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Synopsis:

Subject, his wife, and two children, reportedly are residing in Flat 8, 9 Gorky Street, Moscow, USSR. Subject reportedly is engaged as a Moscow correspondent for "The Worker" and "People's World" newspapers. His assignment probably was handled by Communist Party national leaders without consultation with the editorial staff of "The Worker". Subject reportedly may remain in Soviet Union for three years.

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DETAILS: AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

I. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

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