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March 1969, that PARSONS had been cleared for acces to Secret and Top Secret contracts.

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of the VAL contained no derogatory information identifiable with PARSONS and confidential informants of the Bureau familiar with Communist Party activities in the Los Angeles area in the 1960's have no information regarding Subject.

b. On 26 September 1950, information was received from of the Plant Protection Office, Rughes Aircraft, Culver City, California, that PARSONS had been dismissed that date for removing Secret information from the plant, stated that he had received information from a representative of North American Aviation, Inc., Los Angeles, who informed that he had been contacted by a unknown at this time. is reported to have told the North American representative that PARSONS and that he had asked her to type some copies of desuments for him. PARSONS was interand admitted taking the documents for copying, which were of a highly classified acture. According to PARSONS THE going to transmit the copies to Who is believed to reside in North Hollywood, California, and to be a business consultent. stated that of a publication known as "Techinon" sponsored by a group of "Seruntaria Theorists". Accordis also a representative of the Israeli Government. The Los Angeles Office of the FBI and the Security Inspector in Charge, Los Angeles Flants Unit, Air Material Command, were immediately

e. 18th District OSI was advised by the Los Angeles Office of the FBI, on 27 September 1950, that PARSONS was interviewed on that date and had admitted taking the classified material from Hughes Aircraft, from which he had been discharged. The FBI further advised that Subject was co-operative and that no charge had been placed against him at that time. The Bureau will inform this office of further developments and will furnish a copy of their report, when evailable.

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160 1-100 SUBJECT: JOHN WHITESIDE PARSONS

29 September 1950

3. ACTION: The Security Inspector in Charge, Lee Angeles Plants Wait, Air Material Gammand, was notified on 27 September 1950.

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. Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: January [18, 1951

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FROM : James M. McInerney

Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division

SUBJECT: John Whiteside Parsons, Wa.

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Reference is made to your memorandum of December requesting an opinion as to whether or not the facts as developed constitute a violation of any Federal Statute.

It would appear that there is a violation of Section 793 and possibly Section 794 of Title 18, U.S. Code.

However, before a decision is rendered as to whether prosecution is warranted it is requested that you take the necessary steps to ascertain the following:

- 1. An expression of opinion from the appropriate source in the Department of the Army as to whether the documents involved "relate to the national defense".
- 2. Is there any objection on the part of the Department of the Army to having the documents in question introduced in evidence in the event of prosecution?

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent dated December 7, 1950, at Los Angeles, California, wherein on page 6 information appears pertaining to one Professor Theodore Non Karman. According to this information, Parsons had gone to at the suggestion of Von Karman. Your attention is invited to the report of Special Agent dated November 30. 1950, at Washington, D.C., in the case entitled

The Department would be interested in knowing whether the Von Kaman in the Perl case is identical with the individual having the same name in instant case, and if so, whether the Bureau has any information indicating these two matters are at all related.

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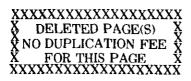
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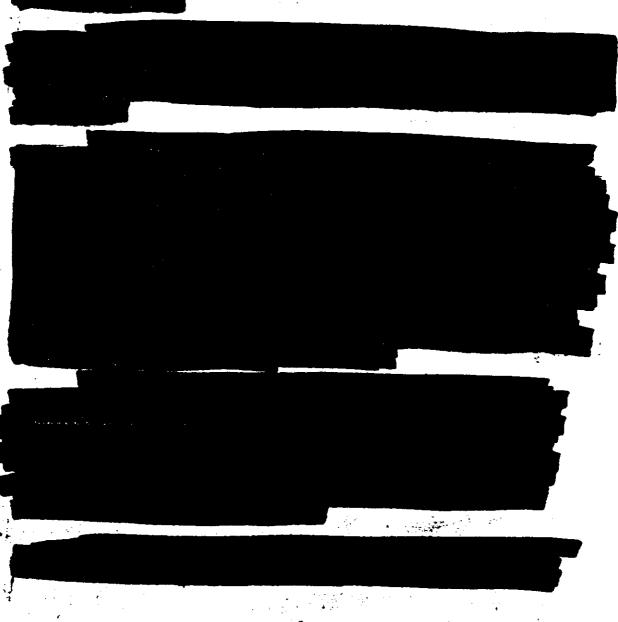


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SOLID PROPELLANT JET UNIT NO. 208, Copy No. 24, Classified CONFIDENTIAL, California Institute of Technology, November 1, 1942.

- Air Corps Jet Propulsion Research, GALCIT Project No. 1, Progress Report No. 15 for the AAF MATERIAL CENTER, AIRCRAFT LABORATORY: SOME PHYSICAL PROPERTIES OF VACUUM MIXED.

 ASPHALT-BASE SOLID PROPELLANTS, E. W. Hough, J. Green, and E. H. Sage, Copy No. 25, classified CONFIDENTIAL, California Institute of Technology, March 25, 1944.
- Air Corps Jet Propulsion Research, GALCIT Project No. 1,
 Report No. 15; THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN ASPHALT BASE SOLIDPROPELLANT, J. W. Parsons, M. M. Mills, Copy No. 33, classified CONFIDENTIAL, California Institute of Technology, October 16, 1942.
- Air Corps Jet Propulsion Research, GALCIT Project No. 1,
 Frogress Report No. 12 for the AAF MATERIEL CENTER, AIRCRAFT
 LABORATORY: PROGRESS REPORT ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF MANUFACTURING
 FACILITIES FOR PERCHLORATE CHEMICALS, Joseph C. Schumacher,
 Chief Engineer, Western Electrochemical Co., Copy No. 22,
 classified CONFIDENTIAL, California Institute of Technology,
 November 15, 1943.
- Air Corps Jet Propulsion Research, GALCIT Project No. 1,
 Report No. 9: RESULTS OF FLIGHT TESTS OF THE ERCOUPE AIRPLANT WITH AUXILIARY JET PROPULSION SUPPLIED BY SOLID
 PROPELIANT JET UNITS, F. J. Malina and J. W. Parsons, Copy
 No. 42, classified CONFIDENTIAL, California Institute of
 Technology, September 2, 1941.
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 Air Corps Jet Propulsion Research, GALCIT Project No. 1,
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 XAS-1000 TYPE JET UNITS, M. M. Mills and W. E. Johnson,
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It is noted that these classifications are different, in some cases, than those previously furnished by

advised that in reviewing these reports, it is the considered opinion of the Laboratory that all this material could be downgraded to unclassified. The Jet Propulsion Laboratory has no authority to downgrade these documents, however, this authority being vested only in the U. S. Air Forces inasmuch as the research which led to their publication was sponsored by the Air Forces. Stated that Items 3, 4, 5 and 6 above were, according to their records, delivered to the Aerojet Engineering Corporation for specific use of engineers at that agency. It has been previously exported that PARSONS was formerly employed by Aerojet.

Mr. H. M. CLARK, Air Provost Marshal's Office, Los Angeles Air Force Field Procurement Office, 155 West Washington Boulevard, Los Angeles, advised on January 9, 1951 that a review of the reports in question by the Air Forces would have to be made by the office of the Air Provost Marshal, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Chio.

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ADMINISTRATIVE PACE

For the information of the Cincinnati Office, Hughes Aircraft feveraled on December 15, 1950 that subject was in possession of the above listed seven reports from the Jet Propulsion Laboratory at the time of his termination of employment at Hughes. These documents were turned over to the Los Angeles Office on December 18, 1950.

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CINCINNATI OFFICE:

Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, ascertain if the present classification of the seven reports of the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, California Institute of Technology, in question as furnished by the Jet Propulsion Laboratory are correct and the name of the individual who can testify as to their classification.

LCS ANGELES OFFICE:

At Los Angeles, California: Will take such further prosecutive action as is directed by the Bureau.

REFERENCE:

Report of St at Los Angeles:

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for your information the facts in this case were presented to the Criminal Division of the Department on December 20, 1950, for a spinion as to mether or not there has been a violation of my federal Statute, and diether presention is marranted.

You will be advised of the Department's decision in

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Reference is made to my memorandum to you dated December 20, 1350 requesting an opinion regarding proceeution.

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DATE: January 27, 195

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SAC, Los Angeles

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JOHN WHITESIDE PARSONS, wa.

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Being forwarded under separate cover by registered mail are photographic copies of documents described in report of Special Agent dated November 2, 1950, at Los Angeles. It is noted that a number of these photos had been initialed by the subject and it is accordingly requested that these photos be returned to the Los Angeles office after they have served their purpose at the Bureau in order that they might be retained.

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Security Classification Section, Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio, advises Jet Propulsion reports declassified October, 1945.

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AT DAYTON, OHIO

Mr. M. J. GATES, Security Classification Section, Security Policy Division, Intelligence Department, Building 263-B, Wright-Fatterson Air Force Dase, advised that the reports relating to Jet Propulsion were prepared in connection with Air Material Command project MX-121 which was instituted in 1941.

In October, 1945, this entire project was declassified and as a result all reports prepared and written in connection with the project were declassified at this time. .

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: A. H. Belmont TO

DATE: January 27, 1951

FROM : C. E. Hennrich

SUBJECT: JOHN WHITESIDE PARSONS, Wa.

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To have Liaison deliver reports in captioned matter to OSI and secure answers to two questions propounded by the Criminal Division.

DETAILS

As you will recall, the subject has admitted in a signed statement removal of 17 documents without authority from the Hughes Aircraft Company, Los Angeles, California, where he was formerly employed. Parsons stated he planned to use the data in preparing proposals for building an explosives plant in Israel and also for research work on rockets and other armaments in Israel. Farsas intended to turn the documents over to whom he hoped to obtain employment as a research worker in Israel.

Copies of reports have been prepared for dissemination to USI by the Liaison Section.

This matter has been presented to the Department for an opinion and the Department has now advised that it appears there is a violation of Section 793 and possibly Section 794 of Title 18, U. S. Code, but that before a aecision is rendered as to whether prosecution is warranted the Department regressed we ascertain the following:

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I revit i proposal. In distribut I worked for H.A.C. on a proposed Rocket from Night Loading Plant. The proposal included detailed cost breakdowns of the type which I required in my proposal to Israel. On about the lith of Sectorber, I approached a sector of Fales Verdes, Catifornia, with the repost that she type up a rough draft of the material which I had collected in order that I could organize this in the form of a signed rost proposal. I selected and had this typed by her since I had known har and her husband for a period of over five (5) years. I have that both the end her husband had been cleared to work on classified trojects after an extensive investigation and that clearance for her husband was current.

Tamong the material from which I asked her to type extracts there was included a rough draft of a portion of a Propellant Loading proposal at ".A.C. which had been marked "Confidential". The rough draft of the not ried from which I intended to prepare my porcessal was pertially typed in the pariod of September 16 to September 23, 1950. I understing what on September 25, this material was picked up by the M.P.I. and the matter was guf ged to H.A.C. It wasnot in any way my intention to transmit any portion of the material which had been classified to Israel or to any other unauthorised person. It was my intention to select only the cost of equipment and process from the material to include in my proposal. It was further my intention before proceeding, to submit details of the proposal to check with the State Department both in regard to the possibility of of thing a presport and the advisebility of proceeding with any proposed attivities. I had selected to do the typing since I had the that the past, that she was a highly responsible and agral person and there has no consibility of any leak thru her or her restriction of unauthorized persons. I feel that any ration in allowing classified noterial which was the property of H.i.C. to come into the hands of a person, the however responsible, was not directly authorized to receive this naterial, was a serious error in judgment. It is my understanding that I removed this aferencial Confidential material in violation of H.A.C. rules. I did not remove them with the expressed or implied permission of any person in H.C. ly removal of this document was not known to any person in H.s.C. nor to suy other reason with the exception of myself. To my knowledge, had no knowledge that Confidential mate ial was being used in any unusual menner.

"I received no renumeration or promise of renumeration for removing this material, nor was I induced or requested to do so by any other person. I have no mether dir in any or universe, which is in any way interested or non-constitution this ratter or which advised or in mediate to act in the manner afor alli. I lish to emphasize again that I had no intent or violating any law or of transmitting any classified information or Company property to any unauthorized person.

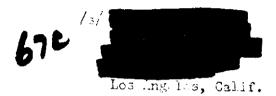
"To the best of my knowledge, I do not now have in my possession, any classified material belonging to the Hughes Aircrift Company, nor any other classified material of any sort. If I should find any such classified material among my possessions, I will immediately return same to H.

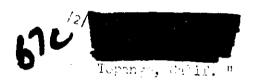
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"I have read the development consisting of two (2) pages and chicked the statement therein and it is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. No threats nor provises have been made to cause me to initial the proceding pages nor to sign this statement."

"/s/ JOHN I. FIRSONS
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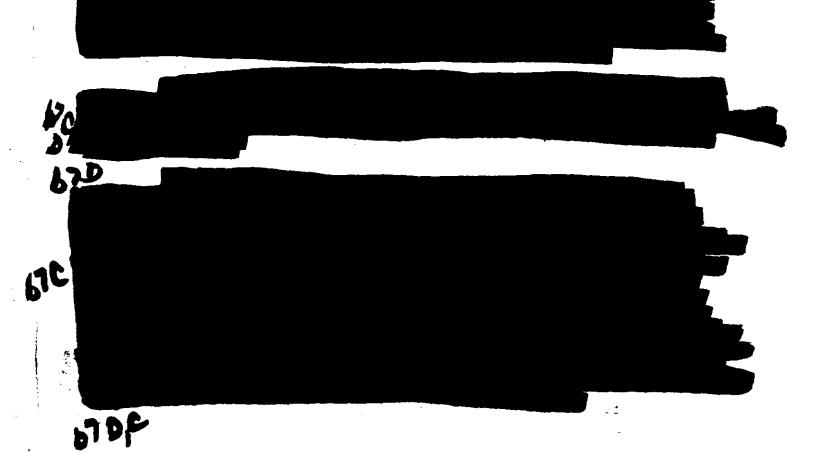
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advised as follows:

They stated that the PIRSONS are an odd and unusual pair in that they do not live by the commonly accepted code of married life and are both very fascinated by anything unusual or morbid such as voodooism cults, homosexuality, and religious practices that are "different." Subject seems very much in leve with his wife but she is not at all affectionate and loes not arrear to return his affection.

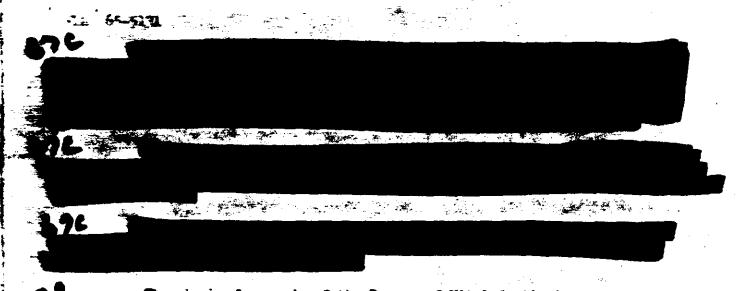
She is the dominating personality of the two and controls the activities and the chimber of subject to a very considerable degree. It is the opinion if subject were to have been in any way willfully involved it any nativities of an intentional espionage nature, it would probably have been on the instigation of his wife.





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The check of records of the Bureau of Vital Statistics, previously mentioned, was made on February 15, 1951 by Special Employee

The Registrar of Voters of Los Angeles County, checked February 16, 1951 by the writer, revealed no record of subject or subject's wife.

For the information of the New York and Enshington Field Offices, the subject in September, 1950, removed certain classified material from Fight direct Company, Culver City, California, his place of employment, for the purpose of using material from these documents in propuring a cost proposal on jet propulsion motors. He planned to submit this proposal with an application for amployment through the emerican Technion Society for employment in the country of Israel. On termination of employment at Hughes Aircraft Capany, subject was found to have in his possession certain classified material of the Guggenhain Aeronautical Laboratory, California Institute of Technology.

The facts of this case were presented to the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice on December 20, 1950, and are presently under consideration.

For the assistance of the Mashington Field Office, the following known information concerning MARJOHE ELIZABETH COMERON PER CAS is set forth:

Age
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At New York City: Will furnish any pertinent information appearing in the files of the New York Office concerning

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At Washington. D.C.: Will at the Office of the Director of ZR and E Service, Veterans Administration, review file of MARJORIE CANTRON, C# 700229, to ascertain if this file is for subject's wife. If file is for subject's wife, will ascertain a history of her studies under the "GI Bill" and her Navy serial number.

Will, if NACIONIE CAMERON PARSONS' Navy serial number is ascertained from her VA file, furnish same to the New York Office in order to have a review made of her military service file (U. S. Navy - WAVES) at Garden City, Long Island.

Will check records of Passport Division, Department of State, for information pertaining to MARJORIE ELIZABETH CAMERON PARSONS! having been issued a passport and any background data therefrom.

Will check indices for any information concerning

SAN DIFFO OFFICE

At Laguna, California: Will verify marriage of MARJORIE ELICAPETH .- COURTON and JOH! THITESIDE PARSONS, believed to have taken place in 1946 or 1947, noting any background information concerning both parties and will furnish comiss of this verification to the Washington Field Office in order to be abl. to assist in identifying records of subject's wife.

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Will take such further prosecutive action as is directe, by the Bursau.

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AFFIGURE: Report of Special Agent at Los Angeles.

nated January 20, 1953

Office Me... alainin . United states government

Mr. A. H. Belmont filly

DATE: March 9, 1951

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Reference is made to a memorandum to you in the obove-captioned matter from Mr. Hennrich doted January 27. 1951, which requested the Liaison Section to deliver reports in the above-captioned matter to OSI and to exhibit at the same time to them evidence in this matter in order to leteraine (1) on expression of opinion from the appropriate source in the Department of the Air Force as to whether the documents involved "relate to the national defense" and (2) if there is any objection on the part of the Department of the Air Force to having the documents in question introduced in evidence in the event of prosecution.

This motter was discussed with representatives of USI by Er. Sanders and they have advised after checking into the matter that the contract in question is under the jurisdiction of the army. This is to advise that the evidence has been made applicable to Colonel Paul J. Cramer of 3-2 and he stated that he would attempt to obtain from the Army the answers to the questions propounded.

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MARJORIE ELITABETH CAMERON of 1002 South Orange Grove Avenue, Pasadena, California was white, twenty-four, single. It was her first marriage. She was born in Iowa, the daughter of HILL LISLIE AMERON who was born in Illinois and CARRIE V. RIDENOUR who was born in Iowa. She listed her cocupation as that of a painter.

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One copy of this report is designated for the Washington Field office and for the New York office for their information in view of pending investigation in each of those offices.

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Report of Special Agent March 8, 1931 at Los Angeles.

dated

BAC, LOS ANGELES March 28, 1951 DIRECTOR, FBI ESPIONAGE -R; PERJURY John White head Parsons 45-5958 NOT RECORDED Sohn Whiteside Parsons, the subject of a separate New York espionage investigation, has been previously inter-Cleveland viewed on several occasions by Bureau Agents, the last interview being on 12/2/50, and he has been found to be very cooperative. ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIR IS U.C. ASSIVIAD EXCEPT WHERE SHOWS



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Director, FBI

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On the basis of the information furnished no information Could be located in the Bureau files identifiable with one

In addition to a search of Bureau indices, examination was also made of French Communist periodicals available to the Bureau but no name was located approximating

In view of the meager information available, the fore-**EX.** . 83 going should not be considered by you as precluding the existence of the individual described in your letter.

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: DIRECTOR, FRI

DATE: April 9, 1951

FROM : SAC, WFO

SUBJECT: JOHN WHITESIDE PARSONS,

AKA, JACK PARSONS

ESPIONAGE - INTERNAL SECURITY

Rerep Special Agent at Los Angeles dated March 8, 1951 requesting this office obtain Naval serial number of subject's



For information of New York, the subject in September, 1950 removed certain classified material from Hughes Aircraft Company, Culver City, California where he was employed and was found in possession of classified material of Guggenheim Aeronautical Laboratory, California Institute of Technology upon termination from Hughes Aircraft. The case is presently under consideration by Criminal Division of Justice Department.

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Los Angeles Police Department and Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office on March 15, 1951, by SE

the New York Office has advised that files of the New York Office contain no identifiable derogatory information regarding these individuals.

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LOS AMCHAES OFFICE

At Los Argeles, California: Will take such further prosecutive action as is directed by the Bureau.

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REFERENCE: Report of SA

dated 3/8/51, at Los

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Washington Field Office letter to Bureau date1 4/9/51.

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The indices of the Washington Field Office contained no record of the subject, his wife

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REFERENCE:

Los Angeles,

Report of Special Agent

dated March 8, 1951

Washington Field Office letter to Director, New York

and Los Angeles dated April 9, 1951

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVER Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation DATE: May 17, 1951 No. 1 JMM: CEN: VOID Report TO James M. McInerney 146-7-12|1839: Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division SUBJECT: JOHN WHITESIDE PARSONS, wa. ESPIONAGE - IS Reference is made to your memorandum dated May 9, 1951 in the captioned matter, wherein you supplied additional information that had been requested of you by the Department. For your information, this case is being referred by the Department to the United States Attorney for the Southern District of California for his opinion relative to prosecution. In this connection it would be appreciated if you would make available to the United States Attorney at Los Angeles, California, all information in this case developed through your investigation to date in order that he might have the benefit of same in reaching DECLASSIFIED BY DEFT. OF JUSTICE LEHEL

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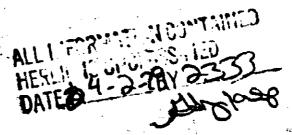
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Attached hereto is a copy of a confidential memorandum from the length and dated May 17, 1951, in which the Department advises that this case is being referred to the United States A torney for the Southern District of Colifornia for his opinion relative to prosecution. The mist note the lengthment requests we make available to the U.S. Attorney at Los Angeles, California, all information in this case developed through investigation to date in order that he might have the benefit of same in reaching a decision.

You should immediately comply with the Department's request and furnish to the U.S. Attorney at Los Angeles copies of all pertire a reports in U is case and such other data as he may require to reach a decision. For your information, the Bureau has furnished the Department to ice of all investigative reports prepared in this case.

In this connection, your attention is directed to the Function of the dated May C, 1951, to the Department, cooles of which were functional you setting forth information received by the Bureau from the Department of the Army on to the security classification of pertinent documents in this case. You should immediately prepare an investigative re ort, incorporating therein the information received from the Department of the Army and function a copy to the U.S. Attorney at Lo. A geloc.

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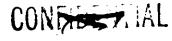
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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY FICE OF THE ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF, G-2, INTELLIGENCE WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION APR 6 1951 ATTN: Mr. Reynolds

SUBJECT: Classification of Documents

1. Reference is made to the attached letter from the Federal Bureau of Investigation dated 27 February 1951, and your verbal request of 5 March 1951. relative to the determination of the classification of certain documents and the desirability of introducing these documents as evidence.

For your information the military security classification of the material in question is as follows:

- Items 1 through 6, inclusive, and items 9 and 10 are unclassified.
- b. Item 7 contains information bearing a military security classification of RESTRICTED.
- c. Items 8, 11, 12 and 13 contain information bearing a military security classification of CONFIDENTIAL.
- The documents referred to in paragraph 2 b and c above, relate to the national defense. The Department of the Army has no objection to the use of Items 1 through 7, inclusive, and Items 9 and 10 as evidence. The information contained in Items 8, 11, 12 and 13 relates to current CONFIDENTIAL research and development and as such should not be divulged to unauthorised persons. DECLASSIFIED BY DEOL OF TRMA

FOR THE ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF G-2:

Ltr fr FBI to 0-2, 27 Feb 51 FBI Rots and 13 Items

PAUL G. CRAMER Colonel, GSC

Chief, Security Division

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MAY 22 1951



(Confidential) JOHN WHITESIDE PARSONS - ESPIONAGE

FEB 20 1951

Counter Intelligence Division, Directorate of Special Investigations, The Inspector General

Propulsion Branch, Aircraft Division
Directorate of Research & Development, DCS/D

Mr. Lipnick/rw/53350 AFDRD-AC-3

- 1. A survey of the specific documents mentioned in paragraph la, disclosed that decisions on military security classifications rest with the Department of the Army, Office, Chief of Ordnance, since this work at California Institute of Technology was and has been continued under the administrative direction of that Department.
- 2. It will be difficult to arrive at recommendations regarding military security of the documents cited under paragraph 1b, unless the details could be examined in the complete documents. These details are likewise related to Army Ordnance contracts which the Air Force has requested them to conduct.
- 3. It is urged that all papers be submitted to a competent technical authority in the Army Grance Department (e.g. ir. James R. Youmans, Rocket Development Branch, Room 2D 370a, The Pentagon, phone Ert. 52033) who could prepare authoritative and final recommendations on present security classifications on all the documents cited.
- 4. It is desired to emphasise that although some of these documents may be considered "Unclassified" from the military security viewpoint, they may contain certain proprietary information which the U. S. Government is not permitted to disclose to unauthorised persons. Also, there may be questions of U. S. Patent Secrecy agreements involved in one or more process disclosures. Such possible disclosures can be decided also by the Army Ordnance Department to protect the rights of their contractors (i.e. Aerojet Engineering Corporation and Thickol Corporation).
- 5. In reply to the inquiry of paragraph 2b, it is recommended that none of these documents classified for reasons of military security or proprietary security, be presented before a civil court if it is necessary that they be made a part of the open records of that court.

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ON Letter Dated 5/19/89 6-1-89 #2-98 895

NORVAN C. APPOLD
Colonel, U. S. Air Force
Chief, Propulsion Branch
Directorate of Research and Development
Office, Deputy Chief of Staff, Development

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From
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
To

February 27, 1951

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BY SPECIAL Mess of Gr

Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2 Department of the Army The Pentagon Washington, D. C.

Attention: Security Group

Dear Sir:

For your information, I am attaching hereto communications which may be of interest to you.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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JOHN WITTESIDE PARCONS, WA ESPIOLAGE - 18

ReBulat 1-19-51, advising you that the facts in this case had been presented to the Criminal Division of the Department for an opinion as to prosecution.

For your information, the Department has advised that the facts indicated a possible violation of Sections 793 and 794 of Title 18, U.S. Code, but before rendering a decision as to whether prosecution would be warranted, the Department requested that sueps be taken to ascertain whether the documents involved "relate to the national defense," and whether, in the event of prosecution, the Department of the Army would have any objection to these documents being introduced as evidence.

These questions were submitted to the lepartment of the Army, and in a confidential memorandum dated April 6, 1971, enswers were furnished by Colonel Paul G. Cramer, GSC, Chiof, Security livision, G-2, Pepartment of the Army, Washington, D. C. A copy of the Army's memorandum is attached heroto for your information.

Also attached for your information is a copy of the Durcau's memorandum to the Department dated May 7, 1991, requesting that the Department advise whether, in view of the above, prosecution in this case is warranted.

When a reply is received from the lepartment, yo will be advised.

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Reference is made to my memorandum in the above must continued motter which indicates that an effort had been made to obtain the chief of the Department of the Air Force regarding the classification as to certain accusents, and he to whether or not the accuments could be introduced as evidence in the event of prosecution in the above captioned matters as indicated in the reference resonandum, the representatives as CSI advises in the reference that this was a question under the jurisdiction in the AIR of the concerns that this was a question under the jurisdiction in the AIR.

There is attached hereto a memoranoum to the attention of the Reynolds entitled, "Classification of Evenments," dated north 6, 1951. It encloses a copy of the memorandum prepared for OSF by the mir force dated February 20, 1951, as well as for the nut Eureau reports which were loaned to 6-2 in this matter, and the thirteen items in question.

The verbrunuum indicates that Items 1-6, and 9 and 10 and unclussified. Item 7 is classified as "mrestricted, and Item: 8, 11, 12 and 13 are "conficential." he per crondum further indicates that there is no objection to Items 1-7, and 2 and 10 bring used as evidence. Powerer, since the information in Items 8, 11, 12 and 13 relates to current confidential research and development, they should not be divulged to unouthorised persons

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As you will recall, the subject edmitted that on Record September 15, 1950, while he was employed at the Hughes blay hwating Aircraft Company, Culver City, Celifornia, he removed from USApresentes that plant, without authority, a total of 13 documents of a taining to jet propulsion motors and rocket propellents.

There comments are described by number in the report of the Lor Angeles, Culifornia, dated November 2, 1990, a copy of which has been previously furnished you.

> The questions propounded by you have been referred to the Repertment of the Army, and in a confidential memorandum to this Bureau dated April 6, 1951, enswers were furnished by Colonel Paul G. Cramer, GSC, Chief, Security Tivicion, Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, C-2, Tenurissent of the remy, Washington, P. C. Pertinent portions of the Army's merorandum are quoted as follows:

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(b) Item 7 contains information bearing a military security classification of RESTRICTED.

(c) Items 8, 11, 12 and 13 contain information bearing a military security classification of CONFIDE TILL.

"The documents referred to in paragraphs 2 b and c above, relate to the national defense. The Department of the Army has no objection to the use of Items 1 through 7, inclusive, and Items 9 and 10 as evidence. The information contained in Items 8, 11, 12 and 13 relates to current CONFICENTIAL research and development and as such should not be divulged to unauthorized cersons."

The numbered items refer to the 13 documents as enumerated and described in the above-mentioned Los Angolograporis dated November 2, 1990.

As your records will reflect, since the date of your referenced memorandum, four FBI investigative reports in this matter have been forwarded to you, dated as follows: January 20, 1951, at Los Angeles; February 24, 1951, at Cincinnati; March 8, 1951, at Los Angeles, and March 21, 1951, at San Diego. In addition, there is enclosed herewith one copy of each of the following investigative reports concerning this matter: Report of SA Los Angeles, dated April 21, 1951, and report of SA Washington, I. C., dated April 26, 1951.

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It is requested that you advise, after revisiong these reports and the above information from the reportment of the Army, whether prosecution in this case is warranted.

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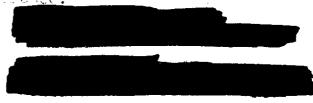
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In answer to the question that "In event of prosecution "would" the Department of Army have any objection to these documents being used as evidence?" Col. CRMER advised as follows. The Department of Army has no objection in the use of Items 1 through 7 inclusive, and Items 9 and 10 as evidence. Items 8, 11, 12 and 13 relate to current confidential research and development in relation to national defense and as such should not be divulged to unauthorized persons.

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LEADS:

LOS ANGELES OFFICE:

At Los Angeles, California: Will keep in contact with the U.S. Attorney, Los Angeles, For his prosecutive opinion regarding this case.

REFERENCE:



Bureau letter to Los Angeles dated May 9, 1951 Bureau letter to Los Angeles dated June 1, 1951 Report of SA Los Angeles, dated April 21, 1951.

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DATE: August 7, 51

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Director, FBI

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relative to prosecution. furnished pertinent reports in this case on June 9, 1951, for his opinion The USA for the Southern District of California in Los Angeles was

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Form No. 1 THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT LOS ANGELES FILE NO. ORT MADE AT DATE WHEN MADE PERIOD FOR REPORT MADE BY LOS ANGELES 11/13/51 ik TITLE. CHARACTER OF CASE JOHN WHITESIDE PARSONS ESPIONAGE - IS SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Assistant United States Attorney ANCUS D. McEACHEN, Los Angeles, declined prosecution due to lack of sufficient evidence of intent or reason to believe that information obtained by subject was to be ice a DIR used to injure United States, or to the advantage 051 of another nation. Evidence returned to owners per instructions of the Assistant United States Attorney, Los Angeles. APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND FIELD OFFICES APUTCED BY ROUTING SLIP (S) OF Drelies والمقال المراكرات On October 25, 1951, Assistant United States Attorney ANGUS D. McMACHEN Los Angeles, California, advised that prosocution was declined in this case due to the lack of sufficient evidence of intent or reason to believe that information obtained was to be used to injure the United States or to the advantage of a foreign nation. Assistant United States Attorney McEACHEN directed that evidence obtained during the investigation should be returned to its proper owners COPIES OF THIS REPORT 5 - Bureau (65-59589) 1 - USA, Los Angeles 1 - OSI, District 18, Maywood 3 - Los Angeles (65-5131)

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On October 31, 1951, Colonel E. J. KRENZ, United States Air Force
Plant Representative, Hughes Aircraft, Culver City, California, was advised
by Special Agents
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that the documents
in his custody belonging to the Hughes Aircraft Company should be returned
to that company, as they were no longer needed as evidence.

Hughes Aircraft Company, Culver City,
California, Who is now Administrative Assistant in the Research and Development Laboratory, Experimental Fabrication Department, was present when
Colonel KRENZ was informed as above stated.

Present as representative of the Hughes Aircraft Company, and accepted the Hughes Aircraft occuments.

The documents obtained from

Hughes Aircraft
Company, Culver City, which were turned in to a representative of the Hugher
Aircraft Company when the subject left their employment, and which the
identified as belonging to the California Institute of Technology, California
Jet Laboratory, were returned to that laboratory on November 1, 1951, by
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Bureau letter to Los Angeles dated June 1, 1951

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TO : Y-. W. /. Branigan

DATE: December 14. 1951

FROM : Mr. T. E. Oglesby

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To recommend that instant case be placed in a closed status.

DETAILS:

As you will recall, this investigation was based on information furnished by a representative of Hughes Aircraft Company, Sulver City, California, who ascertained that subject, an employee of that corporation, had removed certain classified documents perfaining to jet-propulsion motors and rocket propellants from the files of that company without authorization on September 15, 1950. We subsequently turned these documents over to whose husband was employed by Hughes Aircraft Company, who is turn reported the matter to that company. Subject had asked to prepare typewritten copies of these documents and, in a signed statement, readily admitted to agents of the Los Angeles Office that he had removed these softwards without authority and planned to extract certain information from the as an aid in computing the cost for a proposed factory to be established in Israel for the manufacture of jet-propulsion motors.

the Enerican Technion Society. This society, according to the October 21, 1943, issue of the Bilai BiRith Messenger, is composed of businessmen, technologists and scientists and is the American body designated by the Israeli Government and industry to provide United States technical know-how for the benefit of Israel. Investigation has displaced that Parsons was interested in securing employment in Israel by reason of his background in pyrotechnics and propellants for jet propulsion.

Of the 13 items removed from the file by Parsons, 8 were found to be unclassified, one carried the security classification of restricted and 4 carried the security classification of confidential.

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G-2 advised that the item classified as restricted and the unclassified items could be used as evidence in a trial, however, the items classified as confidential related to current research and development and, as such, G-2 advised that they should not be divulged to unauthorized persons. This information was presented to the Department in memorandum dated May 9, 1951, with a request that the Department advise whether prosecution in this case was warranted. The Department by memorandum dated May 17, 1951, advised the case was being referred to the U. S. Attorney at Los Angeles and requested that pertinent reports be submitted to him.

Assistant United States Attorney Amous D. McEachon, Los Angeles, California, advised that office that he declined prosecution due to lack of sufficient evidence of intent or reason to believe that the information obtained by subject was to be used to injure the United States or to the advantage of a foreign nation. McEachon directed that the evidence obtained during the investigation should be returned to its proper owners.

A review of the Bureau indices fails to reveal any new information concerning subject since the institution of this investigation.

RECOMMENDATION:

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In view of the fact that the U. S. Attorney for the Southern District of California has declined prosecution, it is recommended this investigation be closed.

Pertinent information has been disseminated to Records administrative Branch, State Department, CIa, OSI, and G-2, DNI.

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Dear Er. Pareons:

deference is made to the decision of the Industrial Employment Review Board 7 Norch 1949, in which you were granted access to military information and/or noterial classified up to end including Top Secret.

In view of derogatory matter contained in investigative reports submitted by the Department of the Air Ferce under date of 30 October 1951, the Industrial Employment Levies Board, in accordance with the provisions of its Charter, Uniteria and Procedures, copies of which are inclosed herewith, has reconsidered your case on its own motion.

The Board has decided as of 7 James, 1952 to revoke the elecrance granted you through Top Emerct on 7 Hards 1949, and to withdraw access by you to Department of Defense classified information and/or material,

The grounds for withdrawal of clearence are an follows:

That you do not pensess the integrity, discretion end responsibility essential to the according of electified willitary information in their at has been reported that on or elect 15 teptenter 1950 you knowingly and vilfully and without proper authority removed and applied to your own use and honefit documents and papers containing classified willtary information, from Hughes Aircraft Company, Only or City, California, your place of employment, property of the said Empany, and that you delivered this classified uniterial to possons not duly authorized to receive it.

The foregring and all the evidence in the case file, when considered with the duties and responsibilities of any position in which you may be empaged with Lepartzent of Defense classified contract work, indicate that you might voluntarily or involuntarily act against the security interest of the limited States and constitute a danger to the united security.

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