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SUMMARY

Synopsis:

ROBERT SCHEER, born 4/4/36, at New York, resides at 2828 Milvia Street, Berkeley, California, with his wife ANNE. He is employed as Foreign Editor of "Ramparts" Magazine, Menlo Park, California. He is presently a candidate on the Democratic Party ticket for U.S. Congressman from the 7th Congressional District of California, opposing the Incumbent JEFFREY COHELAN. While a graduate student at the University of California, Berkeley in 1960, he served as Research Director of the Student Fair Play for Cuba Committee. He is reported to have traveled to Cuba in 1960, to Japan and Indonesia in 1965, and Cambodia in 2/66. SCHEER has been very active in the VDC since 5/65, and has VDC endorsement in his primary election campaign. The Communist Party is supporting the SCHEER for Congress campaign and has released CARL BLOICE from his position as a staff writer for the "People's World" in order to work full time in this campaign. Other CP members are also serving as endorsers of the SCHEER for Congress group.

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DETAILS:

I. BACKGROUND

A. RESIDENCE

ROBERT SCHEER resides at 2828 Milvia Street, Berkeley, California.

Source: SF T-37 on 3/10/66

B. EMPLOYMENT

ROBERT SCHEER is employed as Foreign Editor of "Ramparts" Magazine, Menlo Park, California.

Source: "The Daily Californian" Newspaper on 3/4/66

C. MARRIAGE RECORD

The "San Francisco Examiner" Newspaper, issue of October 23, 1965, contained a marriage notice for ROBERT SCHEER, age 29, 2546 Geary Boulevard, San Francisco, and for ANNE WEILLS, age 23, Berkeley, California.

Records of the County Clerk's Office, City Hall of San Francisco, reflect that suit #539250 was filed January 7, 1964, in behalf of ROBERT SCHEER, who was bringing suit for divorce against SERENA SCHEER, to whom he was married September 14, 1957, at Brooklyn, New York. The plaintiff alleged that he and his wife were separated about December 1, 1961, and that they had no community property. SCHEER charged his wife with extreme cruelty and grievous mental suffering. SERENA SCHEER was served with notice of divorce proceedings February 7, 1964, and failed to appear to answer charges. ROBERT SCHEER was granted an interlocutory judgment of divorce September 14, 1964, and decree was made final September 23, 1965, by LELAND J. LAZARUS, Judge of the Superior Court for the City and County of San Francisco.

Marriage license records maintained at the Recorder's Office, City Hall, San Francisco, reflect that Book #1433, page 250, shows that ROBERT SCHEER was married

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to ANNE B. WEILLS on October 22, 1965. In the application, SCHEER stated he was born April 4, 1936, at New York, had been previously married once, which was ended by divorce. His residence was listed as 2546 Geary Boulevard, San Francisco, and his occupation as Foreign Editor in the publishing business. His father was listed as FREDERICK SCHEER, born in Germany, and his mother was IDA KURAN, born in Russia. The bride furnished her full name as ANNE BUTTERFIELD WEILLS, born March 14, 1942, in California, and not previously married. She listed her residence as 108 El Camino Real, Berkeley; occupation-student. Her father was listed as JOHN C. S. WEILLS, III, born in Nebraska, and her mother was AUDREY DAVIS, born in Nevada. Marriage license #5213 was issued October 21, 1965, and the marriage was performed October 22, 1965, by the Honorable LENORE D. UNDERWOOD, Judge, San Francisco Municipal Court.

ANNE WEILLS SCHEER is the recipient of a yearly subscription to the "People's World" (PW) Newspaper under her maiden name ANNE WEILLS, 2828 Milvia Street, Berkeley, California. This subscription is due to expire July 31, 1966.

Source: SF T-36 on 2/10/66

The PW is a west coast communist newspaper published in San Francisco.

IDA KURAN, born April 26, 1900, in Russia, joined the International Workers Order (IWO) in March 1947, and was a member of Lodge 500, IWO, as of late 1953.

Source: SF T-1 on 6/22/54

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

FRED SCHEER, who was born May 28, 1898, in Germany, joined the IWO in November 1941, and was a member of Lodge 500, holding Certificate #288936, as late as 1953.

Source: SF T-1 on 6/22/54

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The name FRED SCHEER, 653 Britton Street, Bronx, New York, appeared on an original petition to Judge H. R. MEDINA, protesting the trial of the National Committee of the Communist Party (CP), USA.

D. EDUCATION

Records of the University of California (UC), Berkeley, contain information that ROBERT SCHEER was born April 4, 1936, at Bronx, New York. He applied for admission to the graduate division at UC, Berkeley, California on May 20, 1959, at which time he was residing at 2915 Wheeler Street, Berkeley. He listed his former residence as 205 Ollis Court, Syracuse, New York. He received a B.A. degree in political science at the City College of New York in June 1960. The Student Directory for the Fall Semester 1960 at UC, Berkeley, reflected that ROBERT SCHEER, 1916A Francisco Street, Berkeley, California, was registered for the fall term as a graduate student in economics.

E. "ROOT AND BRANCH PRESS"

"Root and Branch Press" was being organized by BOB SCHEER, a student at UC, Berkeley, where it was planned that SCHEER would head this organization which was to be a magazine published for and by ultraliberal students at UC. A leaflet was issued by the "Root and Branch Press" which reflected that it was planning to publish a book by MAURICE ZEITLIN and ROBERT SCHEER entitled "The Cuban Revolution, An American Tragedy."

Source: SF T-2 on 9/6/61

F. INTERVIEWS OF SUBJECT

Another government agency that conducts security investigations interviewed ROBERT SCHEER July 11, 1958, August 10, 1961 and August 16, 1961, the last interview being under oath. During the interviews, SCHEER stated that while in college he attended a few meetings which he felt were run by someone who could have been in the Labor Youth League (LYL), and had attended one social event which he felt was definitely sponsored by LYL, but explained that he had gone to this affair to meet a girl. He said he never

