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ANNETTE SYLVIA EPSTEIN, aka. IS - RReurlet 2/17/60. (%) U 5668320/mde 12/17/9 Authority granted to recontact subject further her development as an informant or double agent for use against the Soviets in New York. (5) You should make certain that subject is aware that her cooperation with us is a voluntary watter on her part. She should be aware of the fact that she is not a Bureau employee. Your contacts with her should not be conducted at any institution of learning, it being noted that she is a public school teacher in New York City.(\sq) In view of subject's possible personal involvement with Soviets, who have been assigned to the United Nations in New York and the fact that≤ subject has expressed an interest to "clear her name," you should be careful to avoid disclosure to her of any significant_detail of our interest in any particular Soviet. I You should endeavor to Soverify any information she furnishes us, particularly during the early steps of her development. You should make certain that subject is not a plant and your handling of her should be in accordance with Section 107, Manual of Instructions. Wall important nexure is and assified liger where shown. LML:bcm (5) Subject is single female teacher in public schools of NYC. She is a former teacher of English, Berlitz School of New York. While so employed she tought English to several Soviets assigned to the UN. She was being considered for a position involving teaching English to Soviets assigned to the Amtorg Trading Corporation in 9/59. She has continued her social acquaintance with Soviets from 9/59 to 1/60 (See note cont. page 2)

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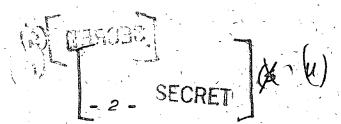


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Re: Annette Sylvia Epstein
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She advised on interview 1/28/60 [that a Soviet] who was (5) departing the U.S. 1/27/60, came topher apartment, brought her gifts and kissed her good-by on 1/22/60. She is acquainted with two Soviets in whom we have a substantial current investigative interest. These are Leonid Kovalev and Yuri Mishukov, who are both employed at the UN Secretariat. It is believed that subject has potential(5) as an informant and we should take advantage of her apparent willingness to furnish information, but it is believed that NY should be specifically cautioned as above in view of the personal interests subject has in endeavoring to clear her name as well as her personal interest sin Soviets. \ \ Subject's uncle was the subject of a security(S) of government employees investigation and there is derogatory information on him and some of her relatives. She is apparently unawarenof subversive information regarding her relatives. She has applied for positions with the State Department and with the Department of Defense and has not received favorable consideration. She is concerned about this but there is no indication that she has been denied employment because of derogatory security information. A

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (134-8502)

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On 1/21/60, subject was interviewed at her residence, 345 West 88th Street, Apartment 7-E, New York City, by SAS WILLIAM V. SCHMALTZ and RICHARD W. HILL. This interview was not pre-arranged with the subject, and after approximately 30 minutes the subject stated she would have to leave as she had a prior appointment.

On 1/28/60, the interview with the subject was completed by SAS FRANKLIN B. TEETER and RICHARD W. HILL.

The Bureau's jurisdiction regarding the Internal Security of the United States was explained to the subject and her cooperation was solicited in that regard

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She related that she is presently employed by the New York City Board of Education, teaching the 8th and 9th grades at PS 135, Bronx, New York. She stated that she contemplates moving to her parents residence, 3871 Sedgwick Avenue, Bronx, New York, in a week or so since it takes too long for her to commute for her work in Manhattan where she has resided since October, 1959.

Subject said that she had been employed as an English teacher by the Berlitz School of Languages, Rockefeller Center, New York City, from January, 1958 to March, 1959, and that she had met several Soviets in the course of this employment. The Soviets are: ()

FEDOSIY NIKOLAEVICH GRYAZNOV (Belo Russian Permanent Representative to the United Nations)

IVAN YAKOVLEVICH FEDORCHENKO
(Was First Secretary of Soviet Delegation to the United Nations)

BORIS SEMENOVICH IVANOV
(Was Counselor of the Soviet Delegation to the United Nations and is a known agent)

(Was Deputy Permanent Representative of the Soviet United Nations Delegation)

PETR PLATONOVICH UDOVICHENKO (Ukrainian Permanent Representative to the United Nations)

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In addition she stated that she had taught several of the Soviets wives but that they were very timid and non-(5) descript, and she could not recall their names.

She said that she first met FEDORCHENKO in February, (5) 1958 and saw him almost daily at Berlitz thereafter. Shortly after meeting him, she stated that she, JORRIE GARRIGUE, BURTON VAN HORN FOREMAN, and occasionally ED PYDE, all Berlitz teachers, would take coffee breaks with FEDORGHENKO and BORIS IVANOV. Then in May, 1958, GARRIGUE, PYDE, and FOREMAN (accepted an Invitation to accompany IVANOV and FEDORCHENKO (S) to the Russian Tea Room, West 57th Street, New York City, after classes at Berlitz. ()

EPSTEIN continued to see FEDORCHENKO frequently 5) at the Berlitz school. She next saw him socially at a gathering at the home of Madam (FNU) LEVITSKY (PH), on West 73rd Street, New York City, one night in June, 1958. She, GARRIGUE, FEDORCHENKO, and IVANOV attended at FOREMAN'S (S) invitation. She said the group there consisted of amateur musicians who played together for their own pleasure. said she did not know anyone else there or had been there since.

Also in June, 1958, FOREMAN gave a party at his apartment at 160 Claremont Avenue, New York City, which EPSTEIN attended. She said that IVANOV had been unable to some and had sent LEONID KOVALEV in his place. FEDORCHENKO, GARRIGUE and subject attended as well as some of subject's friends, whom she cannot now recall. She stated that DENNIS HARBER, a Berlitz teacher, attended this party, and was very friendly with KOVALEV. She could not recall (5) anything unusual that transpired at this party except that HARBER became very drunk and disorderly. (x)

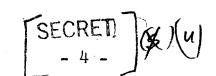


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In August or September, 1958, EPSTEIN said that she gave a party when she had an apartment at 128 West 73rd Street. She said that she called KOVALEV at the United Nations and (5) invited him, requesting him to bring some of the other Soviets as they would be an attraction at the party. She stated that FOREMAN, GARRIGUE, HARBER, and his roommate AMERICO SALEBE were there. KOVALEV came and brought YURI I. MISHUKOV and BORIS (INU). She said that her roommate, then GEMMA BEREI was away at the time. There were approximately 50 people She said that her roommate, then GEMMA BERBERI! there, some of her friends from college and later acquaintances. She stated that she had noticed MISHUKOV listening to a (S) heated discussion in Spanish by two Latin Americans with particular interest but does not now recall who these people were or who invited them. She explained that she had asked her friends to bring people to the party so that she doubts whether she met all of her guests. Toward the end of the party she said that one of the Soviets suggested that they play a Russian party game. The game turned out to be "Spin the Bottle", and the Soviets showed surprise when told it (5) was an old American game. She said that the Soviets then (5) rather self-consciously acknowledged that it had been a joke. She could recall no other details of this party.

She stated that she had gone to Europe for a vacation in June and July, 1958 and had visited her uncle, NELSON CHIPCHIN in Nuremberg, Germany, where he is employed by the USIA, and her aunt, LISA ROSENBERG, Howard Hotel, London, England.

She saw [FEDORCHENKO] sometime in the Fall of 1958 (5) and he inquired what she had been doing; she said that she told him of her trip to Europe and of her visits to her aunt and uncle. (2)





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EPSTEIN does not recall having seen FEDORCHENKO Sor any Soviets again until July, 1959, when she and FOREMAN went to the Russian Eestival of Music and Dance at Madison Square Garden, New York City, and saw FEDORCHENKO and KOVALEV so there. Later in July, she and FOREMAN visited the Russian Trade Fair at the Coliseum, New York City, where they met (S) KOVALEV and MISHUKOV and spoke to them briefly.

In September, 1959, EPSTEIN said that she contacted FEDORCHENKO at the United Nations to enlist his help in (S) setting up a business teaching English to the various United Nations delegates and employees (SEPSTEIN said that she intended to hire former Berlitz instructors to do the teaching and she asked (FEDORCHENKO to assist her in lining (S) up prospective clients. FEDORCHENKO told her that he could (S) not help her as he was too busy.

In October, 1959, EPSTEIN said that she and FOREMAN contacted KOVALEV at the United Nations for the same purpose and that KOVALEV also was unable to help. She stated that she had no further contact with the Soviets intil December, she had no further contact with the Soviets intil December with the Soviets

It is noted that subject stated that she moved to her present address in October, 1959 and that she had previously resided with her mother at 3871 Sedgwick Avenue, Bronx, New York.

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On 12/14/59, NY 536-S* reported that an unknown woman had contacted FEDORCHENKO and had invited him to a party at her address, 345 West 88th Street, Apartment 7-E, New York City, telephone EN 2-2614.

She said that FEDORCHENKO had called her at her residence on 1/18/60, and had told her that he was deaving the country on 1/27/60 and that he would like to visit her at her apartment 1/22/60, in order to give her a present. She said that he told her that he would not return to the United States again for at least two years. She said that he had come to the apartment and had given her a bottle of Georgian wine, imported from Russia. She stated that FEDORCHENKO walked about the apartment opening doors and drawers, asked how much rent she paid, and generally "snooped" around. He told her that she was too much of a gad about and said that she should settle down and get married.

EPSTEIN stated that when she first began getting
Soviets as English students at Berlitz she enthusiastically
began to tell them about the United States and gave

(5) FEDORCHENKO a book on English literature in the belief
that the Soviets would be interested in learning about the
country to which they were assigned. After doing this for
about two weeks she said that she realized that the Soviets (5)
were not interested and that they "heard only what they
wanted to hear". She recalled during the interview that
FEDORCHENKO had not returned her book nor had he ever
mentioned it after she gave it to him.



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She stated that the Soviets she has met have been very awkward with the social niceties and were given to expressing sentiments such as a toast to "peace loving people of the United States and Russia" (5) She also said that they were reticent and made her job of teaching English very difficult as she could not get them to talk about themselves. She stated that FEDORCHENKO was an exception, perhaps because he prided himself on him about to speak English.

She stated that unlike most pupils, FEDORCHENKO Spoke English better than he understook it, perhaps due to his showoff attitude concerning English.

During the course of her acquaintanceship with FEDORCHENKO, she stated that he had learned of her background. She said that he would insist that she was a Russian at heart(s) as well as by parentage while she would maintain that she was an American. She related that she once had a copy of "Dr. Zhivago" at Berlitz and that FEDORCHENKO picked it up(s) and threw it on the floor and asked her why she read such trash. She said that she became angry and told him that that was no way to treat her property and that she considered it a great literary work. She said that there had been several incidents like that with FEDORCHENKO but that it (s) had never marred their friendship.

She said that occasionally FEDORCHENKO Would speak to her in Russian and then, when EPSTEIN did not (S) respond, he would look surprised and then said he had forgotten that she did not speak Russian. (S)

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EPSTEIN said that her only interest in the Soviets was to learn their viewpoint and out of curicity. She said that her relationship with FEDORCHENKO could not be described as a personal one as they really had nothing in common and since she had only been touched once by FEDORCHENKO when he kissed her goodbye on 1/22/60. She said that there really was no basis for their friendship except a desire on her part to understand the Soviets distinctivated by her interest in international affairs. She said that she felt that she had "exploited" them by asking them to parties where they would be the main attraction.

Concerning BORIS S. IVANOV PERTEIN stated that he apparently was FEDORCHENKO'S superior inasmuch as FEDORCHENKO S deferred to him constantly. She described IVANOV as being quite reticent and explained that she once complimented him on a new suit he was wearing and asked him where he had bought it. He replied in Landon and then proceeded to praise the merits of Russian made clothing (S)

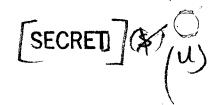
Concerning LEONID KOVALEV, EPSTEIN stated that he was a wolf and that she did not like him.

EPSTEIN gave the following information regarding her former associates at Berlitz:

JORRIE GARRIGUE, a former English teacher at Berlitz and an accomplished violinist. EPSTEIN said that she at one time considered going to Moscow to study music at the Moscow Conservatory. EPSTEIN said that she had heard recently that GARRIGUE had been married.

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BERTON VAN HORN FOREMAN, is a former English teacher at Berlitz and is now an instructor of the Japanese language at Columbia University. EPSTEIN stated that FOREMAN had lived in Japan for a number of years and that up until recently he had been an English instructor for the employees of the Amtorg Trading Corporation, New York City. EPSTEIN stated that FOREMAN is a very close friend of hers.

GEMMA BERBERI, a former Italian teacher at Berlitz, was EPSTEIN'S roommate at 128 West 73rd Street, from approximately June through September, 1958. EPSTEIN said that BERBERI could bearly speak English and that to her knowledge BERBERI had never associated with the Soviets.

DENNISWHARBER was shown a good deal of interest by BORIS S. IVANOV and FEDORCHENKO while at Berlitz. HARI never finished high school. He was in the Army in World War II and suffered a severe emotional shock which now upsets him from time to time and causes him to get intoxicated in order to get relief. She stated that he had received treatment for this condition at Veterans Administration hospitals. She said that he is very intelligent and perceptive but appears to have no confidence in himself. She said that he once told her that he wanted to go to Puerto Rico to live, where he would be near a Veterans Administration hospital so that he could take treatments if necessary. EPSTEIN noted that HARBER speaks Spanish fluently. She said that the last address she had for him was 454 West 22nd Street, New York City, telephone CH 3-7208. She also related that HARBER had had a roommate at that address, one AMERICO SALEBE, a Venezuelan whom, to the best of her recollection, / was employed at Idlewild Airport

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Russians as much as she, GARRIGUE, and FOREMAN had and that PYDE was at Berlitz as an English teacher only a sbort time. She said that he was married to a German national in Germany and that he now lives in New Jersey, and has 3 children.

Subject's Desire to Clear Her Name

During the interview EPSTEIN stated that she had twice applied for jobs with the United States Government and was sure that she had been accepted both times only to be refused employment at the last moment. She feels that since she was qualified for both positionshernor exceptance could only be due to some allegation of disloyalty of which she is not aware. (**)

She has always been interested in international affairs and so she applied to the United States Department of State for the position of foreign service officer. She passed the written and then the oral examination and felt that she would be appointed. She then had an interview with a security official at the Department of State when she submitted her Personal History Form, at which time she was asked if there was anything in her background which would reflect unfavorably on her and she said no. Approximately two months later she said that she received a letter from the State Department informing her that she was not being employed. She then wrote to the State Department protesting her loyalty to the United States stating that her non-acceptance could only be due to the belief that she might be disloyal. The Stat Department then replied that its actions should not be The State construed as a reflection on her character or loyalty. (X) U)

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In the Winter of 1958 she stated that she applied for a position with the United States Army to teach school in a school for the children of United States Military Personnel stationed in Germany. She said that she had even received the necessary innoculations from the Army when she was again refused employment.

EPSTEIN stated that she feels she was penalized for something of which she was not aware, not for any actions of her own and she, therefore, desired and felt it necessary to "clear her name". She stated that she is sure that she has never done anything detrimental to the best interests of the United States and that any allegation of her disloyalty must be due to missake.

She stated that she knew her uncle NELSON CHIPCHIN had been investigated at one time but that he had been cleared and he is still employed by USIA. She stated that she visited CHIPCHIN in Germany after being turned down by the State Department and he suggested that she had not been employed because young women are likely to marry and married women are not allowed in the service.

EPSTEIN stated that her mother, while sympatic because of these two rejections, was very happy that she would be staying in this country. (χ)

EPSTEIN is apparently unaware of the subversive information regarding her relatives. (%)(U)

Recommendations ()(u)

EPSTEIN was very cooperative during the interview and she appears to be an intelligent straight-forward individual.

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From what she relates of her association with FEDORCHENKO, it would appear that FEDORCHENKO would have made an attempt to recruit her had she not been so outspoken in insisting that she was not a Russian. EPSTEIN has met several Soviets (S) who are still in the country and would be able to maintain contact with them in a natural manner of the felt that she has good potential as an informant of double agent (S)

Bureau authority is requested to contact the subject for the purpose of developing her as an informant or a double agent 1/8)

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