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SYNOPSIS:

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Subjects, who in Mexico are known as CHARLES and BERTHE SMALL, continue to reside at Calle Mariscal #98, San Angel Inn, Mexico, D. F. CHARLES SMALL continues to operate a gift and curio shop and BERTHE SMALL is occupied as a housewife. Both subjects continue to be prominent members of ACGM, of which CHARLES SMALL reportedly wants to become leader. Subjects gave cocktail party for "National Guardian" tour members in 1/64. CHARLES SMALL reported as furnishing money to CEDRIC and MARY BELFRAGE and to LINI DeVRIES to establish their boarding houses, to BRYNA PRENSKY to open art galleries, and to MAY BROOKS to open art gallery. Subjects gave party for EDWARD BARSKY during visit to Mexico. CHARLES SMALL approved procurement of subscriptions for "National Guardian" during 9/64 visit to Mexico of JAMES ARONSON, Editor of "National Guardian." He also furnishes communist literature to friends who visit his store. CHARLES SMALL reported as continuing to contribute to PCM projects. Subjects traveled

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The following information was received from former MEX-18 and MEX-19, but is being included in the Administrative section of this report rather than the dissemination section since it shows close association with the subjects to an extent which would assist in identifying the informants.

Informants advised on 5/12/64, that on 5/6/64, MEX-18 had accompanied GERTRUDE SOLTNER (Bufile 100-271396), who was visiting in Mexico, on a shopping trip, at which time they went to CHARLES SMALL's store. When they visited the store, DAVID DRUCKER was present having a heated argument with SMALL and complaining loudly about the impositions he had suffered. SMALL alternately agreed and disagreed with him. According to source, the person being discussed noisily as the source of DRUCKER's troubles was MARGARET LARKIN. After DRUCKER's departure, MEX-18 introduced SOLTNER to SMALL, and it appeared that each had heard of the other. SOLTNER and SMALL discussed the family of MORTON SOBELL, convicted atomic spy, and SMALL stated that SYDNEY SOBELL, apparently one of the SOBELL daughters, would be in Mexico for the summer.

On 5/12/64, informants advised that during the time MEX-18 was in CHARLES SMALL's store on 5/6/64, JEANETTE PEPPER entered and told SMALL that "someone" was in town whom SMALL should "do something about." SMALL said that he had already done it and was seeing that person at his hotel and arranging a dinner. SMALL subsequently identified "that person" to MEX-18 as LINUS PAULING (Bufile 100-353404). During the course of the conversation between PEPPER and SMALL, however, PEPPER said "that person" was not the one she had in mind but she was thinking of a friend of "ERZIE." Informant subsequently identified "ERZIE" as the widow of JOHN SEKELEY, a writer who wrote the book, "Temptation," under the penname "JOHN PEN" and lived in Cuernavaca until approximately seven years ago when he left Mexico for East Germany. According to the source, SEKELEY was reported to have died or to have been killed in East Germany approximately five years ago.

On 6/12/64, MEX-18 advised that on 6/12/64, informant had visited the art gallery being opened by MAY BROOKS, at which time DAVID DRUCKER, FREDERICK VANDERBILT FIELD (Bufile 100-2278), MAY BROOKS, and RUTH CONDE (Bufile 100-434224), as well as informant, were present. CHARLES SMALL dropped in

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and made a very facetious remark that it looked like a foreign branch meeting with the foreign agents and underground agents present. According to informant, SMALL meant DRUCKER and FIELD were foreign agents and BROOKS, CONDE and informant were underground agents. DRUCKER, however, did not consider the remark humorous and left immediately.

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