

Chief, CI/OA

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Acting Deputy Director of Security (Investigations and Support)

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24 1. Reference is made to your memorandum dated 16 April 1959 requesting an appropriate investigation of Subject (in connection with his use under an Operational Approval in an advisory capacity by PP/PAD (world-wide) under Project [SGLACTEAL] 24

2. The enclosed information is furnished as an aid in determining whether or not the Subject should be used in the proposed capacity.

3. During recent investigation of Subject, certain information was developed which appears to reflect adversely upon his character, professional activities and associates. This information, in addition to checks of the Office of Security indices, is summarized as follows:

a. Three developed informants commented favorably regarding Subject's character, reputation and loyalty but one informant stated that Subject had been married three times and his present marriage almost ended in divorce recently.

b. Subject was fined \$45 for a 1954 traffic violation and his subsequent failure to appear at the hearing. One informant advised Subject had recently been the object of inquiries by local police officers. The informant believed this action resulted from unpaid parking tickets.

c. Subject's name appears numerous times in subversive files on the West Coast. These items contain information about Subject's activities in the Democratic Minority Conference and lists his professional associates. In 1949 he was listed as a member of the Bar committee against loyalty oaths for lawyers. He was shown as a close associate of Vanio SPENCER, described by the files as a leftist, and his activities were primarily concerned with local minority groups. These activities were extensively reported in the Communist Daily People's World.

d. Mrs. Vanio SPENCER represented Tassia FREED, a non-cooperative witness before the HCUA. Tassia FREED is the wife of Emil FREED, an admitted Communist member. Security Office indices also reflect that

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Earl FREED is an admitted Communist Party member and took part in various front activities in California over the years.

e. The Subject reportedly assisted Ralph H. NUTTER during the trial of Anthony P. RIOS and Alfred ULLOA, members of the Community Service Organization. NUTTER, according to Security Office indices, was a close personal friend of Harrison Scott BROWN, security disapproved in 1955, and favorably recommended him. NUTTER is also shown as a member of the Los Angeles County Conference on Committee Relations (LACCR) as of October 1953. This organization, although not regarded as Communist-dominated, sticks close to the Communist line and has spoken out against Los Angeles Police Department brutality, teacher firing, loyalty oaths, book-burning and witch-hunting by HCUA, thought control and UNESCO. NUTTER was also a member of the Community Service Organization, which was regarded as infiltrated by the Communist Party in 1954-55 and is influenced but not dominated by the Party at the present time.

f. In January 1959, the Subject was interviewed by a representative of the OSI concerning his association with Reinhold Joshua WULF, con-

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4. In view of the above information, this office recommends that serious consideration be given to this matter prior to utilizing Subject as proposed.

5. In view of the certification set forth in your request, no CIA files other than those of the Office of Security have been searched in connection with this case. It is assumed that all pertinent information concerning Subject has been furnished pursuant to the provisions of Clandestine Services Instruction No. 10-5 and Clandestine Services Instruction - Field No. 10-5.

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6. This memorandum pertains only to this proposed assignment. It is requested that this office be informed of your decision in this case. The enclosed material should be returned in a sealed envelope marked for the attention of the undersigned when it has served its purpose.

FOR THE DIRECTOR OF SECURITY:

Fred W. Hall

Enclosures:

Case Check Rpt (28 August 1959)
Rpts (15 May & 27 July 1959)
FBI Rpt (6 April 1948)

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