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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DIRECTOR, FBI (65-61458)

DATE: 3/24/53

SAC, PHILADELPHIA (65-4812)

SUBJECT:

PAUL EMANUEL RUBIN, wa., (Deceased)

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00: Philadelphia

Rereps SA CHARLES W. TANKERSLEY, Philadelphia, 2/24/53. and SA MORGAN J. LACEY, New York, 3/13/53.

Referenced report of SA TANKERSLEY set out a lead for Philadelphia to close this case administratively upon the receipt of an RUC report from New York. Referenced report of SA LACEY RUC'd this case to Philadelphia.

The case of PAUL EMANUEL RUBIN is being closed in the Philadelphia Office without further action. Closed.

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REFERENCE:

Bureau letters 2/9/53 and 2/26/53.
Report of SA CHARLES W. TANKERSLEY, 2/24/53,
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Mr. Joseph Ominsky Office of the Department of Coroner City Hall Annex Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Sir:

DATE 4/17/04 BY 32133 Your letter of February 24, 1953, relating to Paul Emanuel Rubin, your reference, Case 379 of '53,

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referring to my letter of February 5, 1953, has been received.

As I advised you in my letter of February 5, 1953, information in FBI files is confidential and available for official use only. This requirement is based on an order of the Attorney General.

The request for the results of our investigation concerning Rubin contained in your letters of January 28, 1953, and February 24, 1953, has been brought to the attention of Mr. William P. Rogers, Deputy Attorney General.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover Director

Mr. William P. Rogers ttorney General (65-4812) \25 EHM: emeligidib HELEIVET MAIL AGON MAILED 8 MAR 4 - 1053 COMM - FBI

Memo dated 8-3-44 reflects info. re Ominsky's connections with the Communist () ty in Philadelphia and his association with persons reportedly associated with the Communist Party. This memo further reflects Ominsky was a member of the Committees which welcomed and entertained a Delegation from the Soviet Union to Philadelphia in July of 1943. In February 1945 Ominsky, then Atty, War Frauds Unit, Philadelphia, released info. to the press re certain cases being investigated by the Bureau, this being highly detrimental to our investigations, and then AG Clark was so advised. Various allegations have been made regarding the Coroner's Office in Philadelphia (Ominsky is now Coroner), to the effect the deputies have taken part in a shakedown system with an enormous amount of graft allegedly passing through their hands. A special Grand Jury recommended several Deputies be fired in June 1952 and Ominsky announced before doing so he would conduct his own investigation.



JOSEPH OMINSKY

Coroner

M. PHILLIP FREED

Chief Deputy Coroner

OFFICE OF

department of coroner

CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

THIRTEENTH AND WOOD STREETS

PHILADELPHIA 7, PA.

February 24, 1953

DR. WILLIAM S. WADSWORTH: arty.... Chief Physician Mr. Mohr.....

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John Edgar Hoover, Director Federal Bureau of Investigation Washington 25, D. C.

Re: Case 379 of 53 PAUL EMANUEL RUBIN, Dec'd. 1/20/53

My dear Director:

This is to acknowledge your recent communication which was in reply to mine concerning the investigation made in the death of Paul Emanuel Rubin who, as you may recall, was found dead in the vicinity of the International Airport at Philadelphia.

As a former member of the staff of the United States Attorney General however, I do not understand the reason which makes it impossible to supply me with the necessary information so that I may complete my file and hold a formal inquest in the matter.

Under the law in Pennsylvania it is my duty to determine not only the medical causes of sudden deaths but also the responsibilities, if there be any.

In my request of January 28, 1953 for information I did not expect to obtain any "confidential" information but thought that I would receive the benefit of the investigation which was made by your agents.

At this point I cannot determine as yet whether this death was a suicide or a homicide and I thought that your department could be of some help to me in my final determination of the matter.

Very truly yours,

JOSEPH OMINSKY

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Wr. William P. Rogers Deputy Attorney General

March 3, 1953

Director, IBI

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Reference is made to my memorandum dated February 5, 1953, with enclosures, in the captioned matter.

There are attached for your information a copy of a letter dated February 24, 1953, addressed to this Bureau by Joseph Ominsky, Coroner of the City of Philadelphia, and a copy of our reply to him. It is to be noted this is the second request made by Mr. Ominsky for the results of our investigation in the captioned case.

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DETAILS:

At Philadelphia, Pa.

TITLE OF REPORT

The title of this case reflects the additional name GALEN TEMPLER, a name not noted in previous communications in this matter. On January 22, 1953, BENJAMIN MAYER BIRNBAUM, a close friend of the deceased, advised that the subject, PAUL EMANUEL RUBIN, adopted the name GALEN TEMPLER after SIMON TEMPLER, the Saint, a fictional character.

BASIS FOR INVESTIGATION

Investigation in this case was predicated on information received on January 20, 1953, from Detective Sergeant JAMES MC TAGUE, Intelligence Squad, Philadelphia Police Department. Sergeant MC TAGUE advised on this date that the body of an unidentified White male had been discovered at approximately 9:15 a.m., on January 20, 1953, by Private MADRID KING, United States Army, near the Philadelphia International Airport Administration Building. MC TAGUE stated that officers of the Philadelphia Police Department had uncovered evidence in the form of a "coded note" found taped mysteriously to the abdomen of the deceased is body which possibly indicated an aspect of internal security in the death of the subject. He added that the "coded note" bore numerous letters and digits in an unintelligible pattern, but contained the proper names "DULLES" and "CONANT." He felt that the latter names conceivably referred to the recently appointed officials of the United States Government, JOHN FOSTER DULLES, Secretary of State, and JAMES B. CONANT, High Commissioner to Germany. MC TAGUE also advised of finding a small, cylindrical object in the deceased's clothing, which object MC TAGUE and other police department detectives believed to be a "fuse," possibly for use in incendiarism or sabotage.

In addition to maintaining close liaison with detectives of the Philadelphia Police Department assigned to this case, the Philadelphia Office has conducted the following investigation:

RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION

DISCOVERY OF SUBJECT'S BODY

As noted hereinabove, Detective Sergeant JAMES MC TAGUE, of the Philadelphia Police Department, advised on January 20, 1953, that the body of an unidentified White male had been found in the immediate vicinity of the Philadelphia International Airport Administration Building at approximately 9:15 a.m. this date by Private MADRID KING, United States Army. MC TAGUE described the deceased as being 22 to 25 years of age, six feet one inch in height, and about 200 pounds in weight. The deceased had dark brown, brush-cut hair, brown eyes, and tortoise-shell, extremely thick-lensed eyeglasses, the latter being on the deceased in the normal wearing position when the body was initially discovered. According to MC TAGUE, there was no identification on the body, although certain articles, which will be mentioned hereinafter, were found in the clothing of the deceased. Upon further examination of the deceased's body and effects, detectives found what MC TAGUE described as a "coded note" which was taped to the abdomen of the deceased with two small pieces of white adhesive tape. MC TAGUE added that there was no evidence of violence in connection with the death of the subject.

Subsequently, on the same date, MC TAGUE advised that an autopsy of the body by a physician of the Philadelphia Police Department had revealed that the subject died of "potassium cyanide poisoning in large amount."

Sergeant MC TAGUE requested that this office forward the "coded note" and the other items found in the deceased's effects to the FBI Laboratory in Washington, D. C., for appropriate examinations. He specifically requested that the FBI Laboratory attempt to determine by whatever means at its disposal whether or not the "coded note" possessed any cryptographic significance. MC TAGUE also requested that the FBI attempt to effect an identification of the deceased from a comparison of the deceased's fingerprints with those maintained in the FBI files in Washington, D. C.

FBI LABORATORY EXAMINATION

The following items, each of which was found with the body of the deceased, were transmitted to the FBI Laboratory on January 20, 1953, for appropriate examinations:

- (1) Photograph of deceased (made post-mortem).
- (2) Billfold.
- (3) Two small pieces of adhesive tape.
- (4) One pair eyeglasses.
- (5) Document composed of letters and digits (hereinabove referred to as "coded note").
- (6) Plastic cylinder with aluminum caps.
- (7)\.38 caliber expended cartridge.
- (8) Fingerprints of the deceased (taken post-mortem).

RESULTS OF FBI LABORATORY EXAMINATIONS

On January 21, 23, 28, and February 6, 1953, the FBI Laboratory advised that it had uncovered no positive evidence pertinent to this investigation as a result of appropriate laboratory examinations of all the items submitted on January 20, 1953. The Laboratory specifically advised that the cryptanalytic examination of the document composed of letters and digits had met with negative results. The Laboratory advised also that an examination of the plastic cylinder (item number six above) had revealed that this item was an ion chamber tube used for measuring small quantities of X-ray, Gamma and stray radiations. It was noted that this item, commonly referred to as a "Dosimeter," was manufactured commercially by the Victoreen Corporation, Cleveland, Ohio, and that it had no known explosive, incendiary or sabotage value.

The FBI Identification Division advised on January 26, 1953, that a search of the deceased subject's fingerprints (item number eight above) through the fingerprint files of the FBI disclosed no prior criminal record of the subject.

INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM PENNSYLVANIA TURNPIKE TOLL COLLECTOR

On January 21, 1953, ROBERT MIKULA, Toll Collector, Pennsylvania Turnpike Toll Gate, Valley Forge, Pa., Eastern Terminus, advised that at about 6:35 a.m. on January 20, 1953, a grayish-blue, 1951 Chevrolet pulled in at the Valley Forge Toll Gate, headed east towards Norristown, Pa. MIKULA quoted the driver of the car as asking where the nearest doctor was located, stating that his friend in the car had been poisoned. MIKULA stated that the driver's companion was hunched down in his seat, holding his stomach, and was obviously in pain. MIKULA directed the driver to the Sacred Heart Hospital in Norristown, Pa. MIKULA advised further that the description of the driver's companion somewhat resembled the description of the deceased subject as read by him in local newspapers, although he was unable to furnish any specific descriptive information concerning the companion.

On the same date as above, SA CLARENCE W. FRYE made inquiries at the Sacred Heart Hospital and at the Montgomery County Hospital, both located in Norristown, Pa. The following named employees of these hospitals advised SA FRYE that they knew of no person answering even remotely the description of the deceased subject who had appeared at their respective hospitals for treatment for poisoning on January 19 or 20, 1953:

MARIE STRIZZIERE, Admissions Clerk, Sacred Heart Hospital

Mrs. CECELIA ALT, In Charge of Dispensary, Sacred Heart Hospital

ELIZABETH HEDSTROM, Admissions Clerk, Montgomery County Hospital

Mrs. EMILY MARINARI, Supervisor, Accident Ward, Montgomery County Hospital

IDENTIFICATION OF DECEASED SUBJECT

On January 21, 1953, Detective Sergeant JAMES MC TAGUE, mentioned previously, stated that he had received a long-distance telephone call this date from Mrs. BESSIE RUBIN, 122 Vernon Avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y., who advised MC TAGUE that the description of the deceased subject and his clothing fit her son, PAUL RUBIN, who had been missing from his home at the above address since the morning of January 19, 1953. Sergeant MC TAGUE related that Mrs. RUBIN, subsequent to being furnished a complete description of the deceased, then told MC TAGUE that she was certain that the deceased was her son, and she would immediately depart for Philadelphia to make a final identification of the body.

On January 21, 1953, SA RICHARD H. GRABHAM was present in the office of JOSEPH OMINSKY, Coroner, City of Philadelphia, Pa., when Mr. MRS, SAM RUBIN, 122 Vernon Avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y., identified the unknown deceased subject as his son, PAUL EMANUEL RUBIN, also of 122 Vernon Avenue, Brooklyn. In addition, MAXYGERSTMAN, 400 West 47th Street, New York, N. Y., identified the deceased as his nephew, PAUL EMANUEL RUBIN.

INTERVIEW OF DECEASED'S PARENTS BY PHILADELPHIA DETECTIVES

Sergeant JAMES MC TAGUE advised that, subsequent to the identification of the deceased by his parents, he interviewed RUBIN's parents, SAM and BESSIE RUBIN. He stated that they examined a photostatic

copy of the "coded note" and were unable to decipher or otherwise explain or account for same. They did state, however, that there were a number of papers of a similar nature in their home in Brooklyn. They stated also, according to MC TAGUE, that BENJAMIN BIRNBAUM, referred to previously as a close friend of the deceased, would undoubtedly be able to furnish information concerning the "coded note."

On January 22, 1953, Detectives FRANK KELLY and EDWARD SCHRIVER, Homocide Squad, Philadelphia Police Department, advised that they also interviewed the deceased subject's parents subsequent to their indentification of the body on January 21, 1953. According to KELLY and SCHRIVER, Mrs. RUBIN stated that her son and his friend, BENJAMIN BIRNBAUM, often exchanged "notes" similar to the one found taped to the subject's abdomen when he was found. They quoted Mrs. RUBIN as stating further that on the morning of their son's disappearance, January 19, 1953, she observed him cutting strips of white adhesive tape. She was unable to furnish any explanation for the subject's action in this respect.

Detective KELLY, supra, advised further on January 22, 1953, that the police department's investigation in this case up to that time had failed to uncover any evidence indicating that the subject's death was homocide.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN HOTEL RESERVATION FOUND AT SUBJECT'S HOME

On January 22, 1953, Mrs. BESSIE RUBIN, mother of deceased subject, advised Special Agents of the New York Office that she had located a hotel reservation under the name GALEN TEMPLER, 232 Beach Avenue, New Canann, Conn., for a room in the Benjamin Franklin Hotel, Philadelphia, from April 5, 1952, to April 6, 1952. Mrs. RUBIN was unable to furnish any explanation of the room reservation or of the name appearing thereon.

Relative to the name GALEN TEMPLER, above, it was pointed out previously that RUBIN's close friend, BENJAMIN BIRNBAUM, advised on January 22, 1953, that the subject adopted the name GALEN TEMPLER from SIMON TEMPLER, the Saint, a fictional character.

On January 23, 1953, Mr. NORMAN J. BUERDSELL, Office Manager, Benjamin Franklin Hotel, Philadelphia, advised SA RICHARD H. GRABHAM that the records of that hotel reflect that one GALEN TEMPLER, 232 Beach Avenue, New Canaan, Conn., checked in at this hotel in Room 764 at 6:48 p.m., April 5, 1952, and checked out at 11:47 a.m., April 7, 1952.

He stated that Room 764 was a single room and there was no other occupant in addition to the individual described as GALEN TEMPLER. Further, the hotel's records reflected that no local or toll telephone calls emanated from Room 764 during TEMPLER's occupancy on April 5, 6, 7, 1952. Mr. BUERDSELL advised subsequently that the records of the Benjamin Franklin Hotel in Philadelphia reveal that no one using the name PAUL RUBIN or GALEN TEMPLER was a guest at this hotel on January 19 or 20, 1953.

SUBJECT'S VISIT TO OLD ORIGINAL BOOKBINDERS' RESTAURANT, PHILADELPHIA, IN DECEMBER, 1952

BENJAMEN BIRNBAUM advised Agents of the New York City FBI office that when he and the subject were in Philadelphia in December, 1952, to visit the Benjamin Franklin Institute, he and RUBIN had dinner at the Old Original Bookbinders' Restaurant. BIRNBAUM recalled in this connection that RUBIN appeared to know the Doorman at this restaurant.

On January 29, 1953, the subject's photograph was exhibited to JASPER WEST, Doorman, Old Original Bookbinders'Restaurant, Second and Walnut Streets, Philadelphia. WEST stated that while he did not know the subject's name, he did recall that the subject and a male companion had dinner at this restaurant on one occasion in December, 1952. WEST emphasized that he had never seen the subject prior to the aforementioned occasion, nor had he seen him since. Also, he was unable to furnish any additional information concerning the subject, stating that he recalled him from his photograph and description solely because of the subject's extremely thick-lensed eyeglasses.

JACK BRONSTEIN, Purchasing Agent, and JOSEPH DONNOLO, Maitre Dinotel, both employed at the Bookbinders' Restaurant, advised that they did not know the subject by name or photograph and could furnish no information concerning him.

SUBJECT'S VISIT TO BENJAMIN FRANKLIN INSTITUTE, PHILADELPHIA, DECEMBER, 1952

As pointed out hereinabove, BENJAMIN BIRNBAUM advised that he and the subject visited the Benjamin Franklin Institute in Philadelphia in December, 1952. In an effort to locate persons who were either acquainted with RUBIN or who had seen RUBIN at the Benjamin Franklin Institute, the following individuals connected with this institute were interviewed on January 30, 1953. All of these individuals advised that they could not furnish any information concerning RUBIN and could not recognize him from his name, description, and photograph:

RUTH ROBBINS, ticket seller
GEORGE MC ALPINE, usher
Mrs. GLORIA GOSSLING, Director of Education
Doctor I. M. LEVITT, Director, Fels Planetarium
J. E. MARSDEN, Director, Museum Services
W. PERTUTH, Librarian
A. D. HOLLINGSWORTH, Director, Public Relations

Mrs. GLORIA GOSSLING, supra, advised that the membership records of the Benajmin Franklin Institute revealed that the subject was not a member of this organization either under the name PAUL RUBIN or GALEN TEMPLER.

PHILADELPHIA ADDRESSES APPEARING ON STATIONERY FOUND IN SUBJECT'S HOME

Mrs. BESSIE RUBIN, deceased subject's mother, advised Special Agents of the New York City Office that she located a piece of stationery in her home bearing the letterhead of the Benjamin Franklin Hotel, Philadelphia, Pa. On this stationery were listed the following Philadelphia addresses:

722 Market 113 S. 16 12 at Sansom 11 S. 16 109 S. 10th

On February 2, 1953, Mr. E. S. FLOOD, Sporting Goods Department, Murta Appleton and Company, 12th and Sansom Streets (note this is same address as above), recognized the subject from his photograph as having come to the Sporting Goods Department of this firm about six or eight months ago. FLOOD stated that the individual, whom he definitely believed to have been the subject, was in the company of a much smaller and somewhat younger boy, and the subject attempted to buy a small amount of gunpowder. FLOOD stated that he did not recall that the subject or his companion gave their names, but did recall the subject stating they were from New Jersey. FLOOD added that he was certain that he had not seen the subject prior or subsequent to the aforementioned occasion some six or eight months ago, and he could furnish no additional information.

In addition to the above, the subject's photograph was exhibited to the following-named individuals at the addresses noted on the piece of letterhead stationery found by Mrs. RUBIN. Each of these individuals

stated that he did not recognize the subject from his name, description, and photograph, and could furnish no information concerning him:

A. J. ZILLIG, Manager, M & H Sporting Goods Company, 722 Market Street

F. S. STOUT, Manager, Gun Department, M & H Sporting Goods Company, 722 Market Street

H. W. WARREN, Purchaser and Salesman, Gun Department, M & H Sporting Goods Company, 722 Market Street

L. ZAROFF, Manager,
M & H Sporting Goods Company,
ll3 South 16th Street

A. C. GRAHAM, Salesman, M & H Sporting Goods Company, 113 South 16th Street

V. D. SCOTT, Purchaser and Salesman, M. & H Sporting Goods Company, 113 South 16th Street

JAMES A. BRESLEN, Salesman, Sporting Goods Department, Murta Appleton and Company, 12th and Sansom Streets

JAMES MULHOLLAND, Manager, Public Sports Company, 11 South 16th Street

F. KAISERMAN, Salesman, Public Sports Company, 11 South 16th Street

EDWARD WIEGER, Salesman, Public Sports Company, 11 South 16th Street

DON STICKEL, Gunsmith, 109 South 10th Street

SUBJECT'S ALLEGED INTEREST IN SCIENCE FICTION ACTIVITIES

On January 21, 1953, Sergeant JAMES MC TAGUE, Philadelphia Police Department, mentioned previously, advised that during the course of his interview of the deceased's parents, SAM and BESSIE RUBIN, on January 21, 1953, they stated that their son was extremely interested in Science Fiction activities and had done profuse reading on this subject matter.

On January 28, 1953, WILLIAM SYKORA, 31-51 List Street, Queens, N. Y., advised that one MILTON H. ROTHMAN, of Philadelphia, heads the Philadelphia Science and Fiction Society and that this group maintains a club room in Philadelphia.

On February 3, 1953, MILTON A. ROTHMAN, Bartol Foundation, Swarthmore, Pa., advised, upon being exhibited a photograph of the subject, that he was not acquainted with the subject and could furnish no information concerning him. ROTHMAN stated that had the subject ever participated in Science Fiction activities in the Philadelphia area, either ROBERT A. MADLE, the current president of the Philadelphia Science and Fiction Society, or LAWRENCE MAGGETTI, a member of the latter society and other societies of a similar nature, might possibly know the subject.

On February 4, 1953, ROBERT A. MADLE, President, and LAWRENCE MAGGETTI, member, Philadelphia Science Fiction Society, were exhibited a photograph of the deceased subject. Each of these individuals advised that he was not acquainted with the subject by name or photograph and could furnish no information concerning him. Mr. MADLE advised that after the subject's death had been reported in the newspapers, the members of the Philadelphia Science Fiction Society discussed the case at their next regular meeting because of the subject's alleged interests in the field of Science Fiction. MADLE recalled that none of the members present at this meeting, at which there were about 20, as he recalled, voiced any knowledge whatsoever of the deceased subject.

RESULTS OF PHILADELPHIA POLICE DEPARTMENT INVESTIGATION

On February 5, 1953, Homocide Squade Detectives FRANK KELLY and EDWARD SCHRIVER, to whom the PAUL RUBIN case is assigned in the Philadelphia Police Department, advised that the Homocide Squad had concluded its investigation in this case and had uncovered no evidence indicating the subject's death was a homocide. They added that while the case would remain pending until the Coroner's Inquest, they were convinced as a result of their investigation that the subject's death was suicide with no extenuating circumstances.

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Also, on February 5, 1953, Detective Sergeant JAMES MC TAGUE, Intelligence Squad, Philadelphia Police Department, to whom there are other references hereinabove, advised that inasmuch as his investigation in this case had developed nothing of an intelligence aspect, he contemplated no further action.

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As noted in the investigative section of this report, one MILTON A. ROTHMAN, Bartol Foundation, Swarthmore, Pa., advised he was unable to furnish any information concerning the deceased subject. The Bureau's attention is called to Bufile 116-329978, entitled "MILTON A. ROTHMAN, OR 28015, aka; AEAA." In the report of SA EDWARD J. CIBULAY, dated June 24, 1952, at Philadelphia, in the aforementioned case, it was noted that ROTHMAN was alleged by a former co-student at the University of Pennsylvania to have made statements in 1946 to the effect that, in his opinion, life under the Communist way of living was more enjoyable than life under the American democratic way, and further, "If there is ever a war between Russia and the United States, I will not fight for the United States."

Inasmuch as ROTHMAN furnished no information pertinent to this investigation, the above appeared to be administrative matter and is being brought to the attention of the Bureau solely for its information.

Leads

NEW YORK OFFICE AT NEW YORK, N. Y.

Will abide by instructions of Bureau letter to Philadelphia dated February 4, 1953, by submitting investigative report containing results of inquiries in this case to date.

PHILADELPHIA OFFICE AT PHILADELPHIA, PA.

Will close this case administratively in this office upon the receipt of an RUC report from New York.

REFERENCE: Bureau letter to Philadelphia dated February 4, 1953.

New York air-tel to the Bureau and Philadelphia dated February 6, 1953.

February 13, 1953

Mrs. L. Rohe Walter 2 Beekman Place New York 22, New York

Dear Mrs. Walter:

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Your letter dated February 4, 1953, with enclosure, has been received, and I appreciate the interest which prompted you to bring this matter to my attention.

Since your letter and enclosure may be of interest to another governmental agency, I am taking the liberty of forwarding a copy of both to the Chief, Secret Service Division, United States Treasury Department, Washington 25, D. C.

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Sincerely yours, "

J. Edgar Hooyer

John Edgar Hoover Director

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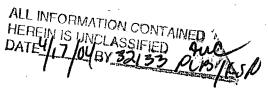
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February 4th 1953.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,
DirectorFederal Bureau of
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Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover-



I am enclosing a clipping from "Life" Magazine, Feb. 2nd, '53 issue which I just read yesterday. You will see it pertains to the clues found on the body of Paul Rubin.

The meaning of the clues seems so clear to me that I feel a bit foolish writing it to you, as you very likely have come to the same conclusion. But I became so concerned that I believe it is better to write anyway.

The clues suggest the young man was picked at random to dramatize the fiend's real purpose and seem to point to an <u>intended</u> victim - our new President.

The .38-caliber cartridge shell stood on end represents the Washington Monument. The Nazi swastika is the Road marker that stands on the Elipse back of the White House. The Thinker is the President & the words' Dulles and Conant stand for D.C. Being taped to the lady's stomach suggests in the middle of Washington D.C.-the White House.

Just before the Inauguration I remember seeing a good picture, either in a newspaper or magazine, of Mr. Eisenhower taken on the campus of Columbia University standing beside a statue of Rodin's "The Thinker." I remember the statue because I thought at the time that I couldn't recall seeing that statue there & wondered where it was on the campus.

The .38-caliber shell may also have a meaning of its particular number. It may mean 38 yeards, feet, miles or days! Or even a house number!

I feel certain this matter will receive your most careful attention. Anyway, it relieves my heart & mind to write this to you- Please receive our grateful thanks for your great service & to all your organization too- Most Sincerely- /s/ Mrs. L. Rohe Walter
2 Beekman Place, New York 22, N.Y.

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Rubin had died of cyanide poisoning, but since the body was sitting bolt upright, the spectacles were undisturbed and no vials or containers were found nearby, murder seemed a strong possibility. The clues were something out of detective fiction: Rubin's pockets contained an empty .38-caliber cartridge shell, a photograph of a plane with a Nazi swastika on its tail and a snapshot of Rodin's statue, The Thinker: Taped to his stomach was a coded message containing the words "Dulles" and "Conant," apparently a reference to the new Secretary of State and the new High Commissioner of Germany. F.B.I. experts are still trying to crack both the code and the mysteey.

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McLOSKY, NYU, advised deceased was
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12 Vernon Ave., Bklyn, NY, died in
April, 1944. Specimens of BIRNBAUM'S
and deceased typewriters submitted
to FBI Laboratory for examination.

DETAILS: On January 21, 1953, the following information was received from the Philadelphia Office of the FBI.

On January 20, 1953, a dead person, later identified as PAUL EMANUEL RUBIN, was found at the International Airport in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Taped to his body was a piece of paper 7 x 4 inches in width, with unintelligible words and ciphers thereon. Among the words written were "DULLES" and "CONANT". There was also found on the body a brown leather wallet with two small photographs, one a photograph of an airplane with a swastika on the rudder, and on the rear side of the photograph appeared, "France Field, Panama".

It was reported that the Missing Persons Bureau of the New York City Police Department got in touch with the Philadelphia, Pennsylvania Police Department in connection with this body, that the New York City Police Department received a telephone call from Mrs. BESSIE RUBIN, 122 Vernon Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, telephone number Evergreen 8-3312. Mrs. RUBIN said that from a description of the body, it appeared that it might be identical with that of her son, who has been missing since January 19, 1953.

On January 21, 1953, Mr. SAM RUBIN, also known as SAMUEL RUBIN, and Mrs. BESSIE RUBIN, 122 Vernon Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, parents of the deceased, advised that their son was a chemistry student at New York University, and was born on July 18, 1934, in Brooklyn, New York. They stated that their son had not been home since Monday, January 19, 1953. Mr. and Mrs. RUBIN advised that their son had \$7 spending money plus \$10 he had received from his father to purchase shoes. They advised that their son had had an appendix operation on October 28, 1952, and was operated on in November, 1951, for a twisted testicle.

The parents advised that their son had been reading a number of books on chemistry. They stated their son had no girl friends. They advised that about eight years ago the deceased had St. Vitus Dance and that since recent dates he has had a number of nose bleedings. The parents advised that, to their knowledge, their son did not have any bad associates.

The RUBINS advised that their son was a member of an organization known as the Brooklyn Astrophysical Society, and that this organization was made up of individuals interested in astrology, physics, airplanes, space and rockets. The RUBINS were unable to furnish the whereabouts of this organization or the names of any individuals connected with the organization.

They advised that in December, 1952, their son and one BENJAMIN MAYER BIRNBAUM, of 194 Vernon Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, visited the Franklin Institute Museum in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. They stated that their son was interested in airplanes, classical music and had been collecting classical music records. The RUBINS advised that the deceased rarely left the house after school and they, "Couldn't chase him out of the house". They advised that the deceased was unemployed.

Mr. SAM RUBIN, father of the deceased, advised that he operates the Rubin Ladies' and Children's Ready to Wear Clothing Store at 485 Ninth Avenue, New York City, telephone number LO 3-2498.

RUBIN advised that on January 21, 1953, he was requested by Detective GEORGE BLUMENFELD, of the Missing Persons Bureau, New York City Police Department, to proceed to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in order to identify the son's body. He advised that upon their arrival in Philadelphia, they were to contact a Sergeant JAMES McTAGUE of the Philadelphia Polide Department, at telephone number MU 6-9700. RUBIN advised that he and his wife, BESSIE RUBIN, were going to proceed to Philadelphia on the afternoon of January 21, 1953.

On January 22, 1953, Mr. and Mrs. RUBIN advised they do not have papers of a similar nature as those found taped to the body of the deceased. On this same date, Mr. and Mrs. RUBIN made available for examination the personal effects of the deceased, and an examination of said effects failed to reflect items of a similar nature to that found taped to the body of the deceased.

Mrs. RUBIN advised that she is in possession of a bill from the Benjamin Franklin Hotel in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, under the name of GAIEN TEMPLAR, 232 Beach Avenue, New Caanan, Connecticut, from April 5, 1952 to April 6, 1952.

The RUBINS made available a photograph of their son, which was taken during the summer of 1952, and a photograph of their son which was taken when he was fourteen years of age.

On January 26, 1953, six photographs of the deceased, four taken during the summer of 1952 and two which were taken when the deceased was fourteen years of age, were submitted to the Philadelphia Office of the FBI.

On January 24, 1953, Mrs. BESSIE RUBIN advised that she had told her son that if he did not pass his examinations at New York University, she was going to take him out of school. She stated that her son always wanted to act like a person of some importance and simce he had been a failure in school, might have committed suicide. She stated that her son, in attaching the note to his body, tried to surround himself with mystery.

On January 28, 1953, Mrs. RUBIN advised that Coroner JOSEPH OMINSKY and a member of the Philadelphia Police Department visited her on January 27, 1953.

Mrs. RUBIN advised that she believes that ithe Brooklyn Astrophysical Society is a figment of the subject's imagination.

On January 29, 1953, Mrs. BESSIE RUBIN advised that she located a letterhead of the Benjamin Franklin Hotel, Philadelphia, with the following addresses listed thereon:

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On January 21, 1953, BENJAMIN MAYER BIRNBAUM, 194 Vernon Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, telephone number Evergreen 8-7956, friend of the deceased and a physic student at the College of the City of New York, advised that he and the deceased have taken the attitude that everyone they speak to are stupid, and in this way, they put the person they are talking to on the defensive.

BIRNBAUM stated that he and the deceased spent hours discussing world problems. He stated that he and the deceased came to the conclusion that the United Nations should supersede the United States Government and all Governments.

BIRNBAUM stated that he and the deceased have discussed matters of an espionage nature. He advised they would enter into discussions on how they would devise and carry out an espionage plan. BIRNBAUM stated they also talked about how they would detect counter espionage in the event they were engaged in such activity.

BIRNBAUM advised that the deceased was not a member of any organization. He stated that the deceased considered Communism and Fascism to be stupid.

BIRNBAUM stated that he and the deceased believed there existed a super secret organization which controlled the world powers and prevented anyone of the world powers from becoming too strong. He stated that in the event any of the world powers became too strong, this secret organization would then see that war was declared.

BIRNBAUM advised that the deceased was a disciple of PHILIP WYLIE, the author of the book, "Generation of Vipers".

On January 22, 1953, BIRNBAUM advised that the deceased spent Sunday evening, January 18, 1953, with him. stated, at this time, that the deceased posed a hypothetical question regarding an underground Federalist organization. The purpose of this organization would be to do what the United Nations could not do, namely, to keep peace in the world. BIRNBAUM advised that the organization was to have branches all over the world and the membership was to be made up of psychologists and intelligence agents. He advised that the purpose of the organization was to keep arms race equalized between nations, particularly between the East and West. stated that the intelligence agents were to steal secrets from all nations and to furnish the stolen secrets to weaker nations, thereby keeping all matters on an even keel. BIRNBAUM stated that the psychologists were, through means of mass media such as radio, newspapers, books, etc., to educate the people against war, thereby bringing about a gradual disarmament.

BIRNBAUM stated that he advised the deceased that he did not agree with him on an organization of this type because if such an organization came into existence, the founders would eventually rule the world.

Relative to the name, GALEN TEMPLAR, BIRNBAUM advised that the deceased adopted this name after SIMON TEMPIAR, the Saint, a fictional character. He stated that the deceased talked of using a word unit code with numbers for each word. The numbers would then be transmitted into the binary code. BIRNBAUM advised that the binary code is a code used on all calculating machines. He stated that the deceased was going to use another stage of transmitting this code unknown to BIRNBAUM.

On January 23, 1953, BIRNBAUM was shown a copy of the note that was found on the body of the deceased. BIRNBAUM advised that he has no idea what the written portion or the numerical portion of the note pertains to and that he is unable to decode the note. BIRNBAUM advised that he never sent coded messages to the deceased, and he had never received coded messages from the deceased.

BIRNBAUM stated that the deceased did not mention anything to him about going to Philadelphia on January 19, 1953. He stated that the deceased was somewhat of an exhibitionist, and it is BIRNBAUM'S opinion that the deceased committed suicide.

On January 24, 1953, BIRNBAUM advised that he was born in Brooklyn, New York, on September 12, 1933. He stated that he has never been out of the United States at any time. BIRNBAUM advised that he lived with his parents in Victory Mills, New York, from 1947 to 1949, and that with the exception of these two years, he has spent all of his life with his parents, in Brooklyn, New York. He advised that his mether, ESTELLE BIRNBAUM, is unemployed and his father, LEO BIRNBAUM, has been employed as an insurance agent with the Prudential Life Insurance Company since 1933.

BIRNBAUM stated that he believes the deceased visited Philadelphia on more than three occasions. He stated that when he visited Franklin Institute Museum with the deceased in 1952, which was the only time he, BIRNBAUM, was in Philadelphia, they ate at the Old Original Bookbinders Sea Food Restaurant and that the deceased seemed to be acquainted with the doorman there. BIRNBAUM described the doorman at Bookbinders as: Negro, male, medium colored skin, and tall with a small mustache.

BIRNBAUM was unable to furnish any information regarding the Brooklyn Astrophysical Society but stated that he had heard the subject make mention of such an organization.

On January 24, 1953, IRWIN GRAY, 532 Willoughby Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, telephone number Evergreen 8-4549, advised that he was acquainted with the deceased but that he has not seen the deceased for a month.

GRAY stated that he recalls the deceased on two occasions wearing different colored shoes on each foot. He advised that the deceased was interested in the game of chess, science magazines, and classical music.

GRAY stated that the deceased treated him as inferior. He advised that the deceased considered himself a military strategist and that the deceased spent considerable time deploying toy soldiers and toy tanks in battle formation on a table.

GRAY was unable to furnish any information concerning the note found on the deceased. He stated that the deceased never discussed fodes in his presence. GRAY was unable to furnish any information concerning the Brooklyn Astrophysical Society.

GRAY advised that he was born June 1, 1935, in Brooklyn, New York.

On January 24, 1953, BENJAMIN MAZUR advised he was born in Brooklyn, New York, on January 17, 1934, and resides with his father, BENJAMIN MAZUR, and his mother, HELEN MAZUR, at 118 Tompkins Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.

MAZUR advised that his father runs a pawn shop at this address. He advised that he was acquainted with the deceased but is unable to furnish any information concerning the note found on the deceased. He was unable to furnish any information concerning the Brooklyn Astrophysical Society.

LOUIS BEQUER, 90 Vernon Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, advised that he is fourteen years of age and was acquainted with the deceased.

BEQUER advised that a relative of his, who had served in the United States Army, had made available to him a number of photographs of German airplanes and airplanes of other nations and that he gave some of these photographs to the deceased.

BEQUER was unable to furnish any information concerning the Brooklyn Astrophysical Society or any individuals connected with the Brooklyn Astrophysical Society.

On January 23, 1953, Associate Dean FRANK H. McCLOSKEY, Washington Square College of New York University, advised that the deceased entered New York University in February, 1951, from Boys High School, Marcy and Putnam Avenues, Brooklyn, New York. He advised that the deceased was taking a general course at New York University.

Dean McCLOSKEY advised that the Boys High School record furnished by the deceased to New York University on February 5, 1951, reflected an average of 77.7 percentage. The deceased, however, noted in his application that he graduated from Boys High School cum laude.

Dean McCLOSKEY advised that the deceased was likely to fail his course at New York University, and if he did so, would have been dismissed because of poor grades. Dean McCLOSKEY advised that the deceased had been on probation because of poor grades in the previous term.

Dean McCLOSKEY was unable to furnish any information regarding the note found on the deceased. He advised that the deceased did not maintain a locker at New York University and that the deceased was not a member of any fraternities or organizations at New York University.

Dean McCLOSKEY advised that the deceased was to have a Mathematics examination on January 19, 1953; an English examination on January 20, 1953; a German examination on January 21, 1953; a Chemistry examination on January 24, 1953, and an Economics examination on January 27, 1953.

On January 23, 1953, HENRI MOUQUIN, Chemistry Professor, New York University, and who resides at Sparkhill, New York, telephone number Piermont 2-0050, advised that the deceased would not have been entitled to take the Chemistry examination scheduled for Saturday, January 24, 1953, because of his absence record.

Professor MOUQUIN advised that he was unable to recall the deceased.

Professor JOHN E. VANCE, Head of the Chemistry Department, New York University, after being shown a copy of the note taped to deceased, advised that he is unable to determine its meaning.

Professor VANCE advised that the Chemistry class to which the deceased attended at New York University, uses the Smith and Ehret chemistry text book.

Mrs. CIAIRE B. ADLER, Associate Professor of Mathematics, New York University, who resides at 75 Prospect Park, Southwest, Brooklyn, New York, telephone number HY9-4490, advised that the deceased had a poor attendance record in his mathematics class and received the failing mark of F for his mid-term work. Mrs. ADLER advised that the University uses the Mathematics text book written by KENNETH MAY.

Mrs. ADLER was shown a copy of the note found on the deceased and she advised that she was unable to determine the meaning of the note.

On January 29, 1953, a typewritten specimen was taken from the Royal typewriter, Serial number AG2088346, the property of BENJAMIN MAYER BIRNBAUM, and from the Underwood typewriter, the property of the deceased.

The FBI Laboratory has been requested to a scertain if the note found on the body of the deceased was typed on the typewriters belonging to BIRNBAUM or the deceased.

The following individuals, connected with science and fiction groups, were contacted in an effort to locate the Brooklyn Astrophysical Society, since the deceased parents advised that the deceased was interested in science and fiction astrology, space, airplanes and rockets:

Mr. FIETCHER PRATT Hydra Club 32 West 58 Street, New York City PL 5-3595

Mr. LESTER DELRAY Hydra Club 449 West 19 Street, New York City WA 9-4186

DONALD A. WOLLHEIM 66-17 Clyde Street, Forest Hills, New York BO 3-5959

WILLIE LAY 3315 81 Street, Jackson Heights, New York HI 6-109h

WILLIAM SYKORA Queens Science and Fiction League 31-51 41 Street, Long Island City, New York AS 8-4640

WALLACE WATERFALL
American Institute of Physics
57 East 55 Street,
New York City
EL 5-5850

Mrs. GUSTAVE BUETOW Secretary to Professor PETER P. EWALD, Head of the Physics Department Brooklyn Polytechnical Institute Brooklyn, New York

Mr. CONSTANTINE PAUL LENT Editor, Rocket Jet Flying Magazine 156 West 105 Street, New York City UN 5-9088

GEORGE RAYBIN 1975 Walton Avenue, Bronx, New York LU 7-1772

Miss A. E. SLADE Secretary, American Rocket Society 29 West 39 Street, New York City PE 6-9220

Doctor HUGH RICE Junior Astronomy Club Hayden Planetarium Central Park West and West 81 Street, New York City

FRANK A. SCHMIDT Science Magazine 9 Columbus Circle, New York City CI 6-8973 and FL 2-5800

The above individuals were unable to furnish any information concerning the whereabouts or the existence of the Brooklyn Astrophysical Society or any information concerning the deceased.

Mr. WILLIAM SYKORA, 31-51 41 Street, Long Island City, New York, advised that one MILTON H. ROTHMAN, address in Philadelphia unknown, heads the Philadelphia Science and Fiction Society in Philadelphia and that this group maintains club rooms in Philadelphia.

On January 24, 1953, Mrs. BESSIE RUBIN and her son-in-law, HARRIS BASKIN, of 122 Vernon Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, made available an obscene letter dated January 23, 1953, and an envelope postmarked New York, New York, January 23, 1953, addressed to SAMUEL RUBIN and Wife, 122 Vernon Avenue, Brooklyn, New York. On the back of the envelope appeared the name, P. ARUMET, 1111 Gunsel Road, New York. This letter was received by the RUBINS on January 24, 1953. It begins with, "You arrogant miserable..." ending on the reverse side, "We curse you..."

The indices of the New York Office fail to indicate any identifiable information relative to P. GRUMET.

A review of the street directories covering the five boroughs which make up New York City, failed to reflect a street known as Gunsel Road, lane, street, or avenue.

On January 26, 1953, this letter was forwarded to the FBI Laboratory in Washington, D. C., with a request that a search of the anonymous letter file be made and that the letter be treated for latent fingerprints.

On February 3, 1953, the FBI Laboratory advised that a search was made through the appropriate sections of the anonymous letter file and that as a result of this search and a subsequent comparison, it was concluded that the letter was prepared by the writer of an obscene letter sent about January 13, 1952, to Mr. WALTER/WHITE, Executive Secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), 20 West 40 Street, New York City.

Mr. SAMUEL RUBIN and Mrs. BESSIE RUBIN and Mr. HARRIS BASKIN, advised that they had no suspects and that they had no doubt that the letter was written by a "crank". Mr. BASKIN advised that the letter was handled by Mrs. BESSIE RUBIN and himself.

On May 5, 1944, Confidential Informant T-1, of known reliability, advised that one SAM RUBIN of 12 Vernon Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, was a member of the Jefferson Club of the Sixth Assembly District, Kings County Communist Party.

The informant advised that SAM RUBIN, holder of Transfer Card Book number 18113, was, on April 1, 1944, transferred from the Midwood Branch Section of the Second Assembly District, Kings County, to the Jefferson Club Section, Sixth Assembly District, Kings County, Brooklyn, New York.

In view of the above information, investigation was conducted to ascertain if SAM RUBIN, father of the deceased, and a resident of 122 Vernon Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, is identical with SAM RUBIN of 12 Vernon Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.

On January 29, 1953, Mr. SAM NEWMAN, 374 South Second Street, Brooklyn, New York, owner of the apartment house at 12 Vernon Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, advised that a SAM RUBIN resided with his daughter, Mrs. HARRY DLYMAN, also known as Mrs. HARRY LIEBOWITZ, and his wife, Mrs. MOLLY B BLYMAN, at 12 Vernon Avenue, Apartment 16, Brooklyn, New York.

Mr. NEWMAN advised that he had received two checks from MOLLY BLYMAN in the amount of \$22.50 each, dated January 19, 1953, toward the payment of Mrs. BLYMAN'S rent at 12 Vem on Avenue, Brooklyn, New York. Mr. NEWMAN advised that these checks were drawn to MOLLY B. BLYMAN in the case of SAM RUBIN, also known as JOSEPH/BLYMAN. These checks were drawn by the New York State Insurance Fund, Department of Taxation and Finance Division of the Treasury, State of New York, and were drawn on the State Bank of Albany, Albany, New York. The checks were numbered T253022 and T258132, and represented Claim number CC6320, in the case of RUBIN.

On January 29, 1953, Confidential Informant T-2, of unknown reliability, but a person familiar with SAM RUBIN of 12 Vernon Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, advised that SAM RUBIN, also known es SAM BLYMAN and JOSEPH BLYMAN, died in April, 1944. The informant advised that this RUBIN was employed at the Peelle Company, 47 Stewart Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.

Miss MARGARET F. SMITH, Personnel Office, Peelle Company, 47 Steart Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, advised that SAM RUBIN was employed as an iron worker at Peelle from August 11, 1949 to April, 1944. She advised RUBIN listed his wife as MOLLY BLYMAN, also known as MOLLY BLYMAN.

Miss SMITH advised RUBIN formerly resided at 1558 Pitkin Avenue, Brooklyn, New York; 14 Montieth Street, Brooklyn, New York; 80 Beaver Street, Brooklyn, New York, from 1934 to 1942; and 12 Vernon Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, from May, 1942. She advised that RUBIN was born January 18, 1890, in Russia; Social Security Number 103-09-4007.

Miss SMITH stated that inquiry was made in 1941 by New York City authorities concerning RUBIN, since he had been collecting relief under the name of BLYMAN, while employed at Peelle under the name of RUBIN.

The name, HARRY BLYMAN, of 12 Vernon Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, appeared on a petition sent to Senator IRVING M. IVES, Washington, D. C., in the spring of 1947. This petition was sponsored by the Jefferson Section of the Communist Party, 201 West 72 Street, New York City, and was sent to Senator IVES as a protest to the Taft-Harley Labor Bill.

The Communist Party has been cited by the Attorney General as an organization coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

SE LAWRENCE CRONIN ascertained from the Kings county Election Board, Brooklyn, New York, that in 1946 HARRY BLYMAN, age 34, a resident of New York City and of New York State for 34 years and born in the United States, registered with the American Labor Party.

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications", dated May 14, 1951, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., contains the following concerning the American Labor Party:

"American Labor Party

"1. For years, the Communists have put forth the greatest efforts to capture the entire American Labor Party throughout New York State. They succeeded in capturing

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the Manhattan and Brooklyn sections of the American Labor Party but outside of New York City they have been unable to win control. (Special Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, March 29, 1944, page 78).

"2. Among 'organizations that are victims of Communist domination'. (California Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1948, pages 40 and 41)."

Detective GEORGE BLUMENFELD, Missing Persons Bureau, New York City Police Department, advised that the New York City Police Department's case relative to the deceased has been closed. Detective BLUMENFELD advised that the Philadelphia Police Department did not make a request of the New York City Police Department to conduct an investigation relative to the deceased.

The following description of the deceased was obtained from the deceased's mother:

Name Age Born Height Weight Hair Eyes Scars and Marks

Complexion Dress

PAUL EMANUEL RUBIN, alias Galen Templar 18
July 18, 1934, New York
6:
180-185
Dark brown
Brown, wore heavy thick lense glasses
Small scar on forehead, appendix scar on body
Fair, red cheeked
Wore blue or gray slacks, navy blue shirt, sport jacket purchased at
Witty Brothers, New York City, gray trench coat, no tie, no hat, brown shabby shoes.

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At New York, New York

Will report results of latent fingerprint examination being conducted by the FBI Laboratory relative to the obscene letter received by SAMUEL RUBIN and his wife.

Will report the results of FBI Laboratory examination relative to the specimens taken from the Royal typewriter of BENJAMIN MAYER BIRNBAUM and the Underwood typewriter of the deceased.

REFERENCES:

Telephone call from Philadelphia, 1/2/53.
Teletypes from Philadelphia, 1/20, 21, 22, 23/53.
New York Air-tels, 1/21, 28, 29; 2/3/53.
Telephone call from Bureau, 1/22/53.
New York teletypes, 1/22, 23, 24/53.
Philadelphia letter to New York, 1/22/53.
Bureau teletype, 1/23/53.
Philadelphia air-tels 1/23, 27; 2/4/53.
New Haven air-tel, 1/24/53.
New York letters, 1/26/53.
Bureau air-tel, 1/29/53.
Bureau letters, 2/3, 4/53.



Federal Bureau of Investigation Washington D. C.

To:

February 26, 1953

SAC, New York .

There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination of evidence received from your office on February 19, 1953.

Re:

PAUL EMANUEL RUBIN, wa Galen Templar (Deceased) ESPIONAGE - X

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John Edgar Hoover, Director

YOUR FILE NO. FBI FILE NO. LAB. NO.

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Examination requested by:

New York

Reference:

Letter 2/16/53

Examination requested:

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Specimens:

Kl Piece of plain white paper bearing typewriting impressions of Royal machine, Serial Number AG 2088346, property of Benjamin Nayer Birnbaum.

K2 Piece of plain white paper bearing typewriting impressions of an Underwood machine, property of PAUL EMANUEL RUBIN.

Results of examination:

It was concluded that the typewriter used to prepare specimen Kl was not used to prepare the typewritten note found on the body of RUBIN. This typewritten note is designated as Q5 in the Laboratory and was received from the Philadelphia office on 1-20-53.

A definite conclusion could not be reached whether the typewriter used to prepare specimen K2 was used to prepare specimen Q5 because there are not enough significant typewriting characteristics present in the questroped typing to warrant a definite opinion. However, a number of typewriting characteristics were observed common to the typing on Q5 and K2 and in addition no significant differences were observed in the questioned and known typing.

Submitted evidence retained.

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Galen Templar (Deceased) ESPIONAGE - X File # \$1\$23\$\$ 65-61458 -444 Lab. # \$162302 AX

Examination requested by:

SAC. New York (65-16218)

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(Att: FBI Laboratory) SAC, New York (65-16218)

SUBJECT:

Galen Templar PAUL EMANUEL RUBIN. wa:

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(Deceased)

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There is enclosed herewith typewritten specimens, 1 taken from the Royal typewriter, property of BENJAMIN MAYER BIRNBAUM, friend of the deceased, and 1 specimen taken from the Underwood typewriter of the deceased. HINGKA

The FBI Laboratory is requested to examine the enclosed specimens to determine if the typewritten note found on the deceased's body was typed by either of the above-mentioned machines.

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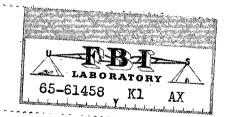
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NOTE: Joseph Ominsky, Coroner, City of Philadelphia, in let dated January 28, 1953, requested Bureau to furnish him report in the captioned case to aid him in completing investigation of Rubin's death. You will recall Rubin was found dead on January 20, 1953, near Philadelphia Airport, having reportedly died of poison. Note on Rubin's body contained name of Dulles and Conant resulting in considerable publicity. Our investigation of Rubin fails to reflect any subversive activities on his part. Philadelphia advised by let dated 7-24-44 and 10-1-45, that Joseph Ominsky, Departmental Special Attorney in Philadelphia, was reportedly affiliated with persons in the CP, Philadelphia. Daily Worker, 1943, carried an article reflecting Joseph Ominsky of the American Jewish Congress was on a Committee which welcomed ad delegation from the Soviet Union in Philadelphia. In 1945, the name Joseph Ominsky was reportedly included in a list of names sent to the Soviet Embassy for inclusion on the mailing list for Soviet Information Bulletins. The Joseph Ominsky who was the subject of the Philadelphia letters referred to about was/born of Caminho, Russia, in August 20, 1901, and entered US in 1909. He was naturalized at Philadelphia on May 7, 1923;

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There are attached copies of a letter dated January 28, 1955, received from Joseph Ominsky, Coroner of the City of Philadelphia, and a copy of a letter from this Eureau to Mr. Ominsky, dated February 5, 1953, for your information and assistance in the event a request relating to the captioned matter is received from Mr. Ominsky by you or the Attorney General.

Information concerning Mr. Ominsky was furnished on July 28, 1944, to Mr. James P. McGranery, then Assistant to the Attorney General, in the report of Special Agent Joseph W. Sargis, dated July 24, 1944, at Philadelphia, Fennsylvania. Additional information concerning Ominsky was furnished to Mr. McGranery in a memorandum dated August 3, 1944. (77-31001-5)

The memorandum of August 3, 1944, contained information concerning Ominsky's connections with the Communist Party in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and his association with persons reported to be associated with the Communist Party in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The memorandum further contained information reflecting that Joseph Ominsky had been a member of Committees which welcomed and entertained a Delegation from the Soviet Union to Philadelphia, in July of 1943.

In February, 1945, Assistant Director Rosen of this Bureau adviced Attorney General Tom Clark that Joseph Ominsky, Attorney, Far Frauds Unit, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, had released to the press information concerning certain cases being investigated by this Bureau in Philadelphia. It was pointed out to Ur. Clark that it was highly detrimental to our investigations to have them discussed in the newspapers before the investigations, were completed. (62-79690-2)

In connection with the investigation entitled "Hog Island Lumber Company, Fraud Against the Government," conducted by this Bureau in 1946 and 1947, the following

cc - 1 - Philadelphia (With copy of letter from Mr. Ominsky, dated 1/28/53; copy of Bureau letter to Mr. Ominsky, dated 2/5/53; and copy of memo dated 2/5/53)

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is noted:

Joseph Ominsky, then an attorney for the Hog Island Lumber Company, refused to furnish records of the Company to Mr. Asher W. Schwartz, Attorney, Ear Frauds Unit, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on Becember 5, 1946, in order that the records could be reviewed by the Government. Copies of investigative reports of this Bureau in the Hog Island Lumber Company case were furnished to the Records Administration Branch of the Department of Justice.

The "Philadelphia Sunday Bulletin" of May 25, 1952, contained an article which stated an investigation to uncover evidence of "crime, corruption, graft and racketeering," in the Philadelphia Coroner's office, was commenced by the Regular September, 1951, Grand Jury, and in October, 1951, a Special Grand Jury was appointed by Judge Gerald F. Flood to conduct this investigation. The article reflected the investigation was the result of complaints of maladministration from the Funeral Director's Association of Philadelphia.

The "Philadelphia Daily News" of June 11, 1952, carried an article which stated the Special Grand Jury recommended perjury indictments of Deputy Coroner John Keohane, and former Deputy Coroner Spencer Price. According to the article, the Grand Jury recommended the dismissal of five Deputy Coroners and three former Deputy Coroners. article related the Grand Jury accused these employees of the Coroner's office of having systematically collected graft from undertakers for release of bodies, and of taking "kickbacks" from favorite undertakers to whom burials were The Grand Jury recommended that the Coroner's referred. office be abandoned as "antiquated and outmoded," and a medical examiner system be substituted. The Grand Jury, socording to the article, called upon Coroner Joseph Ominsky to fire five deputies of the Coroner's office for taking part in a shakedown system in which an "enormous" amount of graft allegedly passed through their hands in a two-year period. The Grand Jury recommended three former Deputies who had other municipal jobs should be fired.

The "Philadelphia Daily News" of June 12, 1952, stated that Coroner Joseph Ominsky announced that undertakers were still tempting his employees with bribes. Coroner Ominsky stated that he would conduct an investigation of his own before accepting the recommendation of the Special Grand Jury.

The "Philadelphia Daily News" of June 16, 1952, announced a "surprise move" of the District Attorney's Office on the dismissal of Special District Attorney B. Royce Russell, who handled the Special Grand Jury investigation in the Coroner's office. The article stated that Russell was dismissed by First Assistant District Attorney Michael Fon Hoschsister, in the absence of District Attorney Richardson Dilworth. This action was taken as an "economy measure," and Alfred P. Filippone, a regular Assistant District Attorney, was designated to take Russell's place.

The "Evening Bulletin" of July 17, 1952, announced that three employees of the Coroner's office who were named by the Special Grand Jury, resigned from their positions. They were Deputy Coroners Alfred Dabney and John Keohane, and Coroner's Detective John Fenton. Keohane had been recommended for indictment for perjury, and Fenton and Dabney had been recommended to be fired. Ominsky said that Dabney resigned for ill health, and Keohane because he didn't want to give up his Ward Committee membership.

According to the article, the Coroner placed Deputy Coroners Alfred Simpkins, John Tranchitella and Frank Leventhal on six months' probation and cancelled their vacations. Three more employees were placed on three months' probation and half their vacations were cancelled. They were Coroner's Clerk of Court Harry Gold, Night Clerk William Courduff, and Superintendent of Buildings Abraham Ravinsky.

Coroner Ominsky, in announcing the above, stated, "I cannot accept the recommendation of the Grand Jury to discharge them because, in the light of my investigation, I found that, whereas they may have accepted gratuities in the distant past, they have long desisted in that practice, especially after I warned the undertakers not to do so in no uncertain terms."

Ominsky said that the former employees of the Goroner's office who were cited by the Grand Jury and are presently employed by another department of the city should be given the same considerations as Simpkins, Tranchitella, and Leventhal. (62-75147-37)

For your additional information in this matter, there is attached the original of a memorandum dated February 5, 1953, reflecting pertinent developments in the captioned case.

65-61458 Attichment

During the investigation, in 1946, of the case entitled Joseph Robert Williams, wa., et al, Pioneer Engineering Company, Fraud Against the Government; Conspiracy; Bribery; Falsely Claiming Citizenship; War Fraud Claims - Civil Suits, David Goodman who had been indicted by the Federal Grand Jury on 3/7/46 for conspiredy to defraud the government, together with other subjects in the Joseph Robert Williams and related cases, informed the Philadelphia Office that "the case" had been fixed with Joseph Ominsky, War Frauds Attorney, at Philadelphia. Upon further questioning, Goodman stated that Pennsylvania. after his testimony before the FGJ he had been informed that other subjects had made arrangements to fix "the case" with the top man. When interviewed further, Goodman stated that Ominsky's name had never been given to him as that of "the top man," but that he had assumed it was Ominsky. As Goodman's allegations were general in nature, and as Ominsky had not been identified as "the top man," the information furnished by Goodman was made available orally to James P. McGranery, then Assistant to the Attorney General, on April 24, 1946. This matter has not been set forth in the memorandum to the Deputy Attorney General in view of the fact the allegations were general, and inasmuch as Ominsky was not identified as the person engaged in the fix. (46-2109255)

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On January 20, 1953, the Philadelphia Office of this Bureou received information that an unidentified white mon had been found dead at 9:15 a.m. near the International Airport Administration Building, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. No identification was found on the body. The following pertinent items were found on the deceased: a brown leather wallet containing two enapshots, one of which was a photograph of the statue "The Thinker," the other, a photograph of an airplane on the ground with a Nact insignia, with people standing around the sirplane. On the back of the latter photograph was written in ink "France Field, Fanoma." Also found on the deceased's body was a white piece of paper on which there were several symbols. This piece of paper was folded and attached to the abdomen of the body by a piece of adhesive tape. In addition, a plastic cylinder approximately six inches long with aluminum caps was found on the body. A fired .38 caliber Vinchester Special cartridge was also found on the body. An autopsy of the deceased reportedly reflected the death was caused by cyanide poisoning.

A copy of the paper referred to above which was found on the bedy of the deceased is attached for your information. It has not been possible to attach any significance to the symbols on the paper from a cryptographic examination. The plastic cylinder referred to above to a radiation electrometer, commonly referred to as a dosimeter, the purpose of which is to aid in determining the amount of radiation received by the wearer. This instrument is available commercially.

On January 21, 1953, Sumuel Rubin, 122 Vernon Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, upon viewing the body of the deceased, identified it as his son, Paul Emanuel Rubin. The deceased's parents advised he had not been at his home since January 19, 1953. According to his parents, he was born July 18, 1934, at Brooklyn, New York. He was reportedly attending school at New York University and had been doing considerable reading in chemistry. The parents of the deceased advised he had an examination scheduled at school on the

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doy he disappoored. His parents stated he rarely left his home after school and "they couldn't chase him out of the house." According to Rubin's parents, he was a "booksorm," had no girl friends, and had no friends of bad repute.

Pew York, a friend of the deceased, advised on January 21, he and the deceased spent hours discussing world problems. He stated they come to the conclusion the United Nations should supersede the United States Covernment and all governments. Hirnbaum advised he and Rubin have discussed matters relating to espionage, that is, how they would devise and carry out a fictitious espionage plan and how they would detect counterespionage in the event they were engaged in such activity. According to Birnbaum, the deceased regarded Communism and Passion as stupid. Birnbaum advised he and Rubin believed there existed a super secret organization which controlled the world powers and prevented any of these powers from becoming too strong. Birnbaum stated in the event any of these world powers became too strong, this secret organization would then see that war was declared.

Strahoum oudsequently advised the New York Office Rubin was interested in codes but he was unable to furnish any information concerning the symbols on the paper found on Rubin's body.

On January 24, 1959, Mrs. Clairs B. Adler,
Associate Professor of Mathematics, New York University,
eduted that Rudin had a poor attendance record and had received
a failing mark for the mid-term. Information was subsequently
obtained by the New York Office of this Sureau from an official
et the New York University that subject was in the position of
being dropped from the school rolls for his unsatisfactory record.

The New York Office advised on January 24, 1953, Irwin Gray, 532 Elloughby Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, stated he was acquainted with Rubin. He recalled on two occasions seeing Rubin with a different colored shoe on each foot. He stated Rubin considered himself a military strategist and spent consideredly time deploying toy soldiers and tanks in battle formations.

Persons interviewed during this investigation have furnished no information indicating Rubin was engaged in outwersive activities. The files of this Eureau do not reflect any information that can be identified with Rubin.





JOSEPH OMINSKY

DEPARTMENT OF CORONER

CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

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January 28, 1953

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PHILADELPHIA 7, PA.

Hon. J. Edgar Hoover Director Federal Bureau of Investigation Washington, D. C.

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Re: Case 379

PAUL EMANUEL RUBIN, Dec'd., 1/20/53

Dear Director:

On Tuesday, January 20, 1953 an unknown white male was found in the vicinity of the International Airport of Philadelphia. He was subsequently identified as PAUL EMANUEL RUBIN, 18 years, white, residing at 122 Vernon Avenue, Brocklyn, New York. On his body was attached an irregular piece of white paper bearing what appeared to be a code message, the paper being held to the body by two pieces of adhesive tape.

As a result of this discovery at the Morgue, the Intelligence Squad of our Homicide Division, as well as your office in Philadelphia, were notified.

It is my understanding that your Bureau has made some investigation concerning same.

In order that I may be in a better position to complete our investigation, hold the necessary inquest required under our law and issue a proper certificate of death, I would appreciate it if you would submit to me a copy of the report which was filed by your agent, if it can be done within your security regulations.

Appreciating your cooperation in this instance, I am

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February 5, 1953

Hr. Joseph Ominsky, Office of the Separtment of Goroner City Hall Annex Philadolphia, Pennsylvania

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Dear Siriningay:

I have received your letter of January 28, 1953, relating to Paul Emanuel Eudin.

Intronnection with your requests of which i wish to advise that information in FBI files is confidential and available for official use only. I know you will understand the reason which does not make it possible to accede to your request.

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Wery truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover Director

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PAUL EMANUEL RUBIN, DECEASED, ESPIONAGE - X. FOR INFO, PH PD INTELLIGENCE SQUAD DETECTIVE ADVISED TODAY HE WAS CONVINCED RUBIN CASE CONTAINED NO INTELLIGENCE ASPECT AND HAD TURNED CASE OVER TO HOMOCIDE DETECTIVES ADVISED NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION HOMOCIDE. CONTEMPLATED. BEING CONVINCED RUBIN'S DEATH WAS SUICIDE. PD. AS USUAL, WOULD KEEP CASE OPEN, HOWEVER, UNTIL CORONER'S INQUEST, WHICH, IN ALL PROBABILITY, WOULD NOT BE HELD FOR ANOTHER MONTH. DETECTIVE FRANK KELLY QUOTED SAM LEVINTHAL, DEPUTY CORONER, AS STATING JOSEPH OMINSKY, CORONER, WAS BEGINNING TO BELIEVE DEATH WAS SUICIDE.

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SAC, Philadelphia

There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination of evidence received from your office on January 20, 1953.

PAUL EMANUEL BUBIN ESPIONAGE - X

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Examination requested by:

Addressee

Reference: Letter dated January 20, 1953

Examination requested:

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PAUL EMANUEL RUBIN, DECEASED, ESPIONAGE - X. RENYTEL TO BUREAU AND PH 1/24/53 AND NY AIR-TELS 1/28 AND 29 LAST. JASPER WEST, DOORMAN AT ORIGINAL BOOKBINDER'S RESTAURANT, RECALLS SEEING RUBIN DECEMBER 1952, BUT NOT ACQUAINTED WITH RUBIN AND HAD NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING HIM. ROBERT A. MADLE, PRESIDENT, MILTON A. ROTHMAN AND LAWRENCE MAGGITTI, MEMBERS, PH SCIENCE FICTION SOCIETY, ADVISE RUBIN UNKNOWN TO THEM. ALL PH ADDRESSES MENTIONED IN REAIR-TEL OF 29TH LAST FOUND TO BE SPORT GOODS FIRMS AND CHECKED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS CONCERNING RUBIN. FOR INFO BUREAU, PH PD ADVISES RUBIN CASE STILL PENDING IN PD FILES, BUT NO WORK DONE ON IT DURING PAST WEEK. NY REQUESTED TO ADVISE WHAT FURTHER INVESTIGATION IN THIS CASE CONTEMPLATED BY NY.

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Four Office and the New York Office are instructed to furnish investigative reports to the Bureau containing the results of your inquiries in this case to date.

The Bureau desires that this matter be given prompt attention.

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MR. A. H. BELMONT

January 28, 1953 DATE:

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SUBJECT:

UNKNOWN DEAD MAN FOUND AT PHILADELPHIA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

JANUARY 20, 1953

ESPIONAGE - X

PHILADEL PHIA, PA.

The Bureau presently has an inquiry going in Philadelphia concerning the identity of the person as above described. It is the State Department's information that the Bureau has now identified the unknown dead man as one Paul Rubin of New York City, a chemistry student at the University of New York.

According to Mr. Walter E. Jessop, Office of Security, the Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles, is interested in the case and desires to know if the Bureau can supplie details concerning the matter.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Bureau supply such information as is available to the State Department. You may desire to refer this memorandum to the Espionage Section for appropriate handling.

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PAUL BIMMANUET RUBIN - Summonly

On January 20, 1959, the Philadelphia Office of this Sureau received information that an unidentified white man had been found dead at 9:15 a.m. near the International Airport Administration Building, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. No identification was found on the body. The following pertinent items were found on the deceased: a brown leather wallet containing two enapshots, one of which was a photograph graph of the status "The Thinker," the other, a photograph of an airplane on the ground with a Nazi insignic, with people standing around the airplane. On the back of the latter photograph was written in ink "France Hield, Panama." Also found on the deceased's body was a white piece of paper on which there were several symbols. This piece of paper was folded and attached to the abdonen of the body by a piece of adhesive tape. In addition, a plastic cylinder approximately six inches long with aluminum caps was found on the body. A fired .38 calther Vinchester Special cartridge was also found on the body. An autopsy of the deceased reportedly reflected the death was caused by cyanide poisoning.

A copy of the paper referred to above which was found on the body of the deceased is attached for your information. It has not been possible to attach any significance to the symbols on the paper from a cryptographic examination. The plastic cylinder referred to above is a radiation electrometer, commonly referred to as a dosineter, the purpose of which is to aid in determining the amount of radiation received by the wearer. This instrument is available commercially.

On January 21, 1953, Samuel Rubin, 122 Vernon Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, upon viewing the body of the deceased, identified it as his son, Paul Emmonuel Subin. The deceased's parents advised he had not been at his home since Jenuary 19, 1959. According to his parents, he was born July 18, 1994, at Brooklyn, New York. He was reportedly attending school at New York University and had been doing considerable reading in chantstry. The parents of the deceased advised he had an examination scheduled at school on the

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day he disappeared. His parents stated he rarely left his home after school and "they couldn't chase him out of the house." According to Rubin's parents, he was a "bookworm," had no girl friends, and had no friends of bad repute.

Benjamin Birnbaum, a friend of the deceased, has advised he and the deceased spent hours discussing world problems. He stated they came to the conclusion the United Nations should supersede the United States Government and all governments. Birnbaum advised he and Rubin have discussed matters relating to espionage, that is, how they would devise and carry out a fictitious espionage plan and how they would detect counterespionage in the event they were engaged in such activity. According to Birnbaum, the deceased regarded Communism and Fascism as stupid. Birnbaum advised he and Rubin believed there existed a super secret organization which controlled the world powers and prevented any of these powers from becoming too strong. Birnbaum stated in the event any of these world powers became too strong, this secret organization would then see that war was declared.

The files of this Bureau fail to reflect any information that can be identified with the deceased.

Attachment

Mr. Ladd Mr. Nickels

ATR-TEL FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

NEW YORK, 1/24/53

Transmit the following Teletype message to: BUREAU PAUL EMANUEL RUBIN: ESPIONAGE DASH X. SAM NEWMAN, 374 SECOND ST., BKLYN, NY, ADVISED A SAM RUBIN RESIDED WITH HESRoom DAUGHTER. MRS. HARRY BLYMAN, ALSO KNOWN AS MRS. HARRY LIEBOWITZ, AND HIS WIFE MRS. MOLLY BLYMAN AT 12 VERNON AVE APT. 16, BKLYN, NY. MRS. MOLLY BLYMAN INTERVIEWED UNDER SUITABLE PRETEXT AND ADVISED HER HUSBAND, SAM RUBIN AKA SAM BLYMAN DIED IN APRIL, 1944. ADVISED SAM RUBIN WAS EMPLOYED

BY THE PEELLE CO., 47 STEWART AVE., BKLYN, NY. MISS MARGARET F. SMITH, PERSONNEL OFFICE, PEELLE CO. ADVISED RUBIN WAS EMPLOYED AS IRON WORKER FROM 8/11/19 TO APRIL, 1944. ADVISED

WIFE LISTED AS MOLLY BLYMAN. AKA MOLLY BLINDMAN. STATED RUBIN RESIDED 1558 PITKIN AVE., 14 MONTEITH ST., 80 BEAVER ST., FROM

1934 TO 1942 AND 12 VERNON AVE. FROM MAY, 1942, ALL OF BKLYN,

ADVISED RUBIN WAS BORN 1/18/90 IN RUSSIA. SOCIAL SECURITY NY.

#103-09-4007. MISS SMITH ADVISED THAT INQUIRY WAS MADE IN 1941

BY NYC AUTHORITIES CONCERNING RUBIN SINCE HE HAD BEEN COLLECTING

RELIEF UNDER NAME OF BLYMAN WHILE EMPLOYED AT PEELLE UNDER NAME

IN VIEW OF ABOVE, NO FURTHER INQUIRY IS BEING MADE OF RUBIN.

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CONCERNING SUBJECT'S FATHER AS BEING IDENTICAL WITH SAM RUBIN OF 12 VERNON AVE., BKLYN, NY. MRS. BESSIE RUBIN, SUBJECT'S MOTHER, ADVISED SHE LOCATED A LETTERHEAD OF THE BENJAMIN FRANKLIN HOTEL, PHILADELPHIA, WITH THE FOLLOWING ADDRESSES LISTED THEREON: 722 MARKET, 113 S. 16, 12 AT SANSON, 118. 16 AND 109 S. 10TH. PHILADELPHIA WILL MAKE INQUIRIES AT ABOVE ADDRESSES CONCERNING RUBIN. INVESTIGATION AT NY CONTINUING.

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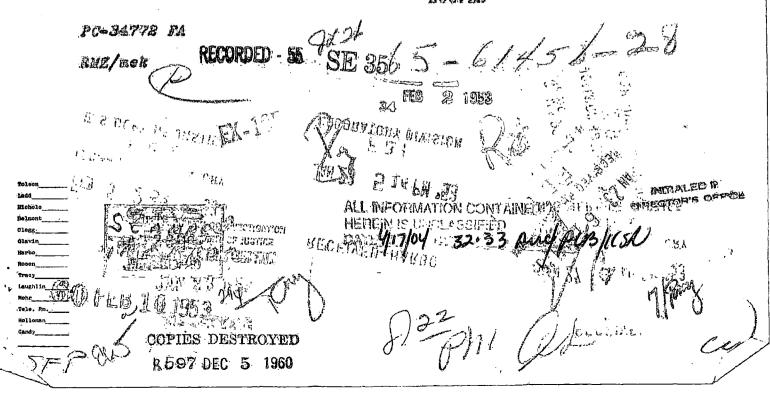
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PAUL EMANUEL RUBIN DECEASED. ESPIONAGE DASH K. RE PHILADELPHIA TEL
JANUARY TWENTY, LAST, EQUIAINING INCRMATION FURNISHED BY ROBERT MIKULA,
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IDENTICAL WITH UNKNOWN PERSON WHO ASKED MIKULA DIRECTIONS TO MEAREST
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There is attached for your information a memorandum regarding the captioned individual, which I thought would be of interest to you in view of the publicity which has been afforded this matter.

Additional inquiries are being made to determine if there is a violation involved over which this Bureau has jurisdiction. Any additional pertinent information obtained as a result of these inquiries will be forwarded to you promptly.

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PAUL EMANUEL RUBIN, ESPIONAGE - X. NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS CONNECTED

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CONCERNING BROOKLYN ASTROPHYSICAL ASSOCIATION OR ITS WHEREABOUTS.

WILLIAM SYKORA, 31-51 41 STREET, QUEENS, NY ADVISED ONE MILTON H.

ROTHMAN, ADDRESS IN PHILADELPHIA UNKNOWN, HEADS PHILADELPHIA SCIENCE

AND FICTION SOCIETY AND GROUP MAINTAINS CLUB ROOM IN PHILADELPHIA. MRS. BESSIE RUBIN, SUBJECT'S MOTHER, ON 1/24/53 ADVISED SHE TOLD

SUBJECT IF HE DID NOT PASS EXAMINATIONS AT NY UNIVERSITY SHE WAS

GOING TO TAKE HIM OUT OF SCHOOL. SHE STATED THE SUBJECT ALWAYS

WANTED TO ACT LIKE A PERSON OF SOME IMPORTANCE AND SINCE HE HAD BEEN

A FAILURE IN SCHOOL MIGHT HAVE COMMITTED SUICIDE. SHE STATED SUBJECT

IN ATTACHING NOTE TO BODY TRIED TO SURROUND HIMSELF WITH MYSTERY.

MRS. RUBIN ADVISED TODAY CORONER JOSEPH OMINSKY AND MEMBER OF PHILADELPHIA POLICE DEPARTMENT VISITED HER 1/27/53. MRS. RUBIN STATED SHE BELIEVES BROOKLYN ASTROPHYSICAL ASSOCIATION IS FIGMENT OF

SUBJECT'S IMAGINATION. PHILADELPHIA WILL ATTEMPT TO LOCATE MILTON H.

ROTHMAN AND ASCERTAIN IF ACQUAINTED WITH SUBJECT. INVESTIGATION

CONTINUING TO ASCERTAIN IF SAM RUBIN, 12 VERNON AVENUE, BROOKLYN, NY

IS IDENTICAL WITH SUBJECT'S FATHER.

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PAUL EMANUEL RUBIN, ESP DASH X. BENJAMIN BIRNBAUM ADVISED HE NO IDEA WHAT WRITTEN PORTION OR NUMERICAL PORTION NOTE PERTAINS TO AND IS UNABLE TO DECODE SAME. BIRNBAUM ADVISES RUBIN-S FAMILY WILL BE HOLDING SITTING SHIVA SERVICES UNTIL MONDAY. DEAN FRANK M. MCLOSKY,

ASSOCIATE DEAN, WASH SQUARE COLLEGE, NY, ADVISED RUBIN ENTERED NYU TWO FIFTY ONE FROM BOYS HIGH SCHOOL, BKLYN, NY. ADVISES RUBIN

WAS TAKING GENERAL COURSE AT NYU. BOYS HIGH SCHOOL RECORDS FURNISHED

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SEVEN POINT SEVEN PERCENTAGE. RUBIN HOWEVER NOTED IN APPLICATION HE GRADUATED CUM LAUDE, DEAN MC LOSKY ADVISED RUBIN WAS LIKELY TO

FAIL COURSE AT NYU AND IF HE DID SO WOULD HAVE BEEN DISMISSED

BECAUSE OF POOR GRADES. STATED RUBIN HAD BEEN ON PROBATION BECAUSE

OF POOR GRADES IN PREVIOUS TERM. CHEMISTRY PROFESSOR HENRI MOUQIN,

TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED AT SPARKHILL, NY, ADVISED RUBIN WOULD NOT HAVE

BEEN ENTITLED TO TAKE CHEMISTRY EXAMINATION BECAUSE OF ABSENCE

RECORD. ADVISES HE CAN NOT RECALL RUBIN. NOT TO BE SHOWN TO

MOUQUIN ONE TWENTY FOUR FIFTY THREE. DEAN MCLOSKY UNABLE TO

FURNISH INFO RE NOTE. ADVISES RUBIN DID NOT MAINTAIN LOCKER AT SCHOOL.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR . HARBO

DATE: Jan. 21, 1953

FROM :

D. J. PARSONS

SUBJECT:

UNKNOWN DEAD MAN
FOUND PHILADELPHIA Par
INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, 1/20/53
ESPIONAGE - X

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The following specimens were received in this case:

Q1 Photos of victim

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Q2 Billfold

Q3 2 small pieces of adhesive tape

Q4 Eye glasses

Q5 Document composed of letters and digits

Q6 Plastic cylinder with aluminum caps

Q7 .38 expended cartridge

Q8 Fingerprints

Specimens Q1 through Q8 were personally delivered by SA Charles Tankersley of the Philadelphia Office on the night of January 20, 1953.

Specimen Q1 consists of two photographs made of the unknown dead man and two photographs found on his person. One of the photographs found on his person is a snapshot of the statue "The Thinker." The other photograph is of an airplane, with a Nazi insignia, on the ground with people standing around it. On the back is written in ink "France Field, Panama."

Specimen Q2 is a leather billfold. Nothing has developed which would permit its tracing at this time. Specimen Q3 is two small pieces of adhesive tape represented to have been taped to the person of the dead man holding a piece of paper on which there were several symbols. It has not been possible to attach any significance to these symbols from a cryptographic examination. This document is listed above as specimen Q5. Q4 is a pair of eye glasses with thick lenses apparently for a person quite nearsighted.

Specimen Q6 is a plastic cylinder with aluminum ends. This cylinder is approximately 6 inches long and had been broken open when received. It contains no explosive or anything to suggest that it was connected with any explosive or explosive device. Through the center of the cylinder is an aluminum wire and the construction of this instrument indicates that it more probably

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has some electrical or electronic application. It is obviously manufactured rather than being a hand-made device and further efforts are being made to establish its source.

Q7 is a fired cartridge case from a .38 caliber Winchester Special cartridge. It does have marks indicating the probability that it could be identified with the weapon from which it was fired.

The fingerprints listed as Q8 were turned over to the Single Fingerprint Section.

The above information was orally furnished to SA Shields, the night supervisor in Assistant Director Belmont's office. SA Tankersley returned to Philadelphia on the night of January 20, 1953, and the examinations are continuing.

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TO

MR. R. T. HARBO POT

DATE: January 21, 1953

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FROM:

C. F. DOWNING

SUBJECT:

UNKNOWN DEAD MAN.

FOUND PHILADELPHIA

INTERNATIONAL ATRPORT, 1/20/53

ESPIONAGE - X

Re letter 1/20/53 from SAC, Philadelphia requesting cryptanalytic examination of one piece of white unruled paper, approximately 7" X 3½", containing typewritten letters and numbers, identified as Q5 in the FBI Laboratory.

Examination in the Cryptanalysis-Translation Section did not developed any valid translation or decryption for this typewritten material. Although there appear to be possibilities of small segments of several different languages in Q5, no comprehensible translation could be effected. Attempts to uncover a secret code or cipher message met with no success.

A name check was made by the Records and Communications Division on TYWOOD JANOSSEY KETELLE which appears at the bottom of Q5. No references were located on TYWOOD and JANOSSEY. The following references were found on the name KETELLE:

B. H. KETELLE

117-442-6, enclosure, page 7.

B. H. KETELLE

117-442-1

BRUCE H. KETELLE

116-32475

JEAN KETELLE

61-3499-288, page 3.

Nothing was noted in these references indicating any connection with Specimen $Q5_{\bullet}$

For information and correction of the record, SA CHARLES W. TANKERSLEY of the Philadelphia Office supplied I. W. NEWPHER, at the time of the personal submission of the evidence, with the following revised description of the Unknown Dead Man:

Age: 22-25 years.
Height: 6 ft., 1 inch
Weight: 200 lbs.
Dark brown hair
Brown eyes
Slightly ruddy complexion.

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Specimen Q5 is attached hereto for return to the Philadelphia Office together with the other specimens submitted 1/20/53.

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UNKNOWN DECEASED MAN FOUND PHILADELPHIA AIRPORT ONE TWENTY FIFTY ESP DASH X. RE TELEPHONE CALL BETWEEN MR. HENNRICH OF BUREAU AND SUPERVISOR J.T. GENCO, NY. BESSIE RUBEN AND SAM RUBEN, PARENTS OF PAUL E. RUBEN, ADVISED DO NOT HAVE PAPERS OF SIMILAR NATURE AS THOSE FOUND TAPED TO DECEASED-S BODY. SEARCH OF DECEASED-S EFFECTS FAILED TO REFLECT ITEMS OF THIS NATURE. MOTHER OF DECEASED IN POSSESSION OF BENJAMIN FRANKLIN-S HOTEL RESERVATION, PHILADELPHIA, PA., UNDER NAME OF GALEN TEMPLER, TWO THREE TWO BEACH AVENUE, NEW CANAAN, CONNECTICUT, FROM FOUR FIVE FITY TWO TO FOUR SIX FIFTY TWO. BENJAMIN BIRNBAUM ADVISED DECEASED SPENT SUNDAY EVENING, ONE EIGHTEEN LAST, WITH HIM. DECEASED POSED HYPOTHETICAL QUESTION REGARDING AN UNDERCOVER FEDERALIST ORGANIZATION. THE PURPOSE OF THIS ORGANIZATION WOULD BE TO DO WHAT THE UN COULD NOT DO, NAMELY, TO KEEP PEACE IN THE WORLD. ORGANIZATION WAS TO HAVE BRANCHES ALL OVER THE WORLD AND MEMBERSHIP TO BE MADE OF PSYCHOLOGISTS AND INTELLIGENCE AGENTS. PURPOSE OF ORGANIZATION WAS TO KEEP ARMS RACE EQUALIZED BETWEEN NATIONS, PARTICULARLY BETWEEN THE EAST AND WEST. THE INTELLIGENCE AGENTS ARE TO STEAL SECRE END PAGE ONE

PAGE TWO

ALL NATIONS AND TO FURNISH THIS INFORMATION TO WEAKER NATIONS, THEREBY KEEPING ALL MATTERS ON AN EVEN KEEL. THE PSYCHOLOGISTS WERE, THROUGH MEANS OF MASS MEDIA SUCH AS RADIO, NEWSPAPERS, BOOKS, ETC, EDUCATE THE PEOPLE AGAINST WAR, THEREBY BRINGING ABOUT A GRADUAL . DISARMAMENT. BIRMBAUM STATED HE ADVISED DECEASED THAT HE DID NOT AGREE WITH ORGANIZATION OF THIS TYPE BECAUSE HE THOUGHT IF SUCH ORGANIZATION CAME INTO EXISTENCE THE FOUNDERS WOULD EVENTUALLY RULE THE WORLD. RELATIVE TO NAME GALEN TEMPLER, BIRNBAUM ADVISED DECEASED ADOPTED THIS NAME AFTER SIMON TEMPLER, THE SAINT, A FICTIONAL CHARACTER. STATED DECEASED TALKED OF USING A WORD UNIT CODE WITH NUMBERS FOR EACH WORD. THE NUMBERS WOULD THEN BE TRANSMITTED INTO THE BINARY CODE. BIRNBAUM STATED BINARY CODE IS USED ON ALL CALCULATING MACHINES. HE ADVISED DECEASED WAS GOING TO USE ANOTHER STAGE OF TRANSMITTED THIS CODE UNKNOWN TO BIRNBAUM. THE NEW HAVEN OFFICE WILL CHECK ADDRESS OF TWO THREE TWO BEACH AVE., NEW CANAAN, CONNECTICUT, TO ASCERTAIN IF PAUL RUBEN OR GALEN TEMPLER KNOWN THERE. PHILADELPHIA OFFICE WILL ASCERTAIN AT THE BENJAMIN FRANKLIN HOTEL INFORMATION CONCERNING THE REGISTRATION OF GALEN TEMPLER AND CHECK TOLL AND LOCAL CALLS. IN ACCORDANCE WITH BUREAU INSTRUCTIONS, NEW YORK, UPON RECEIPT OF CODED MESSAGE FROM PHILA, END PAG E TWO

CORR. LINE 14 WORD 6 IS "TRANSMITTING"

PAGE THREE

WILL REINTERVIEW BIRNBAUM REGARDING CODED MATTERS AND INTERVIEW SUBJECT-S CHEMISTRY PROFESSOR AT NYU TO ASCERTAIN IF CODED NOTES COULD BE USED CRIBBING IN EXAMINATION. PHILADELPHIA AND NEW HAVEN ADVISED.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation Washington D.C.

Tosac, New York

February 3, 1953

YOUR FILE NO. 65-16218

FBI FILE NO. 9-2276

John Edgar Hoover, Director

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There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination of evidence received from your office on January 27, 1953, under the caption "Paul Emanuel Rubin, Espionage - X."

R.JINGUB., wa. P. CRUMET SAMUEL RUBIN & Wife Anonymous Letter

New York Examination requested by:

Letter 1-26-53

Reference:

Specimens:

Document - Fingerprint

Examination requested:

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Envelope bearing the handwritten address "Samuel Rubin & Wife 122 Vernon Ave. Bklyn W. Y." postmarked "HEW YORK,

N. Y. JAH 23 1953 530 PM." Accompanying handwritten letter dated 1-23-53, beginning "You arrogant miserable...." ending on reverse side "We curse you ... "

Results of examination:

Specimens Q3 and Q4 were searched through the appropriate sections of the Anonymous Letter File and as a result of this search and subsequent comparison, it was concluded that these specimens were prepared by the writer of specimens Ql and Q2 previously received in connection with this case.

Specimens QL and Q2 were submitted by your office by letter...

Nichols dated January 21, 1952, in the case entitled "UNSUB., Walter White, Cless Victim Extortion."

Specimen Q3 is a white bond envelope which measures Laughling proximately 6.2 by 3.5 inches and bears no watermark. This vintering pecimen has a return address form on the reverse side consisting of

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the word "From" with three lines directly beneath it. This material is printed with a blue ink. Specimes 33 hears no waters.

Specimen Q4 is a sheet of white bond paper which measures approximately 9.5 by 6 inches and bears no watermark.

Specimens Q3 and Q4 will be chemically treated for the development of latent fingerprints and you will be separately advised regarding this examination. These specimens will be returned upon completion of the finger-print examination.

Specimens Q3 and Q4 have been photographed.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Director, FBI

Attention: FBI

DATE: 1/26/53

FROM :

SAC, New York (65-16218)

OBSCENE

SUBJECT:

PAUL EMANUEL RUBIN

ESPIONAGE - X

There is enclosed herewith a letter dated 1/ envelope postmarked N.Y. 1/24/53 addressed to SAMUEL RUBIN and Wife, 122 Vernon Avenue, Brooklyn, New York. On the back of the envelope appears the name P. RUMET, IIII Gunsel Road. New York.

The Laboratory is requested to make a search of the Anonymous Letter File and to treat the letter for latent fingerprints.

The enclosed letter was made available by Mrs. RUBIN. She advised that she and her son-in-law, HARRIS BASKIN, had handled this letter. The letter was also handled by SAs MORGAN J. LACEY and JOHN S. McCOOL of the New York Office

A review of street directories covering the five boroughs which make up New York City failed to reflect a street known as Gunsel Road, Lane, Street, or Avenue.

The indices of the New York Office fail to indicate any identifiable information relative to P. GRUMET.

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PAUL EMANUEL RUBIN. ESPIONAGE DASH X. RUBIN WAS SCHEDULED TO TAKE MATHEMATICS EXAMINATION ONE NINETEEN LAST AT NEW YORK UNIVERSITY. MRS. CLAIRE B. ADLER ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF MATHMEMATICS, NYU, ADVISES RUBIN HAD POOR ATTENDANCE RECORD AND RECEIVED FAILING MARK OF F FOR MID TERM. ADVISES SCHOOL USES MATHMEMATICS TEXT BOOK BY KENNETH MAY. MRS. ADLER AND PROFESSOR JOHN E. VANCE, HEAD OF CHEMISTRY DEPARTMENT, UNABLE TO DETERMINE MEANING OF NOTE FOUND ON BODY OF RUBIN. VANCE ADVISES CLASS USES SMITH AND EHRET CHEMISTRY TEXT BOOK. MAYER BIRNBAUM ADVISES HE WAS BORN IN BROOKLYN, NY SEPTEMBER TWELVE THIRTYTHREE. STATES HE HAS NEVER BEEN OUT OF US. HE LIVED IN VICTORY MILLS. NY. FROM FORTYSEVEN TO FORTYNINE. ADVISES MOTHER, ESTELLE BIRNBAUM, UNEMPLOYED, AND FATHER, LEO BIRNBAUM, EMPLOYED AS INSURANCE AGENT WITH PRUDENTIAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY SINCE THIRTYTHREE. BIRNBAUM BELIEVES RUBIN VISITED PHILADELPHIA ON

MUSEUM WITH RUBIN IN DECEMBER, FIFTYTWO, WHICH WAS THE ONLY TIME
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MORE THAN THREE OCCASIONS. NOTED WHEN HE VISITED FRANKLIN INSTITUTE

DOORMAN WAS NEGRO, MEDIUM COLORED SKIN, TALLING MUSTACHE.

IRWIN GRAY, FIVE THREE TWO WILLOUGHBY AVENUE, BKLYN., NY, BORN BKLYN.

NY, JUNE ONE THIRTYFIVE, ADVISED HE WAS ACQUAINTED WITH RUBIN, BUT

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HAS NOT SEEN HIM FOR A MONTH. STATES RECALLS RUBIN ON TWO OCCASIONS WEARING DIFFERENT GOLORED SHOES ON EACH FOOT. ADVISES RUBIN INTERESTED IN GAME OF CHESS. SCIENCE MAGAZINES, CLASSICAL MUSIC. STATED RUBIN TREATED GRAY AS INFERIOR: ADVISES RUBIN CONSIDERED HIMNSELF A MILITARY STRATEGIST, THAT RUBIN SPENT CONSIDERABLE TIME DEPLOYING TOY SOLDIERS AND TANKS IN BATTLE FORMATION OF A TABLE. GRAY UNABLE TO FURNISH ANY INFORMATION REGARDING NOTE FOUND ON RUBIN. STATES RUBIN NEVER DICUSSED CODES IN HIS PRESENCE. OBSCENE LETTER RECEIVED BY RUBIN FAMILY TODAY, BEING FOWARDED TO BUREAU FOR APPROPRIATE LABORATORY EXAMINATION. PHOTO RUBIN BEING FOWARDED TO PHILADELPHIA. PHILADELPHIA WILL INTERVIEW DOORMAN AT BOOKBINDERS. INVESTIGATION CONTINUING.

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SUBJECT:

Memorandum. UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO WHENNRI CH FROM A. H. BELMONI

PAUL RUBIN *ESPIONAGE*

DATE: January 22, 1953

SAC Abbaticchio called from Philadelphia on the afternoon of January 22, 1953, to advise that although the unknown dead man found at the Philadelphia Airport has now been identified as Paul Rubin, of New York City, the press is still carrying the story of the unexplained message found taped to his body and the coroner has told the press that he has asked the FBI to check into this before completing the inquest. Mr. Abbaticchio stated that he had sent a teletype to the Bureau and New York City this afternoon, requesting New York to reinterview the parents of Rubin and his school companion to get to the bottom of Rubin's activities. I told him this was correct; that we should follow through on this until we have a logical explanation and particularly are assured that there is nothing of an espionage or subversive nature involved. I told him we would contact the New York Office upon receipt of the Philadelphia teletype to be sure that the proper inquiries were made.

Mr. Abbaticchio advised that the press is still making inquiries and likewise the police are asking whether the Bureau is conducting investigation in New York. I told him that I saw no objection to telling the police we are conducting investigation but that I thought he should answer the press with no comment. I referred him to Mr. McGuire for further instructions in this respect.

ACTION:

Upon receipt of the teletype from Philadelphia we should call New York to insure that they handle this matter properly.

Mr. Nichols office has advised that Mr. Abbaticchio was instructed to continue to answer press inquiries with no comment.

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TÖ : MR. A. H. BELM

DATE: January 22, 1953

FROM : Mr. C. E. Henn

SUBJECT:

PAUL EMANUEL RUBIN - DECEASED ESPIONAGE - X

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I talked with Supervisor Joe Jenco of the New York Office on the afternoon of January 22. I instructed that the New York Office expedite their inquiries into this matter and specifically the matter of solving the alleged "Code" which was found on Rubin body after his suicide.

I instructed specifically that Rubin's friend, Benjamin Birnbaum, be reinterviewed, that he be shown a copy of this code and that he be asked if he can throw any light on its interpretation. He should be specifically questioned as suggested by the Philadelphia Office as to whether it could possibly be a "pony" for a chemistry I instructed that Rubin's chemistry professor should also be shown the note. I further instructed that any leads which appeared logical which would have a bearing on the solution of this matter should be most expeditiously handled in order that this matter may be cleared up at once.

ACTION:

For your information. This matter will be followed.

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UNKNOWN DEAD MAN FOUND AT PH INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, JAN. TWENTY,

FIFTYTHREE, ESPIONAGE DASH X. REMYTELS TODAY. SGT. JAMES MC TAGUE,

PH PD, ADVISES MRS. BESSIE RUBIN, MOTHER OF DECEASED, EXAMINED PHOTO
STATIC COPY OF PAPER FOUND TAPED TO DECEASED-S ABDOMEN. MRS. RUBIN

SAID THERE ARE A NUMBER OF PAPERS OF SIMILAR NATURE AT HER HOME AND

ADVISED MC TAGUE SHE WOULD BE WILLING TO HAVE ANY FERERAL AUTHORITY

SAID DECEASED-S FRIEND, BENJAMIN BERNBAUM, WOULD HAVEKNOWLEDGE OF THIS

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TO

Mr. Tolson

DATE: January 21, 1953

FROM

L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT:

UNKNOWN DEAD MAN FOUND AT PHILADELPHIA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT JANUARY 20, 1953/P ESPIONAGE - X

For record purposes, Special Agent Harzenstein, acting in the absence of the SAC and ASAC at Philadelphia, was referred to this office by Mr. Belmont of the Domestic Intelligence Division in connection with the above-captioned matter inasmuch as newspaper inquiries were being received by the Philadelphia Office as to the results of a fingerprint check of the unknown deceased by the Bureau's Identification Division and as to the results of a cryptographic examination of the undecipherable writing on a piece of paper taped to the body of the deceased.

The Identification Division was unable to identify the unknown deceased and the cryptographic examination was negative. Agent Harzenstein inquired as to whether this information should be furnished to the press. He was advised to inform the press the Philadelphia Office had no comment to make. Similar inquiries have been received here at the Bureau today and have been answered with no comment. The Philadelphia Office advises that it appears they will be able to identify the body as a New York University chemistry student named Reubens, although this is not definite at the moment. Mr. Belmont is in agreement that no comment should be made on this matter.

cc: Mr. Ladd Mr., Belmont

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NEW YORK, JANUARY 21, 1953

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JANUARY 20, 1953, ESPIONAGE X. REFERENCE PHONE CALL TO B.

SUPERVISOR WILLIAM CLEVELAND, BUREAU, SUPERVISOR BIRKEY,

PHILADELPHIA, AND PHILADELPHIA TELETYPE JANUARY 21, 1953.

MYTHY SAM BUBIN AND BESSIE RUBIN, PARENTS OF PAUL EMANUEL RUBIN,

CHEMISTRY STUDENT, NEW YORK UNIVERSITY, BORN JULY 18, 1934, BROOKLYN, NEW YORK, HEIGHT 6 FEET, WEIGHT 180 TO 185 POUNDS, HAIR DARK BROWN, EYES BROWN, WEARS HEAVY THICK LENSE GLASSES, SMALL SCAR ON FOREHEAD, COMPLEXION FAIR, RED CHEEKS, WORE BLUE OR GRAY SLACKS, NAVY BLUE SILK SHIRT AND SPORT JACKET BELONGING TO FATHER PURCHASED FROM WITTY BROTHERS, NYC, GRAY TRENCH COAT, NO HAT, NO TIE, SHABBY BROWN SHOES. STATE SON HAS NOT BEEN HOME SINCE MONDAY, JANUARY 19, LAST. STATE SON HAD SEVEN DOLLARS SPENDING MONEY PLUS TEN DOLLARS RECEIVED FROM

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FATHER TO PURCHASE SHOES. ADVISE SON HAD APPENDIX OPERATION OCTOBER 28, LAST AND OPERATED ON NOVEMBER 1951, FOR TWISTED TESTICLE. PARENTS ADVISE SON HAD BEEN READING MANY BOOKS ON CHEMISTRY. STATES SON HAD NO GIRL FRIENDS OR BAD ASSOCIATES. ADVISE SON WAS MEMBER OF BROOKLYN ASTRO PHYSICAL SOCIETY AND IN DECEMBER 1952. VISITED FRANKLIN INSTITUTE MUSEUM WITH FRIEND, BENJAMIN TRNBAUM. PARENTS ADVISE SON INTERESTED IN AIRPLANES. STATE SON HAS BEEN INTERESTED IN CLASSICAL MUSIC AND HAS BEEN COLLECTING CLASSICAL MUSIC RECORDS. RARELY LEFT HOUSE AFTER SCHOOL AND THAT THEY "COULDN'T CHASE HIM OUT OF HOUSE." ADVISE SON UNEMPLOYED. BENJAMIN BIRNBAUM, 90 VERNON AVENUE, BROOKLYN, NEW YORK, FRIEND OF PAUL RUBIN AND PHYSICS STUDENT AT CITY COLLEGE OF NEW YORK, ADVISES HE, BIRNBAUM, AND PAUL RUBIN TOOK ATTITUDE THAT EVERYONE THEY SPEAK TO IS STUPID AND IN THIS WAY PUT PERSON THEY ARE TALKING TO ON DEFENSIVE. STATED HE AND RUBIN SPENT HOURS DISCUSSING WORLD PROBLEMS. ADVISE THEY HAVE COME TO CONCLUSION THAT UNITED NATIONS SHOULD SUPERCEDE THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AND ALL GOVERNMENTS.

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BIRNBAUM ADVISED THAT HE AND RUBIN HAVE DISCUSSED MATTERS OF AN ESPIONAGE NATURE. STATE THEY WOULD ENTER INTO DISCUSSIONS ON HOW THEY WOULD DEVISE AND CARRY OUT AN ESPIONAGE PLAN. HE STATED THEY ALSO TALKED ABOUT HOW THEY WOULD DETECT COUNTER ESPIONAGE IN THE EVENT THEY WERE ENGAGED IN SUCH ACTIVITY. BIRNBAUM ADVISED RUBIN WAS NOT A MEMBER OF ANY ORGANIZATIONS. STATED RUBIN CONSIDERED COMMUNISM AND FASCISM TO BE STUPID. STATED HE AND RUBIN BELIEVED THAT THERE EXISTED A SUPER SECRET ORGANIZATION WHICH CONTROLLED THE WORLD POWERS AND PREVENTED ANY ONE OF THE WORLD POWERS FROM BECOMING TOO STRONG. HE STATED IN THE EVENT ANY OF THE WORLD POWERS BECAME STRONG, THIS SECRET ORGANIZATION WOULD THEN SEE THAT WAR WAS DECLARED. BIRNBAUM ADVISED THAT RUBIN IS A DISCIPLE OF PHILIP WYLIE, THE AUTHOR OF THE BOOK "GENERATION OF VIPERS." SAM RUBIN, FATHER, ADVISED HE OPERATES THE RUBIN LADIES AND CHILDREN READY TO WEAR CLOTHING COMPANY AT 485 NINTH AVENUE, NYC. SAM RUBIN ADVISED THAT DETECTIVE BLOOMFELD, NYCPD, REQUESTED THAT RUBIN PROCEED TO PHILADELPHIA, PA., AND CONTACT DETECTIVE MAC CABE, PHILADELPHIA PD, MU 6-9700. RUBIN ADVISED THAT

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HE AND HIS WIFE ARE GOING TO PHILADELPHIA THIS AFTERNOON.

NEW YORK INDICES NEGATIVE AS TO RUBIN AND BIRNBAUM. NO

FURTHER ACTION CONTEMPLATED BY NEW YORK OFFICE UNLESS

ADVISE TO THE CONTRARY BY BUREAU AND PHILADELPHIA. RUC.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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DATE:

January 21, 1953

FROM

V. CLEVELAMA

SUBJECT:

UNKNOWN DEAD MAN FOUND AT THE PHILA DELPHIA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT JANUARY 20, 1953 100 ESPIONAGE - X

At 1:25 P.M. on January 21, 1953, Supervisor Genco of the New York Office telephonically contacted the writer, got which time he advised that the parents of Paul Emanuel Rubin_and a fellow student at New York University, Benjamin Birmbaum, had been interviewed. It was ascertained that Rubin left home Monday, January 19, 1953, at which time he had about \$7.00. Information was obtained which might assist in definitely determining whether or not the unknown dead man was, in fact, Rubin; namely, the fact that Rubin had an appendectomy three months ago and on November 14, 1952, had a testicle operation. The parents stated Rubin also had a small scar on his forehead. Rubin was described as a "bookworm" who had no girl friends and no friends of bad repute. He and his close friend, Benjamin Birmbaum, allegedly considered everyone to be stupid and inferior to them in intelligence. Rubin and Birmbaum spent hours together discussing world problems and felt that the UN should supersede the U. S. and all other forms of government. They discussed matters re-

Supervisor Genco advised that Rubin's parents could not be interviewed fully inasmuch as they received a call from the Philadelphia Police to proceed to Philadelphia to view the body and both immediately became upset and proceeded with arrangements to leave immediately for Philadelphia.

Lating to espionage, how to carry out espionage plans, and how

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that Rubin was a member of any organization.

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to detect counterespionage. The NY Office was unable to determine

Supervisor Harzenstein of the Philadelphia Office telephonically advised that he had been furnished the above O information by the NY Office and wanted to know whether or not an Agent should be present at the time the Rubins viewed the body of the unknown dead man, believed to be their son. Harzenstein also wanted to know whether or not the interview of Rubin's parents should be continued if they identified the unknown dead man as their son RECORDED. 58 JAN 26 1953 dead man as their son-RECORDED . 56

WVC:mer mer Mr. J. J. McGuire

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Rubin's father

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ACTION:

With regard to the questions raised by Supervisor Harzenstein, you advised him telephonically that it would be all right for an Agent to be present at the time the Rubins viewed the body of the unknown dead man but that the Agent should stay in the background. You further advised Harzenstein that if the Rubins do identify the unknown dead man as their son they should not be interviewed at this time inasmuch as they will undoubtedly be very upset. If deemed necessary the New York Office can interview the Rubins at a later date.

Harzenstein was referred to Mr. McGuire for answers to his questions relating to how press inquiries should be answered by the Philadelphia Office.

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FBI Seeking Key to Dead Man's Note

By United Press

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 21—FBI agents took over a mysterious "suicide" case today because the name "Dulles" appeared in a coded note taped to the abdomen of a man found dead of cyanide poisoning.

Special FBI Agent Ray J. Abatti- no indentification cards in the chio said his office was trying to learn the identity of the young man and trace his movements to International Airport, where a soldier found the body yesterday.

CURIOUS EFFECTS

The case contained all the elements of a cloak-and-dagger spy thriller, with the coded note fur-nishing the most mysterious gimmick.

A coroner's examiner said the note fluttered to the floor of the city morgue when he removed a five-inch strip of adhesive tape over the man's navel.

The note contained several sym-The note contained several symbols in addition to the word "Dulles." Police said a broken glass vial, a .38 caliber cartridge shell, and a photograph of a small plane with a Nazi swastika on its tail was found in the pocket of a sports jacket the man was wearing.

THICK GLASSES

Another photograph—a snapshot of Rodin's statue, "The Thinker"—was in the man's wallet. There were

wallet.

The 190-pound man was wearing informal clothing, including a sports jacket bearing the label of a Fifth Avenue firm in New York.

Dr. Edward Burk of the police crime laboratory said the man had been wearing glasses so thick they were "almost magnifying glasses."

An autopsy failed to disclose the cause of death and city chemists who analyzed contents of the man's stomach later said the presence of cyanide had been revealed.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

MR. S. J. TRACY

DATE: January 21, 1953

FROM : W. J. Master

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN DEAD MAN FOUND

PHILADELPHIA, INTERNATIONAL

AIRPORT, 1/20/53 / ac

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The fingerprints of an unknown dead man were delivered to the Identification Division by Special Agent C. W. Tankersley of the Philadelphia office. These fingerprints were searched against the files of the Identification Division with negative results.

Midnight supervisor, Division 5, E. B. Shields was notified of the results of the search and he advised that he would notify the Philadelphia Field Division.

Laboratory night supervisor, F. Z. Bagdy called the Identification Division prior to the completion of the search and requested that the writer prepare a memo to Assistant Director Harbo and a copy sent to Assistant Director Belmont.

RECOMMENDATION:

That this memorandum be forwarded to the Laboratory and the copy sent to Assistant Director Belmont in accordance with Bagdy's request.

cc: Mr. Belmont

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:A. H. Belm

DATE: January 20, 1953

From Stephen A. Smith

SUBJECT: Deceased Man Found 1/20/53, at International Airport, Philadelphia, Possible Code Message Taped to Navel INFORMATION CONCERNING - ESPIONAGE

At 2:55 P.M., this date.

had notified that a dead man had been found at the Philadelphia Inter national Airport this date. Described as white, male, 5 feet 10 inches tall, dark hair, wore unusually thick lens tortoise shell eyeglasses. On his person were found two photographs, one an art photo and one of a Nazi plane with swastika on the tail surfact, and a pencil gas gun. arrival at the morgue, it was found that a small piece of paper was held at the body's navel by adhesive tape. The only word readable was "Dulles" and it was stated that the remainder of the message might be a foreign language or code. The local police were believed to have handled the matter.

Pursuant to instructions from Mr. Branigan, it was ascertained at 3:00 P.M., from ASAC Mulroy of Philadelphia, that information had been received at 12:40 P.M., this date from the Intelligence Squad of the Philadelphia Police Department concerning this matter. An Agent had been dispatched to obtain all information. There was no additional information except that the message other than the word "Dulles" was either unintelligible or illegible. Mulroy stated all facts would be furnished the Bureau as soon as determined.

SAS: e me.

1/20/53 ADDENDUM: V. H. Nasca

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confirming information he had previously furnished but adding that the gas pencil is now believed to be a thermite pencil. advised that the code could not be transmitted by TWX, because of the difference in letters on the TWX, but was being sent down by plane tomorrow. He stated that the Bureau, would be kept advised of any additional pertinent information.

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cc - Mr. Tolson Vichols

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DATE: January 22, 1953

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SUBJECT: UNKNOWN DEAD MAN FOUND AT PHILADELPHIA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, 1/20/53 ESPIONAGE - X

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At 7:30 A.M., 1/22/53, Mr. Stan Felder of the Washington Daily News telephonically contacted midnight Supervisor E. B. Shields and requested information concerning captioned matter.

Inspector J. J. McGuire was telephonically contacted at his residence and stated that Felder should be informed that at this time press inquiries regarding this matter should be answered "No Comment."

At 7:40 A.M., 1/22/53, Mr. Felder was telephonically advised that the Bureau had no comment to make at this time. Felder remarked that he was only interested in verifying a report which he had received from the wire services to the effect that a sort of code message had been found on the body of the unidentified subject. Felder was told that no comment could be made in this regard at this time.

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None. For information.

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

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FROM : V. H. Nasca JH Mas

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN DEAD MAN FOUND AT

PHILADELPHIA AIRPORT, 1-20-53

ESPIONAGE - X

Airport - Philadelphia Pennystianil

Night Supervisor Edward Murphy of the Philadelphia Office telephonically advised at 7:00 P.M., 1-20-53, that SA James Tankersley was scheduled to leave Philadelphia at 9:00 P.M., by plane to arrive in Washington, D. C., at 9:45 P.M. SA Tankersley is bringing the following items:

Fingerprints of subject FuseMessage (believed to be in cable language, the only readable words being Dulles and Conant) Photograph of subject ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN, IS UNCLASSIFIED AND DATEY/17/04BY 32133 PLB/ Eyeglasses of subject 2 pieces of adhesive tape 1 .38 special cartridge Wallet with no identification 2 snapshots (one of Roden's, "The Thinker," the other of a group of US Army personnel gathered about an airplane which had a swastika on it. On the reverse side of the latter photo the notation, "French Field, Panama, " appears)

The items of evidence of interest to the Laboratory were furnished SA Bagdy in the Laboratory.

Mr. Kearney of the Identification Division advised that a telephoto of the deceased man's fingerprints were received from the Philadelphia Police Department. He was advised that any answer to be sent to the Philadelphia Police Department must be cleared with Mr. Hennrich.

Mr. Hennrich was advised of the above at 7:40 P.M.

At 9:40 P.M., Mr. Kearney advised that on the basis of telephoto prints no identification was effected. He stated that there were two questionable patterns which might be classified upon receiving the prints in the possession of SA Tankersley.

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At 10:25 P.M., SA Tankersley arrived at the Bureau. The evidence was taken to the Laboratory and the fingerprints to the Identification Division for examination. Mr. Hennrich was notified of Tankersley's arrival and he advised that Tankersley could return to Philadelphia.

ADDENDUM: 1/21/53 EBS

Mr. Masters of the Identification Division advised at 2:05 A.M., 1/21/53, that the inked fingerprints of subject had been searched thru the Fingerprint Files of the Identification Division with negative results.

SA Newpher of the Laboratory advised at 5:50 A.M., 1/21/53, that nothing of value had been developed but that the Cryptographic examination is continuing. He stated the examination probably would be complete by 7:00 A.M., 1/21/53. This information was telephonically furnished to Mr. Hennrich at 5:50 A.M., 1/21/53.

ADDENDUM: 1/21/53 EBS

SA Newpher advised at 8:00 A.M., 1/21/53, that the Cryptographic examination has resulted negatively.

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FROM

Director, FBI

SAC. Philadelphia (65-

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UNKNOWN DEAD MAN. FOUND PHILADELPHIA

INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, 1/20/53

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Attention: FBI LABORATORY

Remytel, instant date, on above matter. R-34772

DATE:

Enclosed herewith is one piece of white unruled paper, 7" X 35" in size (irregular), on which appears undecipherable typewritten letters and numbers.

The above item was found on an unidentified white male found dead in the immediate vicinity of the Philadelphia International Airport, at approximately 9:10 a.m., 1/20/53. At the time the body was initially discovered, the enclosed piece of paper was tightly folded and attached to the abdomen of the body by a 1" piece of white adhesive tape. Details surrounding the location of the body and events subsequent thereto were included in retel.

It is requested that the Laboratory determine if the paper is of cryptographic significance. Upon the completion of the examination, it is requested that the enclosed item be returned to this office inasmich, as the Philadelphia Police Department, from whom the item was obtained shas requested its return after the necessary examination has been conducted. Due to profuse handling of the enclosed item, no request is being made for latent fingerprint examination. ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION WASHINGTON D. C.

January 28, 1953

John Edgar Hoover, Director

To:

SAC, Philadelphia

There follows the report of the FEI Laboratory on the examination of evidence received from your office on January 20, 1953.

Re:

UNKNOWN DEAD WAN
FOUND PHILADELPHIA
INTERNATIONAL ATRPORT, 1-20-53.
ESPICHAGE - X

Examination requested by:

Philadelphia

Reference:

Letter 1-20-53

Examination requested:

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Specimens: Radio & Electrical

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Q2 Billfold

Q3 Two small pieces of adhesive tape

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16 Plastic cylinder with aluminum caps

Q7 .38 expended cartridge

Q8 Fingerprints

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RESULTS OF EXAMINATION:

Nothing of significance was determined from examining the billfold, Q2, adhesive tape, Q3; or the eyeglasses, Q4.

No valid translation or decryption could be developed for EVALUATION the note, Q5. Attempts were made no uncover a secret code or cipher present in specimen Q5 but these were unsuggestful.

The plastic cylinder, Q6, is an ion chamber tube for measuring small quantities of X-ray, Gamma and stray rediations. This is a commercially manufactured device by the "Victorean Gorporation, 5806 Hough Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio." The device is commonly called a "dosimeter." This device has no known explosive, incombiary or sabotage yalue.

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Specimen Q7 is a Winchester caliber .. 38 Special cartridge case which has been fired. The breach face markings and markings within the firing pin impression are suitable for identification purposes in the event a weapon is recovered in connection with the investigation of this case.

A separate report is being submitted covering the fingerprint examination.

As was requested, the above-listed specimens are being returned to you under separate cover by Registered Mail with the exception of the fingerprints, Q8. These will be separately returned upon the completion of the fingerprint examination.

1-20-53

POLICE DEPARTMEN'S

PHILADELPHIA

COMPLAINT REPORT

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INVESTIGATION OF DEATH

VAME OF COMPLAINANT BURN. UNKNOWN WHITE MAN DATE AND TIME OF OCCURRENCE

1-20-53 P. M. A. M.

DATE AND TIME REPORTED BY THE COMPLAINANT 1-20-53 9:50 AM

ADDRESS OF COMPLAINANT UNKNOWN PLACE OF OCCURRENCE BOTTOM OF embankment-e side of Island Rd .- 150 ft North of In DETECTIVE ASSIGNED Nº1 Airport Adm. Bldg.

THIS REPORT

Clark #77 & Weller #55

At about 9:15 A.M., Tuesday, 1-20-53; Sgt. Camarote #1, International Airport Guard was notified by Harry Kessler, 973 N. 6th St., operator of Phil Cab #404 and Pvt. Madrid King, colored soldier U S. Army, Pipe Line Detachmed Replacement Depot, Camp Stoneman, Calif. that a man was lying in a field, easy side of Island Rd. about 150 feet north of the International Airport Administration Rd. Set Connected to the International Airport Countries Hondon tration Bldg. Sgt Camarote in company with International Airport Guards Hender son #118 and Vicchione #113 went to the location and upon seeing the body, not ified the police. Emergency Patrol #321 in charge of Cobb #406 and Casey #420 were dispatched and they notified the assigned detectives.

The assigned detectives immediately went to the above location and found no outward sign of violence and ordered the body removed. The body was taken in the above mentioned Emergency Patrol to the Mercy Douglas Hospital where it was peronounced dead on arrival by Dr Dasent at 11:06 A.M.

The deceased is an unknown white man, 25-30 years, 5 ft. 10 inches, 190 lbs dark brown bursh cut hair, brown eyes, wearing very think lens turtly shell frame glasses (which he was wearing when found), blue sport shirt, blue trousers, blue socks, brown oxfords, light blue and yellow plaid sport coat with "Witty Bors., 5th Ave., N.Y. City label on inside pocket and "B85381" stamped on the inside label of the inside pocket and an outer coat, trench type, gray gabardine with gray tweed herringbone zipper lining, "The Great Dane Year Round Weatherproof Coat" label on inside pocket. The deceased had no identification on him. He was carrying a used gents brown leather wallet inside of which was a snapshot of an airplane with a "Nazië emblem on the ta! assembly, on the back of the snapshot was written "France Field, Panama.

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3. If a complaint or investigation has been received and disposed of, or found to be groundless, within the period of the current Detective Division Daily Report the final action shall be entered on the original Complaint Report (DD2) In this case no Supplementary cases a Supplementary Complaint Report (DD3) shall be used to report additional facts and subsequent action In this case no Supplementary Complaint Report (DD3) is required.

If any Photographs, Bertillion Measurements, Fingerprints, or Descriptive Portrait Information, etc., is later obtained, it shall be forwarded with Supplementa Complaint Report (D D 3).

Rach complaint or investigation shall be assigned a consecutive "Complaint Number" in the Detective Division Office to which it is reported, or first referred Subsequent reference to complaint or investigation shall be by the Detective Division and Complaint Number originally assigned 2. Each complaint or investigation shall be the subject of a report prepared in triplicate upon a Complaint Report (DD2).

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Re: UNKNOWN DEAD MAN FOUND PHILADELPHIA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, 1-20-53 EXPIONAGE - X

File # 65-6/45 8-2 Lab. # PC-34772 FA

Examination requested by: SAC, Philadelphia 65-

Date of reference communication:

1-20-53

1-20-53 Date received:

Examination requested: Explosives - Firearms (Guns and Ammunition) Fingerprints - Cryptanalysis - Radio & Electrical

Result of Examination:

Examination by: ZIMMERS

Specimens submitted for examination

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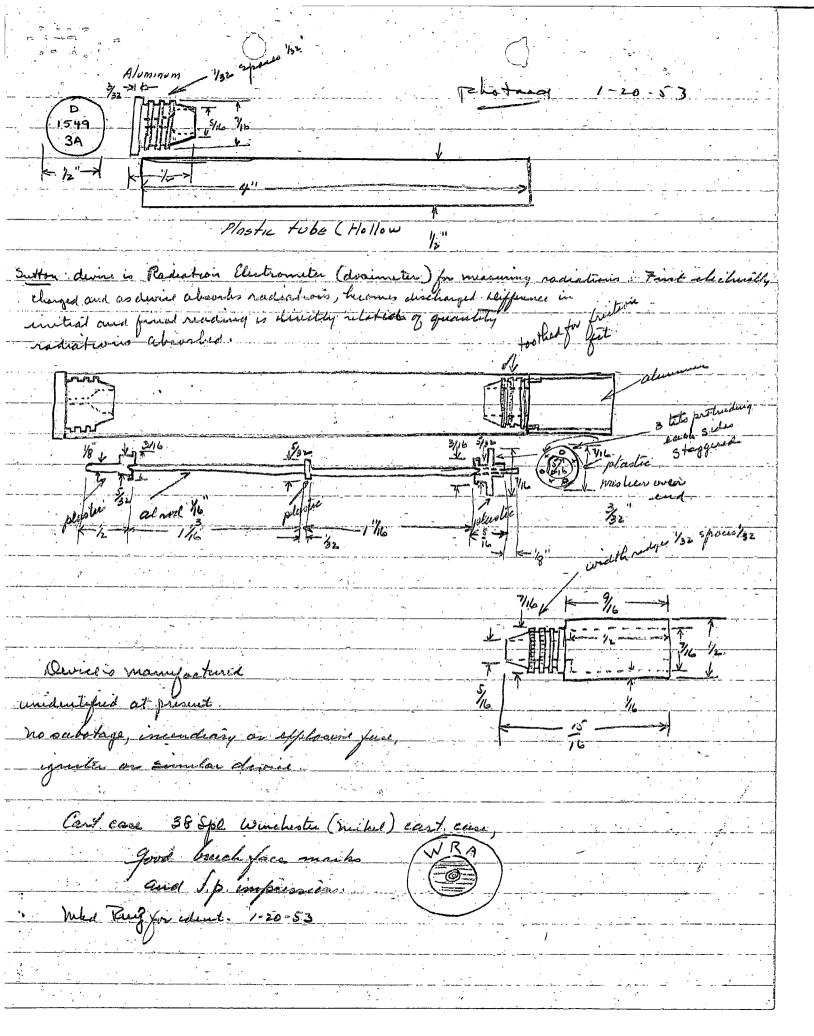
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Overall length of tabe experimed (Plastic Cylinde with downing Capa) was offrof ", 4 "/4". O.D. shipliff less than 1/2". Tube examined was pound to be a dosinate. of don chamber tube constructed for use in measurement of small quantities of X-Ray or Radiation, or other stray robistions. The tube examined was 349) stamped on the dumnum flag in one end of the cylinder. Found to be juste similar in construction to a model 352 one and of the cylinder. The exp Victorien Corp., 5806 Hough ave., cleveland, shio, ck plastic portion of the Late "1-22-53 BLS COPIES DESTROYED R 597 DEC 5 1960

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UNKNOWN DEAD MAN FOUND PH INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, JAN. TWENTY, FIFTYTHREE,

ESPIONAGE DASH X. RE TELEPHONE CALL SUPERVISOR J. SMITH TO ASAC TODAY.

SUBJECT FOUND DEAD NINE FIFTEEN A. TODAY BY PVT. MADRID KING, U. 3

ARMY, NEAR INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, PH. PH PD NOTIFIED BY AIRPORT GUARD, AND DETECTIVES FOUND NO OUTWARD SIGN OF VIO-

The state of the s

LENCE AND ORDERED BODY REMOVED. DECEASED UNIDENTIFIED WHITE MALE,

TWENTYTWO TO TWENTYFIVE YEARS, SIX FT. ONE IN., TWO HUNDRED LBS., DARK

BROWN BRUSH CUT HAIR, BROWN EYES, VERY THICK LENSE TURTLE SHELL GLASSES,

BLUE SPORT SHIRT, BLUE TROUSERS, BLUE SOCKS, BROWN OXFORDS, LIGHT BLUE

AND YELLOW PLAID SPORT COAT WITH WITTY BROS., FIFTH AVE., NYC, LABEL,

ON INSIDE POCKET, AND NUMBER B EIGHT FIVE THREE EIGHT ONE STAVMPED ON

INSIDE LABEL OF INNERPOCKET, AND OUTER GRAY TRENCH COAT WITH GRAY

TWEED HERRINGBONE ZIPPER LINING LABELED QUOTE THE GREAT DAME YEAR-

ROUND WEATHERPROOF COAT UNQUOTE. NO IDENTIFICATION ON BODY. CARRYING

BROWN LEATHER WALLET, INSIDE OF WHICH WERE TWO SNAPSHOTS, ONE OF AN AIR-

PLANE BEARING A SWASTIKA ON RUDDER, THE OTHER CONTAINING AN UNIDENTIFIED

STATUE. PHOTOGRAPH OF PLANE HAD FOLLOWING ON REVERSE - QUOTE FRANCE

DUELHA PANAMA UNQUOTE. ALSO FOUND ON BODY WAS WHITE SEVEN BY THREE AND

ONE HALF INCH PAPER BEARING HAPECTSHERABLE, TYPEURITEM LETTERS AND

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INCH ADHESIVE TAPE. ALSO FOUND ON BODY WAS BACK METAL CYLAINDER,
APPROX. EIGHT INCHES LONG AND ONE HALF INCH IN DIAMETER, CONTAINING PLAST
TUBE WITH WIRE RUNNING THROUGH TUBE. POLICE EXAMINING CYLINDER AND
ADVISE APPEARS TO BE TYPE OF FUSE. AUTTOPSY REFLECTS DEATH BY CYANIDE
POISONING. UNDECIPHERABLE NOTE BEING FORWARDED LABORATORY SPECIAL
DELIVERY TODAY AS POSSIBLE CRYPTOGRAPHIC INTEREST. FINGERPRINTS BEING
SENT SPECIAL DELIVERY TO IDENT. DIVISION TODAY BY THIS OFFICE WITH REQUEST THAT IDENT. SUTEL REPLY. NEWSPAPER INQUIRIES WILL BE ANSWERED
THAT FINGERPRINTS AND NOTE BEING SENT TO BUREAU FOR EXAM AT REQUEST
OF PD UACB. POLICE DEPT. SENDING TELEPHOTO OF FINGERPRINTS.

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CORR LINE 3 FROM BOTTOM PAGE 1 WD 1 SHD BE "FIELD" PAGE 2 LINE 1
WD 8 SHD BE "BLACK AND LAST WD SHD BE "CYLINDER" LINE 2 LAST WD
SHD BE "PLASTIC"

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