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From: Director, FBI (100-408505)

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ReNYairtel 8/9/62 with enclosed letterhead memorandum.

Bureau files disclose the following information possibly identical with Bernard A. Frank, registered owner of vehicle bearing New York State license plate MS5517 (S)

New York report of SA Paul A. Joenson captioned "Richard Cyril Frank," New York file 100-107383, Bureau file 100-401762, (no copy to Buffalo) sets forth information on page five indicating that Richard Frank has a brother named Bernard A. Frank whose residence was given as 179 Berkeley Street, Rochester, New York. This address is also listed as the residence of Frank's parents, Mark L. and Ella M. Frank, and the former residence of Richard Frank.

Richard Frank resided at 110 Christopher Street, New York City, as of 6/28/62, at which time he was contacted by Bureau Agents under the CP, USA TOPLEV program. Frank was uncooperative and noncommunicative when contacted at this time.

Susan Frank, wife of Richard Frank, is also a security subject of the New York Office, New York file 100-42479; Bureau file 100-339235. Both Richard and Susan Frank are maintained on the Security Index of the New York Office.

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- 1 - 100-401762 (Richard Cyril Frank)
- 1 - 100-339235 (Susan Frank)

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Of possible significance in this matter is the fact that Richard and Susan Frank traveled to China sometime between 1959 and 1961, ostensibly with the approval of the CP, USA. Susan Frank had been requested to work on the "Peking Review" and would be reimbursed by the CP of China. The Franks reportedly also traveled elsewhere in Europe during this period. It should be kept in mind that the CP, USA and CP of Canada have frequently exchanged information by courier and have received instructions from abroad by this means. If Bernard Frank, of interest in this matter, is identified as the brother of Richard Frank mentioned above, he could possibly be involved in courier activities, if not actually involved in CP matters, in the Buffalo area. [The possibility should also be kept in mind that someone other than Bernard A. Frank, possibly Richard Frank, may have been in possession of the vehicle bearing New York license MM5317 at the time it was observed in the Cowan's driveway, Toronto, Canada, date not indicated.] (s)

In view of the above [and RCMP] (s) interest in this matter, Buffalo should expeditiously resolve the identity of individual driving the above-mentioned vehicle and submit recommendations as to further investigation in this regard.

Additional copies of this communication are being furnished New York for inclusion in their files on Susan and Richard Frank.

NOTE:

[RCMP has advised that vehicle bearing New York license MM5517 was observed in subject's driveway, Toronto, Canada. Subject reportedly has been active in CP activities in Canada and associate of top-ranking CP leaders. He has, for a number of years, facilitated the passage of known communists to Europe. He was also active in obtaining passage to Spain for members of the International Brigade and for obtaining passage for foreign-born Canadians returning to Hungary and other satellite countries.] (s) New York has advised files of NYO contain no identifiable information regarding Bernard A. Frank, and Buffalo has been requested to check its indices. It is felt the above additional investigation should be conducted.

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