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Rebulet 1-12-50 suggesting that this investigation be brought to an early and logical conclusion, and the report of SA GEORGE W. HUTCHISON, dated 1-25-50 at Louisville, transmitted herewith.

All outstanding undeveloped leads have been covered at the present time and it would appear to be a logical point to consider the advisability of taking further action or closing the case.

A large part of the investigation conducted since Louisville was made office of origin has been designed to run down some of the allegations made concerning the subjects early in the investigation which, because of the unavailability of original sources, was not possible earlier in the investigation.

A thorough review of this file had been made. Hereinafter will be summarized briefly what appears to be the most derogatory information and allegations developed.

Some of the allegations, it will be noted when traced to their original sources, lost their original significance. Much of the information concerning contacts between the subjects of this case and subjects of other Bureau cases cannot be traced further and the significance of most of these contacts cannot be fully appraised by this office because of lack of complete information concerning the other subjects.

Background of this case is set out in numerous letters, memos and reports. It will not be repeated except as necessary in connection with the purpose of this communication.

ALLEGED C.P. MEMBERSHIP OF ROBERT MAGIDOFF

The report of SA EDWARD F. MILES, 12-27-48, New York City, reflects an interview with Mr. LISTON M. OAK, "New Leader", 7 East 15th Street, New York, New York, in which OAK is reported as furnishing information obtained by him from LEON DENNEN to the effect that MAGIDOFF (ROBERT)

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VASSILI N X ZUBELIN (COMMINTERN APPARATUS)

The report of SA EDWARD F. MILES, 7-26-45, New York City, (page 3) reports that in April, 1944, MAGIDOFF (NILA) attempted to contact the wife of VASSILI N X ZUBELIN, USSR diplomat, talking to ZUBELIN at the Russian Embassy, Washington, D.C. ZUBELIN was identified as "a prominent subject" in the case entitled "Comintern Apparatus", Internal Security - R". (S)

PAUL MARK X RAIGORODSKY

The report of SA EDWARD E. MILES, 1-24-46, New York City, reports that NILA MAGIDOFF associated with PAUL MARK X RAIGORODSKY, Houston, Texas. The report of SA ALBERT E. TOWNSEND JR., Houston, Texas, 3-27-46, reflects that RAIGORODSKY is an oil operator of some wealth; his ex-wife was reported to have been active in the Communist Party in San Antonio in 1941 but that there was no indication of such activity on the part of RAIGORODSKY. RAIGORODSKY was born in Russia. (100-138350-115)

GEORGE X PRIVINSKY; AMERICAN SLAV CONGRESS

The report of SA EDWARD F. MILES, 1-28-46, New York City, page 3, reflects that GEORGE PRIVINSKY, Executive Secretary of the American Slav Congress, on October 15, 1945, contacted GRACE X KLIPPELL, Russian War Relief, New York City, to find out if MARK X ETHRIDGE was NILA MAGIDOFF's boss and if so how to get in touch with her to see if she could influence ETHRIDGE's report on the Balkans. Prior to subject's departure for the USSR, she had a conversation with PRIVINSKY in which she stated she would do all she could for the congress -- presumably the American Slav Congress -- while she was in Moscow. On page 4 of this report it is indicated that PRIVINSKY was present at a cocktail party in honor of NILA MAGIDOFF on July 9, 1945, at the Plaza Hotel. (100-138350-111)

The report of SA THEODORE G. KIRSHNER, 11-24-44, New York City, stated that the Daily Worker of March 19, 1944, reported that Mrs. MAGIDOFF gave a talk at the American Soviet Congress of Michigan at a hotel in Detroit, Michigan. It is suggested that this organization is possibly the American-Slav Congress rather than American-Soviet Congress. (100-138350-7)

CONTACTS WITH CANADIAN COMMUNIST PARTY FIGURES

The report of SA EDWARD F. MILES, 1-28-46, New York City, reflects that on March 21, 1945, NILA MAGIDOFF received a letter from 3638 Lorne Crescent, Montreal and it was recalled that 3670 Lorne Crescent, Montreal was the address of RAYMOND X BOYER, a figure in Canadian Soviet Espionage circles. (100-138350-111)

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