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8 February 1952

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The files of G-2, Department of the Army, were checked in Subject's name on 5 February 1952. A file in the name of Thomas Edgar was reviewed and disclosed the following information:

In a letter to the Commanding General, 2nd Army, Fort George G. Meade, Maryland from Intelligence Division, General Staff, U. S. Army, Washington, D. C., dated 25 May 1962, the Investigations Section states that information has been received from the Plans and Operations Division, General Staff, U. S. Army, lisison agency with the U. S. Atomic Energy Commission, for the Department of the Army, that ______, Thomas Edgar was granted "Q" clearance on 2 February 1949. The AEC clearance number if NY 6514.

The above information was predicated upon an L/S from 2nd Army, to Director of Intelligence, requesting verification of "Q" clearence regarding above individual.

File further reflects that the FBI conducted investigations on 18 January 1949 at Cincinnati, Chio and 12 January 1949 at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania regarding Subject.

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SYNOPSIS:

SUBJECT presently resides at 2596 Meil Avenue and not at 1596. He is married, has a son, about 25 years of age. SUBJECT attended Ohio State University from 1935 to 1939, receiving a B.S.C. degree. He was formerly employed as a garage mechanic in Hilliard, Chio and is presently Assistant Director of a Research Foundation at the Ohio State University. Neighborhood investigation was extremely favorable, nothing of a derogatory nature was developed. Credit favorable and Police negative. SUBJECT reportedly investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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BIRTH AND CITIZENSHIP:

At Columbus, Ohio:

According to the records of the Registrars Office, Chie State University, SUBJECT was born in Wellston, Chie during January 1903.

EDUCATION:

At Columbus, Ohio:

The records of the Registrars Office, Chie State University on 21 February 1952, revealed that SUBJECT was a student from 1935 to 1939, at which time he graduated with a B.S.C. degree.

EMPLOYMENT:

At Columbus, Ohio:

On 7 February 1952, the records of the Chic Bureau of Credits revealed that SUBJECT is presently the Assistant Director of the Research Foundation of the Chic State University. Upon graduation from O.S.U., or shortly thereafter in December 1939, SUBJECT was employed by the university as Assistant Fraternity Auditor. He later moved from that position to that of Assistant Director in 1946. Prior to the time, he was employed as a mechanic in Arch Alder's Chevrolst Garage, Hilliards, Chic.

MEIGHBORHOOD:

At Columbus, Ohio:

on 2 April 1952, it was determined that SUBJECT resides in an apartment building located at 2596 Neil Amenus, near the university. Mrs Mac GWEN, Apt. "D". 2596 Neil Avenus, stated that she has known the SUBJECT and his wife since the time of their moving in the building, which was about three years ago. She described them as "most substantal people" and added that SUBJECT is the Assistant Director of the Research Foundation, Chio State University. He is most capable, likeable and respectable man and enjoys a fine reputation in the building and in the neighborhood generally. She further stated that the FRI has investigated him several years ago, apparently in connection with his job at the Foundation. She described SUBJECT and his wife as

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Supper middle class with one son, about twenty-five years of age who is married and resides out of Ohio, although he is presently staying with his folks because his wife is in a hospital in Columbus with their newly arrived baby. Informant stated that she knew nothing but good relative to SUBJECT and his family and that he is truly a patriotic American.

On 2 April 1952, Mrs Thomas REEDER, Apt. "B", 2506 Heil Avenue, stated that she has known SUBJECT and his wife as neighbors and that they are fine people, respected in the community and are conservative in their living and habits. They have one son, Ed, who is preently staying with them. SUBJECT, according to informant, is "homey" and does not drink or have any bad habits to her knowledge. She considers him a one-hungred percent American.

On 2 April 1952, Mrs. F.W. HOMSHER, Apt. "C", 2590 Heil Avenue, stated that she has been acquainted with the SUBJECT and his wife for about a year as neighbors. She knew little about than except that they are nice people and well thought of in the neighborhood, They are quiet, do not engage in many social activities. Informant confirmed SUBJECT's employment and added that she knew of nothing of a derogatory nature regarding the SUBJECT or his family.

Mrs John R. SHOWBALL, Apt. "A", 2596 Neil Avenue, stated that she has known SUBJECT and his wife just three years or since the time they moved into the building, three years ago this month. She stated that she liked tham very much and knew of no finer people. They are respected in the community and are quiet and conservative. SUBJECT neither drinks or carouses and is a "hombody", except that he plays a great deal of golf with her husband. Informant stated that SUBJECT's son Ed is presently with SUBJECT coming here from West Virginia for the arrival of their newborn youngster. She added that SUBJECT has a fine poistion with the Research Foundation as Assistant Director, and is a therough American.

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it Columbus, Ohio:

on 3 April 1952, Mrs Harvey BROWER, 2268 Summit Street, stated that she purchased the premises on which she now resides, from SUBJECT about twelve years ago and although she did not know the ---- family except for the real-estate transaction, she had beard many good things about them from neighbors that used to liw

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in this part of the community. She stated that everyone seemed to have a good word for both SUBEJET and his wife and she knew of nothing derogatory in the regard. She added that Mrs John MONROE, 2262 Summit Street, knew the SUBJECT and his wife.

AGENTS NOTE:

It was determined that Arch Adler, SUBJECT's former employer. and personally known to the writer, is presently confined to a hospital and not available for interview.

Horman ARMENTROUT, Manager, Alder's Garage, Hilliard, Ohio stated that SUBJECT was the best mechanic they had ever had in the garage. Informant stated that he has heard Mr. Adler make this statement many times since SUBJECT left in 1937. He further stated that SUBJECT and his wife had a fine reputation and were patriotic Americans. Informant had attended high school with SUBJECT's son Ed, whom he described as a first rate fellow, who displayed that he came from good people.

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The records of the Ohio Credit Bureau, 83 S. Lth Street, examined on 7 February 1952, revealed that SUBJECT_arried Helen

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B. in Hilliards, Ohio; that he has worked for Alder's Garage in Hilliards until about 1927; that he had been murt and collected a claim from the Ohio Industrial Commission; further that he want to Ohio State University and graduated with a B.S.C. degree in 1939 and then went on the payroll of O.S.U. in Iscember 1939. Presently Assistant Birector of the O.S.U. Research Poundation, and prior to this was Assistant Praternity Auditor. Purther, in 1949 he had financed an automobile through General Motors with a mortgage of \$349.00 which is prompt; that his credit rating is good, nothing against him and most purchases are for cash.

POLICE (CRIMINAL AND SUBVERSIVE) RECOPDS:

At Columbus, Ohle:

The records of the Columbus Police Department, on 7 Pebruary 1952, failed to reveal any information on SUBJECT. The files of the Ohio Un-American Activities Commission were examined on a April 1952 and failed to reveal any information on SUBJECT.

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* Assistant Director for Special Operations

ATTENTION: Staff 3

: Chief, Special Security Division PROM

SUBJECT : PZ 2359

1. Reference is made to your request dated 27 December 1951 a recommendation as to whether an Operational Clearance should be granted to permit the Subject's use as cover in Europe under cover of present coployment.

2. The attached information regarding the Subject is furnished to You as an aid in determining whether or not the Subject should be used under the sutherity of an Operational Clearance in the capacity set forth in your request.

3. This memorandum portains only to the assignment mentioned in Paragraph 1 above. It is requested that this office be informed of your decision as to whether you intend to use the Subject. If the Subject is not used, the attached material should be returned to the writer in a sealed envelope marked "Eyes Only," indicating the reasons for not using the Subject.

FOR THE SECURITY OFFICER, CIA:

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ROBERT H. CUMNINGHAM

The Chief, Special Security Division

Attn: Nr. Cleyton

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SUF-JECT: P2-2359

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Since 1942 has been Assistant to Director Research Foundation.

2. Date of Birth will be forwarded as soon as received.

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COVERT NAME CHECK REPORT

DATE: 19 February 1952

SUBJECT: T.R.D. 67378 OC 060

In accordance with your request, a covert name check was conducted on Subject with results as indicated below:

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