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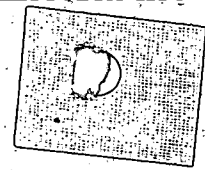
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TOLSTOJ; TOLSTOY, [SPECIAL INQUIRY, RCMP] REBULET

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,
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Re: Tolstoj; Tolstoy
Special Inquiry - R.C.M.P.

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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to a letter from this Office dated July 13, 1949, captioned as above forwarding a request from the R.C.M.P. to have Countess Tolstoj, who owns a farm in the vicinity of New York City, interviewed relative to a person of the same name claiming to be a relative of hers and who had come under suspicion in connection with a visit to one M. Chramtchenko in Ottawa. *(S)*

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The R.C.M.P. now advise that their investigation has shown that the original suspicions of Tolstoj are unfounded, that he actually had been in Ottawa during June, 1949 and contacted Chramtchenko in connection with his desire to dispose of some paintings, and that he had through mutual acquaintances obtained considerable information concerning Chramtchenko. *(S)*

In view of the results of the R.C.M.P. inquiry they now advise that it is not necessary to interview Countess Tolstoj and that no action is necessary relative to this matter. *(S)*

Very truly yours,

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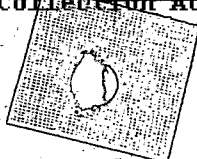
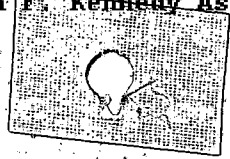
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There is enclosed with this letter a copy of a letter dated July 13, 1949, received from Glenn H. Bethel of the Liaison Office in Ottawa, Canada. As you will note, Mr. Bethel encloses a six page memorandum with his letter. A copy of this six page memorandum is also enclosed with this letter. These two enclosures are self-explanatory. (u)

The investigation desired is also outlined in these two enclosures. It is believed that the Countess Tolstoj mentioned in the enclosure is in fact Miss Alexandra Tolstoy, aka., Countess Tolstoy, ND-483. You are instructed to interview ND-483 concerning the information outlined in the enclosed memorandum. This interview should be conducted immediately and the results submitted promptly so that the information can be furnished to the RCMP. (u)

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Re:

TOLSTOJ;

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Special Inquiry - RCMP

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Dear Sir:

Forwarded herewith are two copies of a statement submitted to the RCMP by one M. CHRAMTCHENKO covering details of a visit he had in Ottawa with an individual who furnished his name as TOLSTOJ. CHRAMTCHENKO, a former White Russian now residing in Ottawa where he is employed by the Canadian National Research Council on work of a classified nature, and where he is considered quite reliable, voices certain suspicions of TOLSTOJ. These suspicions, which are set forth in some detail in the enclosure, were aroused since TOLSTOJ told what appeared an illogical story concerning the circumstances leading up to the contact of CHRAMTCHENKO. TOLSTOJ claimed that a person by the name of RITCHIE in Montreal furnished CHRAMTCHENKO's address to him and CHRAMTCHENKO claims that he knows nobody by the name of RITCHIE, that it was very odd that TOLSTOJ should know as much of CHRAMTCHENKO's background as he was able to relate, and further, that he, CHRAMTCHENKO, had only recently changed his address in Ottawa and that it would have been impossible for any casual acquaintance, such as RITCHIE would have to have been, to have known his present address. Further, CHRAMTCHENKO indicates that TOLSTOJ's background and past activities as related during a conversation did not appear logical. It is quite evident that CHRAMTCHENKO believes that TOLSTOJ may be connected with the Russians and that this contact was for a purpose other than endeavoring to solicit CHRAMTCHENKO's assistance in disposing of some paintings as TOLSTOJ tried to have the informant believe.

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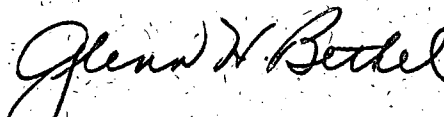
mentioned that TOLSTOJ stated that after returning to Montreal he was proceeding to New York to visit his cousin, Countess TOLSTOJ, who owns a farm in the vicinity of New York City. ⁶¹⁻¹⁰⁴⁴⁸ (S)

The RCMP are conducting an investigation in Montreal in an effort to trace the man named RITCHIE who TOLSTOJ claimed had put him in touch with CHRAMTCHENKO. The RCMP have also asked that if it is possible an effort be made to determine if the TOLSTOJ who was in Canada actually has recently visited the Countess TOLSTOJ. If he has visited the relative in New York and brief information can be obtained relative to his background and confirmation that he is a painter, then the suspicions aroused while he visited in Ottawa will be shown to be without foundation. (S)

The RCMP advise that the Canadian immigration records reveal that one ALEKSANDER TOLSTOY arrived in Quebec City, Canada on May 31, 1949 aboard the "Empress of France." He was allowed entry on a three months temporary visa to visit the Norwegian Consul in Montreal. This individual's age is given as 53, born in St. Petersburg, Russia, and a Norwegian citizen of Russian race. He is in possession of Passport No. 203 issued at Oslo, Norway on April 6, 1949. Although the individual on whom the Immigration have a record arrived in Canada by boat and the subject claimed to have flown to Montreal, Canada from London, it seems that there is a distinct possibility these persons are identical. (S)

It would be very helpful if inquiries could be made at the residence of the Countess TOLSTOJ as requested by the RCMP and this office advised of the results at as early date as practical. (S)

Very truly yours,



Glenn H. Bethel

Enclosure

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Dear Sir:

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Upon returning home from the office on Friday 10th (1845 hours) I found in my apartment a visitor awaiting my return. He was conversing with my wife in halting French. My wife introduced him to me as a compatriot of mine by the name of TOLSTOJ.

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The gentleman was over 6 feet tall, inclined to stoutness and slightly stooped. Blond but greying and had a slight beard. His eyes were green, watery and very insincere.

I asked him to remain for lunch. After lunch (as well as during the meal) he told me the purpose of his visit and some details of his past. His whole visit and all that he told me convinced me that that the purpose of his visit was not the one he insisted it to be but something quite different, and that I was simply being "sized up".

Before starting my report on my conversation with Mr. Tolstoj, I wish to state that I did not want to leave him with the impression that I was not taking him at his face value or as the person he wished me to believe him to be. Because of this I did not do any cross examining and did not ask for any proof of his statements. My first remark to him was an expression of surprise that he came to me and I asked him who told him to contact me in Ottawa. Mr. Tolstoj replied that a good friend of his, a Mr. Ritchie, a director of a Canadian Testing Chemical Company in Montreal, advised him to go to Ottawa and see me. (Tolstoj's one-day visit to Ottawa was according to him for the special purpose of visiting me.) When Mr. Ritchie mentioned my name, Tolstoj (according to his statement to me) demurred and said that he was afraid to meet any of his compatriotes as they may be communists. Mr. Ritchie laughed and replied that he should have no fears on my account, as I am an ex-page of the Emperors Court, an ex-horse guardman, an almost fanatical monarchist, a man who joined the White Army at the very start, an ex Russian intelligence officer, a man who served with the Canadian Military Intelligence and who even now is engaged in "Secret Service" work. Before I go any further I must make the following points:

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I have no friend in Montreal by the name of Ritchie

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