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Re: Allegations of General Arthur S. Trudeau Re Infiltration of Fabian Socialists into High Policy-making Areas of the United States Government Internal Security - C

and Elizabeth T. Bentley, former self-admitted Soviet espionage agents, as participants in espionage activities in Washington, D. C., and New York, New York, in the mid 1930's and early 1940's. Several have been critical of the Bureau. Several alleged to be socialists; others "leftist" and "procommunist." Several reported as members, in the past, of organizations cited by the Attorney General under Executive Order 10450. Allegations generally name many individuals as questionable for strategic or sensitive Government employment.

Several were named by Louis Budenz, former Communist Party, USA, official, as being communists or under communist discipline.

Some of the sources of information used in the enclosure were closely associated with the individuals named and requested that their identities be concealed. Others expressed a willingness or unwillingness to testify in loyalty or court proceedings against individuals named. In order to indicate the desires of the source an (a) was placed after the names of sources who requested that their identities be concealed. A (b) was placed after the sources's name when be was willing to testify. A (c) was used to indicate source not willing to testify.

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The following eight individuals, who appear to be identical with names furnished by General Trudeau, have been investigated by the Bureau with no identifiable derogatory information developed. Results of investigations have been disseminated.

- Edgar Jarratt Applewhite, Jr. Central Intelligence Group-Applicant, 1947
- 2. Richard Dale Drain Central Intelligence Agency-Applicant, 1951 Atomic Energy Act-Applicant, 1952
- Gerard Droller Central Intelligence Agency-Applicant, 1949

