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ANNETTE SYLVIA EPSTEIN, aka.
Annette Eberly
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Bufiles contain no information identifiable
with captioned individual under the name of Annette
Eberly. (X)(u)

Mrs. Jane Roman, CIA, advised on 11-4-59
that CIA has no information concerning the subject
and that CIA has no interest in the subject. (X)(u)

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NOTE: Epstein being considered by NYO for development as PSI.
NY requested BU determine if CIA has info or interest as
subject, during 1956 and 1957, attended University of
Strasbourg, Strasbourg, France. Mrs. Roman, CIA, furnished info
set forth above to SA S. J. Papich 11-4-59. (X)(u)

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[redacted] PSI-R-DESECO; ANNETTE SYLVIA EPSTEIN; IS-R.The title is marked "CHANGED" to include the name
ANNETTE EBERLY, obtained from records of the City Court of
New York, Bronx County, NY, which reflect subject's name was
legally changed to ANNETTE EBERLY on 1/19/59.Referenced airtel denied authority for the NYO
to conduct a [DESECO] interview with subject. This airtel
also directed that prior investigation concerning subject
(Bufile 140-11741; NY file 140-5353) be brought up to date
and that discreet inquiries be made among subject's associates
to determine the extent and nature of her association with
Soviet nationals.BURTON VAN HORN FOREMAN, 160 Claremont Avenue,
NYC, an associate of the subject, is employed as an instructor
of the Japanese language at Columbia University, NYC. He has
been employed as a part-time/instructor at [Amtorg Trading
Corporation (ATC)], NYC, since September 4, 1959.On 9/10/59, [redacted] advised SAS of the FBI he had
had homosexual tendencies in the past. ReBuairtel 9/15/59
directed that the [PSI-R-DESECO] case on [redacted] be closed and
that no further contacts be initiated with FOREMAN, but that any
information [redacted] volunteered should be accepted. [redacted]
has since voluntarily furnished information concerning American
and Soviet employees of ATC and concerning contacts and
activities of the officers of ATC.

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On 9/17/59, [] was interviewed at his request at his residence, 160 Claremont Avenue, NYC, by SAS WILLIAM V. SCHMALTZ and JOHN C. HESSIN. [] volunteered additional information concerning the activities of [ATC] and furnished (S) the following information concerning his association with the subject:.

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[] stated he first met the subject in January, 1958 when both he and subject were instructing English at the Berlitz School of Languages, Rockefeller Center, 40 West 51st Street, NYC. According to [] subject's association with [Soviet nationals] began in January 1958, when [IVAN V. (S) FEDORCHENKO (Bufile 105-51672; NY file 105-20553) and BORIS S. (S) IVANOV (Bufile 105-36596; NY file 105-12456)] started (S) English language courses at the Berlitz School. [] related the attendance of [these Soviets] at the Berlitz School (S) continued through June 1958. [] stated that, about one month after [these Soviets] started the Berlitz School, the (S) subject, JORIE GARRIGUE (Bufile 105-74489; NY file 105-32886), himself and occasionally GENNA DEDERI aka BEBERI began to accompany FEDORCHENKO and IVANOV on coffee breaks between (S) classes. [] advised GARRIGUE and DEDERI were also instructors at the Berlitz School and that the teacher-student coffee break relationships at the Berlitz School were a common occurrence. (S)

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[] stated this group met for coffee at least once every two weeks and often more frequently. [] stated they generally retired to the International Cafeteria, RCA Building, Rockefeller Center, NYC, and that the coffee breaks generally extended from 5 PM to 5:30 PM. FOREMAN advised subject was first formally invited out [by these Soviets] in (S) April or May 1958 when [FEDORCHENKO and IVANOV] requested that (S) subject, DEDERI and himself accompany them to lunch at the Russian Tea Room, 150 West 57th Street, NYC, following classes at the Berlitz School. [] advised that on this occasion they engaged in light conversation on general topics. FOREMAN stated to the best of his recollection, he proceeded home alone by subway while [the Soviets] drove DEDERI and subject to their (S) residences. (S)

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[redacted] stated in June 1958 he invited the subject, GARRIGUE, FEDORCHENKO and IVANOV to a musicale in the residence of a Mrs. FNU LEVITSKY, 160 West 73rd Street, NYC, 9th floor. (S) OTHER 1B,1C,4

[redacted] stated he had previously attended several musicales at the LEVITSKY apartment which were held weekly on Tuesdays during this period in LEVITSKY's apartment. [redacted] related the people attending the musicales were amateur musicians who met and played for their own pleasure. [redacted] advised that on no other occasion, to his knowledge, had [Soviet nationals] attended these musicales. [redacted] stated there were about 20 other people present aside from the subject, GARRIGUE and the mentioned Soviets, but that he was not acquainted with any of the other persons in attendance. (S) OTHER 1B,1C,4

[redacted] advised that following the musicale, [the Soviets] invited the subject, GARRIGUE and himself to a steak dinner at a restaurant located on West 73rd Street, NYC. [redacted] advised the conversation during the evening concerned only general topics and was of a bantering nature to the best of his recollection. [redacted] stated he proceeded home by subway and that [the Soviets] drove GARRIGUE and subject to their residences. (S) OTHER 1B,1C,4

[redacted] stated he invited FEDORCHENKO and IVANOV to his residence, 160 Claremont Avenue, NYC, on a Saturday night in June 1958. [redacted] advised IVANOV was unable to attend the affair but sent in his place LEONARD A. KOVALEV (Bufile 105-64470; NY file 105-27651), a Soviet national, employed at the UN Secretariat. [redacted] related that DEDERI GARRIGUE and subject attended this party as well as several other instructors and pupils from the Berlitz School. [redacted] advised there were between 20 and 30 people in attendance at the party. [redacted] stated one of these individuals was a DENNIS HARBER, a Berlitz School instructor, who then resided at 454 West 22nd Street, NYC, Apartment 4W, and whose telephone number was Chelsea 3-7208. [redacted] stated HARBER became somewhat intoxicated during the evening and started talking about Communism in Spain, speaking apparently with authority on the organization of Communist cells in Spain. [redacted] advised HARBER was friendly with KOVALEV and [redacted] stated he had been informed by subject that during 1958, she (S) OTHER 1B,1C,4

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had dated one AMERICO LNU, HARBER's roommate. [] informant stated subject informed him that AMERICO had told her [KOVALEV] (S) OTHER 1B,1C,4 had been to the apartment shared by HARBER and himself on several occasions. [] advised he could not presently recall the other people in attendance at the party. (S)

[] stated that on a Saturday night in the latter part of July or August, 1958, the subject held a party in her apartment. [] stated he believed subject had requested [KOVALEV] to bring along some [of his Soviet] friends. (S) [] advised [KOVALEV] picked him up at his residence and (S) drove him to the mentioned party and that [YURI I. MISHUKOV] (S) (Bufile 105-64471; NY file 105-27649) and a BORIS LNU, both Soviet nationals, arrived at the party in a second auto. (S) [] stated subject, GARRIGUE, DEDERI and [] room- mate, YOSHIKO KOMORI, a Japanese national, attended the affair in addition to the mentioned [Soviets.] [] advised (S) there were also in attendance about a number of people unknown to [] who were college acquaintances of the subject. (S)

(S) [] stated that on 7/17/59, while visiting the Soviet Trade Fair, NYC, he and subject encountered [KOVALEV] and [MISHUKOV] on the [Soviet Trade Fair] premises. [] (S) related that after exchanging social amenities, they discussed the [Trade Fair] in general terms. [] advised (S) that during the course of this conversation, [KOVALEV] invited (S) him to be a guest [at the UN] on a date convenient to [] (S) [] stated pursuant to a call from himself to [KOVALEV] on (S) 7/29/59, he and subject visited [KOVALEV] at the [UN] on 7/30/59. (S) [] advised they retired to the [UN Coctail Lounge] where they had several drinks and conversed on general topics for about one half hour. (S)

(S) [] stated on 7/14/59, he and subject attended the Russian Festival of Music and Dance, Madison Square Garden, NYC, where they encountered [FEDORCHENKO and IVANOV.] FOREMAN (S) stated that after exchanging social amenities, they passed on. (S)

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[] advised that on 9/11/59, the subject informed him she had made an appointment with [FEDORCHENKO at the UN Secretariat] and requested [] accompany her. (s) [] advised the purpose of the visit was to see if (the Soviets) would be interested in a plan the subject had conceived to set up an English language curriculum especially designed for the various [foreign delegations to the UN.] (s) According to [] subject had planned to draw on former instructors from the Berlitz Language School to give language instruction to the various [UN Delegations.] Subject related (s) [FEDORCHENKO] advised them that no [non-Soviets] are permitted (s) on the premises [of the Soviet Delegation to the UN.] [] (s) advised that after some additional general conversation, he and subject departed. [] stated there is an amicable relationship between subject, [FEDORCHENKO and] himself. (s)

[] stated the association of subject, GARRIGUE, DEDERI and himself with [the Soviets] mentioned above, developed (s) from the student-teacher relationship at the Berlitz School, a curiosity on the part of the subject, GARRIGUE, DEDERI and himself to find out more about [the Soviets] and their (s) way of life and a desire to exchange [Russian] and English (s) language lessons. [] advised he had never heard subject, GARRIGUE or DEDERI utter remarks that could be construed as sympathetic to the Communist form of government. [] related he was a particularly close associate of subject and that she had confided to him that she had been troubled on being turned down for a position with the State Department, US Government, during 1956. [] stated the subject felt her rejection for the position was the result of some suspected subversive associations of an uncle of the subject. [] stated subject is a sincere, loyal American and that subject was not bitter over not being accepted by the State Department. [] advised that on the contrary, subject nurtured a heartfelt desire to "clear her name from the cloud which she believes hangs over it." (s)

JORIE GARRIGUE, previously mentioned, furnished the NYO with considerable information concerning [Soviet nationals employed at ATC] prior to termination of her employment as (s) English teacher to [NIKOLAI M. SMELYAKOV, President of ATC,] on (s) 9/4/59. GARRIGUE left [ATC] to attend pre-medical school at (s) the University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, Ohio. (s)

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On September 3, 1959, GARRIGUE advised SA THOMAS D.J. BROOKS that she had been acquainted with the subject and [redacted] since January 1958 when they all taught at the Berlitz School of Languages, New York City. GARRIGUE stated she recalled that subject and [redacted] had, on several occasions, during 1958, gone out socially [with FEDORCHENKO and IVANOV] (S) who were then students of the English language at the Berlitz School. GARRIGUE stated she recalled subject had attended a party at [redacted] residence, 160 Claremont Avenue, NYC, during June or July 1958, to which FEDORCHENKO and another Soviet national were also invited. GARRIGUE advised subject, [redacted] (S) FEDORCHENKO and IVANOV had attended a musicale in a woman's (S) apartment on West 73rd Street, NYC, during June 1958. GARRIGUE was unable to recall specific details of this affair. (S)

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GARRIGUE related the association of subject, [redacted] and herself with the mentioned [Soviet nationals] developed as (S) a result of student-teacher associations at the Berlitz School and through the above mentioned social functions. GARRIGUE related subject and [redacted] as well as herself, were attracted to the [Soviets] out of curiosity and a desire to exchange [Russian] (S) and English language lessons. GARRIGUE stated she was aware of no sympathy on the part of the subject or [redacted] for Communism and that she had no reason to question their loyalty to the US. In this connection, it is noted GARRIGUE's introduction and recommendation of [redacted] to [Soviet officials at ATC] led to his employment [by ATC officials] as her replacement (S) as English instructor [at ATC]. (S)

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[Change of Name] ~~(S)~~ (u)

On 10/8/59, FRANK CONCILIO, Assistant Deputy Clerk, City Court of NY, County of the Bronx, NY, furnished SA JOHN C. HESSIN with City Court Petition No. 7317, year 1958, captioned ANNETTE SYLVIA EPSTEIN. This petition reflects that on 12/8/58, ANNETTE SYLVIA EPSTEIN, 3871 Sedgwick Avenue, Bronx, NY, made application to the special term, part 2 of the City Court of NY, Bronx County, NY, to legally assume the name, ANNETTE EBERLY. This petition reflects that subject stated reason for desiring the change of name was that, for the past two or three years, subject had been known to her friends and business acquaintances by the name ANNETTE EBERLY. Subject's petition was granted on 1/19/59 in the City Court of NY, Bronx County, NY. (S) (u)

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On 9/18/59, a pretext telephone call under the guise of a credit inquiry to Kingsbridge 3-1982 listed to JULIUS EPSTEIN, 3871 Sedgwick Avenue, Bronx, NY, by SA JOHN C. HESSIN, determined subject currently resides at that address. It is noted NY report of SA BERTRAM WORTHINGTON, 3/12/56, captioned "ANNETTE SYLVIA EPSTEIN, APPLICANT - FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICER, DEPARTMENT OF STATE, WASHINGTON, D.C., SECURITY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES" sets forth interviews verifying subject's residence at 3871 Sedgwick Avenue, Bronx, NY, 1934 - 1956. The following interviews set forth under the caption "Employment" reflects subject resided in France during 1956 and 1957 and at 3871 Sedgwick Avenue, Bronx, NY, 1958 to date. (u)

[Employment](u)

On 10/1/59, [redacted] previously mentioned, advised SAS SCHMALTZ and HESSIN that he had recently typed an employment resume for subject which reflected subject had tutored the English language to French students at the University of Strasbourg, Strasbourg, France, during 1956 and 1957 (u)

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On 10/1/59, JOSE MANOS, Assistant Director, Manhattan Office, Berlitz School of Languages, 40 West 51st Street, NYC, advised the subject applied for a position as English teacher at the Berlitz School on 1/6/58. MANOS stated subject started employment on 1/17/58 as an English instructor and taught at the Berlitz School until 3/4/59, except for the period June through September, 1958, when subject was on summer leave of absence. MANOS stated subject listed her residence address as 3871 Sedgwick Avenue, Bronx, NY. MANOS stated he was personally acquainted with subject and that she was intelligent and competent instructor and that he knew of nothing that would reflect on subject's loyalty to the US Government. MANOS advised subject would not be eligible for rehire because of a spotty attendance record due to extensive sick leave. (u)

On 10/1/59, RITA DUNFEE, Assistant to Personnel Director, Benton and Bowles Advertising Agency, 666 Madison Avenue, NYC, advised SA JOHN C. HESSIN subject, as ANNETTE EBERLY, was employed as a research trainee at Benton and Bowles from 3/9/59 through 7/17/59. DUNFEE stated subject listed her (u)

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residence address as 3871 Sedgwick Avenue, Bronx, NY, on her employment application. DUNFEE advised there was nothing in subject's personnel file that would reflect adversely on subject's character or loyalty to the US Government. DUNFEE stated subject was eligible for rehire. Miss DUNFEE advised she did not personally recall subject and that there was no one presently at Benton and Bowles who would be able to recall the subject. (S) (u)

On 10/1/59, ELLEN WEST, Assistant to Personnel Director, Time and Life, Inc., Rockefeller Center, NYC, advised SA JOHN C. HESSIN that subject, as ANNETTE EBERLY, was employed as a temporary secretary in the Market Research Section of the Fortune Magazine division of Time and Life, Inc., on 9/14/59. Miss WEST advised subject listed her residence as 3871 Sedgwick Avenue, Bronx, NY, on her employment application. Miss WEST stated subject's position is a 6 month temporary employment during a period of maternity leave of another employee. Miss WEST stated that if subject's work record was satisfactory at the termination of the 6 month period, she would be considered for further employment elsewhere in the organization. Miss WEST stated the subject had not been employed for a sufficient period to evaluate her performance or personal characteristics. (S) (u)

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On 10/1/59, [redacted], previously mentioned, advised SAS SCHMALTZ and HESSIN that the previously mentioned employment resume typed by [redacted] for subject reflects that during the period 1956 - 1957, subject attended the University of Strasbourg, Strasbourg, France as a student of French language and civilization under a French Government scholarship and a Full Bright travel grant. According to [redacted], this resume reflected that subject attended the Strasbourg Seminar in American Studies at the University of Strasbourg, Strasbourg, France, during 1957. [redacted] advised the resume also reflected subject represented the US at a Seminar of 17 nations at Schloss Leopoldsdorf, Strasbourg, France, during 1957. (S) (u)

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[Election Records](S)(u)

On 9/22/59, records of the Board of Elections for the borough of Bronx County, NY, were reviewed by IC ROBERT C. NADLER. The 1955 Signature Book reflects subject, as ANNETTE EPSTEIN, student, registered in 1955, listing a preference for one of the two major political parties. (S)(u)

[Credit](S)(u)

On 9/22/59, the records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York were furnished by PAULINE DE FIORE to IC ALFRED G. ENNULAT. These records contained no derogatory information concerning subject or members of her family. (S)(u)

[Criminal](S)(u)

On 9/25/59, SA VINCENT F. CLANCY caused the records of the BSS and BCI of the NYCPD to be checked for subject and members of her family. These records contained no information identifiable with subject or members of her family. (S)(u)

[Informants](S)(u)

The following confidential informants who are acquainted with the activities of the CP in the NYC area, were contacted by the following agents on the dates set forth below:

These informants were unable to furnish any information identifiable with subject or members of her family.

<u>Informant</u>	<u>Date Contacted</u>	<u>Agent Contacting</u>
NY 1086-S	9/28/59	DAVID RYAN
NY 2009-S	9/28/59	DAVID RYAN
NY 646-S	9/24/59	JOHN A. HAAG
NY 779-S (C)	9/24/59	JOHN A. HAAG
NY 388-S	9/22/59	LEROY W. SHEETS
NY 2124-S (C)	9/24/59	LEROY W. SHEETS
NY 384-S*	9/22/59	JAMES P. HALLERON
NY 972-S	9/23/59	JAMES P. HALLERON
NY 367-S	9/23/59	JAMES P. HALLERON (S)

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Prior investigation of subject was conducted by NYO from 2/56 through 5/56 in the case captioned "ANNETTE SYLVIA ESPTEIN; APPLICANT - FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICER, DEPARTMENT OF STATE, WASHINGTON, D.C. - SECURITY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES." This investigation was based on information received from Bureau source 5 which indicated VASILII ZUBILIN, Soviet MGB [S] Agent, NYC, sent information to Moscow on 5/26/43, mentioning the address 3871 Sedgwick Avenue, Bronx, NY. Following the address were some missing parts, then came the digits...982. An additional gap in the message was followed by the statement that someone's sentiments were pro-Soviet. Thereafter, a considerable portion of the message was missing and then the name LEBEDEV was mentioned. In 1943, the EPSTEIN family residence was 3871 Sedgwick Avenue, Bronx, NY, and the EPSTEIN family telephone number was Kingsbridge 3-1982. It is noted subject was nine years of age in 1943. (X)

The significance of the above information was not known, but, in addition, to forming the basis of the mentioned SGE investigation of subject, this information was also made the basis for the investigation in case captioned "UNSUB; RESIDENT AT 3871 SEDWICK AVENUE, BRONX, NEW YORK (SOVME) ESP-R" (Bufile 65-63391) (NY file 65-16923) (S)

[JULIUS EPSTEIN] and [TATIANA EPSTEIN, subject's parents,] [S] as well as [NELSON CHIPCHIN, subject's uncle,] were suspects in this unsub case. During the course of this unsub investigation, a corollary case was investigated, captioned "NELSON CHIPCHIN, aka PROGRAM EDITOR, RUSSIAN UNIT, MUNICH RADIO CENTER, US INFORMATION AGENCY, MUNICH, GERMANY, SECURITY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES" (Bufile 123-1593) (NY file 140-5618). (X)

Considerable investigation was conducted in the unsub case subsequent to termination, in 5/56, of the NYO SGE case of subject. (X) (u)

NY letter to Director, 8/23/56, in the unsub case, reflects that during the course of an interview with TATIANA EPSTEIN, the subject's mother, by SAS of the FBI, TATIANA EPSTEIN advised that subject had received a letter from the Department of State, Washington, D.C., stating that the Department of State (u)

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could not use the subject's services but that their failure to hire her was not to be considered a reflection on subject's character, reputation or abilities. (u)

NY report of BLAZE J. TOMASONI, 9/24/57, in the unsub case, sets forth an interview with [CHIPCHIN] by SAS and reflects that [CHIPCHIN] appeared to be the most logical suspect for the unknown subject in this case. This report also set forth information in explanation and mitigation of the original information furnished by [source 5.] In this connection, it is noted that subject advised [redacted] previously mentioned, in 9/59, that CHIPCHIN was currently employed by the Department of State at Radio Center, Munich, Germany. (u)

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In view of subject's established acquaintanceship with several Soviet nationals, her employment at Time and Life Incorporated, [her Russian ancestry] and her language faculty, it appears subject possesses considerable potential as a PSI. It also appears subject would be receptive to an invitation to cooperate with the Bureau concerning her continuing association with Soviet nationals in view of her purported remarks to [redacted], previously mentioned, to the effect that subject had in the past, possessed a desire to "clear her name" in regard to suspected subversive activities of an uncle. (u)

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In this connection, Bureau authority will be requested to interview subject to assess her attitude, availability and potential as a PSI [or double agent] upon completion of background checks currently being conducted by the Newark Office and completion of the following request of the Bureau. (u)

The Bureau is requested to determine, through liaison, whether CIA has an interest in subject or information concerning the subject, noting subject reportedly attended the University of Strasbourg, Strasbourg, France, during 1956 and 1957. Subject was born 3/12/34, Bronx, NY. (u)

The Bureau is requested to search Bureau indices for mention of subject under her legally assumed name, ANNETTE EBERLY. (u)

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