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Under the stringent requirements of P.L. 102-526 we have processed documents which are ready for release.

These documents contain information which reveal that we had investigations and sensitive coverages of the CPUSA headquarters, and foreign establishments such as the Tass News Agency in New York and the Soviet Embassy in Washington, D. C., including pre-FISA technical coverage on Tass.

Other documents indirectly identify our two principal SOLO assets who acted as liaison and were an integral part of the funding mechanism between the CPUSA and the Communist Party of the Soviet Union. Both are deceased, but the widow of SOLO asset, <u>Morris Childs</u>, requested by attached letter that we not release any information that reveals the relationship of herself, her husband and brother-in-law with the FBI until six months after her death. A response to the letter is being prepared. Mrs. Childs is writing a book about the SOLO operation. After Morris Childs died, Gus Hall, head of the CPUSA, advised an asset that he had learned that the FBI attended the funeral services, therefore, he knew Morris Childs had worked for the FBI.

No damage to ongoing operations will result from these releases. Minimal damage is done to national security interests.

Every effort will be made to release all information that does not harm national security interests.

The Attorney General is being advised of the above by the Office of Intelligence Policy and Review because pre-FISA (5) electronic surveillances were authorized by previous Attorneys General. These coverages and information from two of the SOLO sources have been the subject of Attorney General claims of Privilege in past legal actions against the FBI.

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