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Legat in Paris has been in touch (with the DST) <sup>(S)</sup> regarding the possible travel of subject in those countries.

By letter dated August 29, 1960, Chicago advised that CG 5824'S\* on 8/25/60, advised that JAMES JACKSON, CP National functionary, left some material on the Negro question with JOHN PITTMAN in Moscow when JACKSON visited Moscow in January and February 1960.

By letter dated 8/31/60, Los Angeles advised that LA 2954-S on 7/25/60, indicated that visitors to the Soviet Union had seen JOHN PITTMAN, identified as a representative of the "London Daily Worker".

By letter dated 2/27/61, Chicago advised that CG 5824-S\* on 2/20/61, reported that ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, a Vice Chairman of the CP, USA, commented that she had learned that JOHN PITTMAN expected to leave Russia in the near future. FLYNN also indicated that PITTMAN had made inquiry of her regarding a possible replacement for him in Moscow and that she intended to correspond with PITTMAN for a clarification of the matter.

By letter dated 3/16/61, Chicago advised that CG 5824-S\* on 3/13/61, stated that FLYNN had received a communication from JOHN PITTMAN wherein he had noted that he had not intended to indicate in prior correspondence that he wanted to leave the Soviet Union immediately but only that he desired that the Party be cognizant of the fact that he would be returning to the United States in the Fall of 1961. FLYNN indicated that PITTMAN had indicated to Party officials that he desired to return to San Francisco and resume tenure with the "People's World" newspaper.

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