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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Citizenship Status of Bernard Leon Barber, Jr., 38-451887

1. On 4 August, Mr. Edward Hart and Mr. Tommy conferred with Mr. Warner and Mr. O'Hall of the General Counsel's office on the subject of restoration of the citizenship of Bernard Barber. For further information see a memorandum, dated 14 July 1950, which summarizes the previous steps taken to restore this citizenship and a memorandum, dated 17 July 1951, giving Mr. Barber's statement to the Office of Security in regard to his case. These memoranda are in the subject's 202 file. Mr. Warner recommended that Mr. Tommy see Mr. Murphy of the Alien Affairs Office to get the complete background on the situation before any further efforts are made to obtain restoration of subject's citizenship. Any information obtained should be passed to Mr. O'Hall of the Office of the General Counsel in Room 321, East Building.

2. Mr. Tommy conferred with Mr. Bennett of the Alien Affairs Office on the Bernard Barber case. Mr. Bennett was familiar with the case and provided the summary of the Investigation and Naturalization Division dated 11 July 1951. This summary includes two House Committee reports, dated 11 July 1951, and a report dated 11 July 1951 on subject's citizenship status.

3. Mr. Tommy is making a current check with the Office of Investigation to determine what happened to the case and to ascertain any current information concerning the case. According to Mr. Bennett, there will probably be a decision soon which to choose. The fact is that the Office of Investigation, through contractual means, could have a good bill of material to restore the citizenship of Mr. Barber. The fact that Mr. Barber could leave the country, for example, for an investigation visa, will probably result in the alien being able to obtain his citizenship in the future. The Bureau is currently in the process of reviewing the case.

4. There is now in the hands of a special conference panel to review the case of Mr. Barber. The case is recorded in the file of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, 104-10110-10011. The review will be completed on 17 October 1951. The submission of a report on the case will be made to the subject's file.

The alternative of having subject leave the country may be considered if the necessary documentation, as he was authorized from his official position, is not available.

In accordance with the above information, the Bureau telephoned the Embassy in London and a check with the Office of Immigration and Naturalization revealed no law information since the case was reported in 1970. It is therefore recommended that the Office of the General Counsel conduct an investigation of the possibility of introducing a new entry procedure to result citizenship for Mr. Barker.

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