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REF: SAGO 043 (IN 73964)

MAY PASS TOLL INFO FUEBLAR:

1. HENRY WINSTON (201-6887), NEGRO, BORN 2 APRIL 1911 HATTIESEBURG, MISSISSIPPI. JOINED YOUNG COMMUNIST LEAGUE (YCL) AND CPUSA IN 1931. SENT TO SOVIET UNION BY CPUSA IN NOV 1933 TO ATTEND LENIN SCHOOL. RETURNED TO U.S. IN 1935. BECAME YCL NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONAL SECY IN MARCH 1936. VISITED SOVIET UNION MARCH-MAY 1937 AND ON RETURN WAS ELECTED NATIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE SECY OF YCL. HELD POSITION UNTIL 1940 WHEN BECAME MEMBER CPUSA NATIONAL COMMITTEE. HELD VARIOUS POSITIONS AT NATIONAL COMMITTEE LEVEL UNTIL 1950.

2. IN 1949 SUBJ WAS CONVICTED AND SENTENCED TO FIVE-YEAR TERM FOR CONSPIRING ADVOCATE OVERTHROW OF U.S. GOVT. NOT APPREHENDED UNTIL 1956 WHEN IMPRISONED AND GIVEN ADDITIONAL THREE YEAR SENTENCE FOR CONTEMPT OF COURT. OPERATED ON FOR BRAIN TUMOR FEB 1960 WHILE IN PRISON AND VIRTUALLY BLIND SINCE. SENTENCE COMUTED AND HE RELEASED IN 1961. IN JUNE 1961 ELECTED VICE CHAIRMAN CPUSA AND MEMBER NATIONAL COMMITTEE.

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3. WENT SOVIET UNION SEPT 1961 AS CPUSA DELEGATE TO TWENTY-SECOND CONGRESS CPSU. UNDERWENT MEDICAL TREATMENT AND RETURNED USA FEB 1964. SUBJECT CONSIDERED WELL TRAINED, DISCIPLINED AND EXPERIENCED COMMUNIST.

4. TRACES INDICATE THAT SUBJECT SEPARATED FROM WIFE MARY LERNER CIRCA 1961. SUBJECT HAS TWO CHILDREN. NO CONFIRMATION PRESENT MARITAL STATUS OR TRACES ON WIFE MENTIONED IN REF.

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WE COMMENT: Reference requested bio data on Subject and wife for passing to FBIARS.

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