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EPSTEIN and TANG-Ming-chao indicated that they are "quite active and busy". They said that the CP of China has prepared 13 articles which will be published in refutation of articles concerning the Soviet-Chinese dispute appearing in the Soviet press.

In reference to the above, it is to be noted that it was reported on 5/21/59 by NY 1572-S that JAMES S.H. LEE, current Editor of the "China Daily News", was very close and a favorite of TANG Ming-chao.

It has been reported by NY 4047-S\* that RICHARD and SUSAN FRANK have had several contacts with JAMES and ANN LEE.

Since the inception of the current investigation of the subject and her husband, she has been engaged in activities of the Progressive Labor Movement which organization espouses the Chinese Communist cause.

NY 4047-S\* has reported that the subject has been in frequent contact with individuals in the U.S. who are pro-Chinese Communist.

NY 4112-S\* has reported that the subject has been in contact with individuals in Peking and with people abroad who are believed to be pro-Chinese Communist.

Observations:

The fact that RICHARD FRANK returned on 10/5/63 from England tends to verify the information from NY 694-S\* that the subject and her husband are engaged in activities on behalf of the government of China and one of their intelligence targets is the CPUSA, and in furtherance of this purpose it is believed RICHARD FRANK met with TANG Ming-chao in London.

It is the observation of the NYO that the subject's association with the LEES and the China Daily News would furnish a convenient means of communication between China and the FRANKS, it being noted that CSNY 3333-S has furnished information to the effect that the China Daily News receives current news releases from the China News Service; the news releases are from Peking, Shanghai and Canton.

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RICHARD CYRIL FRANK  
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LEO HUBERMAN  
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A highly sensitive source advised Jack Perry, Chairman of the London Export Corporation, Ltd., 5 Chamber Street, London, West 1, is secret member of British CP in close contact with Chinese Communists. Perry's office is used by TANG Ming-chao and Israel Epstein as their headquarters for London operations. TANG is head of the American Department of Chinese CP and is in charge of political intelligence relating to CPs in English-speaking countries. Epstein is an editor of "China Reconstructs" and is active at this time in what appears to be intelligence operations for Chinese Communists regarding dispute between Chinese and Soviets. TANG and Epstein are in close touch with American developments through two individuals Richard Frank and Leo Huberman. It is alleged Frank and Huberman travel to London to contact TANG and Epstein.

In view of foregoing Legat, London, is instructed to explore possibility with appropriate British contacts of intensified coverage re Perry, TANG and Epstein. (S)

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- Belmont \_\_\_\_\_
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- Casper \_\_\_\_\_
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Letter to London

Re: SUSAN HEILIGMAN FRANK

RICHARD CYRIL FRANK

— LEO HUBERMAN

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Because of the extreme sensitivity of the source which furnished foregoing data, [it cannot be furnished to the British. Bureau recognizes that some reason must be given for our interest in Perry, TANG and Epstein.] Apparently, Richard Frank was in contact with TANG and Epstein during his recent trip to London, which was the subject of prior communications, [and therein you were instructed to request the British to cover his activities while in England. If this coverage disclosed contacts with TANG and/or Epstein, this would provide a basis for requesting the intensified coverage.] You can establish Richard Frank's connection with the Chinese by the fact that Richard and Susan Frank spent approximately a year and a half in Communist China from the period 1959-60.

[Under no circumstances are you to indicate to British we have knowledge of Frank's contacts with Perry, TANG or Epstein. If the British do not disclose knowledge of these contacts, do not pursue the matter.] New York is currently conducting intensive investigation of Susan and Richard Frank and possibly may uncover another source with knowledge of TANG-Epstein contacts.

NOTE:

The extremely sensitive source referred to in instant letter is NY 694-S\*.

Susan Frank and her husband, Richard, are suspected of being agents for the Chinese Communists in the U. S., not only by the Bureau but by CP, USA. It appears that liaison with Chinese Communists is maintained through Israel Epstein and TANG Ming-chao, who have headquarters in the office of a member of British CP in London. [If we can persuade British to intensify coverage of individuals in London, possibility exists, we may ultimately learn details re Chinese Communists activities in U. S.] (S)

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