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① NYFE 100-107713  
② Bufile 100-401782  
③ NY 100-42479  
④ Bu 100-339235

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FBI NY 5/28/65 RE Leo Huberman; File No. (NI) 100-8436  
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ACTION REQUIRED - REFERENCES REFERENCE.. OIRW-23914, 14 APRIL 1965										
<p>WE HAVE NO STATION TRACES CONCERNING SUBJECTS AND ARE DEFERRING ANY EFFORTS TO CHECK OUT SUBJECTS' ACTIVITIES EITHER UNILATERALLY OR THROUGH LIAISON PENDING A DISCUSSION OF THIS CASE WITH DEHATCH.</p> <p>DANIEL M. PRESLAND</p>										
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FROM Chief, WE

SUBJECT ODEENVY Reports on Susan Heiligman Frank and Richard Cyril Frank

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1. Forwarded under separate cover for your background information are pertinent portions of an ODEENVY report dated 12 February 1965 (attachment A) concerning Susan Heiligman Frank (201-191098) and her husband, Richard Cyril Frank, who have been of investigative interest to ODEENVY for several years because of their Communist activities. In recent years these activities have been on behalf of Chinese Communism, and in January 1965 an ODEENVY representative stated to a KULAMP officer that Susan Frank is suspected of being a Chinese Communist agent. The attached information is forwarded because of the travel [ ] during 1964 both of Richard Frank (in May 1964, per the ODEENVY report in attachment B) and Susan Frank (in August 1964, per attachment A).

2. Following is a summary of information concerning the Franks which is based on ODEENVY reports.

Mildred Susan Frank (known as Susan Frank, nee Heiligman), born in New York on 8 November 1913 of Russian parentage, resides with her second husband, Richard Cyril Frank, at 110 Christopher Street, New York City. There are reports as early as 1942 providing information on Susan Frank's activities on behalf of Communism, all of which refer to her as Susan or Sue Warren, the alias she has commonly used in her Communist activities and in the articles she has written. In 1942 she was chairman of the Communist Party 12th Assembly District at 132 East 26th Street, NYC. Her occupation is given as writer and lecturer. She has been described as having been well-trained in Far Eastern affairs and has taught at the Faculty School of Social Sciences and Jefferson School of Social Sciences, conducting courses entitled, "The New China," "The Chinese Communes," "On the Correct Handling of Contradictions (MAO)," etc. In June, 1959, she was nominated to the Latin American Sub-Committee of the International Affairs and Peace Commission, CPUSA.

Attachments:

- A. ODEENVY report dated 12 Feb 65-USC
- B. ODEENVY report dated 25 May 64-USC
- C. CIRW 22387, dated 20 Mar 64-herevith

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In November 1959, she and her husband went to Communist China, where she had been invited to work on the "Peking Review" (a magazine published for dissemination outside China) for two years. As of June 1961, the Franks were back in New York, having returned via the USSR. In July 1962, Susan Frank was reported to be a member of the Foreign Affairs Committee, CPUSA. She conducted a class entitled "The Real China" during August 1962 at the N. Y. School for Marxist Studies. She and her husband (who was born on 22 August 1922 in Rochester, New York) have been in contact with Charles Joseph (Bob) Coe and his wife, Rose Marie Coe, on whom traces were provided in paragraph 4 of OIRW 22387, 20 March 1964 (copy attached for [redacted]). These traces note that several ODEWY reports have stated that the Coe's have sided with China in the USSR-China dispute.

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1. Transmitted under separate cover is a review of the files on Susan FRANK (201-191098).
2. As you are aware, ODENVY is interested in FRANK and her connection with the Chinese Communists.

*P. J. Harrington*  
EVAN H. HAVENIER

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1. ON 19 JAN FROM 1500 TO 1230 NEW YORK BASE HELD MEETING WITH ODENVY TO DISCUSS POSSIBILITY CHICOM ENTRY INTO HIBASTE. FREDERICK W. CLIFTON (P), MICHAEL D. CHARLWOOD (P), AND PETER J. KYMINGHAM (P) PRESENT FOR KUDARK. FRANK GALLANT, JOHN MANNING, AND ROLAND WERNS (MEMBERS OF THE CHINESE SQUAD) PRESENT FOR ODENVY. CLIFTON EXPLAINED KYMINGHAM UP BY MAKE SURVEY POSSIBILITY RUNNING OPERATIONS AGAINST CHICOMS FROM NY AND THAT KYMINGHAM PREVIOUSLY WORKED IN NY, 1955 RECRUITING CHINESE SCIENTISTS RETURNING TO MAINLAND. KYMINGHAM EXPLAINED WAS INTERESTED FOR SOME TIME IN HANDLING LEGAL TRAVELLER AND RESIDENT OPERATIONS FROM US, AND THAT IN 1950'S WE HAD BEEN PREVENTED FROM WORKING AGAINST CHINESE MEMBERS OF HIBASTE SECRETARIAT WHO MADE FREQUENT TRIPS ON HOME LEAVE BACK TO CHINESE MAINLAND. MANNING POINTED OUT THAT ODENVY TOO HAD BEEN RESTRICTED OR PREVENTED FROM TAKING USE OF THESE PEOPLE. HOWEVER, THEY HAD INTERVIEWED MOST OF THEM WITH VARYING DEGREES OF SUCCESS.

2. GALLANT POINTED OUT THAT ODENVY'S PRIMARY EFFORTS IN CHINESE FIELD HAD BEEN DIRECTED AGAINST "CHINATOWN NY, "CHINA DAILY NEWS"

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AND ITS AFFILIATES. GALLANT WAS ASKED IF THEY HAD ANY ACTIVE CCIS CASES. HE SAID THAT TO DATE MOST ACTIVE CASE THEY HAD WAS <sup>28-201-191098</sup> THAT ~~CE~~ SUSAN FRANK WHOM THEY SUSPECTED OF BEING A CHICOM AGENT.

GALLANT SAID ODENVY QUERIED KUBARK ON PROBABLE TRIP SHE MADE TO COMMUNIST CHINA RECENTLY. HE SAID SHE WAS IN PROGRESSIVE LABOR MOVEMENT AND THAT THIS GROUP ADHERED TO CHICOM LINE RATHER THAN TO THE CPUSA WHICH IS PRO-SOVIET.

3. KYMINGHAM EXPLAINED KUBARK EXPERIENCES WITH CHICOM'S OVERSEAS, OUR BRIEF EXPERIENCES IN THE CE FIELD AND GAVE THEM A STERILIZED VERSION OF THE STEXIT CASE. ODENVY EXPLAINED THEY QUITE INTERESTED IN CCIS MOOS OPERANDI AND WHAT OUR EXPERIENCES HAD BEEN WHEN A CHICOM MISSION ARRIVES. THEY WERE TOLD WE HAD VERY GOOD SUCCESS RECENTLY WITH MOUNTING AUDIO OPERATIONS AGAINST CHICOM MISSIONS ABROAD BUT HAD LITTLE SUCCESS WITH ANY PHYSICAL PENETRATIONS. CHICOM'S OPERATED ENTIRELY DIFFERENTLY FROM SOVS OR ANY OTHER INTELLIGENCE SERVICE. KYMINGHAM EXPLAINED HE TRYING TO FIND POSSIBLE GROUPS AGAINST WHOM CHICOM'S WILL TARGET THEMSELVES AFTER THEIR ARRIVAL IN US. ODENVY SAID THEY ARE DEFINITELY WORRIED ABOUT CHICOM PROBLEM INASMUCH AS THEY HAD 50,000 TO 60,000 CHINESE IN NY AREA AND ABOUT 300,000 IN THE US. ODENVY PRINCIPALLY



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GEOGRAPHICALLY THAN NCNA OFFICE IN MEXICO.

4. ODENVY WAS INTERESTED, FRIENDLY AND QUITE FRANK IN DIS-  
CUSSIONS. THEY DEFINITELY HAVE LIMITED EXPERIENCE WITH CHICOMS.

HOWEVER, THEY HAVE CONSIDERABLE EXPERIENCE WITH LOCAL

CHINESE COMMUNITY. MANNING SPEAKS CHINESE AND THEY HAVE OTHER  
OFFICERS WHO SPEAK CHINESE. IN SHORT, THIS INITIAL MEETING WAS  
APPARENTLY SUCCESSFUL FOR BOTH SIDES.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Attention: Mr. Sam J. Papich

FROM : Deputy Director for Plans

SUBJECT: BUREAU WHILLIGMAN FRANK  
INTERNAL SECURITY - [REDACTED]

Reference is made to your memorandum of 24 September 1964, file number (HI) 100-339235, in which you requested that a photograph of subject be shown to the individual who attended the meeting [REDACTED] in August 1964, to determine whether subject was among the United States representatives at that meeting. In our interim CGOI-316/01578-64, dated 13 October 1964, we informed you that we had forwarded the photograph to the appropriate Agency representative with the request that it be shown to the delegate to the meeting. That representative has just reported that the photograph was shown to the delegate but that the subject was unknown to him.

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ACTION REQUIRED - REFERENCES		Photograph of Possible PBPRIME Representative at the August Meeting			

See para 2.

TDCS-314/02323-64 (PARI 6005, OFF 14190)

1. ODENVY, in a memorandum dated 24 September 1964, forwarded the attached photograph of Susan Heiligman Frank with the request that it be shown, if feasible and without disclosing ODENVY's interest in the subject, to the source of TDCS-314/02323-64 in an effort to determine whether Susan Frank was one of the PBPRIME representatives at the August 1964 meeting

2. It is requested that you show the attached photograph to QURANA-7 as indicated above and advise Headquarters of the results so that we may reply to ODENVY's request.

**HUGH R. SHERIDAN**

**KENNETH N. PECKINPAUGH**

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13 OCT 1964

**TO : Director**  
**Federal Bureau of Investigation**  
**Attention: Mr. Sam J. Papich**

**FROM : Deputy Director for Plans**

**SUBJECT: SUSAN HEILIGHAN FRANK**  
**INTERNAL SECURITY - [REDACTED]**

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2. We have forwarded the photograph to the appropriate Agency representative with the request that it be shown to the above-described delegate to the meeting without disclosing your Bureau's interest in the subject, and you will be informed of the results as soon as possible.

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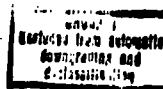
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