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FILE TITLE/NUMBER/VOLUME:

KUTNER, LOUIS
DOD FILE

INCLUSIVE DATES:

CUSTODIAL UNIT/LOCATION:

ROOM:

DELETIONS, IF ANY:

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1 September 1970

FIELD OFFICE

F: 9-10-40

NO CONTACT

KUTNER, Luis
#437 759

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file

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SOURCE STATUS CHANGE

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TO: DCS/Services Division
(a) Control
(b) Security Liaison Officer
(c) Coding

A 99040

1. _____ C 437-758 of
 (Individual Name) (OS Number)

Attorney Chicago, Illinois

(Organization Last Associated With)

has been placed in an inactive status in the files of this office for the following reason(s):

☐ Deceased
(date if known)

☐ Retired and is not known to be employed by another organization.

☐ Has transferred and is employed by _____

(New Organization And Location Or Unknown)

☒ No longer of interest.

COMMENTS:

EYES ONLY ENVELOPE #3225 DESTROYED, 3-10-70

NO CONTACT

Use this form only when Headquarters has not previously been informed by another communication of a change in status of a Security Checked individual.

Use a carbon copy of this form as a routing slip when transferring files of a contact to another field office.

cc: _____
FILED 827162

99040

Chief, Contact Division

6 March 1962

Attn : Support [redacted]

Chief, [redacted] Office

CHI-62-291

Case 36018

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1. Thank you for your memo of 1 March. It certainly helps me - in this difficult situation.

2. Concerning your inquiry in paragraph (2) of your memo: My source, a responsible and reliable individual, a "former colleague", must remain anonymous. (You know what a "former colleague" means.) He has the Kutner matter assigned to him and has gotten to know Kutner very well.

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Chief, Contact Division
For: Support

21 Feb 62

Chief, [redacted] Office

[redacted] 62-250

Case 36018

1. I had an opportunity to discuss [redacted] with a reliable and discreet source on 16 Feb 62 who knows Kutner well. His assessment of Kutner is as follows.

2. Kutner is a highly intelligent, over-stimulated individual. He is inclined to accept stories as being true without confirming. He exaggerates and seeks to embellish. He will use every trick and angle "in the book" and anyone he can to further his efforts. If he does a favor for anyone he wants a favor in turn - sooner or later. He looks for publicity and recognition and will use anyone to accomplish this.

3. He was very active during the Kefauver hearings and, according to source, furnished unreliable information.

[redacted] [redacted]

File: Luis Kutner ("K" - General)
Case 36018

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Chief, Contact Division
ATTN: Support Branch (Richardson)

27 December 1961
61-1483

Chief, [] Field Office

Case 36019

1. I have learned through a local bank that Luis Kutner had an account there until September 1960, when it was closed out. A few months prior to the closing Kutner was trying to borrow \$10,000; the bank would not loan it to him, setting a limit of \$2,000.

2. In 1954 he was shown as a partner - with K.L. Braun, 208 South LaSalle Street - in a company called American Industrial Enterprise. In 1955 he was involved in trying to obtain a letter of credit from the Bank of China to sell tanks and other machinery to the Central Trust Division of Chinese Procurement through a company called Productos Latinos Americanos.

3. The bank got curious about Kutner and his activities at one time and thought of making inquiries concerning him of the Chicago Crime Commission.

4. From a local friend in a large department store I learned Kutner is married (wife Rose), lives at 1431 Ridge Avenue, Evanston, Illinois, and has a son and a daughter. His bills are paid promptly.

5. I have heard a rumor, repeat rumor, that Kutner is a "close" friend of Maggie Daly, a local gossip columnist.

6. The American Bar Association informed me Kutner is "a member in good standing" born 1908, a 1930 graduate of Chicago University Law School and has offices at 105 West Adams Street. Here he becomes a little mysterious, for a check made at the University revealed a "former student named Luis Rytman Kutner, a non-graduate, employed as an associate attorney at 105 West Adams Street". He has no degree according to University records we checked, either bachelor's or law.

7. Roger White is attempting to learn more about Kutner's current activities.

RPB/lohmam/cjc

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Chief, [] Office

20 July 1961

Chief, Contact Division, Support Branch

New Case 36,018

Ref : [] 61-873, 12 July 1961

see S-8461 (IN)
S-8461 F A 99040
1. IO/3 is interested in Luka Kutner and the Commission for International Due Process of Law and requested we send them for review the material you attached with your memorandum of 12 July 1961 (CHI-61-873).

2. IO/3 would like you to furnish through cleared sources, biographic data and back-round information on Kutner and his organization. They would like to know what organization has given him a grant as mentioned in your memorandum.

3. Requestor desires that Kutner not be made aware of any agency interest in him at this time.

4. Please furnish information responsive to this case by oo/A series reporting to expedite handling. Many thanks.

[]
cc: Index

copy filed # 8461 (IN)

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19-40-40

Chief, Personnel Security Division, OS

28 September 1970

Director, Domestic Contact Service
(Chief, Services Division)

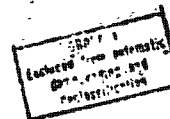
KURDER, Luis -- Letter re World Center of Human Rights and World
#437-758 Habeas Corpus/World Assembly for Human Rights

1. In the event the enclosed copy of Subject's letter regarding the World Habeas Corpus has not come to your attention, you may wish to incorporate it into your file.
2. Any questions pertaining to this memorandum should be directed to Mrs. [REDACTED] Extension 2738.

Enclosure: As Stated Above

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F-9-90-40

INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

DATE : 13 August 1968

TO : Director, Domestic Contact Service

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

FILE NO: 437 758

NO CONTACT

1. Reference is made to your request for security checks on the subject person as a source of intelligence information.
2. This is to inform you that the necessary checks have been completed with the following results:

- a. ☒ No additional information has been obtained, except for such biographic information as indicated below or in the attachment.
- b. ☐ Information has been received that Subject was investigated with favorable results in
- c. ☐ Certain information has been received and appears in the attachment which your Division will wish to consider in determining the extent and level of your use of Subject.

3. It is to be noted that our checks were made on the basis of the identifying information you furnished or in an attachment to this memorandum. Should it be disclosed that this information is erroneous or that Subject is known by a different name, this Division should be notified immediately.

NO CONTACT

[REDACTED], Personnel Security Division

Attachment:

State Passport Report

Note: Your attention is brought to the memorandum furnished to your office on 28 March 1962 and to your memorandum dated 16 May 1968 which repeated Subject's highly indiscreet remarks regarding his association with this Agency. Subject was denied a Contact Authorization. ^{OS} SECRET via ~~teletype~~ telecon on 2 July 1968.

PLEASE REFER TO EYES
ONLY NO. ~~SECRET~~

NO CONTACT

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KUTNER, Luis
#37 758

26 July 1968

On 16 July 1968, the current passport file of Luis KUTNER was reviewed at the Passport Office, Department of State. The following is a summary of the information contained therein:

Birth: 9 June 1908 at Chicago, Illinois; verified by birth certificate.

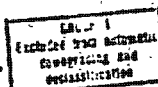
PASSPORT ISSUED: At Chicago, Illinois, on 9 May 1967, #H930221, for a period of six weeks to visit Switzerland, Poland, Austria, Hong Kong, France, Italy and Japan for the purpose of business.

Permanent address: 3180 Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, Illinois.

Occupation: Attorney.

HMP/dbl

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S-E-C-R-E-T
(When Filled In)

DATE 21-August 1968

MEMORANDUM TO : Chief, FIELD OFFICE

FROM : Director, Domestic Contact Service (Services Division)

SUBJECT : Security Check Completion -- US Citizen

REFERENCE : a.) DCS R 10-30 dated 1 July 1965

b.) Operations Memo 88-64

1. Attached is a notice of security check completion on the individual listed below. The OS approved Subject's exploitation as a source of intelligence information, but the level of classified information which may be divulged is left to your discretion.

2. As indicated in the attachment, the OS provided a Summary of derogatory information for you to consider in determining the level of classified disclosure. It will be forwarded by Services Division by an "Eyes Only" memorandum which will bear a number identical to the one marked on the lower left corner of the completion. Please use this number to identify a Summary with an individual.

3. The OS directs that the field chief after reading the information, will use it to establish the level of classified disclosure, if any, and to provide guidance to the Contact Specialist in his relations with the source. He may, at his discretion disclose the nature of the derogatory information to the Contact Specialist. The field chief, after making an appropriate notation in the open files of the office with respect to the security status of the individual, will then either destroy the information or place it in a sealed envelope which will carry the caveat: "To be opened by the Chief or Acting Chief ----- Field Office."

Avoid Contact

Attachment:

KUTNER, LOIS
PLEASE REFER TO EYES
ONLY NO. 3225

NO CONTACT

GROUP I
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DOWNGRADING AND DECLASSIFICATION

S-E-C-R-E-T

TO: SERVICES

S-S-C-R-R-T
(When Filled In)

DATE 20 August 1968

FROM: [REDACTED] FIELD OFFICE

SUBJECT: Director, Domestic Contact Service (Services Division)

REFERENCE: Security Check Completion - US Citizen

1. RSC 8-17-60 dated 1 July 1965

2. Operations Memo 88-64

1. Attached is a notice of security check completion on the individual listed below. The OS approved Subject's exploitation as a source of reliable information, but the level of classified information which may be divulged is left to your discretion.

2. As indicated in the attachment, the OS provided a summary of derogatory information for you to consider in determining the level of classified disclosure. It will be forwarded by Services Division by an "Eye Only" message which will have a number identical to the one marked on the lower left corner of the completion. Please use this number to identify a source with an individual.

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ATTENTION:
KUTNER, LUIS
PLEASE REFER TO EYES
ONLY NO. 3225

REVIEWED. 8/22/68. NO CONTACT

NO CONTACT

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C-O-N-F-I-D-E-N-T-I-A-L

F. 9-90-40

DATE 5 July 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR : Chief, [] FIELD OFFICE

ATTENTION :

SUBJECT : Ad Hoc Denial

REFERENCE :

Re LUIS KUTNER. Security Division has denied
ad hoc clearance on the basis of derogatory information.
Security checks will be completed.

[]
Security Liaison Officer

CC: CHIEF, [] FIELD OFFICE

[]
SECURITY MESSAGE

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GROUP 1
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C-O-N-F-I-D-E-N-T-I-A-L

23 MAY 1963		CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY	
BIOGRAPHIC DATA			NO.
1. SUBJECT'S LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE NAME KUTNER, Luis		3. DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH 9 June 1908/Chicago, Illinois	
2. ALIASES A 79040		4. SEX M	5. CITIZENSHIP US
6. FULL NAME OF SPOUSE, DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH, CITIZENSHIP			
7. RESIDENCES (Including No., and Street, Zone, R.F.D., etc.)			
FROM	TO	COMPLETE ADDRESS	
	Present	1431 Ridge Avenue - Evanston, Illinois	
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8. EMPLOYMENT			
FROM	TO	NAME OF EMPLOYER	COMPLETE ADDRESS
	Present	o/o Sharp, Solter & Hutchinson (Law firm)	Washington, D. C.
1930	Present	Attorney (Own law firm)	105 West Adams Street Chicago, Illinois
1927	1929	Chicago Crime Commission	Chicago, Illinois
		<input type="checkbox"/> CONTINUED	
9. EDUCATION (High school, college, graduate work, etc.)			
FROM	TO	NAME OF SCHOOL	DEGREE OR MAJOR
	1930	Chicago Public Schools	BA
		University of Chicago	
		ANJ4	<input type="checkbox"/> CONTINUED
10. ADDITIONAL PERTINENT INFORMATION, INCLUDING FULL NAME, CITIZENSHIP DATA ON PARENTS AND CHILDREN.			
Subject was appointed Consul General for Guatemala in Chicago in 1962. 03 JUN 1963 Head, World Habeas Corpus Organization - 105 West Adams Street - Chicago, Illinois 22014			
		<input type="checkbox"/> CONTINUED	

OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10
MAY 1962 EDITION
GSA GEN. REG. NO. 27
5010-106
UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

F 9-90-40

TO : Director, Domestic Contact Service

DATE: 29 May 1968

ATTN : Services Division [redacted]

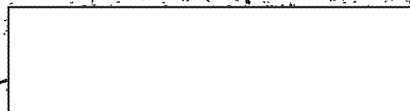
[redacted] 574-68

FROM : Chief [redacted] Office

SUBJECT: KUTNER, Luis
~~VEE-37758~~

REF: Your Memo dtd 27 May 68

In checking with the Guatemalan Consulate, we find that Luis Kutner has not been Consul General for over two years. We were told that he is still in Chicago, but is not connected with the Consulate.



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File: Kutner, Luis

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Chief, [] Field Office

27 May 1968

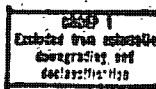
Director, Domestic Contact Service (Services Division)

- []
- REF : A) [] 493-68
B) [] 347-68
C) Headquarters Memorandum dated 17 May 1968

1. Please accept our apologies for having misinterpreted your [] 493-68, which we thought implied that the transfer of your file included "Eyes Only" #3225. Thank you for your reassurance concerning your method of handling the security summaries which is in strict accordance with existing regulations, and we sincerely regret the confusion.

2. If the [] Field Office plans to maintain contact with Subject, albeit, sporadic, we believe it should have the benefit of the Summary and will make arrangements to process it. Information reported in [] 62-97, dated 30 August 1962, indicated that Subject had been appointed Consul General for Guatemala. Do you know whether he still is serving in this capacity? If this is true, we shall also be required to obtain the Director's approval to maintain contact.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

SECRET

TO : Director, Domestic Contact Service
Attn: Services [redacted]

DATE: 21 May 1968

FROM : Chief, [redacted] Office

[redacted] 547-68

SUBJECT: [redacted]

REFS: [redacted] 493-68
Eyes Only #3225
Your Memo dtd 17 May 68

1. Re your memo concerning transferring copies of Eyes Only security summaries, we have not sent this Eyes Only #3225 summary to the [redacted] Office, nor a copy of it. In response to their request (cc to [redacted] 204-68 to Director, DCS, dtd 29 Apr 1968, para. 7), we only sent copies of material in Kutner's file folder, which included a machine copy of Form No. 1124 (and covering ditto memo) which merely indicated there is an Eyes Only on Kutner. Our Eyes Only material is kept in a separate locked file drawer in the vault under strictest security measures. Eyes Only material is never kept in individuals' file folders.

2. We know name identification should never be forwarded with Eyes Only security summaries and not only have never done this in the past, but take extreme precautions that it will never occur in the future.

[redacted]
cc: Service: [redacted]

File: [redacted] Folder
[redacted] Corres.

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Declassification

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F-9-90-40
(2/2)

Chief, [] Field Office

17 May 1968

Director, Domestic Contact Service

KUTNER, Luis *Le*REF : a.) [] 493-68
b.) Eyes Only #3225

Please do not transfer copies of Eyes Only security summaries direct to another field office. These must be forwarded to Security Liaison Officer, Headquarters, for proper handling and logging. They should never be forwarded with the name of the individual in the envelope. Thanks for keeping this in mind in the future.

SECRET

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RETAIN OR DESTROY

Chief, [] Field Office

03 May 1968

Chief, [] Office

[] 493-68

Attorney Luis Kutner of Chicago and "World Habeas
Corpus Organization" Claims CIA Financing

REF.: Your Memo WAS-204-68 dated 29 April 1968, above subject

In response to paragraph 7, referenced memo, we are attaching
machine copies of all material in Luis Kutner's file folder. You
will note that the latest memo on Kutner is dated 22 May 1964.
Also that there is Eyes Only information on him (Index No. 3225)
which resulted in a No Contact specification on 4/10/62.

[]

Attache:

cc: (Memo only) Director, DCS
Services

File: [] Folder
[]

Copy to Source File
5-7-68

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Chief, Personnel Security Division, OS

7 September 1962

Chief, Contact Division, OO

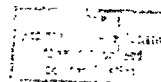
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~~KUFNER~~, Luis -- Appointment as Consul General for Guatemala in Chicago~~EE-37758~~

1. Our Chicago Field Office has alerted us to an article which appeared in the Chicago, American on 28 August 1962, stating that Subject had been nominated for a Nobel prize for his work on "International Habeas Corpus."
2. On 29 August 1962, another article in the American covered Subject's appointment as Consul General for Guatemala in Chicago.
3. Any questions pertaining to this memorandum should be directed to [redacted] Extension 2202.

VThorne:jlc

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO : Chief, Contact Division
Attn: Index [redacted]
FROM : Chief, [redacted] Field Office
SUBJECT: Luis Kutner

DATE: 30 August 1962

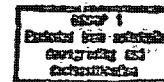
[redacted] 62-974

1. An article appeared in the Chicago American 28 Aug 62 stating that Kutner had been nominated for a Nobel prize for his work on "International Habeas Corpus".

2. On 29 August 1962 another article in the American covered Kutner's appointment as Consul General for Guatemala in Chicago.

File: Luis Kutner Folder

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INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

DATE

25 March 1962

TO: Chief, Contact Division, OO

FROM: Chief, Personnel Security Division, OG

SUBJECT:

KUTNER, Luis - #EE-37756

100340

1. Reference is made to your request for a security clearance on the subject person as a potential source of intelligence information. The necessary checks have been completed with the following results:

- a. ☐ No additional information has been obtained, except for such biographic information as indicated below or in the attachment.
- b. ☐ Information has been received that Subject was investigated with favorable results in
- c. ☒ Certain information has been received and appears in the attachment which your Division will wish to consider in determining the extent and level of your use of Subject.

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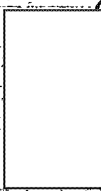

Chief, Personnel Security Division

Attachment:
Summary

NO CONTACT

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Trans to [unclear] 100340
per OLT-493-628

18 APR 1962

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F 99040

[REDACTED] SECRET

5 February 1962

TELEMEMO

CHIEF, [REDACTED] FIELD OFFICE

FROM INDEX [REDACTED]

CASE 36018

A 99040
CONFIRMING [REDACTED] TELECOM 2 FEBRUARY 1962, RE LUIS KUTNER, OS
HAS DENIED OUR REQUEST FOR AD HOC CLEARANCE ON BASIS OF FBI REPORT CONTAINING
SERIOUS DEROGATORY INFORMATION. MOREOVER, FBI HAS A CURRENT INTEREST IN SUBJECT
AND REQUESTS NO CONTACT WHATSOEVER.

A SUMMARY WILL BE FORWARDED.

CC: [REDACTED]

Security

MESSAGE NO. 6580

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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY			
BIOGRAPHIC DATA			NO:
1. SUBJECT'S LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE NAME KUTNER Lils		3. DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH 9 Jun 09 - Chicago, Illinois	
2. ALIASES		4. SEX B. CITIZENSHIP M Male US	
6. FULL NAME OF SPOUSE, DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH, CITIZENSHIP A99040 9/13/00 7/1/00			
7. RESIDENCES (Including No. and Street, Zone, R.F.D., etc.)			
FROM	TO	COMPLETE ADDRESS	
	Present	1431 Ridge Avenue - Evanston, Illinois	
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8. EMPLOYMENT			
FROM	TO	NAME OF EMPLOYER	COMPLETE ADDRESS
1930	Present	Attorney (own law firm)	105 West Adams Street Chicago, Illinois
1927	1929	Chicago Crime Commission	Chicago, Illinois
also invest		c/o Sharp, Solter & Hutchinsons Wash, DC (own firm)	
<input type="checkbox"/> CONTINUED			
9. EDUCATION (High school, college, graduate work, etc.)			
FROM	TO	NAME OF SCHOOL	DEGREE OR MAJOR
		Chicago Public Schools University of Chicago	BA-1930
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10. ADDITIONAL PERTINENT INFORMATION, INCLUDING FULL NAME, CITIZENSHIP DATA ON PARENTS AND CHILDREN.			
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-9 JAN 1962

SECRET

100-3060

AAA: LOUIS KUTNER
105 West Adams Street
Chicago, Illinois

1431 Ridge Avenue
Evanston, Illinois.

BUSINESS:

Subject is an Attorney

Subject is also with the law firm of:

A137295 - Sharp, Solter and Hutchinson, Washington, D. C.

Subject is also head of:

A145627 - Commission for International Due Process of Law aka World Habeas Corpus
105 West Adams Street, Chicago, Illinois

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DATE 7/24/67

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DATE 23 MAY 1968

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World Nations Campus Centers Worldwide

WNC-311-68
2 July 1963

Deputy Director, DCS
Room 912, Hqy Building

2205 9 July 1963

General Counsel
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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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TRANSMITTAL SLIP		DATE
		3 JUL 68
TO: Director/DCS		
ROOM NO.	BUILDING	
REMARKS:		
A copy is included for distribution to Mr. [] General Counsel's Office - if you are inclined to do so.		
FROM: [] A.D.		
ROOM NO.	BUILDING	EXTENSION

FORM NO. 241
1 FEB 55REPLACES FORM 24-1
WHICH MAY BE USED.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, Domestic Contact Service

311-68
DATE: 2 July 1968

FROM : Chief, [] Field Office

SUBJECT: World Habeas Corpus Centers Worldwide

REFERENCE: WAS-204-68, 29 April 1968

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A-99040

S-8467

1. At home 30 June 1968, Contact Specialist [] of the Washington Field Office, received a long distance telephone call from Luis Kutner, head of the [] International Due Process of Law (aka World Habeas Corpus) of 105 West Adams Street, Chicago, Illinois. As headquarters has been informed, Oakley has received two letters from Kutner since their encounter in [] 26 April 1968; both are unanswered. There was one telephone conversation in the interim; [] 7 May returned Kutner's call of about a week earlier but it was merely a noncommittal reference to papers Kutner had mailed and [] had not yet received.

2. 30 June Kutner asked whether "yes or no", CIA would consider funding any of the World Habeas Corpus Centers which are proposed world wide. [] replied that he "thought it had been made clear that CIA could not engage in such projects and, furthermore, that such an interest would be harmful to the project". Kutner reiterated that he would consider it most helpful.

3. It should be recalled that, while [] thought he was definitive on the negation of financial aid in the conversation of 26 April, he had not yet the benefit of the background information on Kutner which appeared later. Accordingly he was careful not to be too negative on other aspects of the project. He suggested an approach to the Department of State as more appropriate. Moreover, he did not rule out the possibility of other conversations between Kutner and Agency representatives, including himself or even General Counsel []. It was believed that such was Mr. [] intention.

4. Mr. Kutner appears to die hard. In the conversation 30 June he indicated he might be in Washington soon and would like to talk to [] again, about the Department of State and about Washington-based law firms which might support the establishment

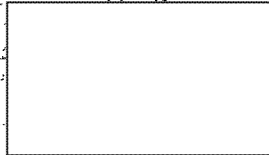
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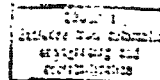
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of a World Habeas Corpus Center in this city. Presumably such Centers would be staffed by retiring prestigious jurists and attorneys and law professors. Again [] did not absolutely rule out contact because it appears Kutner might have something worthwhile if he will somehow eliminate his conspiratorial urge and include CIA out. In the telephone conversation Oakley said not once but thrice that any approaches should be to State and the law fraternity and that he, Oakley, could be nothing more than personally sympathetic.



[]
cc: [] Field Office

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World Habeas Corpus

Executive Officer, PCS
Room 912, Key Building

2265

4 June 1968

Mr. [] General Counsel
7001 HQ

For your information and request for
your guidance as to whether we
should respond.

Carroll Delaney



WORLD HABEAS CORPUS

Commission for International Due Process of Law
105 W. Adams Street, Chicago, Illinois, 60603 U.S.A.

World Habeas Corpus... "The difference between civilization and
brutality."

SIR WINSTON SPENCER CHURCHILL

"World Habeas Corpus is a concrete program whereby the now only
morally binding Universal Declaration of Human Rights would be made by the
voluntary consent of the nations of the World, a legally binding commitment en-
forceable in an International Court of Habeas Corpus which would function
through appropriately accessible regional courts."

JUSTICE WILLIAM J. BRENNAN, JR., United States Supreme Court

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May
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1968

RE: WORLD CENTERS OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND WORLD HABEAS CORPUS WORLD ASSEMBLY FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

Dear Mr. Houston and Mr. Oakley: Following up
on my previous
letter on suggested WORLD CENTERS OF HUMAN RIGHTS,
I should like to submit the following to
accelerate the formulation of a program anent WORLD
HABEAS CORPUS and the WORLD CENTERS FOR HUMAN
RIGHTS.

Anent our
purposeful talks in Washington [with MR. OAKLEY]
with reference to the many problems of Human Rights,
as promised by the UNITED NATIONS CHARTER and the
UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS, there is
great need for dynamic private foundation support
for world regional studies and discussions to focus
public attention on some of the concrete issues
relating to the rights of man and the ligament of
law to implement these rights.

It is
heartening to note such endeavors as the INTERNATIONAL
CONFERENCE ON HUMAN RIGHTS in TEHRAN, IRAN [April 22
through May 13, 1968], at which CONFERENCE an
indictment was leveled against governments controlled
by Communist persecution and ideology, as committing
violations of Articles 1 through 23, 26, 27, and 29
of the UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS. This
CONFERENCE was sponsored by the UNITED ORGANIZATIONS
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It is obvious that a world which is being reformed by technological advances and political changes must constantly examine the impact of these forces on Human Freedom.

Because buttressed knowledge must precede and accompany man's efforts in using technology to advance Human Freedom, it is essential that the best minds be put to work in examining the impact of technology on Human Freedom in a new age.

There are many regions of the world where Human Rights are merely abstractions, - and without meaning. These are the MILLIONS, - and probably TWO BILLIONS, - of persons who have seen no change affecting their welfare and freedom as a result of the well-intentioned expressions in the UNITED NATIONS CHARTER and the UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS.

Within the framework of WORLD HABEAS CORPUS, the individual rights to which all men are entitled must become in fact 'individual.' The threats of the new technological and political changes must become the new promise for individual freedom within the realistic Rule of Law that can guarantee to correct and prevent wrongful detention.

In addition to the rights of political freedom, we must insure the right to health, the right to economic well being, and the right to education.

Private organizations who undertake this challenge would be committed on a universal basis. Societies which have long abused the natural traditions of Human Freedom must be confronted. Developing societies whose cultures may be unreceptive to technology affecting Human Rights must be challenged.

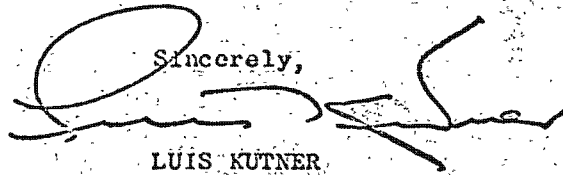
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There could be
no greater contribution to fulfilling our obligation
to tomorrow's world than to work toward a meaningful
WORLD ASSEMBLY FOR HUMAN RIGHTS supported by
scholarly research and the deliberations of thoughtful
men.

Sincerely,



LUIS KUTNER

A 99040

LK/jb

Mr. R. Kenneth Oakley
and
Mr. Lawrence R. Houston

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29 May 1968

ATTN : Director, Domestic Contact Service
Services Division [redacted]

[redacted] 374-68

Chief, [redacted] Office

~~KUTNER, Luis~~
68E-37758

REF: Your Memo dtd 27 May 68

In checking with the Guatemalan Consulate, we find that Luis Kutner has not been Consul General for over two years. We were told that he is still in Chicago, but is not connected with the Consulate.

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Director, Domestic Contact Service

21 May 1968

Letter
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Chief, [redacted] Office

KUTNER, Lois

REFS: [redacted] 493-68
 Eyes Only #3223
 Your Memo dtd 17 May 68

1. Re your memo concerning transferring copies of Eyes Only security summaries, we have not sent this Eyes Only #3223 summary to the [redacted] Field Office, nor a copy of it. In response to their request (cc to [redacted] 204-68 to Director, DCS, dtd 29 Apr 1968, para. 7), we only sent copies of material in Kutner's file folder, which included a machine copy of Form No. 1124 (and covering ditto memo) which merely indicated there is an Eyes Only on Kutner. Our Eyes Only material is kept in a separate locked file drawer in the vault under strictest security measures. Eyes Only material is never kept in individuals' file folders.

2. We know name identification should never be forwarded with Eyes Only security summaries and not only have never done this in the past, but take extreme precautions that it will never occur in the future.

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Chief, [] Office

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Attorney Luis Kutner of Chicago and "World Habeas
Corpus Organization" Claims CIA Financing

REF: Your Memo [] -204-68 dated 29 April 1968, above subject

In response to paragraph 7, referenced memo, we are attaching machine copies of all material in Luis Kutner's file folder. You will note that the latest memo on Kutner is dated 22 May 1964. Also that there is Eyes Only information on him (Index No. 3225) which resulted in a No Contact specification on 4/10/62.

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Attaches:

cc: (Memo only) Director, DCS
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(Kinnam)

Director, Domestic Contact Service

WAS-204-63
29 April 1963

Chief, [] Field Office

A 99040 (P) (Kinnam)

Re: [] Agency Ltr. [] of Chicago, and "World Habeas Corpus Organization",
[] a CIA financing

A 119853

1. Contact Specialist [] of the [] Field Office, 26 April 1963 received a telephone call from his contact, Alan D. Hutchinson, of the Washington law firm Sharp, Solter & Hutchinson, concerning an "old acquaintance", Luis Kutner, well known attorney who also "heads the World Habeas Corpus organization" headquartered in Kutner's own law offices at 105 West Adams Street, Chicago, Illinois. Hutchinson had lunched with Kutner 25 April together with another three or four friends in Washington for a meeting of the American Society of International Law. During the luncheon Kutner had made quite a point of saying that World Habeas Corpus, somehow affiliated with the World Peace Through Law organization of Washington and Geneva, Switzerland, is financed by the CIA. He added that he expected to spend considerable time at CIA headquarters while he is in Washington and expected also to obtain a sizeable budget increase. Hutchinson of course considered his "flamboyant" friend's remarks to be highly indiscreet and thought the Agency should know.

2. [] promptly communicated this information to [] General Counsel, by telephone. Houston was lunching with Kutner an hour later and asked Galle to join them "as a witness".

3. It may be worth recording incidentally that Kutner told his luncheon companions 25 April that he was trying to get the former Congolese Premier Meliane Tchombe released by the Algerian authorities. He had already succeeded to some extent, meaning he had "prevented" extradition to the Congo. If these efforts should fail, Kutner had some plan to "kidnap" Tchombe for deliverance.

[] the foregoing was drafted before the events recorded below.]

4. Before the hour was up, Mr. [] telephoned [] to say he found it impossible to keep their luncheon engagement (sic). He asked [] to find Kutner at their appointed rendezvous, the Lawyers' Club, take him somewhere to lunch, find out about FFI potential, assure him, if need be, that CIA financing is not available and, depending on the climate of the conversation, chide him for his indiscretions concerning CIA.

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29 April 1968

5. [] did as requested. His conversational emphasis was on the positive efforts of Mr. Kutner which are channeled primarily through the Commission for International Due Process of Law, 105 West Adams Street, Chicago, Illinois, a corporation and through the Commission's close association with the World Peace Through Law organization (DCS Case 4/197). Apparently Kutner has been in not very fruitful contact with DCS's Chicago Field Office over a period of years. The chiding about indiscretions took the form of the "reluctant" imparting of information that persons "possibly" trying to undermine Kutner's "fine efforts" had noticed it about that Kutner had claimed CIA financing. Mr. Kutner "should know and be wary" of the implications of such reports.

6. It was made quite clear that CIA financing was impossible and, moreover, would be "detrimental to the Commission's efforts". (World Roberts Corpus proves not to be an entity but a concept.) On the other hand, largely for public relations reasons, Kutner was led to believe that his efforts are of interest to the Agency in the broadest concept. Indeed they could be. He probably will contact Oakley on another visit to Washington. He has meanwhile been encouraged, to some extent, to contact DCS's Chicago Field Office should he have intelligence of importance to impart. Oakley tried to leave this possibility in such a status that the Chicago Field Office can play it any way it deems best. As a matter of fact, he tried to direct Kutner to the Department of State with his plans and proposals, especially a projected world tour to set up Centers for Due Process of Law. Unfortunately, without antagonizing Kutner, it seemed impossible to avoid further exposure by CIA components to his theoretically meritorious but somewhat grandiose plans.

7. Mr. [] has been briefly informed of the above by telephone. The [] Field Office will be pleased to receive background information about Mr. Kutner, especially from the [] Field Office.

cc: [] Field Office
General Counsel's Office []

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Called [] and reported to him [] conversation with Mr. Louis Kutner. Also advised Mr. [] some of the charming remarks that Mr. Kutner had made about him. Mr. [] said he was not worried about Mr. Kutner's relations with the press and that Mr. [] should once more go back and say that we are sorry but we are not interested in his suggestions or proposition or whatever it is.
cc: Chief, CD/

File: Louis Kutner

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Chief, Contact Division

3 Oct 63

Chief, [] Office

[] 63-1039

Luis Kutner

Reference: [] telecons of 2 Oct 63

1. As requested, I telephoned Kutner and expressed our gratitude for his call "to Washington" and added that "we were not in a position to do anything right now." Unfortunately I did not know the subject of his call to Washington.

2. Kutner gave me a real blast. He said he was going to undertake publishing of a Yugoslavian-language newspaper in Chicago. That he has already printed the first edition and, because of some 300,000 Yugoslavians (Croats, Serbs, etc.) in the area, there is a definite need for such a paper. Kutner said he has been in contact with Andreas Kondich, Editor of "Abendpost", Chicago, a man who has pipelines all over Europe." (Just what Kondich has to do with this affair is not clear and I did not ask, for [] there is a file in index.)

3. Kutner then proceeded to tell me he had called the DCI's office and spoke with "some assistant or something named Elder" and, after telling Elder of the plans for the new paper asked that the Agency nominate someone for the position of editor. Elder, he said, was vague, rude, impolite and "wouldn't last two days in my office." Kutner remarked he had called Elder two and one-half weeks ago, that Elder promised to call him back and never did. He then told me we were missing a big bet and that in his opinion it was "fantastic that we would not take advantage of the opportunity." His next remark was "I won't go into the Cuban mess and the Berlin Wall." (Just what he meant was not clarified.) "How Elder could make up his mind about the proposal was a mystery to him," he said.

4. I remarked that I did not know the details of the matter and suggested to Kutner that there could be reasons - which should not be discussed - as to why the proposal was not feasible. I was able to shut him off by telling him that I would see what I could learn about the whole thing and contact him again.

5. Kutner's reputation in Chicago is not good. From two or three unavoidable contacts I have had with him, I regard him as an opinionated, egotistical, vain, glory seeking trouble maker. I do not trust him and believe he can be vindictive. Rumor has it that he "shacks up" with Maggie Daly, a Chicago American gossip columnist. You can, therefore, appreciate my request for further details of his proposal and some plausible reason for getting him off my back, again.

RPBL:gm
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Robert P. B. Lohmann

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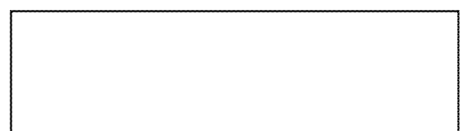
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Mr. McConnell called to tell me that [] had spoken to Mr. Louis Kutner. Mr. Kutner seems to be somewhat exercised and made a number of other remarks said that he found Mr. Alder a very distasteful person. He has talked to [] several times and claims that he has received absolutely no assistance. He told Mr. Johnson that all he wanted was for us to suggest the name of an editor for a Yugoslav paper in which he has an interest. (This does not tally with [] statement to me that Mr. Kutner wanted us to subsidize the paper). As Mr. Kutner is a close and intimate friend of Miss Maggie Daley of the Chicago American, and as he claims that the editor of ABEMPOST suggested that he call us, and as Mr. Kutner would not be at all hesitant about airing his grievances to Miss Daley, or any other newspaper representative, our friend [] was very polite to him. Unfortunately, Mr. Kutner seemed to feel that [] should reopen the question at headquarters. I, therefore, will have to call Mr. Alder again in the morning. Incidentally, [] has known Mr. Kutner for many years and he is not highly thought of by us.

cc: Chief, CD

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Excerpt from AD/O Diary, 1 October 1963

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[redacted] called and said that he would like our Chicago office to call a lawyer, Mr. Louis Kutner, 105 W. Adams Street, Suite 600, phone: State 2-1946. Chicago should tell Mr. Kutner that the Agency was very grateful for his recent call but unfortunately we are not interested in his suggestion. If Chicago knows more than this, they are in the perfectly simple position of being able to tell him that they are completely ignorant of the subject of his conversation and that they have merely been asked to transmit this message. This should be done in a friendly way and not as a brush-off. I would like to know when the call has been made so that I can tell

cc: Chief, CD

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DIARY, 2 October 1963

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[] called the AD/O re Luis Kutner, a Chicago attorney, who has recently called the DCI office and Elder asked that the Chicago Office call him, express gratitude for his suggestion but say that the Agency has no interest at this time. [] will do so, though he knows Kutner well and would prefer not renewing the contact, which he fears will result in a new flood of proposals.

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Chief, Contact Division
Attn: Support

9 April 1963

Chief, [] Field Office

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Louis Kutner, aka Luis Kutner *A 99040*

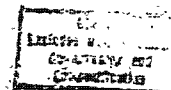
1. Attached is a copy of 5 April Chicago news article which reflects that Louis Kutner has taken over leadership of the Anti-Bolshevik Bloc of Nations, and will sever his relations with the Government of Guatemala as consul general here.

2. Kutner is "Eyes Only" with us and is a rather controversial figure in Chicago.

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Please procure D & B reports for the [redacted] Office on
 the following:

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130 East Randolph Street
Chicago, Illinois

2. Luis Rainer, Attorney
105 West Adams Street
Chicago, Illinois

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Chief, Contact Division
For: Support

12 Jul 61

Chief, [] Office

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Commission for International Due Process of Law.

Reference: [] Telecon of 6 Jul 61.

1. I.O. may be interested in the following.
2. []^{A. Chum}, a Chicago attorney and old friend of Chief, Contact Division, stated that Luis Kutner, also a Chicago attorney, has formed subject organization, incorporated in Illinois.
3. A letterhead, copy of an article from February 1961 "Coronet" magazine concerning Kutner, and a reprint from the University of Detroit Law Journal February 1959 entitled, "World Habeas Corpus for International Man: A Credo for International Due Process of Law," are attached.
4. Kutner is to leave in about 30 days for Japan, the start of much traveling to gather support for his organization abroad. He will return to Chicago from time to time. I was unable to obtain a specific itinerary or individuals with whom he plans to meet. An unknown foundation has given his organization a grant. According to Roger White, Kutner will be the sole, guiding light of the organization.
5. We have no clearance on Kutner. If any interest is developed and/or you want further information, please let us know.
6. Please fill in Chief, Contact Division on the above.

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SUBJECT: Leis Kutner--General Counsel for 27 August 1970
Formosan Exile Group

1. On 21 August 1970 Leis Kutner called the [redacted] Office to relate his current activities. Kutner explained that our agency would have a file on him and that he was formerly in touch with one [redacted] (now probably retired) and one [redacted]. Kutner also mentioned that he is well known because of a book he authored entitled World Habeas Corpus. He also claims some notoriety from his past role as General Counsel for a Chanian exile group and for his activities on behalf of a group from Ecuador.

2. Kutner is currently serving as General Counsel for a Formosan exile group which has as its goal the influencing of world opinion for achieving Formosan independence. The principal target is the U.N. organization. Present plans are to force a plebiscite in Formosa for self-determination. Kutner said it is also the objective of the group to sue Chiang Kai Shek for an accounting of the "five billion dollars" he has received from the U.S. Kutner said that one of their first efforts at ventilating the group's intention will occur at the Little League World Championship Games that are to be held in Waterford, Pa.

3. Kutner advised that the leader of the Formosan exile group is Professor Peng Ming Min, who was formerly Taiwan's representative to the U.N. According to Kutner, the professor returned to Taiwan from the U.N. assignment and wrote a paper that was practically a declaration of independence for Formosa. This caused him to be arrested and jailed but because of his scholastic reputation he was put under house arrest. The professor has since escaped from Taiwan and resides somewhere in the West.

4. Other background that Kutner recommends is the book Formosa Betrayed, written by George Kerr; also some writings by Lung-Chi Chen, a fellow at Yale University. A third article purported to describe the Formosan exile group's intentions is one written by Flora Lewis, which appeared in the 18 August 1970 Chicago Sun Times.

5. Kutner said that he was calling our agency to see if there would be mutual interest in his project and we agreed to check our headquarters. Pursuant to headquarters' advice of 24 August 1970, we called Kutner and told him that we had no interest in his project at present. Kutner then said "Fine, I understand and now I am free to go ahead with other countries but I wanted to give our government the first opportunity." He was told that as a private citizen he

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should pursue his interests as he saw fit. He also suggested that he might get in touch with the State Department. Kutner said that he assumed our agency had checked the State Department and he has fulfilled his obligation to inform the US Government of his plans. He also said he was not surprised that there was no interest in his venture in Washington because this parallels some of the policies our government is pursuing.

6. During the conversations Kutner was polite and proper. He expressed appreciation for our efforts in checking out interest in his project.

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