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FRED WILLIAM ONICK
Born: July 4, 1921
San Francisco, California

No investigation pertinent to your inquiry has been conducted by the FBI concerning the captioned individual. However, the files of this Bureau reflect the following information which may relate to the former spouse of your subject, his father and his present spouse.

Transmitted herewith is one report reflecting the results of a Loyalty of Government Employees investigation concerning Vera Onick conducted by the FBI in 1949.

A confidential informant who has furnished reliable information in the past advised that William Onick, 2952 Jackson Street, San Francisco, California, was a member of and active in the leadership of the Russian-American Society at San Francisco during the years 1943 and 1944. The Russian-American Society has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

With reference to the above, the 1944 San Francisco City Directory listed a William F. Onick, a carpenter, whose wife's name was Anisia, as being a resident of 2952 Jackson Street, San Francisco, California. The 1950 Marin County Directories, which include San Francisco, listed a William Fred Onick, a salesman, who resided at 26 Rocklyn Court, Corte Madera, California, and a William F. Onick, a carpenter, whose wife's name of Anisia, at the same address.

Our files reflect that according to a source which has furnished reliable information in the past, Valentina Belobrodski was born February 12, 1923, and was married April 23, 1945, Vancouver, British Columbia, to Frederick W. Onick. They resided, as of July, 1955, at 3717 - 26th Place, Seattle, Washington.

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According to the same source, Valentina Belobrodski was employed by the Soviet Purchasing Commission in Vancouver, from May 31, 1946, until February, 1947. She performed secretarial duties for three Soviet officials, on of whom (S.G. Lukianov) has been subsequently positively identified as a Soviet intelligence agent. The source reported in November, 1946, that the Belobrodski family had long been connected with the Russian Workers and Farmers Club and its successor the Federation of Russian Canadians. Belobrolski was reported to be on the Board of Directors of the Canadian Soviet Friendship Council. In 1950, source reported that Miss Belobrodski was secretary in the sales branch of the American Can Company. Her brother Walter was reportedly a member of the Polish Democratic Association, a Communist controlled organization. Her parents, John and Pauline were also reportedly active in the same organization. It was reported that Miss Belobrodski admitted former membership in the Canadian Soviet Friendship League and also the Federation of Russian Canadians for cultural and social purposes, in 1950. She denied connection with the Canadian Soviet Friendship League at that time. She also denied knowledge of Lukianov's intelligence activities. In 1955, the same source reported that Walter Belobrodski is a member of the Labor-Progressive Party (Communist).

Valentina Belobrodski applied for permission to enter the United States in 1946. In 1950 she visited the United States at the death of her brother, John Thomas Bielobrocki in Chicago, Illinois, May 30, 1950.

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Title: VERA ONICK, aka Vera Orloff,
Mrs. Fred William Onick
Clerk Stenographer - Appointee
San Francisco Port of Embarkation
Department of the Army
Fort Mason, California
LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

Report of: Special Agent Floyd B. Barrus

Date and Place: March 7, 1949
San Francisco, California

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I. PERSONAL HISTORY

Appointee's Loyalty Data Form reflects her to have been born March 24, 1923, San Francisco, California. She attended the Tamalpais Union High School, Mill Valley, California 1938 to 1941, and the California Secretarial School, San Francisco, from September 1941 to June 1942. Began employment with the U. S. Food and Drug Administration, Federal Office Building, San Francisco, in July 1942, where she worked until September 1943, at which time she transferred to the District Supply Office, U. S. Navy, Twelfth Naval District, San Francisco. She worked at this position until May 1947. From May 1947 until November 1948, she was unemployed and resided with her parents at 3667 - 18th Street, San Francisco. She received an appointment as Clerk Stenographer with the San Francisco Port of Embarkation, Fort Mason, California, on November 19, 1948. She is divorced from FRED WILLIAM ONICK.

Confidential informant San Francisco T-1, who is acquainted with the appointee, advised that appointee has a daughter born December 4, 1947, and that she still resides with her parents at 3667 - 18th Street, San Francisco, California.

II. BASIS FOR INVESTIGATION

The San Francisco Chronicle, a San Francisco daily newspaper, on December 26, 1945, carried a picture identified as VERA ORLOFF and her sister, OLGA, and that of Mrs. MICHAIL S. VAVILOV, wife of the Russian Consul General of San Francisco. The article accompanying this picture stated that the three had been planning details of a celebration on New Year's Eve, which event would mark the finis to a victory loan drive, which event was being sponsored by the All-Slavic Council of Northern California.

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Confidential Informant San Francisco T-5, who is familiar with Slavic activities in the San Francisco Bay area, and has provided reliable information in the past, advised that the All-Slavic Council of Northern California was formed in 1942 as an outgrowth of the All-Slav Committee. It presently functions as a fund-raising group and annually promotes the All-Slavic New Year's Eve ball for the benefit of the Russian, Yugoslav and Czechoslovak nationality groups, having representation in the Council. In previous years, although known Communists are members of this organization, relatively little pressure had been exerted by those members to influence this organization. This organization is not officially connected with the American Slav Congress in New York City, although the American Slav Congress has always tried to exert pressure on this organization. T-5 stated that the newly elected officers of the All-Slavic Council of Northern California for 1948 are definitely pro-Communist or Communist Party members. As a result of the election of officers for 1948, the members of the Czechoslovak nationality who are not Communists or Communist sympathisers have withdrawn from the Council. T-5 believes that the Council will probably in the near future affiliate itself officially with the American Slav Congress in New York. He stated that the American Slav Congress in New York is definitely controlled by Communists.

III. RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION

There is attached a photostatic copy of the picture of appointee, her sister, OLGA, and Mrs. MICHAIL S. VAVILOV, appearing in the San Francisco Chronicle December 26, 1945, which was referred to in the Basis for this investigation.

Confidential informant SF-1159, a reliable informant who declines to furnish a signed statement or appear before a Loyalty Hearing Board, advised that in 1944 appointee was known to him as a member of the Russian American Society in San Francisco, and that she had taken part in a meeting of that society held November 11, 1944 celebrating the Twenty-Seventh Anniversary of the Soviet Union.

This informant advised that he knew appointee's father, JOHN ORLOFF, to have been extremely active in the Russian American Society in San Francisco from 1943 and to have acted as Treasurer part of this time. He described ORLOFF as ambitious and stubborn and always desirous of being the leader. He stated that inasmuch as ORLOFF could not replace VICTOR ARNAUTOFF as President of the Russian American Society, he devoted his attention to the All-Slavic Council of Northern California; however, he continued his membership in the Russian American Society. In the All-

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Slavic Council of Northern California he was elected President on January 28, 1948, which position he has occupied to the present time. He stated that ORLOFF had considerable contact with members of the Russian Consulate in San Francisco prior to its closing in the fall of 1948. He stated that in November of 1946 JOHN ORLOFF attended a meeting of the Russian American Society, at which time he reported on his personal impressions of the All-Slav Congress held in the summer of 1946 in New York City. He remarked over the great enthusiasm with which STALIN and TITO's messages to the Congress were received. Informant further stated that at this meeting, ORLOFF distributed two bottles of Russian made vodka to those present at the meeting for the purpose of drinking a toast to Comrade STALIN. The vodka had been a gift of former San Francisco Consul General JACOB LOMAKIN, whom ORLOFF had seen in New York City.

Informant stated that JOHN ORLOFF had told him that in July 1944 three Russian engineers had visited the factory of the A. Lietz Company in San Francisco, which company manufactures nautical and surveying instruments. He stated that these engineers had been taken on a tour of the factory by a representative of the company, and one of them indicated an interest in a magnetic needle and wanted to know the metal from which it was made. ORLOFF told the informant that he had been the translator, and that the company official leading the tour at the factory refused to furnish this information to the Russian engineer, saying that it was secret. ORLOFF told informant that he then told the Russian engineer, in Russian, that the metal was not secret because all the workers knew about it, and that he, ORLOFF, would get anything the visitors wanted. Informant did not know whether the instrument had been obtained for the Russians by ORLOFF, and he could furnish no additional information in this regard.

SF-1159 advised that in July 1947 at a meeting of the Communist Party faction within the Russian American Society, it had been recommended that JOHN ORLOFF be recruited into the Communist Party. All Party members present at the meeting, with the exception of one or two, had concurred in the recommendation. Informant stated that ORLOFF subsequently declined the invitation to join the Party, stating that he does the work anyway, and does not have time to attend meetings and participate in other direct Party activities.

Informant stated that ORLOFF is definitely a Communist sympathizer; he is an "old Socialist" and, therefore, his ideas sometime deviate from the actual Party line. However, he generally follows the Party line.

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Informant added that ORLOFF is very favorable to the U.S.S.R., and that anything Russia does is correct to his way of thinking, and he always finds some way to justify any act on the part of Russia. Informant expressed the opinion that in an emergency, he thinks ORLOFF would favor Russia, but he is not sure whether this would be reflected in any overt acts.

The Russian American Society was founded in San Francisco, California on June 20, 1941 and was incorporated in the State of California in November 1941. Confidential informant SF-1152, who is affiliated with the Russian American Society at San Francisco and who also was a member of the Communist Party, has advised that the organization was comprised of ninety-four members as of January 1, 1948. Informant stated that a section of the Communist Party members and followers of the Communist Party line, has control of the organization. According to the informant, the emphasis of the Russian American Society activities is placed on the dissemination of propaganda on behalf of Soviet Russia.

The Communist Party, USA, has been declared by Attorney General TOM C. CLARK to be within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

Confidential informant SF-1180, an informant of known reliability who declines to furnish a signed statement or appear before a Loyalty Hearing Board, advised that JOHN ORLOFF in July 1944 was host to LUKO ZAPOROCHENKO and TOVSTYKH on ORLOVSKY, Consulate employees, in showing them around the A. Lietz Company factory, San Francisco, where ORLOFF was employed. Informant stated that the company manufactured nautical instruments, and that, while being shown through the factory, ORLOVSKY became interested in a certain item in the factory and wished to take a sample of it, but at that time it had not been possible to take it. Informant stated that subsequently ORLOFF contacted Consulate employees advising them that he had the sample for ORLOVSKY, in which he was interested, and was desirous of delivering it to ORLOVSKY and explain its operation. Informant did not know just what this object consisted.

In a previous investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Mr. ADOLPH LIETZ, President of the A. Lietz Company, San Francisco, California, was contacted with reference to the instrument which JOHN ORLOFF was alleged to have delivered to the Russian engineers. Mr. LIETZ advised that the company made no instruments or equipment which could be considered restricted, confidential or secret.

Confidential informant SF-1557, an informant known to be reliable and who declines to furnish a signed statement or appear before a Loyalty Hearing Board, advised that JOHN ORLOFF was President of the All-Slav

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Council of Northern California and, in this capacity, had presided as Chairman of a meeting held on February 18, 1948 at the Czech-Sokol Hall, San Francisco, for the purpose of making plans for the appearance of ZLATKO BALOKOVICH, Vice President and Chairman of the American-Slav Congress. Informant stated that BALOKOVICH's appearance in San Francisco was primarily for the purpose of raising funds for the support of HENRY WALLACE of the Third Party. Informant stated that ORLOFF had acted as toast-master for the BALOKOVICH banquet, which was held at the Czech-Sokol Hall, San Francisco, March 20, 1948.

Informant advised that JOHN ORLOFF had been one of the members of the All-Slav Council of Northern California who had been elected as a delegate to attend the Fourth American-Slav Congress, which was held at the Hotel Stephens, Chicago, Illinois, September 24, 25, 26, 1948. He stated that upon his return from Chicago, ORLOFF reported there were 1400 delegates present at the American-Slav Congress, and that $10,000 had been collected in order to support the Independent Progressive Party in the election of HENRY WALLACE.

ORLOFF told informant that he had been in charge of the farewell banquet which was held to honor the Soviet Consul General, KONSTANTIN ZVEREV on September 4, 1948 at the Russian Hall, 321 Divisadero Street, San Francisco.

Informant further stated that, as President of the All-Slav Council, ORLOFF had acted as Chairman of a meeting held in San Francisco on October 15, 1948 for the purpose of assisting HENRY WALLACE's campaign. ORLOFF spoke in behalf of the campaign and introduced DAVID JENKINS, Director of the California Labor School and President of the American Russian Institute in San Francisco. SF-1537 further stated that JOHN ORLOFF had been in charge of the WALLACE Campaign in San Francisco insofar as all Russian activities were concerned.

The California Labor School, the American Russian Institute in San Francisco, and the American-Slav Congress have all been declared by Attorney General TOM C. CLARK as being within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

Confidential informant SF-1510, a member of the Communist Party who is reliable, advised that CLEPA O'CONNOR YATES, Chairman of the Communist Party in San Francisco County, addressed the Press School of the Communist Party at the California Labor School, 240 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, on February 12, 1948. Informant reported that YATES stated to the Communists that they could not relax merely because

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they had secured enough signatures to get the Independent Progressive Party on the ballot in California, but that they must work all the harder because the Communists are the core of the Third Party, it is built around Communists and Communists must be in every Independent Progressive Party meeting, every convention, and all unions and organizations of any kind.

Confidential informant San Francisco T-1, who is acquainted with appointee and her family and who is in a position to have information concerning their loyalty, advised that appointee has been active in social activities sponsored by the All-Slav Council of Northern California, and the Russian American Society and other Russian groups in San Francisco. He stated that appointee and her family were acquainted with employees of the Russian Consulate in San Francisco prior to its closing in the fall of 1948.

He stated that appointee's parents were both born in Russia, and that both enjoy associating with other Russian people and in speaking the Russian language.

He stated that he did not believe that the appointee was a member of the Communist Party or particularly sympathetic to Communism or that she is particularly interested in any form of Government. He stated that he believed that she associated with the Russian groups because her parents do, and that they have developed friends among the Russian people, mainly because of their common background.

Informant stated that he believes appointee's father is pro-Communist from the various conversations that they have had. He stated that he did not recall exact statements, but that he was continually upholding Communism and the Russian form of Government. He stated that he had never seen any Communist Party membership card in possession of appointee's father.

He knows appointee's parents exert a great deal of influence over her, which was the main reason for her divorce from FRED WILLIAM ONICK. He stated that appointee was married to ONICK for five or six months; that ONICK was a veteran of the Second World War; that he had continued his National Service Life Insurance with his parents named as beneficiaries. ONICK had planned on having his beneficiaries changed, but appointee's father had made a big issue over the matter and had given ONICK a period of time in which to change the beneficiaries. Informant stated that ONICK resented the attitude of his father-in-law and refused to change it at that time. Appointee's father, thereupon, instructed appointee to leave

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ONICK, which she did, and she shortly thereafter instituted divorce proceedings. He stated there were probably other differences between appointee and her husband which might have caused them to separate, but believes that if appointee had defied her father on this issue there would have been no divorce.

He stated that appointee never at any time questioned the instructions of her father in this respect, and that she had been taught to obey her parents without question. It was informant's opinion that if her father requested her to obtain confidential information from the Government, that appointee would probably obtain same.

Informant stated that appointee separated from her husband in May 1947 and filed for divorce in August of that same year. He stated that the divorce was not yet final. Appointee has a daughter born December 4, 1947.

This informant declined to furnish a signed statement or appear before a Loyalty Hearing Board.

During the course of a previous investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service in San Francisco were examined and found to reflect that on April 23, 1940, KIRIL TOWSTIKA, also known as JOHN ORLOFF, filed petition for naturalization. These records reflected that he filed his declaration of intention on August 23, 1937 in San Francisco and was born at Pinsk, Russia, on May 10, 1894. He married his wife, ALICE, on December 31, 1919 at San Francisco. They have two children, VERA born March 24, 1925, and OLGA born November 15, 1927, both at San Francisco. ORLOFF claimed to have entered the United States as JOHN ORLOFF in May 1911 at Detroit, Michigan, arriving from Nova Scotia. His last foreign address was Kiev Ukraine, Russia. He was naturalized in United States District Court, San Francisco, July 29, 1940.

ROBERT PATON, Agent, 117th CIC Detachment, San Francisco Port of Embarkation, Department of the Army, Fort Mason, California, made available personnel records reflecting VERA ORLOFF to have been born March 24, 1925 at San Francisco; her parents were shown as JOHN IGNATI ORLOFF, born in Russia in 1895, father, and her mother as ALICE KASTERKEN, born in Russia in 1900. Her address was shown as 3667 - 18th Street, San Francisco, California.

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These records reflected that she began Federal employment as a Junior Clerk-Stenographer with the United States Food and Drug Administration, Federal Security Agency, San Francisco, California, on July 27, 1942. She terminated this employment due to a reduction in force at the Food and Drug Administration, and transferred to the District Supply Office, U. S. Navy, Twelfth Naval District, Staff Headquarters, San Francisco, as a Junior Clerk-Stenographer, on September 13, 1943. These records reflect that her name was changed to VERA CHICK on November 17, 1946. She voluntarily resigned from her employment with the Navy on May 29, 1947, giving as her reason household duties. On November 19, 1948, she was given a temporary appointment as a Clerk-Stenographer at the San Francisco Port of Embarkation, Fort Mason, where she has been employed in the Personnel Section to the present time.

ALBERT H. MANCHESTER, Chief of Salary and Wage Administration, Civilian Personnel Branch, Fort Mason, advised that appointee has been employed under his supervision during the period of her employment in that installation. He stated that he has never heard her make any remarks which would indicate dissatisfaction with our form of Government or sympathy with Communism. He stated that she was a very satisfactory employee and well regarded by her fellow employees.

MARY SUE FRIEDMAN, Classifier in the Civilian Personnel Branch, Fort Mason, advised that she has been acquainted with appointee during the period of time she has been working at Fort Mason. She stated that she has given dictation to appointee on numerous occasions and has engaged her in conversation concerning her family; never, at any time, did she make any remark indicating that she or members of her family were opposed to our Democratic system of Government or advocating any changes. Miss FRIEDMAN stated that appointee has great admiration for her parents and particularly her father, who drives her to and from work.

Captain JAMES T. HEAM, United States Navy, Retired, 861 Sutter Street, Apartment 601, San Francisco, California, advised that appointee had been under his supervision during the entire period of her employment with the Navy. He said that appointee had been a very satisfactory employee and that he considered her reliable in all respects. He stated that he knew appointee had associated with Russian groups in San Francisco and has heard her, on numerous occasions, speak of social activities sponsored by these groups which she has attended. He stated that he was invited to, and had attended, appointee's wedding, which was held in a local Russian church.

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He stated that it was a large wedding and it was attended by almost the entire Russian group in San Francisco. He stated that he has never heard appointee make any remark that would indicate that she was opposed to our system of Government or advocating changes. He believes her to be thoroughly loyal to our Government.

ALICE FRODSHAL, Chief Clerk, District Supply Office, United States Navy, San Francisco, advised that she, likewise, was acquainted with appointee during the entire period of her employment with the Navy in San Francisco. She stated that appointee, on numerous occasions, spoke of various social functions which she had attended which were sponsored by Russian groups in San Francisco. She stated that appointee never discussed politics or the aims and purposes of the various groups with which she was associated. She does not know what appointee's sympathies are in regard to our country, but stated that she has had no occasion to question her loyalty to this Government.

Mrs. GEORGE REYNOLDS, 206 Grattan Street, San Francisco, advised that she was employed as a stenographer with the United States Navy in San Francisco during that period of time that appointee was so employed. She stated that she became very well acquainted with appointee and has had numerous discussions with her. She stated that appointee had never mentioned the policies or aims and purposes of the various Russian groups in San Francisco, but she made mention to them on numerous occasions and stated that she enjoyed attending their social functions. She stated that appointee did not seem concerned over the merits of the various forms of Government, and it was her belief that appointee is not particularly sympathetic to Communism and, at the same time, was not especially concerned about our own form of Government. She stated that she has never heard appointee make any remark which would indicate that she was disloyal to the Government of the United States.

Mrs. REYNOLDS stated that she has heard appointee remark, on several different occasions, that her father had been active in some Russian organization. She stated that she did not recall the name of the organization or what part he had taken in it. She declined to furnish a signed statement or appear before a Loyalty Hearing Board, stating that the information which she had was non-specific, and that it was mainly opinions which she had drawn through conversations had with appointee.

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At the Food and Drug Administration Office, Federal Office Building, San Francisco, California, Miss ANN HERSHORNE, Clerk, was contacted with reference to appointee during her employment with that Administration. She stated that she was well acquainted with the appointee; they had worked in the same office. She knows appointee to have been active in the various social functions of Russian groups in San Francisco. She stated that she has never heard appointee discuss any Russian activities other than the social functions, and has no information which would reflect unfavorably upon appointee's loyalty.

Mrs. EVELYN HASSEL, Administrative Assistant, Food and Drug Administration, San Francisco, advised she was likewise acquainted with appointee during the period of her employment with that office. She has had no occasion to question appointee's loyalty and regards her as being a patriotic citizen, having heard nothing to the contrary.

ANDREW J. BROWN, Assistant Chief, Food and Drug Administration, San Francisco, advised that he was acquainted with appointee during her employment in that office, and that he has engaged appointee in discussions on numerous occasions, but their discussions have been confined, in the most part, to affairs of the office. He stated that he has never heard appointee make any remark which would indicate that she was sympathetic to Communism or any other foreign type of Government or ideology.

At the Tamalpais Union High School, Mill Valley, California, Mrs. M. J. WHITE, Dean of Girls, made a search of her records and was unable to find a scholastic record of appointee. She was able, however, to find a record showing appointee to have graduated from that school on June 15, 1941. She stated that it was her recollection that appointee had been there since 1938. She explained that the record had probably been misplaced, but she recalled appointee as being a better-than-average student and one whose conduct at school had been above reproach. She stated that appointee was not radical in her speech or attitude, and that, to her knowledge, she was never associated with any activities which would reflect upon her loyalty to the Government of the United States.

Mrs. H. STANLEY, Secretary in Charge of Records at the Tamalpais Union High School, stated that she, likewise, recalled appointee attending the high school, and regarded her as being thoroughly loyal to the Government of the United States and had never received any information to the contrary.

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Mrs. HELEN PRIEST, Registrar at the California Secretarial School, 582 Market Street, San Francisco, made available records of that school showing appointee to have attended from September 2, 1942 and to have taken a secretarial course. Mrs. PRIEST stated that she recalled appointee as being an excellent student who was never associated with any activities of a disloyal nature. She believed her to be loyal to the Government of the United States. Inquiry failed to reflect any other instructors at the secretarial school who recalled appointee.

Mrs. NICHOLAS STAMATOFF, 93 Montford Avenue, Mill Valley, California, advised that she was a neighbor to appointee and her family in Mill Valley until the family moved from there in 1941. She stated that she had taught music to appointee during several years prior to their leaving the neighborhood. She stated that she had never received any information reflecting appointee or her parents to be sympathetic to Communism or any other foreign type of Government. She believes them to be loyal to the Government of the United States.

Mrs. W. G. WALSH, 234 Evergreen, Mill Valley, advised that she lived as neighbor to appointee and family prior to 1941. She regards the entire family as being loyal to the Government of the United States, inasmuch as she has never heard anything to the contrary.

Mr. WILLIAM ONICK, Rocklynd Court, Corte Madera, Marin County, California, advised that he is the father to FRED WILLIAM ONICK, to whom the appointee was married prior to their separation in May 1947. He stated that appointee and his son had lived in an apartment owned by him at 3338 - 17th Street, San Francisco. He stated that due to the separation of his son and appointee, there was considerable ill feeling between the two families. He believes that appointee is too closely controlled by her parents, and that they had interfered to the point where a separation was necessary. He advised that his son had served in the United States Army during the Second World War and had accumulated considerable money, which he had given to him, Mr. ONICK, after a serious illness. He stated that after appointee was married to his son, appointee's father, JOHN ORLOFF, had instructed his son to obtain this money back from his father. He stated that his son had given him the money during a period of time when he, Mr. ONICK, had been in dire financial circumstances, and that it was

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regarded as a gift and not a loan. He stated that his son had considered it as such and had refused the request of his father-in-law, Mr. ORLOFF. Mr. ORLOFF, thereupon, gave his son, FRED CHICK, a period of time in which to obtain this money and deposit it to a joint account shared by his daughter, appointee, and her husband. He stated that his son had refused, and he believes this to have been one reason for the divorce. He stated it was his belief that appointee was completely dominated by her parents.

He stated that he had no information indicating appointee or her parents to be sympathetic to Communism, but he knew them to be members of the All-Slav Council of Northern California and the Russian American Society, both in San Francisco.

Mr. CHICK declined to furnish a signed statement or to appear before a Loyalty Hearing Board in view of the family differences existing between the two families.

Confidential informant San Francisco T-2, an informant whose reliability is not known and who has lived as a neighbor to appointee and family and is in a position to have information concerning the family, advised that he had never received any information indicating appointee to be sympathetic to Communism or any other foreign type of Government. He stated that he knew her to have attended social functions given by various Communist front groups. He believes her association in these groups is purely for the social activity and not because she adheres to their doctrines.

Informant stated that he knew appointee's father to be an advocate of Communism; that he receives correspondence and magazines from various Communist front groups. He was unable to recall the names of these various groups, but recalled that in conversations with ORLOFF, he always upholds the Communist and Russian position, and criticises that position taken by the Government of the United States.

This informant declined to furnish a signed statement or appear before a Loyalty Hearing Board.

Mr. FRED FOSTER, 3334 - 17th Street, advised that he was acquainted with appointee and her husband, FRED WILLIAM CHICK, during the short period they resided at 3335 - 17th Street. He stated that he knew that both came from Russian families, but that he had never heard any comment in the neighborhood which would indicate them to be sympathetic to Communism or opposed to our Democratic form of Government.

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Mrs. GEORGE R. BANKS, 3669A - 18th Street, San Francisco, advised that she has occupied an apartment in the same building with appointee and her family, which building is owned by appointee's father. She stated that she has been in their home on a few occasions and has had discussions with the family. Never, at any time, have they indicated sympathy for Communism or the Russian Government, and she has no reason to question the loyalty of any member of the family.

Confidential informants SF-3 and SF-12, both of whom are reliable and who are familiar with un-American activities in the San Francisco Bay area, advised that appointee was not known to them. Appointee's father is known to both, but they could furnish no additional information concerning him.

Records of San Francisco T-3 and San Francisco T-4, both of which are other Government agencies conducting personnel and intelligence investigations, were examined and found to contain no additional information.

Records of the San Francisco Police Department were examined and found to contain no record pertaining to appointee.

Records of the Retail Credit Association, San Francisco, were examined and found to contain no information reflecting upon appointee's loyalty.

The records of Washington, D. C. T-1, contained information concerning the appointee which has been utilized in this investigation.

The files of Washington, D. C. T-2 and T-3 and the House Committee on Un-American Activities contained no record for the appointee.

Washington, D. C. T-1, T-2 and T-3 are other governmental investigative agencies.

The files of the Identification Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation contained no criminal record for VERA ONICK.

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	DATE WHEN MADE: 10/31/55	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 9/29,30,10/12,20,24/55	REPORT MADE BY: [redacted]
TITLE: [redacted]			CHARACTER OF CASE: [redacted]

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[redacted] advised that [redacted] was married to [redacted] on [redacted] at [redacted]. [redacted] was born [redacted] in [redacted], and her parents, [redacted], were identified as members of the [redacted]. [redacted], father of [redacted], was member of the [redacted] reportedly visited at Soviet Consulate, San Francisco, during World War II. [redacted] and her family were reportedly associated with representatives of Soviet Consulate prior to the closing of the Consulate in 1948. [redacted], a carpenter, resided with wife, [redacted] at 20 Magnolia Court, Corte Madera, California in 1954-55.

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The title of this report is being changed to include the married name of [redacted].

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San Francisco T-1, a foreign government agency which conducts intelligence investigations, advised in July 1955 that [redacted] and that they resided at 717 - 24th Place, [redacted]. This source advised that the records of that agency contained no information concerning [redacted] as a member of [redacted].

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Recorded at the Yuba's Registration Office, City Hall, City and County of San Francisco, as requested by Sa Wing X. Wong on October 20, 1955, disclaimed by reason of a registration by Registrar of Title Data.

The 1948, 1963, 1965, 1966, 1953, 1953, and 1956 San Francisco City Directories, as revised by Sa Wing on October 20, 1955, disclose no record of Richard Wilson Cole. The City Directory revised 1956/1957 Cole, C. E. Army, resided at 1952 Jackson Street. The directory also lists Wilson F. Cole as engineer and his wife, Betty, as also residing at 1952 Jackson Street.

The 1956-57 San Francisco City Directory revised said Wilson F. Cole was employed as a clerk by the U. S. P. O. in Concord and resided at Corte Madera, California.

The afore-mentioned interviews were approved by Walter B. Peers Company.

The 1952-53 Marin County Directory indicated that Wilson F. Cole was employed by the Wilson R. Young Company, San Francisco, resided at 25 Rockyn Court, Corte Madera, California. The directory also indicated Wilson F. Cole and his wife resided at 25 Rockyn Court.

The 1949-50 Marin County Directory reflected that Wilson Cole, Wilson F. Cole and the widow Cole, Hattie, resided at 25 Rockyn Court, Corte Madera, California.

Indices of the San Francisco Division contain no data identifiable with Richard Wilson Cole.

By Mrs. Cole, former wife of [redacted]

[redacted] the Cole, executed a legal lease from (Lessor No) on November 10, 1951 to [redacted] as a part-time worker, was promoted [redacted] and [redacted] of the Army, Fort Ord, California. She [redacted]

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San Francisco T-4 advised that he did not believe that VERA ORLOFF was a member of the Communist Party (CP) or particularly sympathetic to Communism or that she was particularly interested in any form of government. He observed that he believed that she associated with Russian groups because of her parents' association with these organizations and that they had developed friends among the Russian people in the San Francisco area mainly because of their common back round. He observed that VERA ORLOFF's parents were both born in Russia and that her parents enjoyed their association with other Russian people and in speaking the Russian language.

San Francisco T-4 stated, that based upon various conversations which he had with VERA ORLOFF's father, he had concluded that her father was pro-Communist. He was unable to recall the exact statements of JOHN ORLOFF, but advised that JOHN ORLOFF was continually upholding Communism and the Soviet form of government. He advised that he had never seen a Communist Party membership card in the possession of JOHN ORLOFF.

One of the principal reasons for VERA ORLOFF's divorce from FREDERICK WILLIAM CHICK, according to San Francisco T-4, was the great influence over her by her parents. He explained that VERA ORLOFF was married to CHICK for five or six months; that CHICK was a veteran of World War II; that CHICK continued his National Service Life Insurance with CHICK's parents listed as beneficiaries. CHICK had planned to have his beneficiaries changed, but VERA CHICK's father made an issue over the matter and had given CHICK a definite period of time in which to change the beneficiaries. San Francisco T-4 advised that CHICK resented the attitude by his father-in-law and refused to change the beneficiaries at that time. JOHN ORLOFF thereupon instructed VERA CHICK to leave CHICK, which she did, and she shortly thereafter instituted proceedings for divorce. San Francisco T-4 advised that there were probably other differences between VERA CHICK and her husband which might have caused them to separate but he expressed the feeling that if VERA CHICK had defied her father on that matter, there would have been no divorce.

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she was born March 24, 1923 at San Francisco, California. She attended the Tamalpais Union High School, Mill Valley, California from 1938 to 1941 and the California Secretarial School, San Francisco, from September 1941 to June 1942. She was employed at the U. S. Food and Drug Administration at San Francisco in July 1942, where she worked until September 1943 when she transferred to the District Supply Office, U. S. Navy, Twelfth Naval District, San Francisco. She worked at this job until May 1947 and she was unemployed from May 1947 until November 1948 when she received the afore-mentioned appointment as clerk-stenographer at the San Francisco Port of Embarkation. She advised she was divorced from FRED WILLIAM QUICK, San Francisco, California, who was born July 4, 1921.

The Department of the Army advised in 1949 that VERA QUICK was represented at a Loyalty Hearing by the law firm of RICHARD GLAUBERMAN, HAROLD ANDERSON, NORMAN RESNER and HAROLD KANT R.

San Francisco T-2, who has provided reliable information in the past, advised in 1949 that the law firm of GLAUBERMAN, ANDERSON, RESNER and SANTEE was composed of members who were either Communists or Communist sympathizers. This source advised that the firm had for years represented Communist Party officials on legal matters, both of a criminal and civil nature.

San Francisco T-3, who has provided reliable information in the past, advised in 1949 that VERA ORLOFF was known to him in 1944 as a member of the Russian American Society (RAS), San Francisco, an organization designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

San Francisco T-4, who was familiar with various activity on the part of VERA ORLOFF during portions of the 1940's advised in 1949 that VERA ORLOFF had been active in social activities sponsored by the RAS and other Russian groups in San Francisco. He advised that she and her family were acquainted with representatives of the Soviet Consulate in San Francisco prior to the closing of the Consulate in the Fall of 1948.

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San Francisco T-4 advised that [redacted] had been instructed to obey her parents without question and that she had never questioned the instructions of her father. This source expressed the opinion that if her father requested her to obtain confidential data from the United States Government, she would probably act upon his instructions.

He advised that Vera ORLOFF separated from Frederick William ORLOFF in May 1947 and filed for divorce in August of that year. He advised that the ORLOFFs had a daughter, born December 1, 1947. San Francisco T-4 declined to furnish a signed statement or appear before a Loyalty Hearing Board.

The 1948-49 San Francisco City Directory reflects that Mrs. Vera ORLOFF, stenographer, resided at 3667 - 18th Avenue, San Francisco. The 1942, 1943, 1944, 1945, 1946, 1951, 1953, and 1954 directories contain no record of Vera ORLOFF or Vera ORLOFF.

[redacted] JOHN ORLOFF

San Francisco T-3 has advised that JOHN ORLOFF, Vera ORLOFF's father, has been active in the Russian American Society, San Francisco, from October 11, 1943 until December 11, 1953 and that ORLOFF served in various official capacities during his participation in Russian American Society activity.

San Francisco T-3 advised that in July 1947, a meeting of the Communist Party faction within the Russian American Society had been held in San Francisco and that it was recommended that JOHN ORLOFF be recruited into the Communist Party. All Party members present at the meeting, with one or two exceptions, had concurred in this recommendation. SF T-3 advised that ORLOFF subsequently declined the invitation to join the Party, stating that he performed the work anyway and that he did not have time to attend meetings and participate in other direct Party activity.

San Francisco T-5, who has provided reliable information in the past, advised in 1946 that JOHN ORLOFF was elected president of the All Slav Council, San Francisco, California, on January 27, 1946. ORLOFF was elected as a delegate to the Fourth All Slav Congress to be held in Chicago, Illinois on September 24-26, 1946.

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W. C. STOREK, 610 Funston Avenue, San Francisco, advised in 1949 he had been president of the All Slav Council of Northern California from 1942 until 1946 and that the group was formed in 1942 and functioned during World War II as a fund-raising group.

STOREK advised that ORLOFF was treasurer of the council during the period that he, STOREK, was president.

STOREK advised that following the termination of the war the All Slav Council became affiliated with the American Slav Congress of New York City and that he and other members who were not Communists or Communist sympathizers, withdrew from the council inasmuch as the officers were then either Communist Party members or Communist sympathizers. The All Slav Congress has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

San Francisco T-3 advised in July 1955 that JOHN ORLOFF and his wife, ALICE, were present at an executive board meeting of the Russian American Society held July 8, 1955 at 321 Divisadero Street, San Francisco. This source advised on February 1, 1955 that ALICE ORLOFF was then a member of the Russian American Society.

RE: WILLIAM FREDERICK ONICK

As previously noted, records of the Seattle Credit Bureau contained a report dated April 21, 1955 from the San Rafael, California Credit Bureau which reflects that FREDERICK WILLIAM ONICK was the son of WILLIAM FREDERICK ONICK, Hoklyn Court, Corte Madera, California.

San Francisco T-3 advised in 1943 and 1945 that WILLIAM ONICK, 2952 Jackson Street, San Francisco, was an active member of the Russian American Society.

VASILIE IVANOVICH KUCHEROFF, 733 Fillmore Street, San Francisco, advised SA ROBERT E. LEWIT on August 8, 1944 that he saw WILLIAM ONICK at the Soviet Consulate, San Francisco, in the company of other members of the Russian American Society on one occasion during World War II.

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Records of the Voter's Registration Office, City Hall, City and County of San Francisco, as reviewed by SA WELCH on October 20, 1955, reflect that WILLIAM FEODOR ONICK, husband of Mrs. ANISIA ONICK, registered in 1936 while residing at 2952 Jackson Street. He was born in the USSR, date not shown; was employed as a painter and had been naturalized in San Francisco on January 8, 1934. ANISIA MARY ONICK was born in the USSR, date not shown, and was naturalized July 1, 1940 at San Francisco. These records reflect that WILLIAM ONICK's registration was cancelled for failure to vote in 1946. ANISIA ONICK's registration was cancelled in 1946 upon receipt of information from the Registrar of Voters, Marin County, California, reflecting that she had registered in that county on April 22, 1946. Corte Madera, California is located in Marin County.

The 1954 San Francisco City Directory reflects that WILLIAM F. ONICK, a carpenter, resided with his wife, ANISIA, at 2952 Jackson Street. FRED ONICK, U. S. Army, was also identified as a resident at this address.

The 1954-55 Marin County Directory reflects that WILLIAM ONICK, a carpenter, resides with his wife, ANISIA, at 26 Rocklyn, Corte Madera. The Information Operator, Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company, San Francisco, advised SA WELCH on October 20, 1955 that WILLIAM F. ONICK is the subscriber to telephone number Corte Madera 4468 Marin County, California.

Records of the San Francisco Retail Credit Association as reviewed by Investigative Clerk RAYMOND A. LAMOLOIS on October 19, 1955 through Supervisor of Files FRANK J. MCALLAY, disclose no record of WILLIAM FREDERICK ONICK.

ENCLOSURES

Enclosed herewith to the Seattle Office are three photographs of FREDERICK WILLIAM ONICK.

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SEATTLE, WASHINGTON	2/1/56	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 12/30/55 1/4/56, 23,24; 3/15/56	REPORT MADE BY JESSE R. CHAPMAN /clm
VALENTINA ONICK, nee BELOBRODSKI, aka Mrs. FREDERICK WILLIAM ONICK			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - R

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

On July 14, 1955, Confidential Informant SE T-1, a confidential source abroad, advised VALENTINA ONICK, maiden name BELOBRODSKI, was married to FREDERICK WILLIAM ONICK in Vancouver, B. C., Canada on April 26, 1955 and they had established residence in Seattle, Washington. T-1 advised Mrs. ONICK was listed on Board of Directors of National Council for Canadian Soviet Friendship Society in 1945, which organization became Communist controlled in 1947. In interview March 31, 1950 by T-1, Mrs. ONICK admitted her former membership in above organization and also said she had been a member of the Federation of Russian-Canadians (Communist) but held no office in that organization. T-1 advised that according to usually reliable sources, Mrs. ONICK's brother WALTER BELOBRODSKI is a member of the Labor-Progressive Party (Communist) and her parents are members of the Federation of Russian-Canadians. In same interview Mrs. ONICK advised she was employed under SERGEI G. LUKIANOV in the Soviet Government Purchasing Commission, Vancouver, B.C., Canada office from May 1946 to September 1946 and continued employment in this office until February 1947. She could furnish no detailed information as to the activities of LUKIANOV, or other personnel in the above office. Confidential Informant, Seattle T-2, of unknown reliability, advised in August 1943 that one LUKIANOV, believed to be identical with SERGEI G. LUKIANOV was a member of an espionage network in the United States. T-1 said Mrs. ONICK had not attracted attention in Communist circles in Canada during the past three or four years and T-1 had no previous record of her husband. Data from U.S.I.N.S. set forth. On January 24, 1956, reporting agent

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ascertained by pretext telephone call that
still employed as Assistant Field Director
the 13th Naval District, Seattle and he and wife still resided at
3717 - 26th Place, Seattle. Confidential Security Informants [illegible]
with certain activities and some of the membership of [illegible]
Communist Party, the Socialist Workers Party and related groups in
Seattle were contacted. These informants were shown photographs of
VALENTINA ONICK and her husband FREDERICK WILLIAM ONICK and they advised
they were not acquainted with the ONICKS and could furnish no information
concerning them. In interview by U. S. Army, December 12, 1955 at
Seattle, FREDERICK WILLIAM ONICK advised his father was associated
with the Russian-American Society, San Francisco during World War II
for purpose of giving aid and assistance consisting of old clothing
for the Russian people. He stated his father withdrew his support of
RAS about 1945 as he felt the RAS had served its purpose as Russian
aid group. ONICK said he also attended social functions of RAS.
ONICK stated he knew nothing of his wife's connection with organizations
in Canada. ONICK said he did not feel communism is a threat to the
American way of life. Descriptive date set forth.

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DETAILS:

AT SEATTLE, WASHINGTON:

Investigation in this case is predicated upon information received from Confidential Informant, Seattle T-1, a confidential source abroad, in a communication dated July 14, 1955 which contained the following information:

VALENTINA BELOBRODSKI was born February 12, 1923 at Szereszewo Pruzana, Poland. She was married on April 28, 1955 in Vancouver, B. C., Canada to one FREDERICK W. ONICK who previous to his marriage had resided in the United States. The couple were reported to be residing at 3717 - 26th Place, Seattle, Washington, telephone number - Alder 9244 and it was believed by T-1, this would be their permanent residence.

T-1 stated further that according to available information, VALENTINA BELOBRODSKI was listed as being on the Board of Directors of the National Council for Canadian Soviet Friendship Society in January 1945.

The National Council for Canadian Soviet Friendship Society according to T-1, was the forerunner of the present Canadian Soviet Friendship Society (Communist Front) and was not considered under open Communist control until 1947.

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T-1 further advised that according to equally reliable sources, VALENTINA ONICK's brother WALTER BELOBRODSKI as of July 1950 was a member of the Labor-Progressive Party (Communist) and her parents were members of the Federation of Russian-Canadians.

T-1 advised that as of January 1950, WALTER BELOBRODSKI was then Secretary of the Polish Democratic Association and said her father JOHN and mother PAULINE were reportedly active in that "same Communist controlled Association".

T-1 advised that periodic inquiries had been made concerning Mrs. ONICK but that she did not attract attention in Communist circles during the past three or four years, (prior to July 1950).

T-1 advised there was no previous record of FREDERICK WILLIAM ONICK in T-1's files but he was reported to be approximately 32 years of age and of Russian racial origin.

As of January 1950, subject VALENTINA BELOBRODSKI was employed as a secretary in the Sales Branch of the American Can Company, Vancouver, B. C. and was residing with her parents Mr. and Mrs. JOHN BELOBRODSKI at 1524 Gravely Street in that city.

By communication dated November 8, 1946, T-1 advised that VALENTINA BELOBRODSKI had approached the United States Embassy at Vancouver, B. C., Canada for the purpose of ascertaining requirements necessary for taking up permanent residence in the United States; however, she later withdrew her application to enter this country. At that time she indicated that she intended to visit an aunt Mrs. ALEXANDER KALINEKO, 1601 - 11th Avenue South, Seattle and her aunt's mother Mrs. CATHERINE SHUMANSKI, living at the same address. It was said that she had returned to Canada from a visit to the United States on September 30, 1946 but no particulars were available to T-1 concerning this trip.

INTERVIEW WITH VALENTINA BELOBRODSKI BY T-1 ON MARCH 31, 1950

T-1 advised that on March 31, 1950, Miss VALENTINA BELOBRODSKI was interviewed by personnel connected with SE T-1 and advised that she proved to be quite co-operative. T-1 commented, however, that it appeared she was unable or unwilling to provide any information of value concerning Soviet Personnel in Canada. During this interview, Miss BELOBRODSKI furnished the following information to officials of T-1:

On May 31, 1946 she began her employment with the Soviet Government Purchasing Commission, also known as the Office of the Commercial Counselor, at Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada and this employment continued until the office was closed in February 1947. As early as September 1946 she had been advised of this closure.

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She furnished the following information as to the circumstances connected with her employment with the Soviet Purchasing Commission in Vancouver:

Shortly prior to accepting the above employment with the Purchasing Commission, that office had employed a Mrs. HAMILTON who had left for personal reasons and the Commission had advertised locally for a replacement. At the same time ALEXANDER E. NAZAROV, a member of the Commission, was residing temporarily with one HUCALUK or HOCALUK at 812 Keefer Street, who was proprietor of the Windsor Shoe Repairing Store. She said that Mr. HOCALUK was a personal friend of hers and that he suggested that she apply for the position with the Purchasing Commission as she had a good knowledge of the Russian language.

Miss BELOBRODSKI said the only members of the Purchasing Commission in Vancouver during her employment there were:

ALEXANDER E. NAZAROV;
PETER P. GAVRILOV; and
SERGEI G. LUKIANOV.

She maintained that no other stenographic help was employed at that time and said her work was extremely light and consisted principally of translating English documents into Russian and that these documents mainly pertained to business between the Purchasing Commission and the Empire Shipping Company at Vancouver, B. C.

Miss BELOBRODSKI further maintained that the three members of the staff usually attended to their own correspondence to which she was not given access. As far as she was concerned, her business was confined solely to bona fide transactions dealing with the shipping of material from Canada to the Soviet Union. According to T-1, Miss BELOBRODSKI was unable to give any information concerning movements of the members of the Purchasing Commission, apart from some social function which she attended and which from her point of view had no significance whatever.

SERGEI GRIGORIEVICH LUKIANOV

In August 1943, Confidential Informant SE T-2, of unknown reliability, advised that one LUKIANOV, member of the Soviet Government Purchasing Commission in the United States, was one of a number of Soviet Government officials who were then engaged in espionage in the United States. It is believed that this individual is identical with SERGEI GRIGORIEVICH LUKIANOV, who was a member of the Soviet Government Purchasing Commission in the United States from about 1943 to 1945 at which time he was transferred and became Chief of the Soviet Purchasing Commission in Vancouver, B. C., Canada.

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LUKIANOV is believed to have departed from Canada on September 23, 1946 in route to Moscow via New York. He departed from New York on October 23, 1946. According to records of the United States State Department, he returned to the United States in January 1949 as Secretary to the Soviet Delegation to the International Conference on Wheat and remained in this country until March 25, 1949. Investigation during this latter period did not disclose he was engaged in intelligence activities.

According to T-1, Miss BELOBRODSKI freely admitted former membership with the Canadian Soviet Friendship League, also known as Canadian Soviet Friendship Society and also with the Federation of Russian-Canadians. With respect to the former, she claimed she was invited into the organization by a friend and remained due to the fact she found it most interesting and instructive and she was able to contact interesting people. She said she was interested in art, drama, and travel and in that organization she met people of similar tastes.

With respect to the Federation of Russian-Canadians, Miss BELOBRODSKI informed T-1 that her mother who could speak no English and her father had joined this organization shortly after their arrival in Canada for the purpose of maintaining friendship with people of the same national origin. She said that neither of her parents was interested in politics but they found relaxation in the cultural activites of the Federation of Russian-Canadians.

She said that she was able to satisfy her musical ambition by belonging to an orchestra formed by the Russian-Canadians and through it she was able to study the mandolin. She claimed she had held no office in either the Canadian Soviet Friendship League or in the Federation of Russian-Canadians.

She said she had no knowledge of her brother WALTER's activity in the Polish Democratic Society other than he was a member.

T-1 advised that Miss BELOBRODSKI claimed no connection with the Canadian Soviet Friendship League as of March 1950, however, her name as of that time still appeared on the letterheads of this organization. T-1 stated, however, this might have little significance as it was known that this organization constantly continued to use the names of individuals who had long since severed their connections with the organization.

T-1 advised that Miss BELOBRODSKI was extremely well regarded by the American Can Company where she was then employed in March 1950.

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According to the files of T-1, VALENTINA BELOBRODSKI entered Canada at Quebec on July 13, 1929 and became a naturalized citizen on her father's certificate ticket #26303 issued October 13, 1931. It was stated her father was of Russian origin.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The following background information was observed in the files of United States Immigration and Naturalization Service under number A 8 901 319, on January 23, 1956:

Birth data:	A copy of a birth certificate disclosed VALENTINA ONICK (maiden name BELOBRODSKI) was born at Szereszow, Poland, February 12, 1923.
Father:	JOHN P. BELOBRODSKI
Mother:	PAULINE KALINIEKO (maiden name)
Origin:	Russian
Citizenship:	Canadian
Language ability:	ONICK claimed to speak, read and write, Polish, English, Russian and French
Occupation:	Stenographer

The above file discloses that VALENTINA ONICK applied for immigrant visa to visit the United States in March 1955.

Previous residences:	1923 to 1929 - Szereszow, Poland 1929 to 1941 - Youbou, British Columbia, Canada 1941 to 1955 - Vancouver, B. C., Canada
Last permanent residence:	3919 Alice Street, Vancouver, B. C.

An immigration visa was issued her on August 19, 1955. She was holder of Canadian passport #4-186747 issued June 8, 1951 and expiring June 8, 1956.

She entered the United States at Blaine, Washington by automobile August 21, 1955.

FINANCIAL STATUS

The files of Immigration and Naturalization Service disclosed a letter from the Bank of Canada, Commercial Drive and Gravely, dated March 15, 1955, advised that she had a savings account containing $4,404.27. This stated that no large deposits or withdrawals had been made since the account was opened.

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PRESENT EMPLOYMENT AND RESIDENCE DATA

On January 24, 1956, the reporting agent, using a suitable pretext called FREDERICK ONICK'S office and someone in that office advised that FREDERICK WILLIAM ONICK is still employed as Assistant Field Director of the American Red Cross in the 13th Naval District, Seattle, Building 208, Pier 91, telephone Alder 5200, and that he still resides with his wife VALENTINA, at 3717 - 26th Place, Seattle, telephone Alder 9244.

CONTACT WITH CONFIDENTIAL SECURITY INFORMANTS

Confidential security informants with knowledge of certain activities and some of the membership of the Communist Party and related groups were contacted and shown a photograph of VALENTINA ONICK and her husband FREDERICK WILLIAM ONICK, and these informants could not identify ONICK and her husband and could furnish no information concerning them.

Confidential security informants familiar with certain activities and some membership of the Socialist Workers Party in Seattle were contacted and shown photographs of the ONICKS. These informants advised that they were not acquainted with the ONICKS and could furnish no information concerning them.

INTERVIEW WITH FREDERICK WILLIAM ONICK
BY UNITED STATES ARMY AT SEATTLE, DECEMBER 12, 1955

By communication dated October 29, 1955, information was received from Lieutenant Colonel JACK B. CAMERON, 6th Army Headquarters, San Francisco, that FREDERICK WILLIAM ONICK was a Captain in the U. S. Army Reserve, then assigned to the 6122 USAR Control Group, California Military District; his Army serial number being O-368853.

FREDERICK WILLIAM ONICK was interviewed under oath by a representative of the U. S. Army at Seattle, Washington on December 12, 1955 at which time he provided the following information:

ONICK advised that he resided at 3717 - 26th Place West, Seattle, Washington and that he was employed as Assistant Field Director, American Red Cross, 13th Naval District Headquarters, Building 208, Pier 91, Seattle, Washington. He advised that he held the rank of Captain, O-368853, Infantry, USAR, 6122 Control Group, California Military District, Presidio of San Francisco, California. He advised that his father, WILLIAM FRED ONICK, resides at 26 Rocklyn Court, Corte Madera, California, and that his stepmother, MARY ONICK, nee SOKOLACKO, resides with him at that address. He stated that his mother, ANISIA ONICK, nee SHUSTOFF, is deceased, and that MARY SOKOLACKO married his father in 1952. ONICK stated that he married VALENTINA BELOBRODSKI on April 28, 1955, in Vancouver, B. C. and that she was residing with him in Seattle. He stated that he was formerly married to VERA ONICK, nee ORLOFF, from whom he was divorced in 1949. He stated that her present husband had adopted their child, whose name he did

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(The Russian American Society (RAS), mentioned hereafter, has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.)

ONICK expressed the belief that he initially associated with the Russian American Society in 1945 when he attended social functions of the Russian American Society at the Russian Embassy, San Francisco. He stated that he might have attended one or two other social gatherings of the Russian American Society after 1945. He observed that he had never been a member of the Russian American Society and that he participated in the social functions "for the purpose of a social activity." ONICK advised that from approximately 1942 until 1945, his mother and father were associated with the Russian American Society for the purpose of giving aid and assistance in the manner of old cothing for the Russian people. He expressed the belief that they were not Russian American Society members although they were closely associated with the Russian American Society. He advised that his father had worked as head bartender at the Russian American Society hall on Divisadero Street in San Francisco. He stated that neither of his parents had been officials of the Russian American Society but that on ceremonial occasions his father had been selected to hold the Russian flag and he noted that his father had been selected for this purpose apparently because he had an old Russian peasant costume.

According to ONICK, his aunt, ANNA BORDEN, nee ALEXANDROFF, 1915 York, San Francisco, was associated with the Russian American Society during World War II, but terminated her activity in about 1945.

ONICK related that in approximately 1945, his father withdrew his support of the Russian American Society because he felt that the Russian American Society had served its purpose as a World War II Russian aid group and his father, therefore, ceased participation in Russian American Society social functions.

ONICK stated that he had never contributed financially to the Russian American Society but expressed the belief that he had donated old clothes to the Society. He stated that none of his relatives have had any connection with the Russian American Society since his father's withdrawal in approximately 1945, to the best of his knowledge.

ONICK observed that he initially met VALENTINA BELOBROUSKI in June or July 1951, in Vancouver, B. C., and that he became acquainted with her through his aunt, ANNA BORDEN, an earlier acquaintance of his wife. He stated he saw VALENTINA nearly every weekend from Christmas, 1954 until their marriage in April 1955. She was then employed as a Research Chemist at the American Can Company and had held that position for about ten years. He advised that his wife is now employed as Secretary at the Sylvania Radio Company, 3346 E. Marginal Way, Seattle. He stated that

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his wife was born at Szereszow, Poland, on February 12, 1923 and arrived in Canada when she was six years of age. She is presently a Canadian citizen. He advised that he was not acquainted with any organizational affiliation on the part of his wife.

ONICK was asked if he would care to make a statement concerning his beliefs regarding Communism and he advised that "There may be something good about it, there may be something good about the English Government or any other government or, on the other hand, there may be something bad about it. I have never had a taste of it so I really don't know." He indicated that some people may like Communism as a form of government and "some people may not, but it is completely foreign to my own type of government." He was asked if he believed Communism would be a threat to the American way of life and he stated, "Communism is not a threat to the American way of life, there is not any reason to be scared of them, that's for sure." He was questioned regarding his sentiments concerning legislation outlawing the Communist Party and he advised that "as far as I am concerned it makes no difference to me because I am not interested in it."

DESCRIPTIVE DATA

According to the files of T-1, VALENTINA ONICK was described as follows:

Race:	White
Sex:	Female
Eyes:	Blue
Hair:	Light brown
Build:	Medium
Height:	5' 5"
Weight:	118 lbs.
Employment:	December 1955 - Secretary; Sylvania Radio Company 3346 East Marginal Way, Seattle.
Residence:	3717 - 26th Place West, Seattle.

Photographs of VALENTINA ONICK and FREDERICK WILLIAM ONICK are maintained in the Seattle Office file.

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aka Mrs. Frederick William Onick

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VALENTINA ONICK interviewed on 4/30/56 at which time she verified previous background concerning herself and confirmed her employment with the Office of the Commercial Counselor (Soviet Government) in Vancouver, B.C., Canada from about 5/46 to 2/47. She claimed to have no knowledge of espionage activity by Soviet personnel, or any of their Canadian contacts whom she cannot now recall. Mrs. ONICK said she was a member of National Council for Canadian-Soviet Friendship Society during 1943-44. (Which organization came under Communist control about 1947, according to T-2, a confidential source abroad.) She admitted being a member of Federation of Russian Canadians and said her parents were also members of this organization. She stated her brother, WALTER BELOBRODSKI, was a member of Polish Democratic Association. Both of the above organizations are Communist controlled, according to T-2. Mrs. ONICK declared she and her parents engaged in activities of the above organizations for social reasons. She asserted she has never engaged in espionage or disloyal activities, and she knew of no such activity on the part of her husband or relatives

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DETAILS: AT SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

On April 30, 1956, VALENTINA ONICK, maiden name BELOBRODSKI, also known as Mrs. FREDERICK WILLIAM ONICK, was interviewed at the Seattle office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation by SAs DOUGLAS J. KRAUTER and REESE H. CHIPMAN. Mrs. ONICK furnished the following information:

BACKGROUND DATA

Born February 12, 1923 at Szereszow, Poland, the daughter of JOHN P. BELOBRODSKI and PAULINE KALINIEKO BELOBRODSKI. In addition to background data previously furnished to the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service, which was previously reported, Mrs. ONICK stated she has a brother ALEXANDER BELOBRODSKI, who also lives in Vancouver, B. C., Canada. She stated that ALEXANDER is 47 years old and is married to one NADIA BARMUTA BELOBRODSKI.

Mrs. ONICK advised that she was married on April 23, 1955 at Vancouver B. C. rather than on April 28, 1955 as previously reported.

She stated she and her husband still reside at 3717 - 26th Place West, Seattle. Her husband is presently employed as Assistant Field Director, American Red Cross, 13th Naval District, Pier 91, and she is employed as a secretary-stenographer at the Sylvania Radio Company, 3346 East Marginal Way, Seattle.

EMPLOYMENT - Office of the Commercial Counselor
Soviet Government
Vancouver, B. C.
Approximately May, 1946 to February, 1947

Mrs. ONICK related that she was employed by the Office of the Commercial Counselor, also known as the Soviet Purchasing Commission in Canada or the Office of the Commercial Attache, from about May, 1946 to January or February, 1947 when the office closed. She related that the office at that time was located in an old residential area on Granville Street but had previoulsy been located in the Marine Building in down town Vancouver, B. C. The personnel in the office during her employment were as follows:

SERGEI GRIGORIEVICH LUKIANOV, Chief;
PETER P. GAVRILOV, Port Engineer;
ALEXANDER E. NAZAROV, who was some sort of shipping inspector;
(FNU) SEMENOV, she was not certain of the latter's name.

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She was secretary to Mr. LUKIANOV and occasionally typed minor correspondence for some of the other men. She recalled that Mr. LUKIANOV left some time late in 1946, and that GAVRILOV was the last remaining Soviet who closed up the office. Mrs. ONICK stated her duties consisted of writing letters in English to the Empire Shipping Company, Yarrow's Shipyard and other Canadian firms doing business under a "lend lease" arrangement with the Soviet Government. She said the Soviets did not entrust her with any highly confidential information, usually taking care of this themselves. She said she knew very little concerning their day to day activities except for what appeared to be legitimate matters connected with Russian-Canadian trade. She recalled that LUKIANOV frequently called the American Consulate concerning clearance for Soviet seamen and also made arrangements for travel of other Soviet personnel. She said GAVRILOV appeared to be handling repairs of Soviet ships and NAZAROV also had duties which frequently took him to the Soviet ships in port.

Mrs. ONICK recalled a Lieutenant ALEXANDER G. PAVLOV whom she believed made two trips to Vancouver from Ottawa, Canada, and she said she had also heard of Commander NIKOLAI IGNATIEV, who had formerly been a Navy convoy officer at Vancouver. She had also heard of one GENNADI ZYRIANOV, who preceded LUKIANOV as head of the office.

Mrs. ONICK was also acquainted with Mrs. LUKIANOV, who claimed to have been a dentist in Russia.

She said the above Soviets occasionally attended social affairs with some of the well known people in Vancouver, B. C. of Russian descent, particularly Mr. LUKIANOV, however, she said she can not now recall any of these people specifically. She said she had no social contacts with the above Soviets except on one or two occasions and she said that nothing of any security interest transpired at these events.

Mrs. ONICK was shown photographs of a considerable number of Soviet personnel who were attached to the Soviet Government Purchasing Commission in the Seattle, Washington - Portland, Oregon offices in the United States, however, she was not acquainted with these individuals and could furnish no information concerning them.

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In August, 1943, Confidential Informant SE T-1, of unknown reliability, advised that one LUKIANOV, member of the Soviet Government Purchasing Commission in the United States, was one of a number of

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Soviet Government officials who were then engaged in espionage in the United States. It is believed that this individual is identical with SERGEI GRIGORIEVICH LUKIANOV, who was a member of the Soviet Government Purchasing Commission in the United States from about 1943 to 1945 at which time he was transferred and became Chief of the Soviet Purchasing Commission in Vancouver, B. C., Canada.

LUKIANOV is believed to have departed from Canada on September 23, 1946 enroute to Moscow via New York. He departed from New York on October 23, 1946. According to records of the United States State Department, he returned to the United States in January 1949, as Secretary to the Soviet Delegation to the International Conference on Wheat and remained in this country until March 25, 1949. Investigation during this latter period did not disclose he was engaged in intelligence activities.

Mrs. ONICK advised that she had no knowledge of any espionage activity or any activity upon the part of the above Soviet personnel which was against the best interests of the Canadian Government and as far as she was able to determine, their business in Canada appeared to be entirely legitimate. She said that none had ever approached her to engage in any type of activity in behalf of the Soviet Government.

NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR CANADIAN-SOVIET FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY, AKA THE CANADIAN-SOVIET FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY, CANADIAN-SOVIET FRIENDSHIP LEAGUE

The National Council for Canadian-Soviet Friendship Society is the forerunner of the present Canadian-Soviet Friendship Society which has been described as a "Communist Front" by confidential informant T-2, a confidential source abroad. T-2 advised that this organization was not considered under open Communist control until 1947.

Mrs. ONICK related that the above organization, to the best of her knowledge, was organized in approximately 1940 or 1941 when Russia and Canada were close allies. She said it was a cultural organization to begin with and

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was sponsored by many prominent and loyal Canadian citizens in Vancouver, B.C. She claimed that originally the Prime Minister of Canada, the Lieutenant Governor and such prominent individuals as Dr. (FNU) MacKENZIE, President of the University of Vancouver, B. C., were among the members and sponsors. She recalled that LEON LADNER, an attorney, was chairman.

Mrs. ONICK could not recall the exact circumstances surrounding her joining of the above organization, but believed she had read about it in the local newpapers. To the best of her recollection, she joined the organization about 1943 and attended functions of the organization at infrequent intervals during 1943-44. She said that sometime during this period, she was nominated to the Board of Directors of the organization, which position was entirely honorary and involved no work or activity. She asserted the activities of the organization were handled by the president and secretary.

Mrs. ONICK recalled attending several social functions of the organization in the form of dinners which were held in the salon of the Hotel Vancouver. She also attended one function at the University in Vancouver, B. C. She described the above functions by stating they appeared to be purely social and cultural in nature, and there were discussions concerning an interchange of music, drama and literature between Canada and Russia.

Mrs. ONICK said she could not recall specifically any person asking her to join, nor could she recall at the present time the names of the officers or members.

Mrs. ONICK stated that at the time she felt flattered to belong to an organization of that kind since she was a very young, naive girl just out of high school. She said that at the time she was a member, Russia and Canada were on very friendly terms and it appeared the fashionable thing to do. Mrs. ONICK believed that her attendance at functions of the organization ceased during the latter part of 1944 or very early 1945.

She said it was possible the organization continued having her name on the letterhead of the official stationery after she had ceased attending functions and said her severance of connections with the organization was very gradual. She recalled that some time in 1945, it was disclosed that Soviet Government officials had been engaged in espionage in Canada and relationships between Canada and Russia became strained. Mrs. ONICK was of the opinion that many members of the organization who had been active during World War II, dropped out at that time although she could not furnish any details.

She said that none of her relatives belonged to this organization.

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FEDERATION OF RUSSIAN-CANADIANS

The Federation of Russian-Canadians has been described by T-2 as a Communist controlled organization.

Mrs. ONICK related that her parents belonged to the above organization as long as she could remember purely for social reasons. She explained that neither could speak good English and that her mother, particularly, sought enjoyment in the musical and social activities of his organization. She said that her brother, WALTER, was also a member of this organization. She advised that she had attended social functions of this organization since she was a little girl and during World War II, she was asked to join the choir and orchestra. She also took music lessons there when she was small. Mrs. ONICK stated she was aware there were persons in this organization who were interested in political matters, but she said the organization contained a great variety of people whose interests were variously

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divergent and she claimed to have no knowledge of any Communist influence or control of the organization. She could recall no attempts by the organization to teach Communist principles. Mrs. ONICK stated that subsequent to World War II she began working and her contacts with this organization were less frequent.

POLISH DEMOCRATIC ASSOCIATION

The Polish Democratic Association has been described by T-2 as a Communist controlled organization.

It has previously been reported that T-2 advised in August, 1955, that WALTER BELOBRODSKI, brother of Mrs. ONICK, was a member of the Polish Democratic Association and as of January, 1950, was secretary of this association at Vancouver, B.C. T-2 also advised that Mrs. ONICK's parents were reportedly active in this organization as of January, 1950.

Mrs. ONICK claimed she knew nothing of the above organization and its activities. She knew her brother WALTER, also known as VLADIMIR, was a member of this organization, but she did not know that her parents had been members of it.

Mrs. ONICK related that her brother WALTER immigrated to Canada separately from the other members of the family, coming in 1939. He lived with the family in Vancouver, B.C. only about one year and then moved to Vancouver Island. She said he went into the Canadian Army in about 1941 and was wounded at the battle of Dunkirk. Subsequently he married an English girl and came back to Canada after World War II. After living at home for about six months, he and his wife went back to England for about one year. They then returned to Vancouver where they established a separate residence. She stated that WALTER's wife was formerly BETTY MARCHANT. She believes BETTY is also a member of the Polish Democratic Association.

THE LABOR PROGRESSIVE PARTY OF CANADA

The Labor Progressive Party of Canada has been described as a Communist controlled organization by T-2.

Mrs. ONICK said she was aware of the exsistence of the Labor Progressive Party in Canada, but stated she has no information concerning its' activities or membership and she stated she does not know whether her brother WALTER and his wife have ever been affiliated with this organization in any manner. She stated that it was possible they could have been members without her knowledge due to the fact she and the other members of the family have not been "close" to WALTER and his wife.

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She related that WALTER, since approximately August, 1955, has been employed by some Polish language newspaper at Toronto, Canada.

She said she has not been a member of any organizations in Canada other than those mentioned above, and she has not joined any organizations since coming to the United States in August, 1955.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mrs. ONICK said she has not discussed her family history in detail with her husband, FREDERICK, and she has not told him anything about her activities in the Canadian organizations mentioned in this report. She also advised that FREDERICK has never told her about any organizations which he formerly belonged to. She could not recall that he had ever mentioned the Russian-American Society, RAS, (Which has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.) She advised that she and her husband have been primarily interested in music, drama and art as hobbies, and that aside from their work, they spend most of their spare time in these pursuits. She said they are not interested in politics other than being loyal to the country of their choice. She said she has applied to become a U. S. citizen.

Mrs. ONICK declared that she has never engaged in espionage or activities which would be contrary to the best interests of Canada or the United States, and to the best of her knowledge, neither her husband nor other relatives have been so engaged.

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

WILLIAM FREDERICK ONICK currently resides Corte Madera, California. Informants report that he has in past been active in RAS and was also familiar with officials of Russian Consulate, San Francisco, where he is reported to have attended receptions. ONICK'S daughter-in-law reportedly formerly employed private secretary by SERGEI GRIGORIEVICH LUKIANOV at office of Commercial Counsellor, Vancouver, B. C.

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DETAILS: This investigation is predicated upon data set forth hereafter regarding WILLIAM FREDERICK ONICK'S daughter-in-law.

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RE: VALENTINA ONICK, nee BELOBRODSKI
(subject's daughter-in-law)

SF T-1, a confidential source abroad, advised the FBI that in July, 1955, VALENTINA BELOBRODSKI was then married to FREDERICK WILLIAM ONICK and that they resided at 3717 - 26th Place, Seattle, Washington. This same source also advised that VALENTINA BELOBRODSKI was born February 12, 1923, in Szerszow, Poland, of Russian parentage and was employed as a private secretary by SERGEI GRIGORIEVICH LUKASHOV in the office of the Commercial Counsellor, Vancouver, British Columbia, from May, 1946, to February, 1947.

SF T-1 reported that VALENTINA BELOBRODSKI was interviewed on March 31, 1950, at which time she freely admitted former membership and being on the Board of Directors of the National Council for Canadian-Soviet Friendship Society (Communist controlled) in January, 1945. She also stated at the time of the interview she had been a member of the Federation of Russian-Canadians (Communist) but held no office in that organization. She asserted that through her membership in the Federation of Russian-Canadians she was able to satisfy her musical ambitions as a member of the orchestra.

SF T-1 further reported that according to usually reliable sources, VALENTINA BELOBRODSKI'S brother, WALTER BELOBRODSKI is a member of the Labor-Progressive Party (Communist) and her parents are members of the Federation of Russian-Canadians. MRS. VALENTINA BELOBRODSKI ONICK told SF T-1 that she had resigned from the National Council for Canadian-Soviet Friendship, which was a forerunner of the present Canadian-Soviet Friendship Society (Communist front), which was not considered under open Communist control until 1947.

SF T-1 stated that they had no record of FREDERICK WILLIAM ONICK.

During the interview, BELOBRODSKI stated that she was unable to furnish any pertinent information concerning [redacted]

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GRIGORIEVICH LUKIANOV or PETR PANKRATIEVICH GAVRILOV, who was also a member of the Vancouver Office.

The indices of the San Francisco Office of the FBI contain no additional data identifiable with VALENTINA BELOBRODSKI or WALTER BELOBRODSKI.

RE: CONTACTS OF WILLIAM FREDERICK ONICK WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF SOVIET CONSULATE IN SAN FRANCISCO

SF T-2, who is in a position to furnish reliable information regarding Soviet personnel, advised on October 9, 1943, that one ONIK (phonetic) contacted YAKOV MIRONOVICH LOMAKIN, an official of the Soviet Consulate, San Francisco, and said that he had a lot of clothing and asked if he should bring it to the Russian Consulate or to the Russian War Relief. LOMAKIN instructed ONIK to bring it to the Russian Consulate.

Shortly thereafter, on October 9, 1943, according to SF T-2, one GOLUBENKOV, an official of the Russian Consulate, San Francisco, contacted ONIK (phonetic) and asked him to bring three empty boxes.

VASILIE IVANOVICH KUOZNETSOFF, 733 Fillmore Street, San Francisco, advised SA ROBERT E. LANCTOT on August 8, 1944, that he saw WILLIAM ONICK at the Soviet Consulate, San Francisco, in the company of other members of the Russian American Society (RAS) on one occasion during World War II.

SF T-3, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that WILLIAM ONICK and his wife attended a reception given by Soviet Consul General MICHAEL VAVILOV at the Soviet Consulate, 2563 Divisadero Street, San Francisco, on May 15, 1946, in honor of the Russian-American organizations. The ONICKs were included among 18 persons from the RAS.

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SF T-3 also advised that WILLIAM ONICK and his wife were included in a group of RAS members who were entertained at the Soviet Consulate, San Francisco, on the night of January 8, 1947.

SF T-2 advised on May 21, 1945, that VICTOR ARNAUTOFF contacted VASILI IVANOVICH KHRAMEEV, Second Secretary, Soviet Consulate, San Francisco, and gave him a list of the "Ruling Committee of the RAS to whom invitations should be sent." The list of ten persons included WILLIAM ONICK, 2952 Jackson Street, San Francisco.

SF T-3 advised on May 4, 1955, that VICTOR ARNAUTOFF was an active member of "The Eleven Branch" of the Communist Party (CP) USA, and had regularly attended meetings of that branch from 1950 to 1955.

SF T-4, who has furnished reliable information in the past, reported that on November 6, 1947, VICTOR ARNAUTOFF was a member of the Executive Committee of the American Russian Institute (ARI).

SF T-3 advised in October, 1954, that VICTOR ARNAUTOFF continues to be active in ARI affairs.

SF T-3 advised on April 4, 1955, that VICTOR ARNAUTOFF was President of the RAS and had held that position since its inception in approximately 1941.

The ARI and the RAS have been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

On March 4, 1947, a Special Agent of the FBI observed two men visit the Soviet Consulate, San Francisco, from 10:42 a.m. to 11:11 a.m. They arrived at the Consulate in a red Dodge coupe, California License 26F553. An unidentified woman remained in the automobile during the visit of the two men to the Consulate. One of the men was observed to carry a small metal suitcase.

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Records of the California Department of Motor Vehicles, Sacramento, California, reflected that License 26F563 was registered to WILLIAM ONICK, 2952 Jackson Street, San Francisco, California.

SF T-3 advised that WILLIAM ONICK of 2952 Jackson Street and also of Rocklyn Court, Corte Madera, California, attended numerous meetings of the RAS from December 27, 1943, to March 14, 1947.

SF T-3 advised that "A. ONICK," the subject's wife, attended 25 meetings of the RAS from November 10, 1944, to March 14, 1947.

SF T-3 advised that WILLIAM ONICK was elected as a member of the Executive Committee of the RAS at the January 24, 1944, meeting.

At the March 6, 1944, RAS meeting, according to SF T-3, ONICK asked that all RAS members pledge $10 each to send to the Soviet Children's Hospital in Moscow.

SF T-3 advised that ONICK was elected Chairman of the RAS Spring Ball at the April 3, 1944, meeting. The same informant reported that ONICK was Chairman of the RAS Ways and Means Committee in July, 1944.

SF T-3 advised that MR. and MRS. ONICK were included in a group of RAS members who attended a meeting at the Civic Auditorium, San Francisco, on October 20, 1944, at which the principal speaker was ROBERT MINOR, National Communist Political Association (CPA) functionary.

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SF T-3 advised that ONICK was nominated for the office of Treasurer of the RAS at the January 18, 1946, meeting, but declined the nomination. SF T-3 then advised that ONICK had moved to Rocklyn Court, Corte Madera, California.

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At the July 12, 1946, RAS meeting, according to SF T-3, ONICK was included on the committee to locate a new building for the RAS.

On November 4, 1955, SF T-3 advised that WILLIAM ONICK was active in the RAS, San Francisco, during World War II and was then pro-Soviet. The informant advised that ONICK dropped out of the RAS shortly after the end of World War II due to personal differences with VICTOR ARNAUTOFF, who he reportedly despised. The informant reported that he has had no contact with ONICK since he left the RAS and has no information regarding his subsequent activities.

RE: INFORMATION REGARDING SUBSCRIPTIONS TO "DAILY PEOPLE'S WORLD" (DPW) NEWSPAPER

The DPW is a West Coast Communist newspaper, published in San Francisco.

SF T-5, who is familiar with the activities of the CP and Communist front organizations in the San Francisco area, advised on November 23, 1955, that he has no record regarding WILLIAM F. ONICK, ANIELA ONICK or FREDERICK WILLIAM ONICK.

SF T-5 reported, however, that according to his records, one "M. ONICK, 2952 Jackson Street" was a subscriber to the DPW on the following dates:

February, 1938
September, 1939
September, 1941
June, 1942
August, 1943

It is not known if "M. ONICK" is identical with the subject of this case, however, as it will be noted elsewhere in this report, the subject resided at 2952 Jackson Street, San Francisco.

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Records of the Voters Registration Office, City Hall, City and County of San Francisco, as reviewed by SA WAYNE K. WELCH on October 20, 1955, reflect that WILLIAM FEODOR ONICK, husband of MRS. ANISIA ONICK, registered in 1936 while residing at 2952 Jackson Street. He was born in the USSR, date not shown; was employed as a painter and had been naturalized in San Francisco on January 8, 1934. ANISIA MARY ONICK was born in the USSR, date not shown; and was naturalized July 1, 1940, at San Francisco. These records reflect that WILLIAM ONICK'S registration was cancelled for failure to vote in 1946. ANISIA ONICK'S registration was cancelled in 1946 upon receipt of information from the Registrar of Voters, Marin County, California, reflecting that she had registered in that county on April 22, 1946. Corte Madera, California, is located in Marin County.

The 1944 San Francisco City Directory reflects that WILLIAM F. ONICK, a carpenter, resided with his wife, ANISIA, at 2952 Jackson Street, San Francisco.

The 1954-55 Marin County Directory reflects that WILLIAM ONICK, a carpenter, resides with his wife, ANISIA, at 26 Rocklyn Court, Corte Madera. The Information Operator, Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company, San Francisco, advised SA WAYNE K. WELCH on October 20, 1955, that WILLIAM F. ONICK is the subscriber to telephone number Corte Madera 448R, Marin County, California.

Records of the San Francisco Retailers Credit Association, reviewed on October 19, 1955, through Supervisor of Files FRANK J. McAULAY, disclosed no record of WILLIAM FREDERICK ONICK.

The January 20, 1939, issue of the DPW, Page 5, Column 1, contained an article captioned, "Dollars for the Voice of Democracy," which listed a group of members of "Russian Brigade" which contributed a day's pay to a sustaining fund for the DPW. Included therein was "W. ONICK .... $10." It is not known whether this W. ONICK is identical with the subject of instant case.

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SGT. EDWARD KENNEDY, Records Section, G-2, 6th Army, Presidio of San Francisco, advised SA WAYNE K. WELCH on November 28, 1955, that the records of his office contained no additional pertinent information regarding WILLIAM ONICK.

RE: FREDERICK WILLIAM ONICK
(Subject's son)

On October 21, 1955, SA PAUL F. SHARKEY caused a check to be made of the Marin County Credit Association, San Rafael, California. These records reflect a report dated December 20, 1949, on WILLIAM ONICK, wife ANISIA. This record reflected the ONICKS' residence as Rocklyn Court, Corte Madera, California, since September, 1945. The record reflected ONICK'S occupation as a building contractor, employed by himself.

The same record reflected a report dated April 18, 1955, on FRED WILLIAM ONICK, wife formerly VERA ORLOFF, whom he divorced April 1, 1949. This report also reflected that as of that date FRED WILLIAM ONICK resided at 26 Rocklyn Court and was employed as a Field Director for the Red Cross with an office at the 13th Naval District Headquarters, San Francisco. The report reflected that ONICK married VERA ORLOFF on October 7, 1946.

By communication dated September 26, 1950, the San Francisco Office of the FBI was advised by the 19th District, OSI Office of the Air Force, of certain information concerning one CHARLES D. GNECCO, of 232 Willow Street, Corte Madera, California. According to this communication, one S/SGT. KERMIT C. THOMPSON, Headquarters Squadron, 4th Air Force, residing at 530 Miller Avenue, Mill Valley, California, advised that GNECCO was a close associate of WILLIAM C. ONICK, 26 Rocklyn Court, Corte Madera, California, who was alleged to be affiliated with the CP movement. The communication also stated that ONICK is known to be a close associate of H. LUCCA and JACK BELLTRONEY, both of Summit Drive, Corte Madera.

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Regarding the aforementioned H. LUCCA, SF T-6, who was in a position to furnish reliable information, advised on October 4, 1943, that HUMBERT LUCCA, Summit Drive, Corte Madera, California, was then a member of the CP.

SF T-7, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on August 13, 1953, that HUMBERT LUCCA was then a subscriber to the DPW.

Regarding the aforementioned CHARLES O. GNECCO, 232 Willow Street, Corte Madera, California, Second Lieutenant KERMIT C. THOMPSON, 325th All Weather Fighter Group, McChord Field Air Force Base, Washington, on January 8, 1951, advised that while he was attached to Hamilton Air Force Base as Technical Sergeant, he learned through conversation with GNECCO and from observation, that GNECCO and ONICK were neighbors and friends. He knew ONICK only by sight, and advised that he had no reason to believe from his personal knowledge that either GNECCO or ONICK were connected with the CP or any subversive group.

SA WAYNE H. WEBB was advised by Mr. H. T. ROLFF, 235 Willow Avenue, Corte Madera, California, that he had resided across the street from GNECCO for the past two years and had been acquainted with him as a neighbor during that period. He stated that he had never observed anything which would reflect on GNECCO's loyalty to the United States

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but that he would not be able to comment on his loyalty because he was not closely acquainted with him. He stated that the residence of WILLIAM ONICK at 26 Rocklyn Court, Corte Madera, was located immediately behind the residence of GNECCO and that so far as he had observed, ONICK and GNECCO were merely over-the-fence neighbors.

MR. C. H. MAEHLER, Insurance Broker, 22h Willow Avenue, Corte Madera, advised SA WAYNE H. WEBB that he has resided next door to GNECCO for the past two years and is well acquainted with him. He advised that there is no question whatever in his mind concerning GNECCO'S loyalty to the United States and that GNECCO has expressed to him on several occasions his dislike for the policies and philosophies of the CP. He stated that WILLIAM ONICK resided in a house immediately behind that occupied by GNECCO; that WILLIAM ONICK, SR., was a man who, because of his Russian birth, had a strong sentimental attachment toward Russia. He stated that he had never observed on the part of WILLIAM ONICK, SR., any statements or activities which would cause him to question ONICK'S loyalty to the United States. He stated that GNECCO had mentioned to him on one occasion that he had become acquainted with WILLIAM ONICK, JR., during their school days. He stated that there is no close association between ONICK and GNECCO and that he has never observed any association other than casual neighborhood conversation.

San Francisco indices contain no identifiable information regarding the aforementioned JACK BELTRONEY.

Records of the Seattle Credit Bureau, Seattle, Washington, contain a credit report dated April 21, 1955, from the Credit Bureau at San Rafael, California, which also includes data from the San Francisco Credit Bureau. This report reflects that FREDERICK WILLIAM ONICK, age 32-33, had formerly been married to VERA ORLOFF. They were married October 7, 1946, and she obtained a final decree of divorce in April, 1949. VERA ORLOFF was identified as the daughter of JOHN and ALICE ORLOFF, 3667 - 18th Avenue, San Francisco. FREDERICK WILLIAM ONICK was identified as the son of WILLIAM FREDERICK ONICK, Rocklyn Court, Corte Madera, California.

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Credit records disclose that FREDERICK WILLIAM ONICK had been employed as a salesman for Walton W. Moore Company, San Francisco, in December, 1946; had previously been employed for four months by the Madison and Burke Company; and previously served for four years in the U.S.Army.

Records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), Seattle, Washington, reflect that FREDERICK WILLIAM ONICK in September, 1955, was employed as a Field Director of the American Red Cross in the 13th Naval District, Seattle. A financial statement executed by ONICK listed his total assets as $37,925.00. INS records reflect that MRS. ONICK entered the United States at Blaine, Washington, on August 21, 1955, for permanent residence, having previously resided at 3919 Alice Street, Vancouver, British Columbia. She was described as 5'5", 118 pounds and of the white race.

Records of the San Francisco Retailers Credit Association, as reviewed on October 19, 1955, through FRANK J. MCAULAY, Supervisor of Files, reflected that a credit report dated April 20, 1950, showed that FREDERICK WILLIAM ONICK resided at Rocklyn Court, Corte Madera, California. He was employed since December, 1946, by the Walton W. Moore Company as a salesman and indicated his marital status as single.

SF T-3 advised in 1949 that VERA ORLOFF was known to him in 1944 as a member of the RAS, San Francisco.

SF T-8, who was familiar with various activity on the part of VERA ORLOFF during portions of the 1940s, advised in 1949 that VERA ORLOFF had been active in social activities sponsored by the RAS and other Russian groups in San Francisco. He advised that she and her family were acquainted with representatives of the Soviet Consulate in San Francisco prior to the closing of the Consulate in the fall of 1948.

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SF T-8 advised that he did not believe that VERA ORLOFF was a member of the CP or particularly sympathetic to Communism or that she was particularly interested in any form of government. He observed that he believed that she associated with Russian groups because of her parents' association with these organizations and that they had developed friends among the Russian people in the San Francisco area mainly because of their common background. He observed that VERA ORLOFF'S parents were both born in Russia and that her parents enjoyed their association with other Russian people and in speaking the Russian language.

SF T-8 stated that based upon various conversations which he had with VERA ORLOFF'S father, he had concluded that her father was pro-Communist. He was unable to recall the exact statements of JOHN ORLOFF, but advised that JOHN ORLOFF was continually upholding Communism and the Soviet form of government. He advised that he had never seen a CP membership card in the possession of JOHN ORLOFF.

One of the principal reasons for VERA ORLOFF'S divorce from FREDERICK WILLIAM ONICK, according to SF T-8, was the great influence over her by her parents. He explained that VERA ORLOFF was married to ONICK for five or six months; that ONICK was a veteran of World War II; that ONICK continued his National Service Life Insurance with ONICK'S parents listed as beneficiaries. ONICK had planned to have his beneficiaries changed, but VERA ONICK'S father made an issue over the matter and had given ONICK a definite period of time in which to change the beneficiaries. SF T-8 advised that ONICK resented this attitude by his father-in-law and refused to change the beneficiaries at that time. JOHN ORLOFF thereupon instructed VERA ONICK to leave ONICK, which she did, and she shortly thereafter instituted proceedings for divorce. SF T-8 advised that there were probably other differences between VERA ONICK and her husband which might have caused them to separate but he expressed the feeling that if VERA ONICK had defied her father on that matter, there would have been no divorce.

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SF T-8 advised that VERA ONICK had been instructed to obey her parents without question and that she had never questioned the instructions of her father. This source expressed the opinion that if her father requested her to obtain confidential data from the United States Government, she would probably act upon his instructions.

He advised that VERA ONICK separated from FREDERICK WILLIAM ONICK in May, 1947, and filed for divorce in August of that year. He advised that the ONICKS had a daughter, born December 4, 1947.

RE: JOHN ORLOFF
(FREDERICK WILLIAM ONICK'S
former father-in-law)

SF T-3 has advised that JOHN ORLOFF, VERA ORLOFF'S father, has been active in the RAS, San Francisco, from October 11, 1943, until December 11, 1953, and that ORLOFF served in various official capacities during participation in RAS activity.

SF T-3 advised that in July, 1947, a meeting of the CP faction within the RAS had been held in San Francisco and that it was recommended that JOHN ORLOFF be recruited into the CP. All Party members present at the meeting, with one or two exceptions, had concurred in this recommendation. SF T-3 advised that JOHN ORLOFF subsequently declined the invitation to join the Party, stating that he performed the work anyway and that he did not have time to attend meetings and participate in other direct Party activity.

SF T-9, who has provided reliable information in the past, advised in 1948 that JOHN ORLOFF was elected President of the All Slav Council, San Francisco, California, on January 28, 1948. ORLOFF was elected as a delegate to the Fourth All Slav Congress to be held in Chicago, Illinois, on September 24-26, 1948.

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SF T-3 advised in July, 1955, that JOHN ORLOFF and his wife, ALICE, were present at an Executive Board meeting of the RAS held July 8, 1955, at 321 Divisadero Street, San Francisco. This source advised on February 1, 1955, that ALICE ORLOFF was then a member of the RAS.

On November 28, 1955, SGT. EDWARD KENNEDY, G-2, 6th Army, Presidio of San Francisco, advised SA WAYNE K. WELCH that his records contain no unfavorable information concerning FREDERICK WILLIAM ONICK, born July 4, 1921, Serial Number 06013559.

SF T-3 advised that he has no information indicating CP or front group activity on the part of FREDERICK WILLIAM ONICK, subject's son.

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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WILLIAM FREDERICK ONICK's son, FREDERICK WILLIAM ONICK, advised U. S. Army 12/12/55 at Seattle that his father was associated with RAS, San Francisco, during World War II for the purpose of giving aid and assistance in the manner of old clothing for the Russian people. Stated his father withdrew support of RAS around 1945 as he felt RAS had served its purpose as Russian aid group and as he felt RAS was becoming political. Source familiar with CP and CP front group activity in Marin County, Calif. could provide no information regarding ONICK. ONICK presently employed as carpenter. Records Marin County Sheriff's Office contain no record of ONICK. Description set forth.

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DETAILS:

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

San Francisco T-1, who has provided reliable data in the past, advised on December 3, 1945 that ANDREI ROMANOVICH ORLOV, an employee of the Soviet Government Purchasing Commission, San Francisco, was then

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informed by a Commission employee that Mr. ONICK, Telephone Hemlock 4499, was waiting for ORLOV to look at the apartment. T-1 advised that the apartment was for GUDKOV (phonetic), and ORLOV agreed to contact ONICK. This source provided no additional identifiable data regarding GUDKOV or ONICK and it is not known if the aforementioned ONICK is identical with WILLIAM FREDERICK ONICK.

It is noted that the 1945 San Francisco Street Address Telephone Directory reflects that WILLIAM ONICK then resided at 2952 Jackson Street, San Francisco, Telephone Fillmore 7859.

DATA PROVIDED BY FREDERICK WILLIAM ONICK, SUBJECT'S SON

FREDERICK WILLIAM ONICK, Captain, U. S. Army Reserves, was interviewed under oath by a representative of the U. S. Army at Seattle, Wash. on December 12, 1955 and provided the following information.

ONICK advised that he resided at 3717 26th Place West, Seattle, Wash., and that he was employed as Assistant Field Director, American Red Cross, 13th Naval District Headquarters, Building 208, Pier 91, Seattle, Wash. He advised that he held the rank of Captain, O-468853, Infantry, USAR, 6122 Control Group, California Military District, Presidio of San Francisco, Calif. He advised that his father, WILLIAM FRED ONICK, resides at 26 Rocklyn Court, Corte Madera, Calif., and that his stepmother, MARY ONICK, nee SOKOLACKO, resides with him at that address. He stated that his mother, ANISIA ONICK, nee SHUSTOFF, is deceased, and that MARY SOKOLACKO married his father in 1952. ONICK stated that he married VALENTINA BULOBRODSKI on April 28, 1955, in Vancouver, B.C. and that she was residing with him in Seattle. He stated that he was formerly married to VERA ONICK, nee ORLOFF, from whom he was divorced in 1949. He stated that her present husband had adopted their child, whose name he did not know.

San Francisco indices contain no record identifiable with MARY SOKOLACKO.

The Russian American Society (RAS), mentioned hereafter, has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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ONICK expressed the belief that he initially associated with the RAS in 1945 when he attended social functions of the RAS at the Russian Embassy, San Francisco. He stated that he might have attended one or two other social gatherings of the RAS after 1945. He observed that he had never been a member of the RAS and that he participated in the social functions "for the purpose of a social activity." ONICK advised that from approximately 1942 until 1945, his mother and father were associated with the RAS for the purpose of giving aid and assistance in the manner of old clothing for the Russian people. He expressed the belief that they were not RAS members although they were closely associated with the RAS. He advised that his father had worked as head bartender at the RAS hall on Divisadero in San Francisco. He stated that neither of his parents had been officials of the RAS but that on ceremonial occasions his father had been selected to hold the Russian flag and he noted that his father had been selected for this purpose apparently because he had an old Russian peasant costume.

According to ONICK, his aunt, ANNA BORDEN, nee ALEXANDROFF, 1915 York, San Francisco, associated with the RAS during World War II, but terminated her activity in about 1945.

The indices of the San Francisco Office contain no record identifiable with ANNA BORDEN nee ALEXANDROFF.

ONICK related that in approximately 1945, his father withdrew his support of the RAS because he felt that the RAS had served its purpose as a World War II Russian aid group and his father, therefore, ceased participation in RAS social functions.

ONICK stated that he had never contributed financially to the RAS but expressed the belief that he had donated old clothes to the Society. He stated that none of his relatives have had any connection with the RAS since his father's withdrawal in approximately 1945.

ONICK observed that he initially met VALENTINA BELOBRODSKI in June or July, 1951, in Vancouver, B.C., and that he became acquainted with her through his aunt, ANNA BORDEN, an earlier acquaintance of his wife. He stated he saw VALENTINA nearly every week end from Christmas, 1954 until their marriage in April, 1955. She was then employed as a

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Research Chemist at the American Can Co. and had held that position for about ten years. He advised that his wife is now employed as Secretary at the Sylvania Radio Co., 3316 E. Marginal Way, Seattle. He stated that his wife was born at Szereszow, Poland, on February 12, 1923 and arrived in Canada when she was six years of age. She is presently a Canadian citizen. He advised that he was not acquainted with any organizational affiliation on the part of his wife.

QUICK was asked if he would care to make a statement concerning his beliefs regarding Communism and he advised that "There may be something good about it, there may be something good about the English Government or any other government or, on the other hand, there may be something bad about it. I have never had a taste of it so I really don't know." He indicated that some people may like Communism as a form of government and "some people may not, but it is completely foreign to my own type of government." He was asked if he believed Communism would be a threat to the American way of life and he stated, "Communism is not a threat to the American way of life, there is not any reason to be scared of them, that's for sure." He was questioned regarding his sentiments concerning legislation outlawing the Communist Party and he advised that "as far as I am concerned it makes no difference to me because I am not interested in it."

Regarding VALENTINA BELOBRODSKI, San Francisco T-2, a confidential source abroad, advised in July, 1955, that VALENTINA BELOBRODSKI, born February 12, 1923, in Poland, had been employed as a Private Secretary by SERGEI GRIGORIEVICH LUKIANOV in the office of the Commercial Counsellor, Vancouver, B. C., from May, 1946 to February 1947.

T-2 advised that VALENTINA BELOBRODSKI advised upon interview on 3/31/50 that she had formerly been a member of the Board of Directors of the National Council for Canadian-Soviet Friendship Society in January, 1945. She stated that in 1950 she was a member of the Federation of Russian-Canadians. This source advised that the aforementioned society and federation were Communist controlled organizations.

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AT MARIN COUNTY, CALIF.

San Francisco T-3, an acquaintance of WILLIAM FREDERICK ONICK advised on January 12, 1956 that ONICK is a member of Carpenters Local 35, AFL, San Rafael, Calif. and that ONICK is employed at the Crown Development, Larkspur, Calif.

FRANK TURCO, 17 Rocklyn Court, Corte Madera, Calif., advised SA PAUL F. SHARKEY on January 24, 1956, that ONICK is the owner of the residence at 17 Rocklyn Court and also owns four other homes in that neighborhood. TURCO stated that WILLIAM ONICK is a man of adequate financial means and that ONICK works as a carpenter only to obtain Social Security payments in the future. TURCO advised that in frequent conversations with ONICK he has observed nothing which would indicate that ONICK is other than a loyal citizen. He recalled that ONICK advised on one occasion that he, ONICK, had been a rich man in Russia and that he had been absent from Russia when the revolution occurred and that he had lost all his property and had never returned to Russia.

San Francisco T-4, who has provided reliable data in the past, advised on December 10, 1955, that he was aware of CP front group activity in Marin County, Calif. and that he had been recruited into the Communist Party in Marin County in 1955. T-4 stated that he possessed no information regarding ONICK.

Records of the Marin County Sheriff's Office, as reviewed on January 23, 1956 by SA SHARKEY, contained no record identifiable with WILLIAM FREDERICK ONICK.

DESCRIPTION

The following description of WILLIAM FREDERICK ONICK was obtained from FRANK TURCO and FREDERICK WILLIAM ONICK:

Age:	59
Height:	5'10"
Weight:	195 lbs. to 200 lbs.
Complexion:	Dark

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Hair:	Dark Brown, balding
Build:	Heavy
Peculiarities:	Heavy accent
Occupation:	Carpenter
Employer:	Crown Development, Larkspur, Calif.
Marital Status:	Married
Residence:	26 Rocklyn Court, Corte Madera, Calif.
Relatives:	MARY ONICK, nee SOKOLACKO - Wife
	ANISIA ONICK, nee SHUSTOFF, first wife deceased.
	FREDERICK WILLIAM ONICK, son

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ONICK interviewed 3/22/56. Advised born 12/18/94, U.S.S.R. Immigrated to U.S. 1913 and naturalized 1934. Employed as carpenter; resides 26 Rocklyn Court, Corte Madera, California. Advised active in RAS, San Francisco, during World War II for purpose of aiding war effort, terminating affiliation in about 1946. Stated he had no knowledge of present RAS activity. Was in contact with members of Soviet Consulate, San Francisco, in connection with the delivery of clothing to U.S.S.R. and attended Soviet-sponsored social functions. Had no indication of espionage activity by Soviet personnel and was unable to recall ANDREI R. ORLOV. ONICK stated his son, FREDERICK WILLIAM ONICK, was loyal citizen; never been member of subversive organization; and that he had no knowledge of organizational affiliations of son's wife, VALENTINA ONICK. Stated he has never been sympathetic to CP or Communist Goverument of Soviet Union.

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DETAILS:

WILLIAM FREDERICK ONICK, 26 Rocklyn Court, Corte Madera, California, was interviewed on March 22, 1956, by Special Agents RALPH M. LINDSEY and WAYNE K. WELCH. ONICK advised that he is presently employed as a carpenter by the Crown Development Company, Larkspur, California. He stated that he was born December 18, 1894, in the U.S.S.R. and immigrated to the United States from the U.S.S.R. in 1913. He initially resided in the Seattle, Washington, area, and was naturalized in 1934.

ONICK stated that he was never a member of the Communist Party and that neither he nor his first wife, ANISIA, had been approached to join the Communist Party. He stated that he was not acquainted with any persons whom he knew to be past or present Communist Party members. He observed that he had never been affiliated with any organization which could be construed as pro-Communist or pro-Soviet with the exception of the Russian American Society. He stated that following the death of his first wife he married MARY ONICK, nee Sokolacko, in 1952, and that she has, to his knowledge, never been affiliated with any organization of a subversive nature.

Russian American Society (RAS)

San Francisco T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, has advised that WILLIAM FREDERICK ONICK attended numerous meetings of the RAS from December 27, 1943, to March 14, 1947.

The RAS has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

ONICK stated that he initially became affiliated with the RAS shortly after the beginning of World War II, and that his action was motivated by a desire to aid the

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American-Russian war effort. He noted that his wife was active in the U.S.O. during this period. He stated that he terminated his affiliation with the RAS at the end of the war, probably in about 1946. He advised that he had no personal knowledge of any control or interference of the RAS by representatives of the Soviet Consulate, San Francisco, and that he was not aware of any payments made to the RAS by the Consulate.

ONICK observed that during most of the war years he served as a member of a four-man committee which examined RAS records approximately every two months and that nothing came to his attention indicating financial support of the RAS by the Communist Party or Communist Party support by the RAS. He noted that he served on an entertainment committee of the RAS on one occasion wherein his principal function was purchasing liquor for a reception. ONICK stated that the RAS membership at the end of World War II consisted of persons who were interested in political affairs and inasmuch as he was not concerned with political matters he did not wish to continue his association with the RAS. He stated that he has subsequently received no invitations or literature from the RAS and that he is not acquainted with present RAS members or the activity of the RAS.

Contacts with Personnel of Soviet Consulate, San Francisco, California

ONICK related that he visited the Soviet Consulate, San Francisco, with his first wife and son shortly after the end of World War II to attend a reception or similar celebration, the specific nature of which he could not recall. He advised that this social affair was attended by the Mayor of San Francisco and numerous prominent persons and that he attended as a representative of the RAS. He recalled that he subsequently attended a party sponsored by the Consulate at the St. Francis Hotel shortly after the end of the war.

During the war, according to ONICK, he was in contact on several occasions with members of the Soviet Consulate in connection with the delivery of old clothing to the Soviet Union.

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ONICK observed that during his contact with Soviet personnel nothing had come to his attention indicating intelligence or espionage activity on the part of Soviet representatives, or others, and that no approaches had been made to him or to others, to his knowledge, of a nature which would indicate possible espionage.

Re: ANDREI ROMANOVICH ORLOV

San Francisco T-2, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on December 3, 1945, that ANDREI ROMANOVICH ORLOV, an employee of the Soviet Government Purchasing Commission, San Francisco, was then informed by a Commission employee that Mr. ONICK, telephone Hemlock 4499, was waiting for ORLOV to look at the apartment. T-2 advised that the apartment was for GUDKOV (phonetic), and ORLOV agreed to contact ONICK. This source provided no additional identifiable data regarding GUDKOV or ONICK, and it is not known if the aforementioned ONICK is identical with WILLIAM FREDERICK ONICK.

It is noted that the 1945 San Francisco Street Address Telephone Directory reflects that WILLIAM ONICK then resided at 2952 Jackson Street, San Francisco, telephone Fillmore 7859.

ONICK advised that he was unable to recall a Soviet representative identifiable with ANDREI ROMANOVICH ORLOV, and he was unable to identify a photograph of ORLOV, which was exhibited to him.

Re: VERA ORLOFF

ONICK advised that his son, FREDERICK WILLIAM ONICK, was married to VERA ORLOFF, daughter of JOHN and ALICE ORLOFF of San Francisco, from 1946 to 1949. ONICK stated that JOHN and ALICE ONICK were active participants in the RAS during World War II and that he recently heard from a source, whose identity he could not recall, that

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the ORLOFFs are presently active in the RAS. He stated that animosity has existed between the ONICK and ORLOFF families for several years and that he has had no contact with them since his son's divorce from VERA ORLOFF. He advised that he had no evidence of Communist Party membership on the part of the ORLOFFs, although he was aware that they had been extremely sympathetic to the Soviet Union.

T-2 has advised that ALICE and JOHN ORLOFF were known to him as members of the RAS in 1955 and that he had known VERA ORLOFF to be an RAS member in 1944.

Re: "Daily People's World"

ONICK advised that he had been approached by a person, whose identity he could not recall, prior to World War II to subscribe to the "Daily People's World," a newspaper which this person described as a "workingman's paper." ONICK stated that he had thereafter subscribed to this paper for one or two years, but that he had never been impressed with the publication. He was unable to recall the specific dates of his subscription but expressed the belief that he probably took the paper about 1939 - 1940.

San Francisco T-3, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised in 1955 that an "M. ONICK," 2952 Jackson Street, San Francisco, was a subscriber to the "Daily People's World" in 1938, 1939, 1941, 1942, and 1943.

ONICK advised that his first wife, ANISIA was also known as MARY ONICK and that the "Daily People's World" subscription might have been in her name.

Re: VALENTINA ONICK

San Francisco T-4, a confidential source abroad, advised in July, 1955, that VALENTINA BELOBRODSKI, born

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February 12, 1923, in Poland, had been employed as a Private Secretary by SERGEI GRIGORIEVICH LUKIANOV in the office of the Commercial Counsellor, Vancouver, B.C., from May, 1946, to February, 1947.

T-4 advised that VALENTINA BELOBRODSKI advised upon interview on March 31, 1950, that she had formerly been a member of the Board of Directors of the National Council for Canadian-Soviet Friendship Society in January, 1945. She stated that in 1950 she was a member of the Federation of Russian-Canadians. This source advised that the aforementioned society and federation were Communist-controlled organizations.

ONICK advised that he initially met VALENTINA in April, 1955, in Seattle at the time of her marriage to his son. He observed that he visited in Seattle on that occasion and that his son and daughter-in-law visited him in Corte Madera in the fall of 1955. He related that he recently received a letter from his son, who is employed by the American Red Cross in Seattle, wherein his son advised that although he had a deep desire to effect a transfer to Alaska, he had bean unable to receive the necessary security clearance from appropriate authorities. His son advised he was unable to understand the denial of his clearance and ONICK inferred that his son was unable to obtain clearance from the United States Navy for the transfer to Alaska. ONICK stated that his son had never been affiliated with the Communist Party or any subversive organization and that he was an entirely loyal citizen. He advised that his son had always associated with persons of satisfactory character, that his son had no bad habits, an excellent military record, and that he was at a loss to understand the Navy's refusal to grant his son a clearance.

ONICK stated that he was not really well acquainted with his son's wife, VALENTINA, but that he knew nothing of a derogatory nature concerning her. He stated that he had no knowledge of any past or present organizational

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affiliations on the part of VALENTINA ONICK. He recalled that VALENTINA had worked for the American Can Company in Vancouver, Canada, for about ten years prior to her marriage to his son but that he had no knowledge of any other employment on her part. He stated that he had never heard of SERGEI LUKIANOV.

ONICK observed that during his visit to Seattle and Vancouver, Canada, at the time of his son's marriage, VALENTINA was residing with her elderly parents. He observed that VALENTINA had two brothers, whose names he did not know, who also resided in the Seattle - Vancouver area. He recalled that the marriage of his son was held in a hall in Vancouver, Canada, and that he had been told by a person, whose identity he could not recall, that the hall was owned by the "Russian Colony" but that the person supplying him with this information did not identify the individuals or organizations who actually owned the hall.

ONICK advised that he had no indication of Communist or Soviet sympathies by VALENTINA ONICK or her relatives and that he personally believed that VALENTINA was a plain, unsophisticated girl who was not interested in political matters.

Re: VICTOR ARNAUTOFF

T-1 advised on April 4, 1955, that VICTOR ARNAUTOFF was President of the RAS, San Francisco, and had held that position since the inception of the RAS in about 1941.

T-1 stated on May 4, 1955, that ARNAUTOFF had been a member of "The Eleven" Branch of the Communist Party from 1950 to 1955. ONICK stated that he initially met VICTOR ARNAUTOFF during the early part of World War II while ARNAUTOFF was President of the RAS. He advised that his association with ARNAUTOFF was limited to contact with ARNAUTOFF at RAS functions and that he was not

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socially acquainted with ARNAUTOFF. He stated that he did not know if ARNAUTOFF was a member of the Communist Party and that he could provide no information concerning ARNAUTOFF's present activity inasmuch as he had not been in contact with him since about 1946 - 1947.

ONICK stated that he is not now and has never been sympathetic to the Communist Party or the Communist Government of the Soviet Union and that as a loyal citizen he wished to cooperate with the FBI at any time in any possible manner.

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