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24 JUL 1957

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Result of Mass Traces, Priscilla Johnson (Out 1-8-65)

- REFERENCES: A. Paragraph 1b, [CLASS] 8321
 B. 22 [CLASS] 8313
 C. 22 [CLASS] 8314
 D. 22 [CLASS] 8346

ACTION REQUESTED: For Your Information

1. Headquarters traces on Subject reveal the following information from ODENVY.
2. One Priscilla Post JOHNSON, a United States citizen, born on 19 July, 1928, at Glen Cove, New York and holding passport number 664545, issued at Washington, D. C. on May 24, 1953, took steps in London to obtain a visa to visit the Soviet Union. Subject described herself as an amateur journalist and as of December 1955, residing temporarily at the Curzon Hotel, Clarges Street, London, W. 1.
3. The records of the Passport Section, American Embassy in London, indicate that on September 28, 1955, subject requested that her passport be validated for travel to Russia. During the interview, subject stated that she received a B. A. Degree at Bryn Mawr in 1950, and an M. A. at Harvard in 1953. She claimed to have done research for Senator John F. Kennedy of Massachusetts; had worked for the Current Digest of the Soviet Press, 405 West 117th Street, New York City, from the Spring of 1953 to the Fall of 1954; and was in the Research Department of Colliers Magazine in the Spring of 1955. She claimed membership in the World Student Federalists, whose purpose, according to her, was to expand and strengthen the United Nations, and ultimately, to form a world Government.
4. On September 27, 1955, subject wrote to the Embassy to say that, as a student of Soviet Law, her purposes for applying for the Soviet Visa were to

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talk with legal experts, to attend court cases, and to visit classes at the University of Moscow. She further stated that as an amateur journalist she hoped to cover a story, previously unreported in the West, and also trace the case histories of one or more of the soldiers formerly stationed in Austria who were then being demobilized. She identified her newspaper outlet as the North American Newspaper Alliance, 229 West 43rd Street, New York City.

5. On October 21, 1955, the Department of State authorized the Embassy to validate subject's passport for travel to Russia providing Soviet permission to enter that country was granted. On November 17, 1955, subject presented a letter from the Russian Embassy, London, which notified her that her visa to Russia had been received. Thereafter, on November 22, 1955, her passport was validated for travel to Russia.

6. The date of the OSSEVI information is 24 January 1956.

7. Re Paragraph 3, SCAGTRESS reports that the World Student Federalists is an organization which is a part of the World Association of World Federalists. The World Students Federalists is liberal but not considered leftist, and its purpose is as mentioned above. It was founded in 1947 and has its headquarters in Amsterdam. SCAGTRESS has no record of Subject's activities within this organization.

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