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Review of 201 File on U.S. Citizen

In accordance with the DDO's notice of 9 December 1974, I have reviewed the 201 file on CHERNE (surname) (201 number indicated below), and have determined that it can most accurately be categorized as indicated below:

- Should be closed. (If this category applies, affix Records Officer stamp.)
- Unwitting collaborator. OI Code A7.
Explanation: _____
- Witting collaborator. OI Code A1.
- Potential witting collaborator; date opened: _____
OI Code A2.
- Former witting collaborator (relationship terminated).
OI Code A3.
- Potential witting collaborator never contacted. OI Code A4.
- Counterintelligence case (i.e., involving a foreign intelligence or security service). OI Code A5.
- All others. OI Code A6.

Signed _____ IP/ANP
(name) (title) (component)

This assignment of category has been entered into STAR.

Signed KPM _____ 4 FEB 1975
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 From December through March-\$22.
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2 APR 1958

DCI

Mr. Leo Chavez
Executive Director
The Research Institute of America, Inc.
559 Fifth Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Leo:

I appreciate very much your consideration in sending me a copy of the Hansen Commission report on the Communist subversion campaign. The subject is a most important one, worthy of the most careful study, and I am sure that the efforts of the International Rescue Committee will add up to vital contribution toward a solution of some of the problems surrounding it.

As you are aware, a number of agencies, both private and governmental, are actively working toward an improvement in the circumstances in which many escapees find themselves. As remedial action is progressively taken, the difficulties the Commission reports will be removed.

Sometimes when you are down here or I am in New York perhaps we can discuss further any matters you feel are pertinent but which may not have been covered in the report itself.

Sincerely,

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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Re: [redacted] (11 Apr 56) - minor change

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- 1 - ID/P
- 1 - SA/DCI (Fr. [redacted] 15 COPY)
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100-2-3279

Mr. Leo Cherne
Executive Director
The Research Institute of America, Inc.
589 Fifth Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Leo:

I appreciate very much your consideration in sending me a copy of the Donovan Commission report on the Communist redefection campaign. The subject is a most important one, worthy of the most careful study, and I am sure that the efforts of the International Rescue Committee will add up to vital contribution toward a solution of some of the problems surrounding it.

As you are aware, a number of agencies, both private and governmental, are actively working toward an improvement in the circumstances in which many escapees find themselves. As remedial action is aggressively taken, the difficulties the Communists exploit will be removed.

I have read the report personally, and, at your convenience, will welcome further discussion of any matters you feel are pertinent but were not covered in the report itself.

Sincerely,

Allen W. Dulles
Director

PP/EA/[redacted]/bcd

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JUN 21 1956

Executive Order
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant to the Director
Mr. Frank M. Chapin

VIA: Deputy Director (Plans)

SUBJECT: Correspondence of Mr. Lee Charms
with the President and with the DCI.

1. The attached proposed reply to Mr. Charms is forwarded for the Director's signature.
2. This proposed reply was coordinated with Mr. Frank Hand (DDP/PPC) who was present during the Director's meeting with Lee Charms to which Mr. Charms refers in his 6 June letter.
3. We believe that Mr. Charms's letter is merely a follow-up on his conversation with the Director. The Research Institute paper, although of interest, has bearing on neither the topics discussed during that meeting nor those covered in the letter.

NO ENCLOSURES FOR RI

BIA. T. Cox
 JOHN E. BAKER
 Chief
 Psychological and Paramilitary
 Operations Staff

CONCUR:

* *of [unclear]*
 for DD/P *21 June 56*
 late

Attachment: As stated
 20 June 1956
 PP/ICD/Prop: [unclear]
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JUL 11 1956

Mr. Leo Cherns
Executive Director
The Research Institute of America, Inc.
589 Fifth Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Leo:

I was glad to have the opportunity to
hear about the continuing activities of the
Subj: *International Rescue Committee.

We are interested in and appreciate your
keeping us informed on the various activities
of the IRC.

Sincerely,

Allen W. Dulles
Director

PP/ICD/Prop: [redacted]:vpp (20 Jun 56)
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HR 8-3941

Mr. Leo Chasno
Executive Director
The Research Institute of America, Inc.
507 Fifth Avenue
New York 17, N. Y.

Dear Leo:

I was glad to have the opportunity to hear about the continuing activities of the International Rescue Committee.

We are interested in and appreciate your keeping us informed on the various activities and problems of the IRC. However, any Government financial support for such private groups as the IRC is of course within the purview of the Department of State's U. S. Escape Program and in the special activities of ICA and IRIA with which you are familiar.

Sincerely,

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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Executive Registry
8-3941

Mr. Leo Cherne
Executive Director,
The Research Institute of America, Inc.
589 Fifth Avenue
New York 17, N. Y.

Dear Leo:

I was glad to have the opportunity to hear about the continuing very worthwhile activities of the International Rescue Committee.

I note that in your letter to the White House you have followed through on pressing for further Congressional attention to the President's proposals for changes in the basic immigration laws. In our restricted area of influence we are also seeking to encourage the adaptation of immigration legislation to reflect the President's proposals.

As we discussed in our meeting, the matter of fund raising is properly one which should be pursued with private foundations and sources. While recognizing the many additional projects which your group might initiate, perhaps, as you suggest, the present endeavors of the new members of your Board could best be devoted to solicitation of private financial support for the projects already underway. For the Government's part, financial support of private groups such as the I.R.C. is contained in the Department of State's U.S. Escapes Program and the special activities of ICA and WIA with which you are familiar.

In relation to the plight of the Yugoslav refugees, U.S. Government participation is, as you know, placed in the Department of State, principally in the U.S. Escapes Program, and I believe that these would be the best people to give you the guidance you need. You can rest assured that the U.S. Government is taking interest as appropriate in the Yugoslav refugees and their welfare.

Sincerely,

ALLEN W. DULLES
Director

PP/ICD/Prop: [redacted] :rvpp
20 June 1956

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DATA DATES: Aug 1951

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CHERNE, Leo

25 May 1954

R.I. Document 100-122-6 reflects a copy of a telegram to Secretary of State Dean ACHESON from the Executive Secretary, Americans for Intellectual Freedom dated 20 March 1949 requesting that an emergency visa be granted and trip to the U.S. expedited for Pavel LYSENKO, outstanding Russian scientist who has fled from the Soviet Government. The AIF desires that LYSENKO address their freedom rally as their guest on 25 March 1949. Among the signers of the telegram is one Leo CHERNE.

A memorandum in the same R.I. Document dated 1 April 1949 discloses that CPC began coordinating with the State Department in an attempt to effect LYSENKO's admittance to this country.

R.I. Document 43-120-5 is a memorandum to record dated 25 January 1952 reflecting that CPC and CC Contacts effected the use of Subject's services, through his position with the Research Institute of America, to backstop the cover story of a proposed agent in training.

No additional pertinent data.

Special Agent
Special Referral Branch

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12 May 1955

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Far East Division

SUBJECT: Memorandum from Leo Charns
on the Vietnam Situation

1. You may be interested in the attached memorandum by Leo Charns as it would seem to me it accords with your views.

2. I would also like to say that my case officer on Operation Brotherhood project reports that he is being given the most friendly kind of cooperation by your people working on that project, which is appreciated.

CORD MEYER, JR.

CORD MEYER, Jr.

Chief

International Organizations Division

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Attachment: (1)

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FBI REPORT
DATE: 26 APRIL 1956
CLASSIFICATION: CONFIDENTIAL
SUBJECT: JULIA LOPEZ CHERNE,
AKA: MRS LEO CHERNE
FBI FILE #: 105-16531 (NEW YORK)

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FBI REPORT
DATE: 2 APRIL 1956
CLASSIFICATION: CONFIDENTIAL
SUBJECT: JULIA LOPEZ CHERNE
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FBI FILE #: 100-66819 (BUREAU)