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ADMINISTRATIVE (Cont'd)

The following information is not being included in the details of this report because of the sensitivity of the sources involved and the nature of the information itself:

Passports

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On December 17, 1963, NY 3401-S* advised that JOSEPH FORER informed NEEDLEMAN that he had nothing new to report concerning the NEEDLEMAN passports. The informant related that NEEDLEMAN promised FORER to send him a draft of an affidavit containing detailed reasons for needing a passport. FORER offered to charge NEEDLEMAN only for expenses but NEEDLEMAN said he was going to send him a check for \$100.00. FORER told him to make it \$50.00. (S)(u)

Communist Party Activity (S) u

On January 4, 1964, NY 694-S* advised that GUS HALL had decided that because of NEEDLEMAN's present physical condition, LENA SCHERER, instead of NEEDLEMAN, should henceforth give DANNY RUBIN money intended for CP, USA youth work. (S)(u)

On January 17, 1964, the same informant advised that NEEDLEMAN gave to ISADORE WOFSY \$1,000.00, which was a contribution to the CP, USA from DOROTHY SMITH, former wife of Senator PAUL DOUGLAS of Illinois. (S)(u)

Communist Party Front Organizations (S) u

On December 17, 1963, NY 3401-S* related that NEEDLEMAN congratulated JOSEPH FORER on the reversal by the Court of Appeals of sanctions imposed upon the CP, USA, for failure to register. FORER pointed out that he had lost the appeal of a registration order issued to the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born. FORER said there was not much life left in this organization, and that he doubted that resources were available to continue the case. (S)(u)

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ADMINISTRATIVE (Cont'd)

(u) ~~(S)~~ [JACOB CHILDS] NY

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On January 15, 1964, NY 3225-S* reported that JACOB CHILDS visited NEEDLEMAN's office that day and mentioned that JACK COWAN, who was denied admittance to the United States a couple of years ago, is very anxious to come to the United States. CHILDS indicated that COWAN would be willing to put up \$5,000.00, which NEEDLEMAN could have, if NEEDLEMAN could get him into the United States in such a way that he would not have to come as a witness, or sign any affidavits. COWAN, according to CHILDS, wanted to come to the United States as a law abiding businessman. (S)(u)

NEEDLEMAN asked whether COWAN was a CP member. CHILDS said he was not. CHILDS mentioned that COWAN is the head of a non-communist Jewish organization. (S)(u)

CHILDS inquired whether FORER and REIN, Washington, D.C. attorneys, could do anything. NEEDLEMAN replied that they would require all the information. (S)(u)

CHILDS decided that the matter could wait until the status of the CP registration case was clarified. (S)(u)

NEEDLEMAN then discussed with CHILDS the position of the CP, USA as regards certain organizations. He mentioned having recently given (raised ?) \$100.00 (possibly to the Citizens Committee for Constitutional Liberties), not knowing that MIRIAM FRIEDLANDER did not enjoy the support of the organization (CP ?). CHILDS promised that GUS HALL would give NEEDLEMAN a list of acceptable organizations. (S)(u)

CHILDS then indicated that GUS HALL was annoyed with the firm of Wolf, Popper and Company because they had failed to understand that a substantial contribution they had made was not a one-shot proposition but was expected of them every year. (S)(u)

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CHILDS told NEEDLEMAN that until his health improved he (NEEDLEMAN) would be relieved of handling money to be paid to DANNY RUBIN. (S)(u)

The informant was under the impression that the problem of setting up a system of communication between NEEDLEMAN and the SEBORER brothers in Russia was also discussed. (S)(u)

According to NY 3225-S*, NEEDLEMAN gave CHILDS some letters from JACOB and ROSE ROVINSKY, possibly to show to GUS HALL. (S)(u)

On this occasion CHILDS asked whether NEEDLEMAN knew JACK PERRY in London. NEEDLEMAN did not know this individual but had heard of him as a "big shot" businessman. CHILDS said PERRY is a close friend of JACK COWAN. (S)(u)

NEEDLEMAN subsequently introduced SAM BARD to CHILDS and mentioned that BARD wanted to go into a business. CHILDS stated it was not a simple matter, but that in a few weeks someone would be coming down (from Canada?) and they could then see what was available. (S)(u)

JACK ROVINSKY (S)(u)

On December 23, 1963, an anonymous source of the NYO advised that NEEDLEMAN was the recipient of an unsigned letter from JACK ROVINSKY, dated December 11, 1963 (at Peking, China). ROVINSKY enclosed a summary of an article which had appeared in the Chinese monthly literary journal "Wen Yi Pao." This article criticized modern revisionist art and particularly the Soviet film director G. CHUKHRAI in connection with some of his statements and some of the films directed by him. (S)(u)

In this letter ROVINSKY stated that he still considered "Ballad of a Soldier" a fine, sensitive, worthwhile anti-war story. (S)(u)

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On January 17, 1964, an anonymous source of the NYO reported that JACK ROVINSKY wrote NEEDLEMAN an unsigned letter dated January 5, 1964 (at Peking, China) acknowledging receipt of a communication from NEEDLEMAN dated December 18, 1963. (X)(u)

ROVINSKY indicated that he (and his family) expected to leave China by the end of July or sometime in August, 1964, although he had a two year leave of absence (from Cuba), which under certain circumstances could be extended to three years. He stated that he had signed a one year contract (with the Chinese) and that he pretty much expected not to renew it. Since he had leave of absence, he thought he would like to have the experience of working in another socialist country. ROVINSKY told NEEDLEMAN that there was a fundamental difference between those who are "invited" to work in a given country, and those that are not "invited" but come on their own. He stated that this difference applied to the level of the work, classification, and pay, and was not necessarily predicated on individual capabilities. For this reason, ROVINSKY said he would prefer to go to another country on the basis of an "invitation." (X)(u)

ROVINSKY suggested that working in the Soviet Union would probably provide the sharpest contrast, but work in some other country might prove equally interesting. He indicated that his wife had been teaching English on a university level, and that he had been working as an "expert" in the English language and also doing some translation work from Spanish into English. (X)(u)

ROVINSKY ended by saying that he would welcome any ideas or suggestions NEEDLEMAN might have. (X)(u)

On January 23, 1964, the same source reported that JACK ROVINSKY wrote NEEDLEMAN an undated and unsigned note acknowledging receipt of NEEDLEMAN's letter of December 26, 1963. In this communication ROVINSKY stated that he had told "EPY" (EPSTEIN ?) that NEEDLEMAN had (X)(u)

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acknowledged regards received from "EPY" via London. ROVINSKY remarked that he runs into "EPY" more frequently than he does into FRANK (COE ?). He added that he had seen FRANK at the New Year's dinner that is given for foreign "experts" and their families. (X)(u)

[The SEBORER Brothers] (X)(u)

In January, 1964, NY 694-S* advised that on January 1, 1964, TIM BUCK, Chairman of the Canadian CP, advised him that while he was in Moscow during the summer of 1963, NEEDLEMAN had been there too. BUCK related that both he and NEEDLEMAN had been invited to an "exciting party" which BUCK was unable to attend because of a previous appointment, but which NEEDLEMAN did attend and subsequently described to BUCK. (X)(u)

^{Adams} ^{me. + ns.} The party was given by ARTHUR ADAMS and his wife, DOROTHY, in their apartment in Moscow. The SEBORER brothers were also present. (X)(u) *Russian* *1887*

NEEDLEMAN told BUCK that ADAMS is 77 years old, is in complete retirement, and enjoys the privileges of an honored individual, with the rank of an Army Colonel. (X)(u)

BUCK was surprised that NEEDLEMAN knew ADAMS as well as he apparently did. (X)(u)

On January 8, 1964, NY 1286-S* advised that LOUISE PATTERSON informed NEEDLEMAN that her daughter had written that she had straightened out the matter of the eyeglasses (for the SEBORER brothers in Moscow). (X)(u)

Information regarding contacts of NEEDLEMAN has been disseminated to the appropriate individual case files. This information has been carefully considered along with other data already contained in such files and wherever necessary additional investigation is being conducted. (X)(u)

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No specific leads are set out concerning known individuals with whom NEEDLEMAN had been in contact. Whenever these persons appear to be engaged in activities that seem to be consistent with activities peculiar to a Communist apparatus, they are made the subjects of separate investigations. The results of these investigations are analyzed to determine whether these individuals are engaged in any clandestine activity in the intelligence or political fields. In this manner, the NEEDLEMAN file operates as a control file. (S) u

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NY T-4
NY 2561-S* (S)

NY T-5
CSNY 1541-S

134-842-3419

NY T-6
FRANCES HOPE DAVIS
Northampton, Mass.
(Request)

100-29100 (Boston)

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EJ 253-S*

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NY 3527-S

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<p>✓ NY T-9 Confidential Mailbox (S)(u) NYO</p>	<p>100-10769-1B659</p>
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<p>✓ NY T-10 JOSEPH TYSLIAVA 412 Bedford Ave., Brooklyn, NY (Request)</p>	<p>100-20241</p>
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<p>✓ NY T-11 LOUIS F. BUDENZ (Request)</p>	<p>To characterize: LEONARD BOUDIN 100-68223 SAM NEUBURGER 100-98924 ANNETTE RUBINSTEIN 62-8988 WILLIAM L. STANDARD 100-18430</p>
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<p>✓ NY T-12 NY 694-S* (S)(u)</p>	
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<p>✓ NY T-13 HARRY ZENITH (S)(u) (PSI, Chicago)</p>	<p>A134-1184 (Chicago) (S)(u)</p>
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<p>✓ NY T-16 Former NY 1537-S* (S)(u)</p>	
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✓ NY T-17
✓ BELLA V. DODD
(Request)

To characterize:
BLANCH FREEDMAN 100-102359
RUSS NIXON 100-90750
PAUL ROSS 100-93787
MAX SEBORER 100-118948
CELIA ZITRON 100-1944

✓ NY T-18
✓ NY 388-S* (X)(u)

✓ NY T-19
✓ SORITA PUEBLA
Office Manager
Hecla Press
225 Varick St.
NYC
(Request)

100-123034

✓ NY T-20
✓ RCMP (S)

100-57446-4 p. 1

✓ NY T-21
✓ CG 5824-S* (X)(u)

NY T-22
NY 1196-S* (X)(u)

✓ NY T-23
"KAN" (CG 15-X)(u)
(Deceased)

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✓ NY T-24
✓ NY 384-S (X)(u)

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✓ NY T-25
✓ NY 751-S* (X)(u)

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NATHANIEL GOLDSTEIN
Former NYS AG
6/26/52 letter to Director,
FBI

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✓ NY T-27
NY 3477 (PSI)

100-144252

✓ NY T-28
LA 3512-S (S)(u)

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✓ NY T-31
Former NH 281-S
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66-3146-2 (New Haven)

✓ NY T-32
Former CSNY 301-S (S)(u)

100-26603-1A883

✓ NY T-33
CSNY 1

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✓ NY T-34
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LEADS

NEW YORK

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK. 1. Will continue to ascertain NEEDLEMAN's activities and to identify his contacts. (S) 7

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2. Will continue to monitor NEEDLEMAN's accounts at the Amalgamated Bank, New York City, and to report pertinent details. (A) 2

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1. Subject's name is included in the Security Index.
2. The data appearing on the Security Index card are current.
3. Changes on the Security Index card are necessary and Form FD-122 has been submitted to the Bureau.
4. A suitable photograph is is not available.
5. Subject is employed in a key facility and _____ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____.
6. This report is classified Confidential because (state reason) undue disclosure of information furnished by [NY T-1, NY T-2, and NY T-4] might compromise these sensitive and productive sources. ~~(S)~~(u)
7. Subject previously interviewed (dates) _____.
 Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason) _____.
8. This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
9. This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason) subject continues to participate in the affairs of CP front organizations and to hold revolutionary beliefs. He is suspected of espionage activity and is therefore considered a dangerous individual likely to commit inimical acts.
10. Subject's SI card is is not tabbed Detcom.
 Subject's activities do do not warrant Detcom tabbing.

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DETAILS:

Characterizations of individuals with whom NEEDLEMAN has associated, as well as of the organizations and publications mentioned in this report, have been set out in the Appendix. (S)

It is noted that inasmuch as the informants in this report have not furnished sufficient identifying information concerning all the individuals named as contacts of NEEDLEMAN, it is not known whether in every instance they are identical with individuals of the same name regarding whom information from other sources is set out. (S)

Residence

(S)(u)
On February 22, 1964, NY T-1 advised that NEEDLEMAN continues to reside in apartment 18D at 444 Central Park West, New York City, with his wife, EDITH NEEDLEMAN.

Employment

(S)(u) (S)(u)
On February 24, 1964, NY T-2 reported that NEEDLEMAN continues the practice of law in his own office which is part of Suite 2810 at 165 Broadway, New York City.

Family Matters

~~Needleman~~ (S)(u) (u)
Towards the end of December, 1963, NY T-1 advised that NEEDLEMAN's son, DAVID, arrived home from the University of Wisconsin, on December 31, 1963, for the Christmas holidays. W-7

At the end of January, 1964, the same informant learned that EDITH NEEDLEMAN had taken oral and written examinations to qualify for a license in guidance work and would soon undergo the required physical examination. (S)(u)

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At the end of December, 1963, NY T-4 advised that SEMENOV informed NEEDLEMAN that Amtorg had obtained an extension from the Internal Revenue Service and would have until January 30, 1964, to answer the Internal Revenue Service thirty day letter in connection with the Amtorg tax case. SEMENOV indicated that at the expiration of this period of grace an additional thirty days would be allowed. (S) (u)

Early in January, 1964, NY T-2 reported that NEEDLEMAN discussed with JOSEPH FEINSTEIN a memorandum which SEMENOV and FEINSTEIN planned to dictate on January 6, 1964. FEINSTEIN expected this dictation would be ready by January 7 and that then NEEDLEMAN, or whoever was designated to handle the matter, could look it over and decide what to do. NEEDLEMAN declared that he did not want to take the blame if anything went wrong. (S) (u)

FEINSTEIN expressed annoyance because the Russians seemed to take the attitude that the Amtorg tax case was a joke. He intimated that if SEMENOV could be considered stupid, MALOV was twice as stupid. FEINSTEIN said he could not figure out what they had in mind. (S) (u)

During the first few days of January, 1964, NY T-3 advised that WILLIAM L. STANDARD visited NEEDLEMAN's office on January 2, 1964. NEEDLEMAN related that SEMENOV and his wife had dropped in at the NEEDLEMAN apartment on New Year's Eve, before going to their party at the Soviet Delegation to the United Nations. NEEDLEMAN mentioned that SEMENOV and FEINSTEIN were to dictate a "factual memorandum" in preparation for answering the government in connection with the tax case. (S) (u)

NEEDLEMAN told STANDARD that he did not want to be associated with this matter in such a way that the Russians could blame him if something went wrong. He and STANDARD speculated as to the reasons which might be keeping the Russians from selecting counsel. NEEDLEMAN thought it was possibly that a top level agreement had already been reached. (S) (u)

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A few days later, NY T-1 advised that ~~JOSEPH CROWN~~ informed NEEDLEMAN that SEMENOV had recently been in to see him and had complained that Amtorg was being discriminated against by the Treasury Department. CROWN said he had assured SEMENOV that such was not the case, and that this was the way the Internal Revenue Service worked. (S) (u)

CROWN said that SEMENOV had requested legible copies of the tax report and had thought of considering the date of receipt of these legible copies, rather than the date of the report, as the beginning of the thirty day period. (S) (u)

CROWN said he had advised against this procedure inasmuch as Amtorg would probably have to request further extensions. (S) (u)

During the early part of January, 1964, NY T-4 reported that NEEDLEMAN called the attention of SEMENOV to an item in "The New York Times" of January 9, 1963, which reflected a boycott of all Soviet cargo by dockworkers on the eastern seaboard. NEEDLEMAN expressed the opinion that the time was now favorable for bringing suit against the Department of State. SEMENOV said he would think this over. (S) (u)

Shortly after the middle of January, 1964, the above informant reported that FEINSTEIN informed NEEDLEMAN that SEMENOV and MALOV would be leaving for Moscow on January 17, 1964. (S) (u)

FEINSTEIN stated that he had an eleven page schedule in Russian, which MALOV had prepared. FEINSTEIN said he would translate it and give a copy of it to NEEDLEMAN so that he would know what it was all about when SEMENOV and MALOV returned. (S) (u)

During the latter part of January, 1964, NY T-3 related that FEINSTEIN showed NEEDLEMAN the document he had translated from Russian into English, which pertained to the Amtorg tax case and which was to be sent to the Internal Revenue Service. NEEDLEMAN read it and made a (S) (u)

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