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TO : J. Edgar Hoover
 Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

FROM : *Wm* William P. Rogers
 Deputy Attorney General

SUBJECT: Paul Emanuel Rubin
 Espionage - X

DATE: March 26, 1953

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With reference to your memorandum of March 3, 1953, concerning the above subject, this is to advise that I am in complete agreement with the advice contained in both your letters of March 3 and February 5, 1953, in reply to Joseph Ominsky, Coroner of the City of Philadelphia. In the event that he renews his request to you, you may so advise him.

Should Mr. Ominsky direct his request to this office, your previous advice to him will be confirmed in reply.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-61458)

FROM : SAC, PHILADELPHIA (65-4812)

SUBJECT: PAUL EMANUEL RUBIN, wa., (Deceased)
ESPIONAGE - X
OO: Philadelphia

DATE: 3/24/53

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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REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK	DATE WHEN MADE 3/13/53	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 2/9,26/53	REPORT MADE BY MORGAN J. LACEY
TITLE PAUL EMANUEL RUBIN, wa. Galen Templar (Deceased)		CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - X	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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2/9/53 FBI Laboratory advised no latent impressions of value developed on obscene letter sent to SAMUEL RUBIN and wife. 2/26/53 FBI Laboratory advised a definite conclusion could not be reached whether subject's typewriter was used to prepare note found on his body.

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DETAILS:

On February 9, 1953 the Federal Bureau of Investigation Laboratory advised that the obscene letter and envelope dated January 23, 1953 sent to SAMUEL RUBIN and wife, 122 Vernon Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, was examined in the Bureau's Single Fingerprint Section but no latent impressions of value were developed.

On February 26, 1953 the Federal Bureau of Investigation Laboratory advised that it was concluded that the typewriter belonging to BENJAMIN MAYER BIRNBAUM was not used to prepare the typewritten note found on the body of the subject.

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B 597 DEC 5 1960 Relative to the typewriter belonging to the subject the Federal Bureau of Investigation Laboratory advised that a definite conclusion could not be reached whether the subject's typewriter was used in preparing the note found on subject's body. The Federal Bureau of Investigation Laboratory advised that there

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are not enough significant typewriting characteristics present in the questioned typing to warrant a definite opinion.

It was reported that a number of typewriting characteristics were observed common to the typing on the note found on the subject and the specimen of typing taken from the subject's typewriter. No significant differences were observed in the questioned and known typing.

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REFERENCE:

Bureau letters 2/9/53 and 2/26/53.
Report of SA CHARLES W. TANKERSLEY, 2/24/53,
Philadelphia.
Report of SARMORGAN J. LACEY, 2/16/53 at New York.

Mr. Belmont

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Mr. Joseph Xominsky
Office of the Department of Coroner
City Hall Annex
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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Dear Sir:

Your letter of February 24, 1953, relating to Paul Emanuel Rubin, your reference, Case 379 of '53, 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

cc - 1 - Mr. William P. Rogers
Deputy Attorney General

cc - 1 - Philadelphia (65-4812) 25/1/53

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Memo dated 8-3-44 reflects info. re Ominsky's connections with the Communist Party 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.



OFFICE OF
DEPARTMENT OF CORONER

CITY OF PHILADELPHIA
THIRTEENTH AND WOOD STREETS
PHILADELPHIA 7, PA.

JOSEPH OMINSKY
Coroner

M. PHILLIP FREED
Chief Deputy Coroner

February 24, 1953

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Ladd	✓
Mr. Nichols	✓
Mr. Belmont	✓
Mr. Clegg	✓
Mr. Glavin	✓
Mr. Harbo	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Tracy	✓
DR. WILLIAM S. WADSWORTH	Chief Physician
Mr. Mohr	✓
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Mr. Holloman	✓
Mr. Sizoo	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

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Chief Clerk

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

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Re: Case 379 of 153
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,

[Signature]
JOSEPH OMINSKY
Coroner

*cc: Deputy AG
Philadelphia
3/3/53
EM:me*

*Letter Mr. Ominsky
cc: Deputy AG
3/3/53
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cc - Mr. Belmont

Mr. William P. Rogers
Deputy Attorney General

March 3, 1953

Director, FBI

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PAUL EMANUEL RUBIN
ESPIONAGE - X

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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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cc - Philadelphia (65-4812) (Attachment)

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REPORT MADE AT PHILADELPHIA	DATE WHEN MADE 2/24/53	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1/20-23, 26-30; 2/2-5, 10, 13/53	REPORT MADE BY CHARLES W. TANKERSLEY (JMB)
TITLE PAUL EMANUEL RUBIN, Deceased, wa. Galen Templer			CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - X

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Unknown White male found dead vicinity Philadelphia International Airport 1/20/53. Philadelphia Police Department expressed belief on 1/20/53 death could have been matter of internal security in view of names "DULLES" and "CONANT" appearing on "coded note" found mysteriously taped to abdomen of deceased's body. Subject identified 1/21/53 by parents as PAUL EMANUEL RUBIN, age 18, Brooklyn, N. Y. FBI Laboratory examination of items found with body negative. Investigation in Philadelphia failed to locate any persons acquainted with subject or his activities. Philadelphia Police Department advised 2/5/53 its investigation failed to reflect subject's death was homicide or that death had any intelligence aspect.

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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's 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:

