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IRVING J HECHTMAN

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for you HECHTMAN alias KNIGHT alias PETER STONE".

This note was attached to an article written by the subject but the description of the article was not known. The subject advised BRISTEL that NOVICK believed the note had been sent by NELSON FRANK of the New York World Telegram newspaper. The subject also advised BRISTEL that NOVICK had contacted NELSON FRANK relative to this note and had given a complete history of the subject's activities under his various names. The subject commented there was no documentary proof of these activities and that he did not believe anyone would dare publish this information because there was no documentary proof.

The subject further advised BRISTEL at that time that he did not believe NOVICK should have exposed the subject's activities to FRANK because there was no proof that FRANK had written the note in question. The subject also mentioned that he had no definite plans for the future. BRISTEL told the subject to contact BILL LAWRENCE, Secretary of the New York State Committee of the Communist Political Association regarding the matter because something should be done about NOVICK's actions. The subject stated he had no definite plans for the future and stated that BERNIE FEIN of the Electronics Corporation of America had said that he was going to try and keep the subject officially working at the plant until the subject received another job. Reference was made at the time by the subject and BRISTEL to the engineer's job which the subject formerly had and which he might return to. BRISTEL had suggested that the subject help him on a part time basis, that some day they would go into business together.

The Selective Service file of the subject was located at Local Draft Board 183, 235 Montgomery Street, Brooklyn. The file reflects the subject was born on November 9, 1914 at Brooklyn. At the time of his registration the subject resided at 271 Parkside Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, and later moved to 95 Linden Boulevard, Brooklyn. The subject was married on December 27, 1936, Brooklyn, to MOLLY HECHTMAN. The subject has a son PETER born June 28, 1941 in New York. The subject was formerly employed as a tutor in the sciences for Citizens examinations from 1938 to 1939; he was a teacher of English to foreign born. He attended City College and Brooklyn College, New York. The subject has a 2B classification to October 26, 1945.

On March 12, 1945 R. LIEBERMAN, Assistant Secretary, Electronics Corporation of America, New York City, advised the local board that the subject had been employed by that firm since August 1, 1944 as an electro-physicist and assistant to the president in matters of design consultation and engineering on war contracts and electro-medical equipment for the armed forces.

According to Lieberman in his letter THE Electronics Corporation of America was engaged in the design development and production of airborne radar

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equipment.

The Selective Service file of the subject also reflected that he had accounts at the Seamen's Bank for Savings and the Lincoln Savings Bank of New York City.

On March 28, 1945 L. M. BRAUN of the Electronics Corporation of America advised the Board by letter that the subject was no longer employed by that company. On the same date the subject in a note to the Board advised them that he had resigned from the Electronics Corporation of America.

Mr. GEORGE PETTIT, superintendent of the premises at 95 Linden Boulevard, advised that the subject and his wife, MOLLY, and Mr. and Mrs. SCHLEIFER had resided in one apartment at that address for the past three years. At the time the subject rented the apartment he was employed by the U.S. Government. Mr. PETTIT stated he was not acquainted with the subject's contacts or activities or affiliations with any organizations.

Mr. ROBERT MORROW, doorman at 95 Linden Boulevard, stated that he also was not acquainted with any of the subject's activities and contacts. Confidential Informant ND 276, whose identity is known to the Bureau, advised that the subject was employed at the Electronics Corporation of America, New York City, for approximately six months prior to the termination of his employment in March, 1945.

Informant ND 276 advised that the subject was assistant to PAUL TRAUGOTT, who is conducting the electro-physical laboratory experiments at the Electronics Corporation of America plant. The subject shared an office with TRAUGOTT and CARL BRISTEL. BRISTEL, according to Informant ND 276, was the public relations director of the Electronics Corporation of America whose duties as public relations director included preparation and distribution of pro-Communist propaganda.

Informant ND 276 advised that HECHTMAN and TRAUGOTT assisted BRISTEL in arranging programs sponsored by the Electronics Corporation of America including the radio program of WILLIAM S. GAILMORE over station WJZ, New York. HECHTMAN, according to Informant 276, arranged for the dinner at the time of the presentation of the Army and Navy Award to the Electronics Corporation of America.

Informant ND 276 stated that PAUL TRAUGOTT, the subject and JACK RUBIN, were ostensibly engaged in experimental work for the Electro-physical Laboratories, a subsidiary of Electronics Corporation of America, with joint offices. The purpose of these experiments was to develop electro-medical equipment, some of which is reportedly used at the present time by the Signal Corps of the U.S. Army, Ft. Monmouth, Red Bank, New Jersey.

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Informant ND 276 stated that RUBIN appeared to be the only one who actually conducted the experiments in the laboratory, and that TRAU GOTT and the subject remained in the office most of the day reviewing letters of praise and criticism published on their radio programs of Electronics Corporation of America.

Informant ND 276 stated that CARL BRISTEL had been discharged from the Electronics Corporation of America because of his Communist affiliations, especially as former business manager of New Masses had been made public.

Confidential Informant T-2 advised that CARL BRISTEL is presently operating his own business under Universal Public Relations, Inc., an agency for free lance writers for importing and exporting publicity devices.

Confidential Informant NYC 77 advised that the subject's name does not appear among the corporators of the Electro-Physical Laboratories, Inc., 45 West 18th Street. According to Informant ND 276 the president of Electro-Physical Laboratories, Inc. was called TRAU GOTT and SAMUEL J. NOVICK was secretary-treasurer. This corporation was organized July 2, 1942.

Informant NYC 77 advised that the Electro-Physical Laboratories, Inc. would not furnish any financial information.

The records of City College of New York reflected that the subject enrolled under the name IRVING J. HECHTMANN on September 15, 1930 receiving a BS degree June 20, 1934. The subject specialized in science courses. There was no record in the Dean of Men's office, City College of New York, of any extra curricula activities on the part of subject.

Confidential Informant ND 183 advised that PETER STONE is referred to by the business office of DAILY WORKER as a writer of special articles for the Daily Worker and he receives a monthly compensation from the Daily Worker.

Informant ND 183 advised that PETER STONE is also known as IRVING HECHTMAN. It is believed that this PETER STONE is identical with the subject. The Daily Worker of October 3, 1944, page 7, column 2, contains an article entitled: "Science Notebook" with the byline of PETER STONE. This article is a treatment of the activities of the Missouri Valley Authority pointing out that it is following in the footsteps of the Tennessee Valley Authority. The Daily Worker issue of March 20, 1945 in the column noted as "Science Notebook" PETER STONE has an article relating to the development of science to produce vegetables without soil. In a similar column dated March 27, 1945 PETER STONE criticized the program of WILLIAM RANDOLPH HEARST's Anti-Vivisectionists. Also

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NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK

Will ascertain subject's current employment by rechecking the subject's Selective Service file at Local Draft Board 183, 235 Montgomery Street, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Will attempt to obtain additional information regarding the subject's association with the Daily Worker and New Masses.

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

The identities of the confidential informants mentioned in the report of Special Agent John B. Frisch dated June 25, 1945 at New York, New York, are as follows:

- T-1 ~~Confidential~~ NYT 294, whose identity is known to the Bureau.
- T-2 WALTER WHITESIDE, associate of Electronics Corporation of America.
- T-3 Highly confidential source having access to the records of the Kings County Committee, Communist Party, 26 Court Street, Brooklyn, in March, 1944 and who made information contained therein available to Special Agents Gene P. Fopp, Charles O. Blaisdell and Stephen A. McGarr.
- T-4 Confidential National Defense Informant from Miami Florida Division referred to in letter from Miami, dated February 19, 1944 entitled; "James Knight; Internal Security - C".
- T-5 ~~Confidential~~ Informant NYT 3, whose identity is known to the Bureau.
- T-6 NELSON FRANK, feature writer of New York World Telegram newspaper
- T-7 Miss E. De MAURO, assistant official of Lincoln Savings Bank, Flatbush Branch, Nostrand Church Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.
- T-8 Mr. C. COONTZ, Vice President of Seamen's Savings Bank, 74 Wall Street, New York City

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Informant T-8 advised that the subject had an account with the Seamen's Savings Bank, 74 Wall Street, New York City, which was closed July 10, 1942. Informant T-8 advised the records of this account did not indicate the source of the subject's income or payments to any individuals by the subject. At the time the subject had an account at the Seamen Savings Bank his occupation was that of inspector for the U.S. Government.

The following description of the subject was obtained from the Selective Service files:

Born	November 9, 1914 at Brooklyn
Height	5' 4"
Weight	172
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Brown
Complexion	Light

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