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JOSEPH DECKER HARRISON
925 South State Street
Ann Arbor, Michigan

HARRISON was interviewed on December 19, 1963, at Ann Arbor, Michigan, as he had sent a \$5 money order to JACK L. RUBY.

DE 283-S (former), who has furnished reliable information in the past, has advised that JOSEPH HARRISON was a Communist Party (CP) member in Detroit during May, 1950.

Mr. JUNE SMITH, Ann Arbor, Michigan, who has furnished reliable information in the past, described HARRISON in December, 1951, as being a Communist.

DE 397-S (former), and DE 489-S (former), both of whom have furnished reliable information in the past, both advised in January, 1954, that HARRISON was no longer trusted by CP members in Ann Arbor, Michigan, and that he was avoided by such persons. They advised that HARRISON was suspected of being an informant for the FBI.

In December, 1960, HARRISON traveled to Cuba with a Christmas tour sponsored by the Fair Play for Cuba Committee.

In July, 1954, TOM HARRISON, brother of JOSEPH HARRISON, reported to the Ann Arbor Police Department that JOSEPH HARRISON was a mental case and was going to commit suicide. The police officers, when investigating this report, found JOSEPH HARRISON in front of his home in a dazed and confused condition with his hands full of aspirins. The police officers reported that JOSEPH HARRISON was in no condition to be out on the street. JOSEPH HARRISON was confined for investigation of a mental disorder and a petition was filed in Probate Court. The police record noted that JOSEPH HARRISON had the idea that he wanted to hurt someone or take his own life. TOM HARRISON reported that JOSEPH HARRISON had been in a Veterans Hospital previously for similar difficulties.

No subversive activity on the part of JOSEPH HARRISON has been reported since 1954. (Bufile 100-381806; DEfile 100-18261.)

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V. D. MONAGHEN, Badge #801

He was found not guilty.

On December 9, 1963, MAIDA KNIGHT, Traffic Records Division, Dallas Police Department, advised that her records reflect TOM HOWARD of 906 Turner Avenue and 1315 Longdale has two traffic violations, one for violation of State Motor Vehicle Inspection Law, December 23, 1962, for which he paid a \$5 fine; and one for no valid inspection sticker, May 11, 1963, and paid \$5 suspended May 30, 1962. Both offenses occurred in the 100 block of West Commerce Street.

A review of Dallas file 94-47-1591 revealed the following:

A newspaper clipping from the Dallas "Morning News," Dallas, Texas, entitled "ATTORNEY DISBARRED SIX MONTHS," appears in this file. Said article shows that TOM HOWARD, a Dallas criminal lawyer had been disbarred six months for failure to file income tax returns. The original petition filed by the Bar Association charged that HOWARD failed to file income tax returns from 1952 to 1958. HOWARD was also fined \$2500 by U. S. District Judge T. WHITFIELD DAVIDSON. The suspension was to run from 6/2/61 to 12/2/61.

DL 40-C (94-47-780) advised that on 12/31/55 ROY RICHBERG, Chief Jailer, Dallas Co. Jail, was fired by Sheriff BILL DECKER. Informant advised that a JACK PHARIES, a criminal bail bondsman who reportedly had been sent to the Texas Penitentiary on state charges, testified before the Dallas County Grand Jury concerning the bail bond racket. PHARIES testified and stated that certain criminal lawyers and bail bondsmen were obtaining information from jailers at the Dallas County Jail as to the identity of persons arrested and the amounts of money they had on their person at the time of arrest. Informant advised that COLLIE SULLIVAN, CHARLES TESSMAN and TOM HOWARD were the attorneys and bail bondsmen involved and that RICHBERG was furnishing information to SULLIVAN as to the people arrested for driving while intoxicated the previous night.

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