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(Security Service, MI5) and the Legat in Paris has been in touch (with the DST) regarding possible travel [S] of Subject in those countries.

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(BS 975-S) on 8/7/61, advised that sometime during the first week of May, 1961, a CPUSA delegation visited Subject in his home in the USSR. Subject and his wife reportedly were living in a six-room apartment in Moscow with their two small children. In regard to a question as to the feeling of the people in the Soviet Union with regard to KHRUSHCHEV, PITTMAN remarked that there were sharp differences of opinion in the Soviet Union. He noted that thousands of ordinary people in Russia did not agree with KHRUSHCHEV on the world situation and that some of these people actually hate him and consider him a drunken bum. PITTMAN explained that some of these people felt that KHRUSHCHEV was not qualified for leadership in the political field merely because he had been a war hero. PITTMAN explained also that the ordinary Russian person obviously objects to the spending by CPSU leaders and the entertainment of a great number of foreign visitors by the Russian Government. PITTMAN emphasized, however, that the ordinary Russian worker would not raise his voice in fear of what might happen to him. PITTMAN stated that he left the U. S. in a hurry because he had been harrassed by the FBI and felt that he would be picked up. He evaded a question as to what he thought about his living conditions in Moscow.

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(BA 975-S) on 8/15/61, advised that a member of the CPUSA delegation visiting Moscow during June, 1961, noted that PITTMAN seemed to be troubled and asked him what was the matter. PITTMAN stated that he had come to the Soviet Union with the understanding

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that he would be provided for and that he was not satisfied with the setup, particularly the housing. PITTMAN refused to comment as to whether anything could be done in Russia concerning these matters and he remarked that it was a long story and he just wished to state that he was not satisfied. PITTMAN furnished his home address to this member of the delegation and requested that he be contacted at a later date. He stated that if he did not receive a decent answer from the National Leadership, the matter should be taken up with JAMES JACKSON privately. The member of the delegation later tried to get in touch with PITTMAN but was informed that he was in another part of the Soviet Union at that time.

*(S)* BA 975-S *(S)* also advised that on June 12, 1961, the CPUSA delegation was called together by the Central Committee of the CPSU and that JOHN PITTMAN and his wife, *S* MARGRIT, were present at a farewell supper for the group.

CG 5824-S\* on 9/19/61 advised that the PITTMAN's were visited in Moscow by ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, Chairman of the CPUSA, when she was in Moscow, and PITTMAN inquired of her as to what would happen to him and his wife when they returned to the U. S. in 1962. FLYNN indicated that as far as she knew, the PITTMAN's could return to San Francisco and the "People's World." PITTMAN stated that he hoped they could return to the San Francisco area because they dreaded New York City.

*U.S.A.* CG 5824-S\*, *M.S.* on 12/22/61, advised that PEGGY DENNIS, widow of EUGENE DENNIS, commented that the writing of JOHN PITTMAN in Moscow concerning the 22nd Congress was the best thing he had done during recent times.

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CG 5824-S\*, on 3/7/62, advised that a CP National Leader in late February, 1962, was overheard to remark in a private discussion that JOHN PITTMAN and his wife would return to the U. S. from Moscow, Russia, by the end of the Summer of 1962. ART SHIELDS and his wife, ESTHER, reportedly will go to Moscow to replace PITTMAN as the correspondent for "The Worker."

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Will continue to follow the activities of Subject through established sources and remain alert for the return of Subject to the San Francisco area.

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