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<p>DECLASSIFIED BY <u>5608 SLD/mde</u> ON <u>6/10/97</u> (SP2)</p> <p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: EDWARD CARTER departed for New York City 9-26-41; subject went to Hollywood Beach. [On 9-29-41 BIBERMAN returned and immediately conferred with JANE MEADE, who indicated difficulties had arisen in perfecting organization of COMMITTEE FOR MEDICAL AID TO RUSSIA. Subject advised MEADE to communicate with CARTER in New York, requesting his return to help out with situation; CARTER will again come to Los Angeles week of October 6 to 11, 1941. Subject and MEADE arranging functions at which CARTER will further attempt "to sell" project of Russian aid; will concentrate on developing cooperation in Los Angeles, Santa Barbara, and San Diego. Details of plans set out. MEADE tentatively identified as underground member Communist Party; father believed retired lieutenant-commander, U.S.N. [Contacts of subject with JOHN HOWARD LAWSON on 9-29-41 and 10-1-41 noted. Results of mail covers on LAWSON and BIBERMAN set out.] Additional bank account of subject and wife reflects \$5,000 balance. Purchase of dairy farm by subject's wife noted. Subject's checking account from 8-15-41 to 9-19-41 reflects apparently normal activity. [Subject identified as acquainted with Soviet Consul NIKOLAI BELOV, VLADIMIR GUSPENSKY, and GREGORY L. IRSKY, known Soviet officials.] On 9-30-41 TOM CULLEN contacted subject relative mass meeting sponsored by AMERICAN COUNCIL ON SOVIET RELATIONS. Activities of FIGHT FOR FREEDOM group indicated. Maturity of confidential plan for daily association of subject with Bureau personnel noted.</p>			
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into action along the desired lines. It will be noted further that the basic plan for his activities is in line with the plan of his prior visit, namely a luncheon sponsored by outstanding persons is to be given, at which CARTER will have an opportunity to make an address, as he did when previously in Los Angeles. Arrangements are proceeding in the Los Angeles Division to insure appropriate coverage of CARTER'S arrival and events transpiring while he is here. The New York Field Division has been requested by teletype to place CARTER under such appropriate close surveillance as will disclose his activities, connections, and time of departure from New York as anticipated. (S)(u)

With reference to the individuals mentioned in the telegram from CARTER above cited, it is interesting to note that immediately following his conference with MEADE, subject endeavored to get in touch with Senator ROBERT W. KENNY, but on inquiry learned that Senator KENNY would be out of town for several weeks. It is noted that Senator KENNY is a prominent political personage, being a State Senator of California and frequently mentioned as a possible candidate for the governorship of the state. It was from the office of Senator KENNY, via MAURICE COHEN, as noted in the writer's report dated September 20, 1941, that BIBERMAN obtained a partial list of possible sponsors for the Russian Relief Project. (S)(u)

It will be recalled that reference report cites a suggestion by BIBERMAN that JANE MEADE was the daughter of a Commander in the United States Navy, which fact he considered important background for the use of MEADE in the office of Russian War Relief. Collateral inquiries concerning JANE MEADE have disclosed that she resides at 11168 Moorpark St., North Hollywood, Calif., telephone SUNset 23003. This telephone is listed to KURT NEUMANN, with whom MEADE has been in contact, as noted in reference report, under such circumstances as to warrant the statement that MEADE'S true name is Mrs. KURT NEUMANN. However, it is noted that a 1940 Chevrolet coupe, California license #59E-467 has been frequently observed in the vicinity of BIBERMAN'S home, and this car is registered to JANE LAWSON MEADE of 1154 North Formosa Street, Hollywood. The car also was observed parked in the driveway of DIMITRI TIOMKIN'S home on the occasion of a luncheon meeting which is known to have been attended by JANE MEADE (NEUMANN), as recorded in the writer's report in this case dated Sept. 20. This woman is regularly and always referred to by subject and his associates as JANE MEADE, and accordingly for purposes of clarity and consistency, she will be thus referred to herein and in subsequent reports on this case. (S)(u)

Confidential National Defense Informant Los Angeles No. 1060, whose identity is known to the Bureau, has advised the writer that in connection with his other inquiries he has observed MEADE to be in charge of the office of the COMMITTEE FOR MEDICAL AID TO RUSSIA, located at 8633 Sunset Boulevard. This informant stated that this fact caused him immediately to associate the Medical Aid to Russia Project (S)(u)

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