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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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