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1. THE FBI HAS REQUESTED THAT BALMES HIDALGO BE INTERVIEWED RELATIVE TO ANY KNOWLEDGE HE MAY HAVE CONCERNING POSSIBLE COMMUNIST PARTY MEMBERSHIP OF CORLISS LAMONT, THE INTERNATIONALLY-KNOWN LECTURER AND AUTHOR. LAMONT IS A FORMER CHAIRMAN OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF AMERICAN-SOVIET FRIENDSHIP.
2. IF HIDALGO HAS NO PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE OF LAMONT'S COMMUNIST PARTY MEMBERSHIP, THE FBI HAS REQUESTED THAT HE BE ASKED FOR THE NAMES OF ANY INDIVIDUALS WHO HE MIGHT THINK WOULD BE IN A POSITION TO FURNISH INFORMATION OF THIS NATURE.
3. THE FBI HAS REQUESTED THAT THIS INQUIRY OF THEIR'S BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL.
4. YOU ARE, THEREFORE, REQUESTED TO INTERVIEW BALMES HIDALGO AND DETERMINE WHETHER HE HAS ANY KNOWLEDGE CONCERNING CORLISS LAMONT'S MEMBERSHIP IN THE COMMUNIST PARTY AND/OR WHETHER HE COULD FURNISH THE NAMES AND OTHER IDENTIFYING DATA OF INDIVIDUALS WHO MIGHT BE IN A POSITION TO FURNISH SUCH INFORMATION.
5. AN EARLY REPLY WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

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