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SF T-3 on December 1, 1959 advised that JOHN PITTMAN and his wife, MARGARETE PITTMAN, were registered at the U.S. Embassy in Moscow, Russia, as reporters for "The Worker" newspaper and the "People's World" newspaper. Subject and his wife had with them their two children, ages 8 and 6. PITTMAN has Passport #1741922, which reflects that he was born September 17, 1906 at Atlanta, Georgia. Mrs. PITTMAN bears Passport #1741921, which reflects that she was born in Frankfurt, Germany, on October 7, 1919.

SF T-4 on December 1, 1959 advised that BETTY WINTER, a Communist Party member in San Francisco, stated on December 1, 1959 that she had received a letter from JOHN PITTMAN showing his return address as Flat 8, 9 Gorky Street, Moscow, USSR. The letter reportedly advised WINTER that PITTMAN had been employed as a correspondent for "The Worker" and for the "People's World" newspapers since November 1, 1959.

SF T-5 on December 4, 1959 advised that JUANITA WHEELER, a member of the Communist Party in San Francisco and an employee of the "People's World" newspaper, stated that she was corresponding with PITTMAN and that PITTMAN would probably stay in Russia for three years. WHEELER commented that the PITTMANS were having trouble placing their children in school in Russia and that they had leased their house in San Francisco.

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