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BIBERMAN host to ALEXANDER GOLDBERGER alias ALEXANDER STEVENS 5/2/42 to 5/4/42 [and held conferences, attended by known Communist sympathizers, for GOLDBERGER] apparently delivered something to GOLDBERGER from safety deposit box. BIBERMAN apparently no longer leading strategy behind Russian War Relief. [His attempt to form Free Browder committee with DALTON TRU BO ended with presidential pardon of BROWDER. Letter berating Attorney General BIDDLE for HARRY BRIDGES deportation order procured and contents set out. BIBERMAN has just concluded unsuccessful effort to run advertisement financed by individuals approached by BIBERMAN and associates, advocating the immediate opening of a second front in Europe. BIBERMAN and LAWSON held meeting with CARL WINTER, Executive Secretary, Los Angeles County Communist Party, 5/7/42 at home of MADELINE RUTHVEN. Other contacts and miscellaneous meetings of subjects described. GALE SONDERGARD toured Eastern United States with Hollywood Victory Committee, and active as officer in W.A.D.C. LAWSON conducting United States History course offered to public, held partly benefit of League of American Writers at his home in 8-1942. [Pertinent results of mail cover set out.] Draft Board information obtained and bank account of subjects and other pertinent figures in investigation, set out.]

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BERNSTEIN. KRAFT again asked BIBERMAN who he should invite and BIBERMAN suggested the following names: BUCHMAN (SIDNEY BUCHMAN); BOB ROSSEN; HERMAN SCHUMLIN; PAUL TRIVERS; LAWSON (JOHN HOWARD LAWSON); MILLIE (LEWIS MILESTONE); HENRY (HENRY MEYERS) and J. (GORNEY). KRAFT stated he was going to invite JEROME (CHODOROV). BIBERMAN said he would like to come over for dinner with BERNSTEIN on Wednesday but he could not possibly stay for the evening meeting. (E.W.)

Through Confidential Source P it was learned that BERNSTEIN would be introduced at a Paramount premiere of various British documentary propaganda films on Tuesday, August 18th.

Special Agents F. J. KEENEY and the writer attended this showing and observed five short films reviewing the life of Britain in war time. Generally speaking the films were morale builders, some dealing with the army, some with the civilian life of the British. At the end of the program SIDNEY BERNSTEIN was introduced by a man believed to be LEWIS MILESTONE. BERNSTEIN was introduced as the man who was largely responsible for these pictures. In a short talk BERNSTEIN stated his business in the United States was to sell these films. He indicated that as of that date none of the major studios had purchased these films. He also stated he had made many trips previously to the United States and was no stranger here. The following description was obtained by observation of SIDNEY BERNSTEIN:

Age	About 30
Height	6' 1"
Weight	175 pounds
Build	Medium
Hair	Black - curly
Complexion	Medium
Nose	Pugilist nose
Accent	Marked British accent

Special Agents F. J. KEENEY and the writer observed that BERNSTEIN, after the premier, proceeded to the Players Club in the company of an unidentified girl, where he spent some hours of conversation with her, a man believed to be LEWIS MILESTONE and another couple, one of whom was believed to be JOAN BENNETT, movie actress. Through surveillance by Agents it was ascertained that he was staying at the home of ALFRED J. HITCHCOCK, movie director, whose car he was chauffeured around Los Angeles in. This is a 1939 Cadillac Sedan bearing California license 9 X 247. HITCHCOCK resides at 609 St. Cloud Street, Bel Air.

The girl who accompanied BERNSTEIN was taken by him to the directly across the road from 1085 Summit, Bel Air. (Special Agent KEENEY was advised by Confidential Source Q on August 18, 1942, that she was a representative of the British Ministry of Information, and was in the United States for the purpose of selling propaganda shorts made in with government sanction.)

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