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ROBERT SCHEER, white male, date of birth 4/4/36 at New York, New York, resides at 6468 Benvenue Avenue, Oakland, California, with his wife ANNE and infant son. He is employed as Editor-in-Chief of "Ramparts" magazine, 495 Beach Street, San Francisco, California. SCHEER's affiliation with the following groups set out: Fair Play For Cuba Committee, Progressive Labor Party, W. E. B. Du Bois Clubs of America, Students For a Democratic Society, Young Socialist Alliance, Vietnam Day Committee, Communist Party, Community For New Politics, Peace and Freedom Party and Black Panther Party. Foreign travel, writings, speeches and television appearances of SCHEER set out.

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I. BACKGROUND

A. Employment

ROBERT SCHEER is employed as Editor-in-Chief of "Ramparts" magazine, 495 Beach Street, San Francisco, California.

May 1969 issue of "Ramparts"

B. Residence

ROBERT SCHEER resides with his wife ANNE and infant son at 6468 Benvenue Avenue, Oakland, California.

Mrs. GEORGIA GWILLIAM
6480 Benvenue Avenue,
Oakland, California
April 14, 1969

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

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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 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 was 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 was 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 was due to expire July 31, 1966.

SF T-1
February 10, 1966

The PW is a west coast Communist weekly 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.

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June 22, 1954

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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.

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June 22, 1954

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

D. Education

Records of the University of California, Berkeley, (UCB) contain information that ROBERT SCHEER was born April 4, 1936 at Bronx, New York. He applied for admission to the graduate division at UCB, 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 BA degree in political science at the City College of New York in June 1960. The Student Directory for the Fall Semester 1960 at UCB, reflected that ROBERT SCHEER, 1916 A 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 UCB, where it was planned that SCHEER would head this organization which was to be a magazine published for and by ultra-liberal students at UCB.

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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."

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September 6, 1961

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 attended a political meetings of LYL and added that he has never been a member of the CP or any organization cited by the Attorney General. SCHEER admitted having read the "Communist Manifesto" frequently and studied it as an example of ideological development.

SCHEER said under oath that he did not consider the CP, USA to be a threat to the United States and had no reason to believe that a person who joins the CP swears allegiance to a foreign power or advocates the overthrow of the United States Government. He said he believes that the CP is not subversive because it claims to be interested in bringing about its program through democratic process. SCHEER refused to discuss his trip to Cuba in 1960 and refused to discuss his membership, activities or associations with the Student Fair Play for Cuba Committee (SFPCC) under protection of the First and Fifth Amendments.

SCHEER stated under oath that he has never been arrested and that he considers he owes his allegiance to the United States, but does not believe in the philosophy

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"My Country Right or Wrong." SCHEER also stated that he was qualified and fit for military service and had never done anything to render himself ineligible for military service.

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October 31, 1961

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

The Fair Play for Cuba Committee (FPCC) is characterized in the Appendix.

G. Birth of a Child

Records of the Department of Health, Alameda County Courthouse, Oakland, were checked on April 29, 1968 by IC ROBERT L. GIBSON and a record was found of a birth of a son named CHRISTOPHER WARREN SCHEER, born September 8, 1967 at Berkeley, California to ANNE BUTTERFIELD WEILLS SCHEER and ROBERT SCHEER, 6468 Benvenue Avenue, Oakland, California.

H. Marital Discord

ROBERT SCHEER has been living at his home, 6468 Benvenue Avenue, Oakland, California, since about September 7, 1968. On September 26, 1968, Mrs. ANNE SCHEER told some of the neighbors that she and ROBERT SCHEER were separating because they live different kinds of lives. ANNE SCHEER said she was moving to an apartment somewhere near the Oakland-Berkeley border where she planned to live with a man named TOM, not further identified, whom she expected to marry eventually. Mrs. SCHEER was busy removing her belongings from the residence at 6468 Benvenue Avenue, Oakland, on September 26, 1968.

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September 26, 1968

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ROBERT SCHEER was at his residence, 6468 Benvenue Avenue, Oakland, on October 19, 1968 and had his infant son with him. He also has a new girl friend who looks like a "hippie" who has been at this residence quite a lot in recent weeks. It is understood that SCHEER's son has been residing with his mother at a different location.

Mrs. JOHN G. GWILLIAM,
6480 Benvenue Avenue,
Oakland, California
October 21, 1968

Mrs. GEORGIA SWILLIAM, 6480 Benvenue Avenue, Oakland, California, reported October 14, 1968 that ANNE SCHEER had been living with THOMAS HAYDEN while ROBERT SCHEER was away on trips for "Ramparts" magazine and now appears to have taken their child and both are residing with HAYDEN full time at HAYDEN's apartment. (The SCHEERS reportedly had reached a mutual agreement to get a divorce.

ROBERT and ANNE SCHEER reside at 6468 Benvenue Avenue, Oakland, California, and most of the neighbors refuse to associate with them. There has never been any sign of emotion or warmth exhibited between them. When THOMAS HAYDEN arrived in early September 1968, it became very evident that ANNE SCHEER was very strongly attracted to him in a physical way. ANNE is believed to have met HAYDEN in Hanoi, North Vietnam during the summer of 1968. When ROBERT SCHEER made trips away from home, HAYDEN would move into the SCHEER residence. During October 1968, ANNE SCHEER indicated she intended to seek a divorce from ROBERT SCHEER and would move into the apartment of THOMAS HAYDEN. Beginning about Christmas, 1968, ANNE SCHEER returned home with the SCHEER baby and has remained with ROBERT SCHEER for the past month or more. THOMAS HAYDEN has not been observed in the company of ANNE SCHEER or visiting the SCHEER residence in more than one month. There are numerous visitors to the SCHEER residence and it would appear that several men were living at this residence regularly in addition to the SCHEERS. While ANNE SCHEER was in Hanoi, ROBERT SCHEER received a threat to his life that frightened him greatly. He moved

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out of the house immediately and hired a private investigator who moved into the house "armed to the teeth". It appears that ROBERT SCHEER has been somewhat frightened ever since this threat.

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January 16, 1969

THOMAS EMMET HAYDEN was the original organizer of the Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) and, according to the "New York Daily News" of January 10, 1968, was one of a party of three who travelled to North Vietnam in defiance of US Department of State ban on such travel.

A characterization of the SDS is contained in the Appendix.

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