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Memorandum for Chief, CI/OA dated 20 February 1961 - sanitized  
to preclude release of State and FBI info.

20 February 1961

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief CI/OA  
ATTENTION : Mr. [redacted] 3  
SUBJECT : Evaluation of Possible Derogatory Information  
on Marvin Kantor.

1. FBI reports contain the following possible derogatory information on Marvin Kantor:

These reports are identified elsewhere (included is STATE Dept. info passed to FBI referred to elsewhere)

4. Except for item 3-A the above points could be construed as having a CI conotation i.e.:

- A. Subject appears to be receiving funds from some outside source.
- B. Subjects relatives in the Soviet Union could constitute an intelligence control factor.
- C. Subject has had one known meeting with a Soviet official with intelligence connections.

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← On the other hand a controlled and recruited/ source reports that Subject receives money from his father; that Subject who is probably a Jew himself is cognizant of anti-semitism in the Soviet Union and that he has made disparaging remarks about the Soviet regime. Further, the Soviets are known to be very active in the American student colony in Copenhagen and as an isolated incident in itself we do not attach any necessarily sinister import to the fact that an American student was socially introduced to a Soviet national.

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5. We believe that during the developmental phase, the case officer should attempt to create an opening for Subject to voluntarily bring up his meeting and/or relationship with ABARCHALIN. A voluntary statement would appear to resolve to a considerable degree any negative questions concerning this meeting. Should Subject fail to bring the meeting out then the matter would have to be resolved through the LCFLUTTER which would probably be indispensable to full exploitation of this case's potential.

6. If you concur with the foregoing on receipt of POA we shall advise the field to attempt an approach as stated above.

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