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THOMAS R. PEASNER
THOMAS RODMAN PEASNER JR.

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Born: 19 October 1929 at Pittsburgh, Penn.

1. SUBJECT lived at Dallas, Texas and worked as a musician prior to entering the military service. HE was in the military service from 19 August 1949 to 18 November 1953, having attained the grade of Private First Class. HE was a prisoner of war of the Communists in Korea from 23 April 1951 to 16 August 1953. (Incl 1)

2. SUBJECT, by HIS own admissions, stated that HE voluntarily made one recording of a Christmas message for broadcast to HIS relatives; that HE was a member of a voluntary study group; and that HE signed a statement under duress about a camp espionage ring. (Incl 2)

3. Approximately 190 former prisoners of war have made derogatory statements concerning SUBJECT. From these statements it appears that SUBJECT allegedly cooperated with the Chinese by making voice recordings, preparing articles and letters, signing and circulating petitions, being a member of a peace committee, attending voluntary study classes and participating in other similiar activities. HE was reported to have been very friendly with camp leaders, to have been given special consideration by HIS captors, to have been sincere in HIS acceptance of Communism, and to have attempted to influence fellow prisoners of war. (Incl 3)

4. The available documentary evidence indicates that SUBJECT made one recording of a message to a soldier friend in Korea, urging him to write his congressman to seek an end to the Korean War, and another of a Christmas message to HIS wife and son, asking them to "do something about" working for peace. (Incl 4)

5. The Joint Intelligence Processing Board recommended that SUBJECT be tentatively classified as a security risk.

6. The Phase II interviewer stated that SUBJECT is a security risk as evidenced by HIS reluctance to discuss anything pertaining to Communism or Communist ideology, and HIS attempts to excuse the actions of other progressives in the camp. HE indicated on several occasions that HE expects to be contacted by some vague party upon HIS return to the United States and that HE fears the statements made by HIM while a prisoner, may be used to intimidate either HIM or HIS family.

7. The available evidence indicates that SUBJECT may have given aid and comfort to the enemy in that HE purportedly participated in the enemy propaganda program of psychological warfare against the United States by writing articles, making recordings for broadcast, and signing and circulating peace petitions, which tended to impair our prosecution of the war, our negotiations for a favorable peace settlement and the marshalling of world opinion favorable to the United States.

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