pittman's dating back to the early 1950's. Investigation of Pittman has been conducted over many years and has revealed that this subject has been most active in the Communist Party particularly in the communist publishing field. His wife has also been associated with communist publications for years and was editor of the "German American," a German communist publication in New York City. She is currently preparing articles for the "Peoples World," a west coast communist publication, while in Moscow.

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