MEMORANDUM OF CLASSIFIED INFORMATION FROM IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE FILE RE MRS. KALYNA MAYA CHALK, BENEFICIARY OF S. 3762

The Committee is referred to [redacted] for information relating to the beneficiary. Information developed by this Service, pertinent to the information of [redacted] in the case, has been furnished to that agency with a request that that agency transmit it to you with its information.

E.O. 13526, section 3.3(b)(1)

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E.O. 13526, SECTION 5.3(b)(3)
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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: CHALK, Kalyna Maya and
        CHALK, Harvey George

1. According to a report dated 27 April 1951, concerning Helen Allison TUNKIS and Paul J. TUNKIS, who were reportedly part of an espionage ring for an unspecified power or powers, that operated from Tokyo, Japan, to Houston, Texas, to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Harvey CHALK was a junior partner with Mr. TUNKIS in a nightclub called "Michels" at Copacabana, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Mr. Chalk was said to have resigned from General Electric, S. A., to decorate the bar and to work for TUNKIS, and both TUNKIS and CHALK were said to be employed by Raj Gagaglia, an engineering firm of considerable importance.

2. A report dated 24 February 1954 indicated that one Kalyna CHALK, a Ukrainian, was a partner in the Agencia de Transportes Aereos Ltda. (Airways and Transport Agencies) and ran a Russian language newspaper in Sao Paulo, Brazil. The report further stated that she was probably the wife of Harvey George CHALK and that she "seems separated as she supports parents, two brothers, and young son, Harvey".

3. A report dated February 1954 listed Basil E. de KANEL, LAVINGTON, (fn1), and Kalyna CHALK as equal partners of Agencia de Transportes Aereos Ltda.

4. According to a report dated 22 October 1953, Basil E. de KANEL was editor of a weekly Russian language newspaper, the Brazil Courier. The newspaper appeared on 11 October 1953 and purported to be independent, anti-Communist, and anti-Bolshevik in ideology and devoted to the Russian Orthodox religion and oriented towards expansion of Russian culture. The report further stated that Basil E. de KANEL was transport agent for Airways and Transport Agencies and was attempting to transport Russian refugees from the Chinese mainland or Japan to Brazil.

5. For information believed to be identical with the Harvey CHALK in paragraph 1, you are referred to the Department of the Navy. (Reference: Information Report #18-8-53, dated 16 December 1953 from the Office of Naval Intelligence, Naval Attaché, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, subject: Brazil/United States - Paul Joseph Tunkis).
6. Subjects mentioned in the above paragraphs were determined by officials of the Immigration and Naturalization Service to be identical with Kalya Maya CHALK and Harvey George CHALK.

7. The following information was developed by the Immigration and Naturalization Service as a result of an interview with the beneficiary.

a. The beneficiary stated that her husband had at one time been employed by the General Electric Company of South America and that, in 1951, he had been associated with one Paul J. TUNKIS in an import-export business, which was primarily engaged in importing photographic equipment and machinery from Japan. According to the beneficiary, it was her understanding that the enterprise did not work out favorably to Mr. TUNKIS' expectations and, as a result, her husband volunteered assistance to Mr. TUNKIS in decorating a nightclub which he had built in Copacabana, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.