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| TITLE<br><u>HERBERT JEROME BERNHARDT, et al</u>  |                                  | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><u>INTERNAL SECURITY - R<br/>CONSTITUTIONAL VIOLATION</u> |  |
| SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:<br><p>ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN OTHERWISE <del>CONFIDENTIAL</del></p> <p><u>HERBERT JEROME BERNHARDT</u> conferred and attended Communist meetings with <u>ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG</u>, national of official <u>2/7-8/53</u>. [Received letter from <u>CHARLES ALBERT FREN</u>, cultural attaché, 10 Embassy, Uruguay, advising results of elections and condition of political prisoners in Brazil.] BERNHARDT now instructor Los Angeles Communist Workers School, spring term, 1953. He contributed to special Hollywood issue, People's World, 3/21/53 and collaborated on script for motion picture re. activities of National Maritime Union, which picture brought high praise from People's World. BERNHARDT observed at meeting with <u>PAUL CUSHNETT</u>, <u>CARL WINTER</u>, <u>MAX WILFON</u>, and <u>IRVING CHARANOWITZ</u>. BERNHARDT has delivered 3 public addresses on Russia and appears to be coming out in the open more. He is active in leadership (though not an official) of Hollywood Democratic Committee, which appears to be covert front organization in Hollywood. Informant believes BERNHARDT active in CP recruiting campaign in Los Angeles. [BERNHARDT visited New York while in East on death of his brother-in-law, <u>ABRAHAM LINCOLN</u>.] Contacts and meetings of subjects not forth. Bank accounts monitored. [all cover set forth.] BERNHARDT departed 1950 to apartment in February, 1953. Unable to trace source of same.</p> |                                  |  |  |
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THE LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION

SAC Los Angeles, California, will maintain contact with OSDI LA 78 for bank checks on Subjects, and also for check on entrance of BIRNBAUM'S safe deposit box at this bank, #320.

Will develop informant in LANSOFT neighborhood for continuous surveillance, it being noted that MARIEA and RICHARD HAY (employed at LOCKHEED AIRCRAFT CORPORATION) 1521 Coldwater Canyon Avenue, reside in a good location and one which we have previously used to advantage.

Will watch possibility of developing informant in the BIRNBAUM neighborhood, it being noted the home of E. B. LINDBERG may be vacated soon. Others in vicinity are friends of Subject.

Will conduct inquiries about BILLIE EKEL, in care of LILLIAN MERL'S TKA HOME, 315 East Seventh Street, Long Beach, California (telephone Long Beach 6-1095).

Will contact the appropriate officers of the U. F. GRANT COMPANY, 310 South Spring Street, to ascertain the identity and Communistic tendencies of H. A. BARTL.

Will ascertain Subject BIRNBAUM'S activities prior to his leadership in the American Peace Mobilization through OSDI LA 1138.

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A confidential source who made photographic copies of materials in the possession of ALHAMBRA [REDACTED] available to Special Agent in Charge, JACK H. QUINN, and reporting Agent on February 9, 1943. (See Los Angeles File 100-16737)

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