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Synopsis:

Subject employed as UN Correspondent for the "St. Louis Post-Dispatch"; resides at 7 E. 88th Street, NY, NY.  
Subject reported in contact with membership of the Soviet, Yugoslav, Polish, and Cuban Missions to the UN. Subject traveled to Cuba in 1962 and 1963. \* (u)

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DETAILS

I. RESIDENCE AND EMPLOYMENT

The 1963 Directory of the Correspondents Association United Nations (UN), New York, New York, lists DONALD GRANT, "St. Louis Post-Dispatch" Office, Room 459, UN, New York, New York, home address, 7 East 88th Street, New York, New York.

On August 13, 1963, Mrs. HELENE BARCORI, United States (US) Mission to the UN, New York, New York, advised Special Agent (SA) RAYMOND MC ANDREW that DONALD SMITH GRANT, who was born on June 6, 1911, at St. Paul, Minnesota, was accredited as a Correspondent to the UN from March 23, 1961,

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to July 23, 1961, as requested by the Editor-in-Chief of the "St. Louis Post-Dispatch". His address at that time was given as 108 East 38th Street, New York, New York. He was again accredited from February 12, 1962, to February 12, 1963, and from July 8, 1963, to July 8, 1964. His permanent address is recorded as 7 East 88th Street, New York, New York.

The records of the Commercial Credit Rating Agency, St. Louis, Missouri, as reviewed by Investigative Clerk (IC) R. DOUGLAS KING on January 23, 1959, reflected that DONALD GRANT had been employed by the "St. Louis Post-Dispatch" since September, 1949. He previously resided at 4050 11th Street, Des Moines, Iowa, and he had been previously employed by Cowles Publications in Des Moines, Iowa, and by "Look" Magazine in Washington, D.C. These records also reflect that he had been a war correspondent for two years.

## II. PASSPORT RECORDS

Miss BETTY J. VISLEY, Adjudication Branch, Passport Office, United States Department of State, Washington, D.C., advised on May 15, 1962, that Cuban travel had been validated for DONALD SMITH GRANT during May, 1962.

On May 28, 1962, Mrs. VERDE CRENSHAW, Passport Office, United States Department of State, made available the file on DONALD SMITH GRANT, which showed that Passport Number 1248216 was issued to him on November 14, 1958. The application for this passport showed that GRANT was born June 6, 1911, at Minneapolis, Minnesota, that his permanent residence was 430 Bielman Road, St. Louis, Missouri, and his mailing address, King Travel Organization, 570 Bergen Avenue, New York City. It was indicated that he intended to depart January 1, 1959, for a three months' trip to Union of South Africa and Belgian Congo in connection with journalism. His occupation was shown as, editor. His parents were WILLIS W. GRANT, born in Iowa, deceased, and MAUD SMITH GRANT, born in Minnesota, residing at Fullerton, California. Applicant showed his wife as JUANITA PORTER GRANT, who was born in Iowa on April 12, 1909.

On July 24, 1963, Miss BETTY VISLEY, Adjudication Branch, Passport Office, United States Department of State (USDS), advised SA DOUGLAS M. BROWN that according to her records

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Passport Number D0627909 was validated for one round trip to Cuba not to extend beyond August 31, 1963. This passport was issued to DONALD SMITH GRANT, who was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota, on June 6, 1911. Validation was requested by letter from the "St. Louis Post-Dispatch," May 17, 1963, stating that GRANT had been given an assignment to travel to Cuba to make a study of economic conditions under FIDEL CASTRO and to assess the degree of communization of the country and its effect on the average Cuban.

III. CONTACT WITH MEMBERS OF  
THE SOVIET MISSION TO THE UN (SMUN)

On August 7, 1958, NY T-1- \* advised that Mr. DONALD GRANT, who indicated that he was from out of town and was currently staying at a New York hotel, CI 7-7000, Ext. 2514, contacted the Soviet Delegation to the UN with regard to an indefinite luncheon appointment at the UN that he had with VLADIMIR BARKOVSKY. GRANT requested that BARKOVSKY get in touch with him concerning it.

On September 11, 1958, FRED SANDY, Accounting Department, Barbizon - Plaza Hotel, 106 Central Park South, New York, New York, advised SA JOSEPH F. SPRINGER that DONALD GRANT, Room 2415, registered at the hotel on July 31, 1958, and departed on August 6, 1958. GRANT was employed as a reporter on the "St. Louis Post-Dispatch" and resided at 430 Dielman Road, St. Louis, Missouri.

The booklet entitled "Members of Permanent Missions to the UN Entitled to Diplomatic Privileges and Immunities" dated August, 1958, and published by the United States Mission to the UN (USMUN) reflected that VLADIMIR BORISOVICH BARKOVSKY was employed as Counselor of the Soviet Delegation to the UN.

In early 1962, NY T-2 identified VLADIMIR BARKOVSKY as a member of the Soviet KGB (Committee for State Security).

On December 1, 1958, NY T-3 advised that VLADIMIR BORISOVICH BARKOVSKY recently had a party at his Apartment,

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13-F, Schwab House, 11 Riverside Drive, New York, New York, and among those in attendance was DONALD GRANT, Foreign Editor of the "St. Louis Post-Dispatch", who was covering the 13th Session of the UN General Assembly.

On December 9, 1958, NY T-4 advised that DONALD GRANT attended a party on December 6, 1958, at the home of BORIS N. IVANOV, Cambridge House, 333 West 86th Street, New York, New York. This source described GRANT as a correspondent for the "St. Louis Post-Dispatch" and said his wife was also at this party.

A UN publication entitled, "Employees of Permanent Missions and Members of Permanent Missions to the UN" December, 1958, contains the name of BORIS N. IVANOV as Second Secretary to the SMUN.

In early 1962, NY T-2 identified BORIS N. IVANOV as a former chief for a short period of time in the KGB residency in New York.

On May 22, 1960, NY T-1 advised that DONALD GRANT of the "St. Louis Post-Dispatch" unsuccessfully attempted to contact MIKHAIL POLONIK, Second Secretary for the SMUN.

On January 7, 1963, NY T-5 advised that DONALD GRANT contacted MIKHAIL POLONIK, First Secretary and Press Officer SMUN, and asked POLONIK if he knew anything about "this idea yet". POLONIK told him that today "he" presented "his" credentials, and they had informal talks with newspapermen at the UN. POLONIK stated he did not have a chance to discuss "this" and would not be able to discuss it this week. It was the informant's opinion that POLONIK was probably referring to the new Soviet Ambassador. GRANT stated that he was in a hurry for this, and if it does not go through, he had another form of it in mind which would not involve the Soviet Union.

In early 1962, NY T-2 identified MIKHAIL POLONIK as a member of the KGB.

IV. CONTACT WITH YUGOSLAV MISSION TO  
THE UN (YMUN)

On October 22, 1962, NY T-6 advised that Miss

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ANDJELJA TODOROVIC, Secretary to the Permanent Representative, YMUN, was in contact with DONALD GRANT, who accepted an invitation to a Yugoslav reception for that evening.

V. CONTACT WITH MEMBERS OF THE POLISH MISSION TO THE UN (PMUN)

On November 12, 1963, NY T-7 advised that EUGENIA SZTETNER of the PMUN contacted WIESLAW GORNICKI, Correspondent, Polish Press News Agency, New York, New York, and asked him if he could arrange a luncheon on that day for GRANT. Informant stated that GORNICKI said that he could, and she advised him to make it for "the Minister" and GRANT at the UN at 1:15 p.m. GORNICKI informed SZTETNER that he was very grateful for this. Informant stated that SZTETNER told GORNICKI that she did not think she could make an appointment with Minister WINIEWICZ for the German journalist as there was not much time but to make the appointment with GRANT.

The USDS advised on August 23, 1963, that JOSEPH WINIEWICZ, Under-Secretary, Polish Foreign Ministry, applied for a visa to visit the United States for six months as a Polish delegate to the UN General Assembly.

Immigration and Naturalization Service, New York, New York, advised on November 27, 1963, that JOSEPH WINIEWICZ arrived at New York, New York, on September 16, 1963, and departed on November 16, 1963, for London.

VI. ASSOCIATION WITH MARY HAGAN

In May, 1961, NY T-8, another Government agency, which conducts intelligence or personnel investigations, advised that Mrs. MARY HAGAN was an American who was formerly married to an Arab and who until recently worked for a semi-official Arab News Agency with headquarters in Egypt. Informant stated that she was nominally accredited as a correspondent for an obscure Indian periodical at the UN. Recently, according to this source, HAGAN had been seen in the frequent company of DONALD GRANT of the "St. Louis Post-Dispatch". Informant stated that GRANT's questions (S)

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at United States Press Conferences had been obviously tinged with a rather biased, anti-Washington outlook. However, according to this source, he seemed to avoid letting this sentiment creep into his copy. (S)

NY T-8 further advised that HAGAN appeared to be on intimate terms with most Arab and African delegates, especially those showing "leftist trends". She is often asked by members of these delegations, particularly the Guineans, Ghanaians, Malians, Indonesians, and Ceylonese to participate in private briefings for a small group of selected Correspondents representing the political "left" among the UN Correspondents Corps. According to this source, HAGAN is reported to be seen often in the company of Soviet Bloc Newsmen at the UN, apparently exchanging information available to her and not easily accessible to them. She was featured in the world news when she was jailed in Israel several years ago on alleged spy charges on behalf of an Arab power. (S)

The 1963 Directory, Correspondents Association, UN, New York, New York, lists MARY FRANCES HAGAN, "Link" Magazine, India, and McGraw-Hill World News.

The April 12, 1957, issue of "The New York Daily Mirror" on page 8, contains an article entitled "Spy to be Free". This article states that MARY FRANCES HAGAN, of Huntington, West Virginia, would be free Friday from an Israeli jail where she had been serving a one-year term for spying for Syria. The article stated she had pleaded innocent at a three-day secret trial last October in Jerusalem.

On October 31, 1962, NY T-9 advised that MARY HAGAN, who described herself as the niece of DONALD GRANT, contacted the Cuban Mission to the UN (CMUN) and informed that she and GRANT were very good friends of Ambassador and Mrs. MARIO GARCIA INCHAUSTEGUI, and since the GARCIAS would be leaving soon for Cuba, she and GRANT would like to leave a

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gift for the GARCIAS. She was told she could leave the gift at the Cuban Mission Office.

On September 24, 1963, NY T-10 advised that DONALD GRANT is generally accompanied by MARY FRANCES HAGAN in the vicinity of the North Delegates Lounge at the UN building. Source stated that he was fairly certain that HAGAN and GRANT were working together on something, and they frequently do not leave the UN until quite late in the evening and they generally leave together.

On November 20, 1963, NY T-10 further advised that GRANT continues to be closely associated with MARY FRANCES HAGAN, and they work together very late several nights each week.

VII. CONTACT WITH CMUN AND TRAVEL IN CUBA

On May 14, 1962, NY T-11 advised that on that date the CMUN advised the Cuban Ministry of Foreign Relations, Havana, Cuba, that a visit had been received from DONALD SMITH GRANT who desired to visit Cuba for the purpose of writing articles for the "St. Louis Post-Dispatch".

On July 14, 1962, NY T-12 advised that on July 7, 1962, the CMUN made available to Dr. RAUL ROA GARCIA, Minister of Foreign Relations, Havana, Cuba, certain information concerning the newspaper correspondent DONALD GRANT who is a correspondent for the newspaper "Post-Dispatch", St. Louis, Missouri. The CMUN advised that GRANT at that time

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was in Cuba, and that he has written a number of articles which were published in the "Post Dispatch", St. Louis, Missouri, during the latter part of June, 1962. These articles were entitled, "Shortage of Technical Workers - Still Serious Cuban Bottleneck"; and "Pride of Position Instilled in Cubans by CASTRO Poses Problem for United States Diplomacy". These articles point out that young intellectuals remain leaders of the Cuban Revolution, and that the individual who formerly was a common Cuban laborer, under the new FIDEL CASTRO regime, occupies a position of importance and pride, either in civilian life or in the Militia, and that these individuals are not willing to give up their positions.

On October 28, 1962, NY T-13 advised that DONALD GRANT and MARY HAGAN, who may have been a secretary, met with Cuban Ambassador MARIO GARCIA INCHAUSTECUI in the CMUN. According to this source GRANT informed the Ambassador that he had been to the USMUN and had talked with CLAYTON FRITCHEY. According to GRANT, FRITCHEY said that the present United States position was the end of the whole United States Program for Cuba. GRANT said that refugees remain as the only problem to renewing relations with Cuba, and they can be assimilated as were the Hungarian refugees. GRANT stated that according to FRITCHEY the United States (US) accepts Communism in Cuba but not the military. According to this source, FRITCHEY felt that trade relations would be resumed soon. GRANT informed GARCIA that he told FRITCHEY that the US had lost by acting unilaterally, and FRITCHEY replied that he knew the US argument was weak, but that it would argue that the US acted not outside the scope of the UN, inasmuch as it had presented the problem previously to the UN. FRITCHEY indicated that the US was attempting to get the problem back to the UN. GRANT then mentioned his conversation with a Cuban official by the name of RODRIGUEZ (phonetic), in which it was mentioned that if the US accepts Socialism in Cuba, then Cuba only wants peace. GRANT related that it is certain now that KENNEDY and the US guarantee no aggression by the US. He inquired of GARCIA if CASTRO would guarantee the same. GARCIA replied that he is not certain if the US would keep these guarantees and that the worst aggression against Cuba has been the US economic aggression. According to the source, they discussed the presence of US troops in Cuba and GRANT and his secretary (MARY HAGAN) both said that Guantanamo is not militarily important to the US, but only politically. GRANT reminded GARCIA that STEVENSON has been fighting against invasion.

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On November 15, 1962, NY T-9 advised that DONALD GRANT of the "St. Louis Post-Dispatch" contacted the CMUN in an effort to make an appointment to see Cuban Ambassador CARLOS LECHUGA. GRANT said it concerned a message LECHUGA gave to the UN Secretary General which has somehow become generally known, but that he would like to get it directly from LECHUGA rather than from secondary sources. He indicated that he would like to get from LECHUGA the correct version inasmuch as the story was being leaked by the people who are not particularly friendly to Cuba.

On July 2, 1963, NY T-11 advised that the Czechoslovak Embassy, Washington, D.C., advised the Cuban Ministry of Foreign Relations that a visa had been requested by DANIEL GRANT, who was born June 6, 1911, in Minneapolis and is a newspaperman with the "St. Louis Post-Dispatch", 70 88th Street, New York City, Passport Number D0627909. It was stated that he had been invited to visit Cuba by GIRALDO MAZOLA COLLAZO of the Cuban Institute for Friendship with Other Peoples in order to attend the July 26 commemorative celebration.

On July 9, 1963, NY T-14 advised that a Mr. GRANT informed the CMUN that he was accepting the Cuban Government invitation to attend the July 26th celebration in Havana.

He indicated that Eastern Airlines indicated that they could not make a reservation for him on Cubana Airlines out of Mexico City to Cuba. He had, however, indicated that he had checked with Mexican Airlines and since they were able to make a reservation from Mexico City to Havana via Cubana Airlines, he would probably take the Mexican Airlines.

On July 15, 1963, NY T-15 advised that Cuban Ambassador CARLOS LECHUGA notified the Cuban Embassy in Mexico City that an American newspaperman, DONALD GRANT, was due to arrive in Mexico City Sunday or Monday, July 21, 1963, or July 22, 1963, enroute to Havana and that facilities should be extended to him to obtain his visa for Havana in Mexico City. LECHUGA explained that GRANT was one of a group of newspapermen who had been invited to attend the July 26 celebration in Havana.

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