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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Rosen *RR*

DATE: August 2, 1958

FROM : W. B. Welte *WBW*

SUBJECT: AL DOBEK; ED BROWDER;
 UNSUB, aka "Reds"
 NEUTRALITY MATTER - CONSPIRACY

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SA F. X. Jahn, senior Resident Agent, Hyattsville, Maryland, called at 12:30 p.m., 8/2/58, to advise that he was preparing a teletype to the Bureau concerning a possible conspiracy to violate the Neutrality Act and other Federal statutes which was brought to his attention by BA 1154-C this morning.

The informant told of being approached by three men at 9:50 a.m. today who broached the idea of his obtaining a large amount of arms and ammunition by stealth or by means of bribery from the warehouse of the Interarms Company, a munitions dealer in Alexandria, Virginia. The three men told the informant they were returning to Miami by plane and that he should reach them there by telephone on Sunday or Monday at the latest to advise of progress he was making in obtaining these arms.

One of these individuals was known to informant as Al Dobek or Dobeck, (informant was not sure how name was spelled.) He described Dobek as a seedy character who will do anything for a buck. Dobek told informant that he was now employed as a security officer at the Deauville Hotel, Miami, Florida, and was acting as a go-between for his two companions whom he introduced as Ed Browder and "Reds."

Inasmuch as this appeared to be primarily a neutrality matter and since there had been no violation of any statute within the supervision of this division, the facts were furnished to SA J. G. Short, who was on duty in Mr. Belmont's Office. SA Jahn advised that the purpose of his call was to enable the Bureau to begin checking on Dobek in advance so that appropriate action could be taken in this matter without delay.

RECOMMENDATION

That this memorandum be forwarded promptly to Mr. Belmont's Office for the assistance of the Domestic Intelligence Division in handling the incoming communication. ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
 1 - Mr. J. G. Short

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