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Refers to [redacted] 5766, 14 Feb 55
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The report referred to in [redacted] is summarized in the following paragraphs.

1. Joseph Marie VINCENT was born in Liege on 21 February 1908. He is of Belgian nationality and resides at present at Rue de Campine 209, Liege, having established residence there on 1 August 1952. He is 47 years old. He was born in Gosselies, Belgium, on 21 January 1908. He is a Belgian national. (The station) is a member of the International Federation. The information in the report was received from [redacted]. It will be recalled that Francois Marcel RIVET referred to the Belgian birthplace of VINCENT, having divorced Jeanne CONFORTI on 12 August 1948 in Paris, France. RIVET was born 12 June 1908 (10 October 1908 is the date of marriage) and to another, Jeanne, on 12 October 1948.
2. The first record of VINCENT's participation in business is his registration with the Registre de Commerce in Liege on 1 July 1933 as a manufacturer engaged in the sale of electrical equipment, at his home, then located at 107 rue du Parc in Montegnée. After he returned to Belgium, VINCENT transferred his business to 81 rue Hayenoux, Herstal where he established a shop for nickel and chrome plating. On 1 April 1946 he withdrew his commercial registration in Liege. He was declared bankrupt on 1 June 1948. Following a judgment for the separation of the couple's possessions, RIVET took over the business (commercial registration no. 106711). The registration of the firm was notified to show that RIVET was the owner of the firm, the use and sale of ferrous and non-ferrous metals, the sale of industrial metals and the assembly of electrical equipment for the use. At present his business is in business at Paul St. Léonard 10, Liege.
3. Insofar as VINCENT's criminal record is concerned, he was sentenced on 18 May 1944 to

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- a. Since 1951 he has been suspected by Belgian authorities in Liege of trafficking with Iron curtain countries in strategic materials.
- b. In 1952 he was implicated in an affair involving the theft of nickel in Noratlas.
- c. In 1953 he was suspected by the authorities of having dealt in the smuggling of demonetized pieces of United currency.
- d. In January 1954 he received a court summons involving a charge by the frauds section of the Parquet of Luxembourg that he was implicated in a fraudulent transaction which concerned a shipment of cast iron instead of ordered nickel to an Armentières firm. He was sentenced on this charge by the Correctional Court of Armentières on 12 October 1954 to a suspended prison term of four months and a fine of 100 Belgian francs.
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- e. On 23 March 1954 VINCENT was arrested in Luxembourg on the charge of having participated with Jose Marie CHABIL and Jean RAUGICHE in the fraudulent exportation of nickel. (Luxembourg CPACID reported in July 1954 that the arrestee were released on bail in June 1954.) [CERA-1759] indicates that RAUGICHE succeeded in fleeing to Switzerland on 22 November 1954. The result of the case as far as VINCENT was concerned has not been reported [this station].
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- f. The [GIGNON] post in Liège has advised that BARKI is aware of her husband's business activities and approves of them. However, neither VINCENT nor BARKI is known to that post as a member of any extremist organization or as assisting any such group.
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- g. It is regretted that the [GIGNON] report does not permit [this station] to provide a more definitive analysis of the veracity of VY's original story. We shall, however, report any further information which tends either to confirm or refute his claim. [This station] feels, as noted in [CERA-1751], that Luxembourg CPACID, which reported the VY story originally, should be requested by CPACID to provide an evaluation of VY and otherwise contribute to determine whether or not the story has any basis in fact.

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