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BENTHEN entered U.S. at San Francisco, 6/15/38 from Japan where he resided from 1930 to 1938. Prior residence was Shanghai, China from 1923-1930. BENTHEN was naturalized 10/11/43 at San Francisco; reportedly a watch maker since 1923. Subject purchased a jewelry store at 2050 Fillmore Street, SF in June, 1938. Continues business there; condition of business as known to date set forth. Subject has corresponded with Russian Music Company, New York City; suspected of being a drop for Russian couriers. Subject's store visited by Soviet Consulate employees and officials. On 7/2/48 two USSR diplomatic couriers spent one hour in BENTHEN's store.

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DETAILS: This investigation is predicated upon receipt of information from New York office indicating that subject had corresponded with Russian Music Company which was suspected of being a drop for Russian Couriers.

Background information

The records of the Voters Registration Office, San Francisco reflect that LEONID PETER BENTHEN, 458-12th Avenue, was registered as a democrat on september 24, 1945, he was born in Russia and naturalized in San Francisco, October 11, 1943. His occupation was given as watchmaker and he was stated to be approximately 6'1" tall.

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L. BENTHEN'S Jewelry Store. On August 21, 1948, SF-1180^(S) reported that AFANASIEV had contacted some unknown person and advised in the Russian language he desired to know if the watch he had purchased was solid gold. ~~(S)~~

RESULTS OF MAIL COVER

The following mail was received by the subject during the latter part of August, 1948:

<u>Postmark</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
8/24/48	N. KOROBOFF	123/4 Siang Yank Lu, Shanghai, China
8/25/48	SR. N. BAZANOFF	2331 Av. Providencia - Dept P. Santiago, Chile
8/27/48	E.W. REYNOLDS CO.	657 Mission Street, San Francisco
	UNITED MUSIC SALES CORP.	539 Hayes, San Francisco
	BAUD & SON AUTO MECHANICS	1840 Washington, San Francisco
	WILLIAMS AND PETERSEN	114 Geary, San Francisco
8/28/48	RUSSIAN MUSIC CO., INC.	121 Lexington Avenue, NYC
8/28/48	PETER P. GREGORY	1503 Ft Worth National Bank Bldg. Fort Worth, Texas

Mail also received at 2050 Fillmore Street as follows:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TO</u>
8/23/48	Mr. TOKUHEI KIMBUCHI From Mrs. RYVICHI KIMBUCHI, Tokyo, Japan
8/20/48	Mrs. PAUL D. KALV, % L. BENTHEN From J.R. Brown, Eng. Sect, Hq. 3th Army APO (343) % Postmaster, San Francisco

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No record could be found in the indices of this office on the following: U

N. KOROBOFF
United Music Sales Corporation
J.R. BROWN or ~~RYVICH~~ YAMAZUCHI

The indices indicated that TOKUHEI IWABUCHI once registered as an alien enemy but no other information was available. U

E.W. REYNOLDS COMPANY is listed in the phone book as a jewelers supply. WILLIAMS and PETERSEN is also a jewelers supply. The telephone book lists at 539 Hayes Street, the United Record Sales and the indices contain no record on this company. The identity of the Russian Music Company, Inc. has been previously mentioned. U

In regard to N. BAZANOFF it is noted that the only reference in this office indicates that RUSSIAN LIFE newspaper for March 2, 1948, indicated that NIKOLAI BAZANOV and wife ULIA arrived in San Francisco on the General Meigs on March 3, 1948. This newspaper on March 18, 1948 indicated that N. P. and YULIA S. BAZANOV had attended a meeting at the Russian Center. U

In regard to the name P.D. KALV, it is noted that RUSSIAN LIFE newspaper April 3, 1948 reprinted an article published in a Monterey, California, newspaper regarding the new military school at Monterey, California. This article indicated that the two major departments in foreign languages were Japanese and Russian Schools. Among the instructors listed was a Captain P.D. KALV. In regard to PETER P. GREGORY it is noted that SF-9 advised this office in 1941 that a PETER PAUL GREGORY (formerly GRIGORIEFF) was in San Francisco, August 18, 1941 at which time he was reported as making some effort to get a business connection for his brother PETER GRIGORIEFF then residing at Mantetsu, Honshu, Dairen, Manchukio; brother wrote that he might come to the United States. GREGORY was reported to be a petroleum engineer and gave his address as P.O. Box 573, Iran, Texas. It was noted that SF-9 reported MICHAEL PETER GRIGORIEFF as then being employed by the South Manchurian Railway in Dairen and was formerly a White Russian officer who had gone there in 1920 and married a Japanese woman. GREGORIEFF had been reported as speaking, reading and writing Japanese better than most educated Japanese and it was indicated he had attended a Russian military school in Chita, Siberia, during his youth. As an observation it is noted that GREGORIEFF appears to be the maiden name of BENTHEN's wife. U

ENCLOSURE: (1) Los Angeles

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Photograph of subject.

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