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**Federal Bureau of Investigation**  
Washington, D.C. 20535

December 3, 2021

MR. JOHN R GREENEWALD  
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FOIPA Request No.: 1509746-000  
Subject: HALLE, KATHERINE MURPHY

Dear Mr. Greenewald:

The enclosed 115 pages of records were determined to be responsive to your subject and were previously processed and released pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). Please see the selected paragraphs below for relevant information specific to your request as well as the enclosed FBI FOIPA Addendum for standard responses applicable to all requests.

- ☐ In an effort to provide you with responsive records as expeditiously as possible, we are releasing documents from previous requests regarding your subject. We consider your request fulfilled. Since we relied on previous results, additional records potentially responsive to your subject may exist. If this release of previously processed material does not satisfy your request, you may request an additional search for records. Submit your request by mail to **Initial Processing Operations Unit, 200 Constitution Drive, Winchester, VA 22602, or by fax to (540) 868-4997**. Please cite the FOIPA Request Number in your correspondence.
- ☒ Please be advised that additional records responsive to your subject exist. If this release of previously processed material does not satisfy your request, you must advise us that you want the additional records processed. Please submit your response within thirty (30) days by mail to **Initial Processing Operations Unit, 200 Constitution Drive, Winchester, VA 22602, or by fax to (540) 868-4997**. Please cite the FOIPA Request Number in your correspondence. **If we do not receive your decision within thirty (30) days of the date of this notification, your request will be closed.**
- ☐ One or more of the enclosed records were transferred to the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). Although we retained a version of the records previously processed pursuant to the FOIA, the original records are no longer in our possession.

If this release of the previously processed material does not satisfy your request, you may file a FOIPA request with NARA at the following address:

National Archives and Records Administration  
Special Access and FOIA  
8601 Adelphi Road, Room 5500  
College Park, MD 20740-6001

- ☐ Records potentially responsive to your request were transferred to the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), and they were not previously processed pursuant to the FOIA. You may file a request with NARA using the address above.

- ☐ One or more of the enclosed records were destroyed. Although we retained a version of the records previously processed pursuant to the FOIA, the original records are no longer in our possession. Record retention and disposal is carried out under supervision of the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) , Title 44, United States Code, Section 3301 as implemented by Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 1228; Title 44, United States Code, Section 3310 as implemented by Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 1229.10.
- ☐ Records potentially responsive to your request were destroyed. Since this material could not be reviewed, it is not known if it was responsive to your request. Record retention and disposal is carried out under supervision of the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) according to Title 44 United States Code Section 3301, Title 36 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Chapter 12 Sub-chapter B Part 1228, and 36 CFR 1229.10.
- ☒ Documents or information referred to other Government agencies were not included in this release.

Please be advised that “unusual circumstances” apply to the processing of your request. See 5 U.S.C. § 552 (a)(6)(B)(iii). “Unusual circumstances” include one or more of the following scenarios:

There is a need to search for and collect records from field offices and/or other offices that are separate from the FBI Record/Information Dissemination Section (RIDS).

There is a need to search for, collect, and examine a voluminous amount of separate and distinct records.

There is a need for consultation with another agency or two or more DOJ components.

These “unusual circumstances” will delay our ability to make a determination on your request within 20 days (excluding weekend and legal public holidays). Additionally, the payment of pertinent fees may apply to your request. See 5 U.S.C. § 552 (a)(4)(A)(viii).

The application of “unusual circumstances” is not a determination of how the FBI will respond to your substantive request, this letter provides notice that these “unusual circumstances” apply to processing and delay the determination of your request. See 5 U.S.C. §§ 552 (a)(6)(A)(viii); (a)(6)(B).

Please refer to the enclosed FBI FOIPA Addendum for additional standard responses applicable to your request. “**Part 1**” of the Addendum includes standard responses that apply to all requests. “**Part 2**” includes additional standard responses that apply to all requests for records about yourself or any third party individuals. “**Part 3**” includes general information about FBI records that you may find useful. Also enclosed is our Explanation of Exemptions.

For questions regarding our determinations, visit the [www.fbi.gov/foia](http://www.fbi.gov/foia) website under “Contact Us.” The FOIPA Request Number listed above has been assigned to your request. Please use this number in all correspondence concerning your request.

Please be advised that if you are seeking a new search for records, you may wish to narrow the scope of your request based on material that you have already received, e.g., timeframe or locality. Additionally, be advised that “unusual circumstances” may apply. See 5 U.S.C. § 552 (a)(6)(B)(iii). These “unusual circumstances” will delay our ability to make a determination on your request within 20 days. See 5 U.S.C. § 552 (a)(6)(B). Additionally, the payment of pertinent fees may apply to your request. See 5 U.S.C. § 552 (a)(4)(A)(viii). The application of “unusual circumstances” is not a determination of how the FBI will respond to your substantive request.

If you are not satisfied with the Federal Bureau of Investigation's determination in response to this request, you may administratively appeal by writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy (OIP), United States Department of Justice, 441 G Street, NW, 6th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20530, or you may submit an appeal through OIP's FOIA STAR portal by creating an account following the instructions on OIP's website: <https://www.justice.gov/oip/submit-and-track-request-or-appeal>. Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within ninety (90) days of the date of my response to your request. If you submit your appeal by mail, both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal." Please cite the FOIPA Request Number assigned to your request so it may be easily identified.

You may seek dispute resolution services by contacting the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS). The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov); telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769. Alternatively, you may contact the FBI's FOIA Public Liaison by emailing [foipaquestions@fbi.gov](mailto:foipaquestions@fbi.gov). If you submit your dispute resolution correspondence by email, the subject heading should clearly state "Dispute Resolution Services." Please also cite the FOIPA Request Number assigned to your request so it may be easily identified.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "M. G. Seidel", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Michael G. Seidel  
Section Chief  
Record/Information  
Dissemination Section  
Information Management Division

Enclosure(s)

## FBI FOIPA Addendum

As referenced in our letter responding to your Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts (FOIPA) request, the FBI FOIPA Addendum provides information applicable to your request. Part 1 of the Addendum includes standard responses that apply to all requests. Part 2 includes standard responses that apply to requests for records about individuals to the extent your request seeks the listed information. Part 3 includes general information about FBI records, searches, and programs.

### Part 1: The standard responses below apply to all requests:

- (i) **5 U.S.C. § 552(c).** Congress excluded three categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIPA [5 U.S.C. § 552(c)]. FBI responses are limited to those records subject to the requirements of the FOIPA. Additional information about the FBI and the FOIPA can be found on the [www.fbi.gov/foia](http://www.fbi.gov/foia) website.
- (ii) **Intelligence Records.** To the extent your request seeks records of intelligence sources, methods, or activities, the FBI can neither confirm nor deny the existence of records pursuant to FOIA exemptions (b)(1), (b)(3), and as applicable to requests for records about individuals, PA exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C. §§ 552/552a (b)(1), (b)(3), and (j)(2)]. The mere acknowledgment of the existence or nonexistence of such records is itself a classified fact protected by FOIA exemption (b)(1) and/or would reveal intelligence sources, methods, or activities protected by exemption (b)(3) [50 USC § 3024(i)(1)]. This is a standard response and should not be read to indicate that any such records do or do not exist.

### Part 2: The standard responses below apply to all requests for records on individuals:

- (i) **Requests for Records about any Individual—Watch Lists.** The FBI can neither confirm nor deny the existence of any individual's name on a watch list pursuant to FOIA exemption (b)(7)(E) and PA exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C. §§ 552/552a (b)(7)(E), (j)(2)]. This is a standard response and should not be read to indicate that watch list records do or do not exist.
- (ii) **Requests for Records about any Individual—Witness Security Program Records.** The FBI can neither confirm nor deny the existence of records which could identify any participant in the Witness Security Program pursuant to FOIA exemption (b)(3) and PA exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C. §§ 552/552a (b)(3), 18 U.S.C. 3521, and (j)(2)]. This is a standard response and should not be read to indicate that such records do or do not exist.
- (iii) **Requests for Records for Incarcerated Individuals.** The FBI can neither confirm nor deny the existence of records which could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any incarcerated individual pursuant to FOIA exemptions (b)(7)(E), (b)(7)(F), and PA exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C. §§ 552/552a (b)(7)(E), (b)(7)(F), and (j)(2)]. This is a standard response and should not be read to indicate that such records do or do not exist.

### Part 3: General Information:

- (i) **Record Searches.** The Record/Information Dissemination Section (RIDS) searches for reasonably described records by searching systems or locations where responsive records would reasonably be found. A standard search normally consists of a search for main files in the Central Records System (CRS), an extensive system of records consisting of applicant, investigative, intelligence, personnel, administrative, and general files compiled by the FBI per its law enforcement, intelligence, and administrative functions. The CRS spans the entire FBI organization, comprising records of FBI Headquarters, FBI Field Offices, and FBI Legal Attaché Offices (Legats) worldwide; Electronic Surveillance (ELSUR) records are included in the CRS. Unless specifically requested, a standard search does not include references, administrative records of previous FOIPA requests, or civil litigation files. For additional information about our record searches, visit [www.fbi.gov/services/information-management/foipa/requesting-fbi-records](http://www.fbi.gov/services/information-management/foipa/requesting-fbi-records).
- (ii) **FBI Records.** Founded in 1908, the FBI carries out a dual law enforcement and national security mission. As part of this dual mission, the FBI creates and maintains records on various subjects; however, the FBI does not maintain records on every person, subject, or entity.
- (iii) **Requests for Criminal History Records or Rap Sheets.** The Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) Division provides Identity History Summary Checks – often referred to as a criminal history record or rap sheet. These criminal history records are not the same as material in an investigative “FBI file.” An Identity History Summary Check is a listing of information taken from fingerprint cards and documents submitted to the FBI in connection with arrests, federal employment, naturalization, or military service. For a fee, individuals can request a copy of their Identity History Summary Check. Forms and directions can be accessed at [www.fbi.gov/about-us/cjis/identity-history-summary-checks](http://www.fbi.gov/about-us/cjis/identity-history-summary-checks). Additionally, requests can be submitted electronically at [www.edo.cjis.gov](http://www.edo.cjis.gov). For additional information, please contact CJIS directly at (304) 625-5590.
- (iv) **National Name Check Program (NNCP).** The mission of NNCP is to analyze and report information in response to name check requests received from federal agencies, for the purpose of protecting the United States from foreign and domestic threats to national security. Please be advised that this is a service provided to other federal agencies. Private Citizens cannot request a name check.



## **EXPLANATION OF EXEMPTIONS**

### **SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552**

- (b)(1) (A) specifically authorized under criteria established by an Executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy and (B) are in fact properly classified to such Executive order;
- (b)(2) related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency;
- (b)(3) specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than section 552b of this title), provided that such statute (A) requires that the matters be withheld from the public in such a manner as to leave no discretion on issue, or (B) establishes particular criteria for withholding or refers to particular types of matters to be withheld;
- (b)(4) trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential;
- (b)(5) inter-agency or intra-agency memorandums or letters which would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with the agency;
- (b)(6) personnel and medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy;
- (b)(7) records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, but only to the extent that the production of such law enforcement records or information ( A ) could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings, ( B ) would deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication, ( C ) could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, ( D ) could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of confidential source, including a State, local, or foreign agency or authority or any private institution which furnished information on a confidential basis, and, in the case of record or information compiled by a criminal law enforcement authority in the course of a criminal investigation, or by an agency conducting a lawful national security intelligence investigation, information furnished by a confidential source, ( E ) would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions if such disclosure could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law, or ( F ) could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual;
- (b)(8) contained in or related to examination, operating, or condition reports prepared by, on behalf of, or for the use of an agency responsible for the regulation or supervision of financial institutions; or
- (b)(9) geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells.

### **SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552a**

- (d)(5) information compiled in reasonable anticipation of a civil action proceeding;
- (j)(2) material reporting investigative efforts pertaining to the enforcement of criminal law including efforts to prevent, control, or reduce crime or apprehend criminals;
- (k)(1) information which is currently and properly classified pursuant to an Executive order in the interest of the national defense or foreign policy, for example, information involving intelligence sources or methods;
- (k)(2) investigatory material compiled for law enforcement purposes, other than criminal, which did not result in loss of a right, benefit or privilege under Federal programs, or which would identify a source who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k)(3) material maintained in connection with providing protective services to the President of the United States or any other individual pursuant to the authority of Title 18, United States Code, Section 3056;
- (k)(4) required by statute to be maintained and used solely as statistical records;
- (k)(5) investigatory material compiled solely for the purpose of determining suitability, eligibility, or qualifications for Federal civilian employment or for access to classified information, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k)(6) testing or examination material used to determine individual qualifications for appointment or promotion in Federal Government service the release of which would compromise the testing or examination process;
- (k)(7) material used to determine potential for promotion in the armed services, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished the material pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence.

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## Office Memorandum

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. H. B. Fletcher *HB*  
FROM : V. P. Keay *VPK*  
SUBJECT: KATHERINE MURPHY HALLE  
Also known as 'KAT' HALLE

DATE: February 7, 1949

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WHERE SHOWN OTHERWISE

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Egan \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Gurnea \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Harbo \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Pennington \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

While being contacted on other matters [redacted]

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[redacted] stated that she is very well-known in Washington in very high level social and Government circles and is prone to capitalize on her contacts. She is frequently seen talking with Congressmen and Senators in the Capitol and often attends cocktail parties at which high Government officials, such as Cabinet members, etc., are present. [redacted]

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A check of Bureau files reflects no information, either informative or derogatory, concerning her which would be of any value to [redacted]. In view of this fact, [redacted] was advised by SA [redacted] that Bureau files contain no information of value to him.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

gm  
TO : MR. L. B. NICHOLS  
FROM : M. A. JONES  
SUBJECT: MISS KATHERINE MURPHY HALLE

DATE: JULY 25, 1951

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Gandy

Pursuant to your instructions, Special Agent [redacted] on July 24, 1951, recontacted Miss Kay Halle, 1534 29th Street, Northwest, Washington, D. C. You will recall that in a notation on my memorandum of July 17, 1951, the Director stated that this must be promptly followed up, referring to the radio program broadcast by Miss Halle over Station WJR at Detroit, on June 15, 1951. At that time, Miss Halle told a story "How Absurd Can We Get?" to the effect that an FBI Agent held up a security investigation of a Naval officer unnecessarily for a period of six months with the result that the Naval officer was prevented from getting an important job "until the foolishness was put straight." The point of the story was that the investigating officer unnecessarily prolonged the investigation because the Naval officer's yearbook referred to him as being born "under ~~the~~ radical sign." (This was actually a reference to the mathematical genius of the Naval officer.)

When contacted on July 24, 1951, Miss Halle informed SA [redacted] that she had not called him at the Bureau because she had misplaced her notation of his telephone extension number.

Miss Halle said that on checking back on the veracity of the story which she had broadcast, her immediate source (whom she did not identify) went back to the person who told him the story in the first place (she does not know the name of this latter person). The result was that Miss Halle is convinced in her own mind that the "Absurd Story" should have involved an ONI investigator. In other words, she said, the investigator who unnecessarily prolonged the security investigation was a ONI representative and not an FBI representative, as was erroneously related in her broadcast of June 15, 1951.

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Miss Halle stated that it is entirely agreeable with her for the Bureau, in answering inquiries concerning her June 15, 1951, broadcast, to say that Miss Halle has been contacted in the matter and that, on recontacting her sources, it was immediately determined that the investigative agency involved was actually ONI and not the FBI. Miss Halle also said, if she can "weave it in", she will attempt to make a correction on the occasion of a future broadcast. She pointed out that this might be difficult for her to accomplish, because

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I am getting sick & tired of  
informing the Bureau  
of these things called "weaving"  
on their allegations.

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MEMO TO MR. L. B. NICHOLS

JULY 25, 1951 .

her radio broadcasts are devoted to a different, unrelated topic on each occasion. She said that she would, nevertheless, make every effort to correct the error in her June 15, 1951, broadcast on the occasion of a future broadcast.

Miss Halle was thanked for her cooperation in this matter. She was invited to contact the Bureau at any future date should she desire information concerning the work of the FBI, and she said she would be happy to do so.

*Vm* *W*  
She is to get no cooperation  
of any kind.

*K.*

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Nichols *BN*  
 FROM : M. A. Jones *gm*  
 SUBJECT: MISS KATHERINE MURPHY HALLE  
 WASHINGTON, D. C.

DATE: July 17, 1951 *7-1*

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Reference is made to your memorandum to Mr. Tolson dated July 6, 1951, concerning the radio broadcast by Miss Kay Halle over station WJR at Detroit on June 15, 1951. At that time Miss Halle related a little story on the theme "How Absurd Can We Get?" concerning a security investigation conducted by the FBI which was held up for six months because the FBI Agent took an erroneous impression from the fact that a naval officer's college year book stated he was "born under a radical sign," which was in fact a reference to the navy man's mathematical genius.

Pursuant to the Director's instructions Special Agent  on July 17, 1951, contacted Miss Halle at 1534 29th Street, Northwest, Washington, D. C., in order that specifics might be obtained in the matter. *After her return to the City.*

Miss Halle was told that inquiries had been received by the Bureau concerning the broadcast in question. She was advised that the Bureau was unable to make an intelligent response to these inquiries in the absence of the full facts and that, therefore, she was asked to identify the particular case which she described over the radio. It was explained further to Miss Halle it was desired to ascertain the identity of the Agent and the naval officer said to have been under investigation by the Bureau under the "absurd circumstances" mentioned in the radio story.

Miss Halle stated that:

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(1) She does not know the names of the FBI Agent nor the naval officer, nor the locale of the story she related over the radio.

(2) The story was told to her by  whose name she does not recall.

(3) She used the story without verification because  and employed in such a capacity that his story was accepted by Miss Halle as the truth.

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(4) She understands the Bureau's interest in identifying the investigation described in the radio story. She will ascertain the name of  as soon as she can, and will either get the full facts from him or will tell the Bureau his name and we can run the story down.

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Memorandum to Mr. Nichols  
Re: Miss Katherine Murphy Halle

July 17, 1951

(5) As soon as further particulars are obtained, in a day or two, she will notify Special Agent [redacted] at the Bureau. (She declared that she is interested, also, in establishing the truth of the story she broadcast.)

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Miss Halle said she should not have used the story without advance verification, but she took it as being pertinent to "the situation today when persons interviewed by government investigators make exaggerated statements through hysteria or excitement." She said she is disturbed over the "fear and embarrassment" suffered by persons who are being subjected to security checks. For example, she mentioned a recent conversation with John Davies and Washington Post editor Elliston regarding the anguish suffered by Davies on account of investigations into his status as a security risk. Miss Halle was asked if she was referring to FBI security investigations and she emphatically denied this.

Miss Halle also referred to another matter involving the Secretary of Defense office where a security investigation was being conducted of a man who was being considered for employment in the Public Relations Office of that Department. The appointment allegedly was being held up because the applicant was reported to have performed a mock marriage ceremony in Greek language between two gold fish at a New Year's Eve party. Miss Halle was asked whether the FBI was mentioned in that connection and she said such was not the case.

Miss Halle asked concerning the role of the FBI in subversive investigations of individuals being considered for employment and she was told that the FBI is a fact-finding agency which makes no recommendations or evaluations as to qualifications, but merely reports the facts to the interested agency for their own consideration. It was pointed out to her that the FBI's jurisdiction in these matters is defined by Federal law and by Presidential directives.

Miss Halle said that our inquiry into the radio broadcast is evidence of Bureau efficiency. She expressed high regard for the Director whom she said she has met a few times.

ACTION:

Miss Halle will be followed on her promise to obtain and furnish further particulars.

*This must be promptly followed up.*

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Referral/Consult

Your office is instructed to initiate a discreet investigation of the subject, but under no circumstances are you to make any open contacts regarding her. Your investigation accordingly will be confined to obtaining information in her regard, from established reliable sources. Your office is also instructed to make a survey relative to the advisability of utilizing a microphone surveillance in the investigation. Your promptness in submitting the results of your survey is desired.

Attachment *WP*

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Form 1-100

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: July 6, 1951

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT: MISS KATHERINE MURPHY HALLE  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

You will recall that SAC O'Connor advised Mr. McGuire on July 2, 1951, that he understood Kay Halle in a recorded broadcast heard over WJR at Detroit on June 15, 1951, related a story under the caption "How Absurd Can We Get," which was derogatory to the Bureau. O'Connor was requested to obtain a copy of the transcription and to furnish the Bureau with information regarding Miss Halle's present whereabouts so we could set her straight. The Director agreed.

The Detroit Office advises that Miss Halle resides at 1534 29th Street, Northwest, Washington 7, D. C., and that she is a reporter for Station WGAR, Cleveland, Ohio, and Station WJR, Detroit, Michigan, having acted in that capacity for the past 12 years. She is a sister of the Halle brothers who operate a large department store in Cleveland. Miss Halle is a free lance reporter accredited in Congress and in the Senate and has been described by the Publicity Director of WJR as one "quite liberal in thought" and that she is a friend of the Dean Acheson, Averell Harriman and Drew Pearson crowd. Further, that she is very much pro-Democratic and pro-Administration and anti-MacArthur and anti-Republican.

Since she is financially independent her reporting activities are more or less something just to keep her occupied.

Bureau files reflect that [redacted]

[redacted] She is very well known in Washington in high social levels and in government circles. She is frequently seen contacting Congressmen and Senators at the Capitol and often attends cocktail parties with high government officials, cabinet members, et cetera. (S)

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Miss Halle made a tour of the Bureau on April 13, 1950, with her brother, Walter Halle, and his wife. This tour was arranged by the White House, at which time the Bureau was advised that Miss Halle was a Cleveland radio commentator, a reporter of the United Press and a holder of a White House press pass. Miss Halle is also reported to have come to Washington from Cleveland in 1944 at which time she was

CC - Mr. Ladd

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Memorandum to Mr. Tolson  
Re: Miss Katherine Murphy Halle

July 6, 1951

37 years of age and to have been during 1948 and 1949 radio press correspondent for the American Broadcasting Company. She is also known to have had a luncheon at her home which was arranged for the purpose of having A. I. Zinchuk, head of the Soviet Embassy Press Division, meet Walter Lippman. This luncheon engagement apparently was arranged by Jean Davidson of the French Press. Zinchuk, who had previously met Miss Halle, accepted the invitation.

The exact story related by Miss Halle on June 15, 1951, is as follows:

"And, now in closing, here is my story of the week... which makes me wonder how absurd can we get. A Naval officer here in Washington was selected for an important job which required a further FBI security check. After waiting over half a year, it was finally discovered what had been holding him up. In his college year book, the editor, knowing that he was the mathematical genius of the class, chose as the most apt phrase under his picture in the book, a well-known mathematical term. It said that he was born under a radical sign. Now, the FBI Agent, who had to go back in the past of this Naval historian, evidently had not passed his own mathematics course and hadn't heard of square roots and radical signs, and took the statement to mean something else, but that one innocent line kept the Naval officer from an important job until the foolishness was put straight. I repeat...How absurd can we get?"

There is no question that Miss Halle's story is prejudicial to the Bureau. A letter to her is attached asking her for specifics.

I think it would be better to have some one see her

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: July 2, 1951

FROM : SAC, Detroit

SUBJECT: KAY HALLE REPORTS,  
WJR, DETROIT.

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Attention: Mr. L. B. Nichols,  
Assistant Director

Re my telephone conversation with Inspector [redacted] on July 2, 1951, concerning the above program which on June 15, 1951, contained derogatory report which the Bureau might desire to follow up.

The writer learned indirectly of this program on June 15, 1951, which is broadcast between 10:45 and 11:00 p.m. On the following day, writer contacted [redacted] WJR, Detroit, to obtain complete details of Miss HALLE's reference to the Bureau. [redacted] stated that it would be necessary for him to locate the recording, but that when he did, a transcript of the matter in question would be mailed to me.

On this date, the attached was received from [redacted] It is being forwarded to the Bureau for whatever action is deemed appropriate.

EXPEDITE PROCESSING

For your information, KAY HALLE is a member of the HALLE 1951 brothers' family, department store operators in Cleveland, Ohio. For the past twelve years, she has reported for WGAR, Cleveland, Ohio, a sister station to WJR, Detroit. [redacted] WJR, confidentially advised that Miss HALLE is a free lance reporter who is accredited in Congress and in the Senate. He stated that she is "quite liberal in thought," explaining this remark by saying that she is a friend of the "Acheson, Averill, Harriman, and Drew Pearson crowd," that she is very much pro-Democratic and pro-Administration, and anti-McArthur and anti-Republican. He explained that her services have not been utilized by WJR until recently, but that she did report for WGAR once a week during the past twelve years.

COPIES DESTROYED [redacted] stated that reporting is more or less something to keep occupied, she being financially independent..

Miss HALLE resides at 1534 29th Street, Washington 7, D. C., according to [redacted], who added that she does her reporting from that address, also.

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Enclosure to Mr. Tolson 7-6-51  
Tel to Miss Halle 7-7-51 JJM

Letter to the Director  
July 2, 1951

Re: KAY HALLE REPORTS,  
WJR, DETROIT

Attention: Mr. L. B. Nichols  
Assistant Director

No further action is contemplated in this Division and officials of WJR above mentioned were advised that my inquiry was confidential.

(Transcript of closing story from program KAY HALLIE REPORTS, as broadcast by transcription over WJR, 10:45 - 11:00 PM, June 15, 1951.)

And, now in closing, here is my story of the week...which makes me wonder how absurd can we get. A Naval officer here in Washington was selected for an important job which required a further FBI security check. After waiting over half a year, it was finally discovered what had been holding him up. In his college year book, the editor, knowing that he was the mathematical genius of the class, chose as the most apt phrase under his picture in the book, a well-known mathematical term. It said that he was born under a radical sign. Now, the FBI Agent, who had to go back in the past of this Naval historian, evidently had not passed his own mathematics course and hadn't heard of square roots and radical signs, and took the statement to mean something else, but that one innocent line kept the Naval officer from an important job until the foolishness was put straight. I repeat...How absurd can we get?

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson  
FROM : L. B. Nichols

DATE: July 2, 1951

SUBJECT:

Kay Halle

While discussing another matter with SAC O'Connor, Detroit, telephonically this morning, Mr. O'Connor advised that there was a news commentator named Kay Haley who is related to the owners of Haley's Department Store in Cleveland, Ohio, who apparently records her comments and then furnishes the recordings to various radio stations. He had just heard that in a recording which Radio Station WJR used on June 15th, Miss Haley told of an incident under the caption "How Absurd Can We Get," which dealt with an unnamed Navy officer in Washington, D. C. who supposedly had been selected for a job requiring an FBI security check and that it took six months for the check to be made. The commentator indicated that the Navy officer, a mathematical wizard, had been written up in his college magazine as having been born under radical signs and that an FBI Agent assigned to the investigation, who had apparently never passed his own mathematics courses when he was at school, did not appreciate the meaning of square roots and radical signs and read into the statement attributed to the Navy officer by his classmates at college an import of subversive activities.

O'Connor was instructed to obtain through his contacts at Radio Station WJR further information as to the identity of Kay Haley, who she represents, and where she is located.

I think this is something that should be run down in order that the case can be identified and Miss Haley set straight, as it is obviously a dirty crack at the Bureau if untrue. This matter will be followed with the Detroit Office.

cc: Mr. Ladd  
Mr. Jones

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SAC O'Connor has been told to send this data in promptly.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: October 20, 1953

FROM : SAC, WFO

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SUBJECT: KAY HALLE  
1534 - 29th Street, N. W.  
MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION  
CONCERNING (ESPIONAGE)

[REDACTED], Executive Office Building, Washington, D.C., requested an interview with an FBI agent through Bureau liaison.

He was interviewed by Special Agent ARTHUR J. HOWE on October 13, 1953, at which time he gave the following information on KAY HALLE, 1534 - 29th Street, N. W., Washington, D.C.

[REDACTED] prefaced his remarks about Miss HALLE with the statement that he could make no allegation of espionage, but that he had the "gradually accumulated" impression that she was working for British intelligence and is obviously more concerned with the welfare of Great Britain than of the United States.

He said that he has visited her home on a number of occasions and he described it as "a fashionable Washington society saloon." He said he has avoided her parties during the last few years, but indicated that she still entertains lavishly for State Department officials, British Embassy personnel and pro-British writers in the United States.

[REDACTED] stated that he is certain that the British intelligence service operates in Washington against top level U. S. Government personnel and that KAY HALLE'S prominence in Washington society is a "tool, channel or at least a fruitful source" through which much of their information is obtained. He said he believes her parties are "merely an extension of the British social lobby" and that the "pattern for intelligence" is so definite that it presents a security weakness to our country.

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[ ] said he has attended many Washington parties, but only at Miss HALLE'S affairs has he had the uneasy feeling that the primary purpose of the function was to elicit information on Government affairs. He said Miss HALLE, using liquor, physical and mental charm and flattery is very skillful in obtaining information. He said he has detected a "co-ordinated, directed effort led by Miss HALLE and assisted in by British Embassy personnel to pump American officials of top level security information."

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[ ] added that he has on occasions tried to turn the conversation to confidential aspects of British foreign policy, upon which the British officials usually clam up and Miss HALLE skillfully directs attention to other matters.

[ ] said a tremendous amount of confidential internal security and United States foreign policy information is openly discussed at these affairs, with each United States official trying to out do the other in revealing classified matters. He said that he had not detected any specific topics of interest and was non specific on individual secrets revealed.

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[ ] added that he has been advised on "reasonably good authority" that KAY HALLE was for a time the paramour of WILLIAM AVERILL MARRIMAN and has also been intimate with DAVID BRUCE, American Ambassador to England, and other State Department policy making officials. He recalled that she is also rumored to have had an affair with WINSTON CHURCHILL'S son. *Randolph Churchill*

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[ ] HERE *Randolph Churchill* ELLISTON and DAVID COHN; pro British writer, (spelling and description are phonetic) as frequenters of the HALLE affairs. *Eng.*


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He declined to mention United States officials who frequent her saloon, but stated, "They are mostly the bright young fellows of the Second Echelon."

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 said he had no reason to suspect that Miss HALLE is or has been in any way connected with Soviet espionage.

On January 9, 1951, Special Agents  and MALCOLM P. CARR observed JAY LOVESTONE, who was registered at the Statler Hotel, meet a woman in the hotel lobby at 8:30 p.m., talk for a few minutes, then proceed by taxi to the Three Musketeers Restaurant at 818 Connecticut Avenue, N. W. After dining they left the restaurant and proceeded by taxi to 1524 - 29th Street, N. W.

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City and telephone directories show this to be the address of KAY HALLE.

Credit Bureau records on November 18, 1946, reflected that she was then thirty-seven and a member of the Halle Department Store family of Cleveland, Ohio, and socially prominent. She came to Washington from Cleveland about 1944.


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In November, 1949,  advised that KAY HALLE was in contact with ANDRE VISSON, roving editor of the "Reader's Digest," and that she told VISSON that she was going to India with HERBERT ELLISTON of the Washington Post to attend a meeting of the Institute of Pacific Relations in New Delhi.

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It is to be noted that VISSON has been in contact with top officials of the embassies of foreign governments including the Russian Embassy and also top officials of the United States.

British source advised that a number of top secret reports regarding British political policies in

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Palestine and British reports on Russian activity as well as secret American and British reports on Syrian oil and other matters were found in [ ] possession in 1945. (S)

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[ ] advised in December, 1950, that JEAN DAVIDSON of France Press invited A. I. ZINCHUK, Second Secretary of the Soviet Embassy, employed in the Press Division, to lunch with WALTER LIPPMAN at the home of KAY HALLE, 1524 - 29th Street, N. W. ZINCHUK indicated that he had previously met Miss HALLE and accepted the invitation. D.C.

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Miss HALLE later reported this dinner meeting to State Department officials.

[ ] advised October 26, 1949, that ZINCHUK extended an invitation to KAY HALLE to attend their October Revolution Celebrations observed at the Soviet Embassy October 7, 1949. She accepted the invitation and indicated that she had several items to discuss with Ambassador A. S. PANYUSHKIN. D.C.

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In July, 1951, ZINCHUK, JEAN DAVIDSON, HENRI DE TOURAINE, Mrs. VAVILOV and KAY HALLE had lunch together at the Mayflower Hotel. D.C.

The records of the Statler Hotel, Washington, D.C., reveal that JAY LOVESTONE, while registered at that hotel in January, 1952, placed a call to DE 5040, a telephone number listed to KAY HALLE at 1524 - 29th Street, N. W.

JAY LOVESTONE was one of the founders and top officials of the Communist Party in the United States until 1929 when he was expelled. From 1929 to 1940 LOVESTONE was leader of the Communist Party opposition group later known as the Independent Labor League. During this period LOVESTONE appealed for Communist Party unity and failed in attempts to return to the party. He has since been active in American labor organizations, especially the international labor activities of AF of L.

LOVESTONE has wide spread interests and contacts with members of Congress, United States Government officials, United States military officials, officials of foreign governments and representatives at United Nations. See the summary report of "JAY LOVESTONE, was., ESPIONAGE IS and R" by Special Agent [ ] dated December 2,

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1952, at New York, Bureau file 61-1292; Washington Field Office File 65-5681.

On June 4, 1947, the "Washington Daily News" gave full page photo and story coverage to an International Workshop and Art School known as Community Education, Inc. at 935 G Place, N. W.

Miss KAY HALLE was listed as a sponsor for this school. See Bureau file 100-334393, Washington Field Office file 100-18701.

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Reurlet dated October 20, 1953, relating to the  
subject.

Information relating to the subject in addition to  
that set forth in referenced letter indicates that Mr. Hugh H.  
Teller, Anti-American Unit, Visa Division, Department of State,  
advised on October 10, 1944, that Ernest Pope, Editor of the  
European Section of F. C. G. considered the subject a suspicious  
character. Mr. Teller stated that Mr. Pope observed that the  
subject was constantly entertaining men in uniform in her  
apartment at 1608 19th Street, N. W.

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On June 15, 1951, the subject in a radio  
broadcast over station WJR in Detroit, Michigan, implied  
that as a result of an FBI investigation, a security investi-  
gation of a Naval officer was unnecessarily held up for a  
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by the Detroit office relative to her radio broadcast, the  
subject stated that she was convinced in her own mind that  
her disclosure should have involved an ONI investigator rather  
than an FBI agent, as she had erroneously related in her  
broadcast on June 15, 1951.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : A. H. Belmont

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DATE: November 18, 1953

FROM : W. A. Brunigan

SUBJECT: KATHERINE MURPHY HALLE, aka  
Kay Halle  
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SYNOPSIS:

*Katherine Murphy Halle*  
Subject, a member of the Halle family, Cleveland, Ohio, resides at 1534 29th Street, N. W. [redacted] advised on October 13, 1953, the subject had given him the impression she is working for British Intelligence. [redacted] said subject entertains lavishly for State Department officials, British Embassy personnel and pro-British writers. He said he believes subject is a "tool, channel or at least a fruitful source" and that her parties are "merely an extension of the British social lobby." He said he observed a "coordinated, directed effort led by subject and assisted by British Embassy personnel to pump American officials of top-level security information." [redacted] advised on "reasonable good authority" that subject was for a time the paramour of William Averill Harriman and that she has been intimate with David Bruce, other State Department policy making officials as well as with Winston Churchill's son, Randolph Churchill.

[redacted] Subject in a radio broadcast from Detroit on June 15, 1951, erroneously charged FBI delayed an investigation involving a Naval officer. Bureau files reflect subject to have been in contact with [redacted] Zinchuk, Second Secretary, Soviet Embassy, Andre visson, Reader's Digest, Jay Lovestone and according to [redacted] with Herbert Elliston, The Washington Post, and David L. Cohen. [redacted]

RECOMMENDATIONS:

With your approval, the attached letter will be directed to the Washington Field Office. The attached letter instructs the Washington Field Office to initiate a discreet investigation of the subject and to make a survey relative to the advisability of utilizing a microphone surveillance in the investigation.

cc - 62-89229

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DETAILS:

[redacted]  
[redacted]  
Executive Office Building, Washington, D. C., advised the Washington Field Office on October 13, 1953, that the subject, who resides at 1534 29th Street, N. W., had gradually given him the impression that she is working for British Intelligence and is obviously more concerned with the welfare of Great Britain than with the welfare of the United States.

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[redacted] stated that the subject entertains lavishly for State Department officials, British Embassy personnel and pro-British writers at her home, "a fashionable Washington society saloon." [redacted] expressed the belief that British Intelligence operates in Washington against top-level U. S. Government personnel and that the subject is a "tool, channel or at least a fruitful source" through which much of their information is obtained. He indicated that he thought the subject's parties are "merely an extension of the British social lobby" and that the "pattern of intelligence" is so definite that it presents a security weakness of our country. He said that the subject, using liquor, physical and mental charm and flattery, is very skillful in obtaining information. He stated that he observed a "coordinated, directed effort led by the subject and assisted by British Embassy personnel to pump American officials of top-level security information."

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[redacted] said he has been advised on "reasonably good authority" that subject was for a time the paramour of William Averill Harriman and has also been intimate with David Bruce, American Ambassador to England, and other State Department policy making officials. He recalled that she is also rumored to have had an affair with Winston Churchill's son, Randolph Churchill.

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[redacted] advised that Herbert Elliston, The Washington Post, and David L. Cohen, pro-British writer, frequent subject's parties. b7D

Bureau files reflect a memorandum dated February 7, 1949, setting forth information furnished by [redacted]

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On June 15, 1951, the subject in a radio broadcast over station WJR in Detroit, Michigan, implied that as a result of an FBI investigation, a security investigation of a Naval officer was unnecessarily held up for a period of six months with the result that the Naval officer was prevented from getting an important job, and she added, "until the foolishness was put straight." When contacted by the Detroit office relative to this radio broadcast, the subject stated that she was convinced in her own mind that her disclosure should have involved an ONI investigator rather than an FBI agent, as she erroneously related in her broadcast on June 15, 1951.

The Detroit office determined that the subject was a member of the Halle family, the owners of the Halle Brothers Department Store in Cleveland, Ohio; that the subject had been a reporter for WGAR in Cleveland, Ohio, for 12 years as of 1951; and that she had also worked for the radio station WJR in Detroit. (62-89229-5)

Mr. Hugh H. Teller, Anti-American Unit, Visa Division, Department of State, advised on October 10, 1944, that he had recently been in contact with Ernest Pope, Editor of the European Section of F. C. C. Mr. Pope, according to Mr. Teller, observed that the subject was constantly entertaining men in uniform in her apartment, which at that time was at 1608 19th Street, N. W. Mr. Teller stated that Mr. Pope considered the subject a suspicious character.

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Washington Field Office informant, [redacted], advised on October 26, 1949, that Alexander I. Zinchuk, Second Secretary and Press Attache at the Soviet Embassy in Washington, extended an invitation to the subject to attend the October Revolution celebrations observed at the Soviet Embassy. The informant indicated that the subject accepted the invitation and stated that she had several items to discuss with Ambassador A. S. Panyushkin.

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In July, 1951, Zinchuk, Jean Davidson, Henri de Touraine, both of France Presse, Mrs. Vavilov, wife of Soviet Counselor, and subject had lunch together at the Mayflower Hotel.

By memorandum dated December 18, 1950, the Department of State furnished information indicating that the subject had advised an official of the Department of State that she had entertained Alexander I. Zinchuk, Second Secretary and Press Attache of the Soviet Embassy, at her home for luncheon together with Walter Lippman and Jean Davidson, of France Presse.

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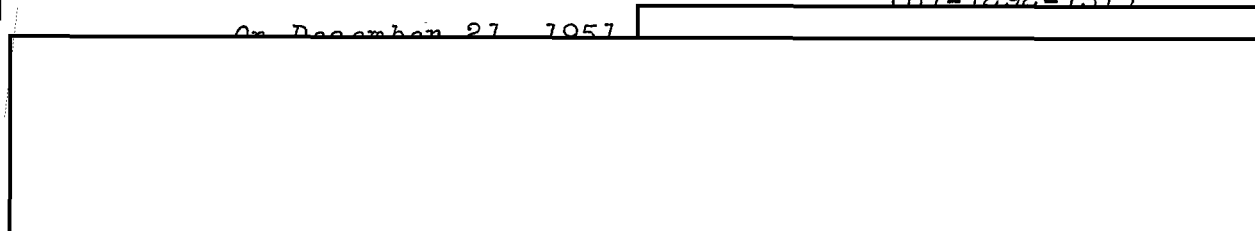
In November, 1949, [redacted] advised that subject was in contact with Andre Visson, roving editor of the "Reader's Digest," and that she told Visson that she was going to India with Herbert Elliston of the Washington Post to attend a meeting of the Institute of Pacific Relations in New Delhi.

On January 9, 1951, Jay Lovestone was observed having dinner with a woman who he later escorted to 1534 29th Street, N. W. and who is believed to be the subject.

The records of the Statler Hotel, Washington, D. C., reveal that Jay Lovestone, while registered at that hotel in January, 1952, placed a call to DE 5040, a telephone number listed to the subject at 1534 - 29th Street, N. W.

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On December 21, 1951, [redacted]



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OBSERVATIONS:

Although there are no specific allegations that the subject is engaging in espionage activities there appears, in view of the afore-enumerated contacts of the subject, to be a justifiable basis for instituting the investigation recommended.

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KATHERINE MURPHY HALLE, AKA, KAY HALLE, ESPIONAGE - BR.  
REBULET NOVEMBER 18, 1953. FILES OF PASSPORT OFFICE, STATE  
DEPARTMENT, REFLECT MISS KATHERINE MURPHY HALLE, GIVING HER  
PERMANENT ADDRESS AS 2163 HARCOURT DRIVE, CLEVELAND, OHIO, OR  
1534 29TH STREET, N. W., WASHINGTON, D. C., APPLIED FOR A  
PASSPORT SEPTEMBER 25, 1953 AT CLEVELAND, OHIO. IN THIS  
APPLICATION SHE SHOWED SHE INTENDED TO DEPART FROM NEW YORK  
ABOUT THE MIDDLE OF OCTOBER 1953 VIA PLANE OR SHIP TO VISIT FOR  
"SEVERAL MONTHS" IN "ITALY, FRANCE, ENGLAND AND PERHAPS OTHER  
COUNTRIES ON THE CONTINENT." SHE SHOWED THE TRIP WAS FOR THE  
PURPOSE OF "PLEASURE AND PERHAPS A FEW ARTICLES FOR A NEWSPAPER."  
SHE WAS ISSUED PASSPORT #212050 SEPTEMBER 29, 1953, AND  
REQUESTED IT TO BE MAILED TO HER CLEVELAND, OHIO ADDRESS. ☐

☐ GEORGETOWN STATION, WASHINGTON, D. C.  
POST OFFICE, 1215 - 31ST STREET, N. W., ADVISED AFTER DISCREET  
INQUIRY OF ☐ CARRIER, HE LEARNED MISS HALLE  
HAD BEEN OUT OF THE CITY FOR AN EXTENDED TIME AND WAS BELIEVED  
BY THE CARRIER ☐ TO BE IN CLEVELAND, HOWEVER, THROUGH  
WOOD IT WAS LEARNED A MAID LIVED ON THE PREMISES AND TOOK CARE  
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Subj:

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-62260)

DATE: 1/15/54

FROM : SAC, WFO (65-6656)

SUBJECT: KATHERINE MURPHY HALLE, aka  
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Report of SA CARL E. GRAHAM, made at Washington Field Office, dated 1/15/54, in this case. Reference also is made to bulet 10/8/52, to New York, and Washington Field Office in the case "GIDEON RAFAEL, wa., ESPIONAGE - IS" (Bufile 65-59186).

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-89729-65-62260)

DATE: January 15, 1954

FROM : SAC, WFO (65-6656)

SUBJECT: KATHERINE MURPHY HALLE, aka  
Kay Halle  
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Re report of SA CARL E. GRAHAM dated 1/15/54 at Washington, D. C.,  
also, re WFO letter to Bureau dated October 20, 1953, in this case.

The Bureau will note that current investigation was predicated  
on information obtained from [redacted], on October 13, 1953.  
It is noted that [redacted] was unable to furnish any specific allegations of  
espionage on the part of Miss HALLE. For the purpose of enabling the  
Bureau possibly to evaluate more accurately the data furnished by [redacted]  
additional reference is made to the report of SA [redacted]  
captioned, [redacted]

[redacted] in the course of the  
[redacted] investigation on [redacted] in 1949, it was noted that on his  
Personal History Questionnaire he listed among his personal references,  
Congressman (former) CHRISTIAN HERTER and Senator ESTES KEFAUVER; and  
as well, listed among social acquaintances, the name of HERBERT ELLISTON  
of the Washington Post newspaper. During the 1949 investigation of  
[redacted] HERBERT ELLISTON, on the Editorial Staff of the Washington Post,  
praised [redacted] very highly and indicated great admiration for him.  
However, on interview, October 13, 1953, as set out in relet, [redacted]  
referred to ELLISTON as a pro-British writer and a frequenter of the  
HALLE affairs, possibly indicative that the present relationship between  
[redacted] and ELLISTON is different than it appeared to have been in 1949,  
since on the occasion of the recent interview with [redacted] he was  
directing suspicion at Miss HALLE and at the same time named ELLISTON  
as an associate of HALLE.

The Bureau will also note that in the relet [redacted] expressed  
concern that Miss HALLE possibly was assisting efforts of the British  
Embassy personnel to pump American officials for security information.  
Also, [redacted] pointed out he had not attended any of the HALLE affairs  
in recent years

It was disclosed in the 1949 investigation of [redacted], con-  
ducted by this Bureau, that [redacted] in 1941, according to a report in  
the files of the Office of Naval Intelligence, had an established rep-

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utation as a political theorist and a student of political affairs of the British Empire. In view of [ ] former indicated interest in British affairs; also his now-expressed concern over possible efforts by HALLE in behalf of British interests, it is difficult to arrive at any explanation as to why [ ] waited until 1953 to report his suspicions of HALLE; especially, since he had been avoiding her affairs in recent years and would scarcely have been in the position to observe any recent developments in that regard. It appears to be entirely possible that [ ] may have just recently decided to bring his suspicions to the Bureau's attention because he believed it might now be politically expedient. Indication of this possibility seems evident in [ ] mentioning such persons as WILLIAM AVERILL HARRIMAN, and DAVID BRUCE now in a derogatory manner.

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The Bureau also is cognizant of the results of recent interviews with [ ] in connection with the current investigation concerning LAUCHLIN BERNARD CURRIE (Bu file 101-3616) in which file there has been reported conflicting information obtained by [ ] which has not been substantiated by subsequent investigation. In connection with the CURRIE case a letter dated August 28, 1953, was directed by this office to the Bureau summarizing several points of interest in evaluating information obtained from [ ] For the purpose of including that information in instant file, that data in substance is being furnished as follows:

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(S) [ ] was the subject of an [ ] investigation in the fall of 1949. Investigation by the Washington Field Office disclosed a report in the files of the Office of Naval Intelligence. This report was dated April 26, 1941, and was furnished by an unidentified source, described by ONI as reliable, concerning [ ]

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This report quoted the source as stating [ ] was reared in Tennessee, secured a Rhodes scholarship, and attended Oxford University, receiving a Doctor's degree in Political Theory, and now at the age of approximately fifty has an established reputation as a political theorist and student of political affairs of the British Empire. At Harvard he is known deservedly as brilliant political philosopher dealing in the most nebulous of phraseology and able, nevertheless, to make the most complicated and abstruse impracticalities sound reasonable and even sensible. He is a strong interventionalist and has several times braved student boycotts to

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defend his belief that the United States should enter the war at once on the British side. His lectures and courses are notorious among the Harvard students for their complete lack of organization, incongruity, and disorderliness. His public lectures, however, are often brilliant, especially if he has the subject at heart. [redacted]

[redacted] has long held concurrently with his full-time post at Harvard, many other part-time positions extending from Boston through New York to Washington, D. C., and explains participation in so many pay rolls as being due in part for the necessity of supporting two families including one by his former wife.

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"With his faculty colleagues in the Department of Government, [redacted] has never been popular due to his strong tendency to monopolize the floor and numerous administrative affairs in such a way as to place authority in his own hands and not those of his former friends. He is particularly adept at securing the services of other people and of disappearing when the hard work needs to be done.

"For a short period he served as Chairman of the Department of Government but was relieved by President CONANT when it was found the affairs of the Department had reached a hopeless impasse as a result of overtheorization. This informant's remarks concluded with the observation that [redacted] is regarded by those who know him well as an expert organizer of other people's affairs, particularly in the fields of which he knows practically nothing.

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"An informant of unknown reliability, mentioned in the ONI report as the present Chairman of the Harvard Department of Government, advised in private that the university would be glad to recommend [redacted] for some important position with the government if there was some assurance that [redacted] would sever his connections with the university. He described [redacted] as being prosperous in appearance and extremely presentable on the speaking platform. He mentioned that marital difficulties about five years earlier had subjected him to a strain which induced rather heavy drinking, but a divorce and remarriage apparently revitalized his morale.

"The applicant investigation also disclosed that [redacted] gave testimony on the Mundt Bill before the 80th Congress, second session, in 1948 and testified as an expert, giving an analysis of the Communist Party history and activity. He expressed an opinion on which he concluded the Communist Party in this country should be made illegal.

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"In June, 1947, Representative CHARLES A. EATON, Chairman, of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives, requested a loyalty check on several individuals who had been temporarily appointed to the staff of the committee. These included [redacted] and [redacted], both of whom were former Harvard University instructors and personal friends. [redacted] was listed as a reference for [redacted], mentioned further hereafter. MASS D.C.

"In October, 1948, Congressman CHARLES A. EATON noted the possible existence of an improper relationship between one [redacted] staff member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, House of Representatives, and one [redacted], an attorney in New York. [redacted] allegedly represented certain interests having a financial interest in Germany and in behalf of those interests had been communicating with [redacted] and expressing considerable opposition to the dismantlement of German factories. Correspondence between [redacted] and [redacted] was uncovered shortly after the preparation of a staff memorandum by [redacted] and [redacted] on German plant dismantlement. It was alleged that [redacted] had been advised that this correspondence with [redacted] was a violation of a rule of the committee, and that [redacted] had stated that he wanted the contents of this correspondence kept secret and had not written on official stationery. [redacted] stated that he had met [redacted] in 1947 in Germany and found him useful as a source of information. [redacted], upon interview, December 27, 1948, indicated that he had met [redacted] in Germany in 1946 and [redacted] was making a study of Communism in Germany and requested [redacted] to secure material for him. He advised that he had engaged in the activity of German dismantlement as an American citizen to stop the flow of money from the United States to Germany and had not been retained by anyone and did not expect to receive any payment for his efforts.

(S) Further, in connection with [redacted] investigations of [redacted] and [redacted], AEA, [redacted], of unknown reliability, Administrative Assistant, House Foreign Affairs Committee, advised that during the latter part of 1948 he was associated with the House Foreign Affairs Committee. On one occasion during this period, he found on his desk a letter inadvertently left there by [redacted]. This letter revealed certain activities of [redacted] while employed there. As a result, the activities of [redacted] were

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more closely observed and other things found which caused the informant to report to the Committee Chairman, CHARLES A. EATON. When called to explain actions, [ ] gave a full statement stating that [ ] was responsible and had directed him to do these things. When questioned as to the nature of the items referred to, [ ] stated on one occasion PAUL G. HOFFMAN, after attending a secret meeting of the Foreign Affairs Committee, delivered some highly secret and confidential papers to the informant to be kept until HOFFMAN called for them. These papers were taken from the office by [ ] and later returned. [ ] also stated that [ ] and [ ] were always having numerous foreign persons calling at the office and engaging in clandestine telephone conversations and acting secretive when questioned. [ ] admitted these indiscretions, according to [ ] and was allowed to resign effective March 31, 1949.

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"When [ ] was advised that [ ] had made these admissions implicating him, he became very indignant and told [ ] he would have nothing more to do with him. [ ] claimed that [ ] was also allowed to resign effective December 31, 1948.

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"No effort has been made to determine the accuracy of the statements made by the above informants concerning [ ] and the above information is set forth merely for consideration in appraising complaints made by him."

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TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT

DATE:

January 13, 1954

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SUBJECT: ALEXANDER I. ZINCHUK  
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X Kay Halle is a member of a wealthy department store family in Cleveland. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and in recent years she has been very active in social circles in Washington, D. C. She reportedly has many contacts among newspapermen, including Drew Pearson. She presently is the subject of a Bureau case, investigation of which was predicated on data indicating that she might be connected with British Intelligence.

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## RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is recommended that Halle be interviewed concerning Zinchuk with the view of obtaining any pertinent information which she might have in her possession or which she may be able to develop in the future.

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It is also recommended that the afore-mentioned contact with Halle be utilized for the purpose of developing information concerning her own activities, bearing in mind that she is the subject of a pending case. It is possible that the above-described matter will provide a suitable entree for developing information concerning Halle.

See Addendum on page 2

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ADDENDUM:

*The Espionage Section agrees with the above recommendations and has attached hereto for approval a letter to Washington Field office containing appropriate instructions.*

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Two photographs of KATHERINE MURPHY HALLE  
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KATHERINE MURPHY HALLE, aka

KAY HALLE

Sex, female

Race, white

Age, 50(1953)

Height, 5'7 $\frac{1}{2}$ "

Weight, \*\*-

Hair, blonde-white

Eyes, green-blue

Complexion, olive

Marks, none

Features, high forehead,  
round face

Marital status, single

Residences, 1534 29th St. N.W.,  
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(also) 2163 Harcourt Drive,  
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**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

KATHERINE MURPHY HALLIE, aka, KAY HALLIE, born 10/13/03, is the daughter of wealthy family controlling Halle Brothers Company, large Cleveland, Ohio, department store, and she reportedly has independent income. Formerly engaged as radio commentator and was news reporter at Cleveland and abroad in London, she came to Washington in 1943; [REDACTED]

Informants have described her as having political and social contacts of national and international importance, including: 1948-49 personal friendship with [REDACTED] L. ZINCHUK in 1949-51 (then) 2nd Secretary at Soviet Embassy; and in 1951-52 with JAY LOVESTONE who is active in international labor activities of A.F. of L. Another informant has indicated a suspicion HALLIE may be doing intelligence work, possibly in behalf of British as her social circle includes prominent official British persons, and her parties appear designed to elicit information from responsible American officials present. However, no specific allegations of espionage disclosed. Subject last obtained passport in September, 1953, to visit Europe for "several months" for pleasure and to do newspaper articles.

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DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.:

This investigation is predicated on information furnished October 13, 1953, to SA ARTHUR J. HOWE by Confidential Informant T-1 whose reliability is unknown but who holds a responsible executive position in an agency of the Federal Government. T-1 prefaced his comments of Miss KATHERINE MURPHY HALLE, known more generally as KAY HALLE, with the statement that he could not make any specific allegations of espionage activity on the part of Miss HALLE, but he asserted he had a "gradually accumulated" impression she was working for British Intelligence and obviously more concerned with the welfare of Great Britain than of the United States.

Describing her home -- located at 1534-29th Street, N. W., Washington, D.C., telephone number, DEcatur 2-5040 -- as "a fashionable Washington society saloon", T-1 advised he had visited there on a number of occasions, but he had avoided her parties within the last few years. However, T-1 indicated a knowledge that Miss HALLE has continued to entertain lavishly for officials of the Department of State, British Embassy, and as well for pro-British writers in the United States.

T-1 continued that he was certain the intelligence service of the British operated in Washington against top-level personnel of the United States Government, and T-1 said he was certain her prominence in Washington society was a "tool, channel, or at least a fruitful source" through which much of their (British) information was obtained. T-1 expressed the belief that Miss HALLE's parties were "merely an extension of the British social lobby" and that the "pattern for intelligence" was so definite it presented a security weakness to our country. In this regard, T-1 advised he had attended many Washington parties but only at Miss HALLE's affairs has informant had the uneasy feeling that the primary purpose of the function was to elicit information on Government affairs. T-1 said with her using liquor, physical and mental charm, and flattery, Miss HALLE was very skillful in obtaining information, and T-1 said he had detected a "co-ordinated, directed effort, led by Miss HALLE and assisted in by British Embassy personnel, to pump American officials of top-level security information." T-1 recalled that on occasions when he was in attendance at Miss HALLE's parties, he tried to direct the conversation to confidential aspects of British foreign policy upon which the British officials usually 'clammed-up' and Miss HALLE skillfully directed attention to other matters.

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Although T-1 said he had not detected any specific topics of interest, and he was non-specific on individual secrets revealed, he stated a tremendous amount of confidential internal security and United States foreign policy information was discussed openly at Miss HALLE's affairs, with each United States official trying to 'out-do' the other in revealing classified matters. T-1 said he recently had been advised from undisclosed sources that representatives of a security and intelligence agency of the Federal Government were frequenting the HALLE affairs in great number and that some, whose positions in that agency should be covert, had let it be known where they were employed and what foreign assignments they anticipated.

Informant T-1 went on to relate he had ascertained on "reasonably good authority", not disclosed, that Miss HALLE for a time was the paramour of WILLIAM AVERILL HARRIMAN (recent Director of D.C. Mutual Security Agency under former President TRUMAN); that she also had been intimate with DAVID BRUCE (DAVID E. BRUCE, former Under-Secretary of State under ex-President TRUMAN); and T-1 recalled Miss HALLE was rumored to have had an affair with RANDOLPH CHURCHILL, son of the British Prime Minister, WINSTON CHURCHILL.

According to information furnished to the Bureau as early as 1944, some informants holding responsible positions of authority in the Federal Government expressed some distrust of Miss HALLE although no specific allegations reflecting in an unfavorable light were made against her. In this connection, Confidential Informant T-2, a reliable informant, advised the Bureau on October 10, 1944, he had been advised by another source, Confidential Informant T-3, whose reliability is unknown, that T-3 considered Miss HALLE a suspicious person and had observed she (then) constantly was entertaining service men, in uniform, in her apartment then located at 1608-19th Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. No further information was available from T-2 to indicate any additional basis for the suspicions of Miss HALLE, held by Informant T-3.

On February 7, 1949, the Bureau was advised by Confidential Informant T-4, [REDACTED]

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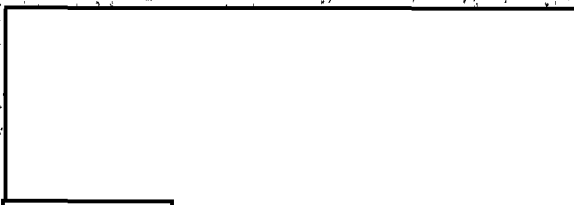
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It is recalled that previously in this report, on page 11, reference was made to a luncheon which ALEXANDER I. ZINCHUK, former Second Secretary at the Russian Embassy arranged for July 31, 1951, at the Mayflower Hotel - to be attended by JEAN DAVIDSON of France Presse, Miss HALLE, HENRI De TURENNE of France Presse, and M. S. VAVILOV and ZINCHUK, both of the Soviet Embassy. In connection with an investigation captioned, "HENRI De TURENNE, aka, Espionage - R" (Bufile 65-60879; WFO file 65-5158) conducted by this office in 1953, the Bureau, by letter January 28, 1953, to Cleveland and WFO, furnished identifying data concerning JANE HALLE CRILE and her husband, Dr. GEORGE CRILE, Jr. In the same case Cleveland by letter March 17, 1953, furnished the results of an interview with JANE HALLE CRILE concerning HENRI De TURENNE about whom she stated she knew very little since she met him on approximately two occasions, socially, while visiting in Washington.

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This data furnished by [redacted]

[redacted] initially was furnished to the Bureau by letter October 20, 1953, in instant file. b7D

T-2:

Mr. HUGH H. TELLER, Anti-American Unit, Visa Division, Department of State. Mr. TELLER furnished to the Bureau, October 10, 1944, information he had received from ERNEST POPE, Editor of the European Section of F.C.G. This information was furnished WFO by letter from the Bureau dated 11/18/53 in instant case.

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T-3:

Mr. ERNEST POPE, Editor of the European Section of F.C.C. Information from Mr. POPE was reported to Mr. HUGH H. TELLER, Anti-American Unit, Visa Division, Department of State, and Mr. TELLER furnished same to the Bureau October 10, 1944. This data was furnished to WFO in Bulet dated 11/18/53 in instant case.

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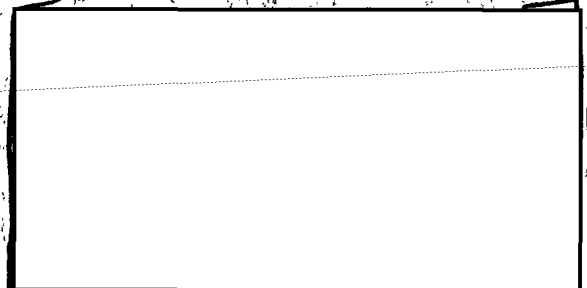
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Physical surveillance conducted January 9, 1951, by SAs [redacted] and MALCOLM P. CARR in the case, "JAY LOVESTONE; Espionage-IS" (Bufile 61-1292) (WFO file 65-5681)

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Hay-Adams House, 800-16th Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. This information initially was furnished in the report of SA MALCOLM P. CARR, captioned, "JAY LOVESTONE; was; Espionage - IS" made at WFO dated April 18, 1952. (WFO file 65-5681-serial 89).

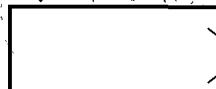
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Ross Administration Building, 1730 R Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. This information was initially set forth in the report of SA WILFRED L. BERGERON captioned, "Community Educational Group, aka; Internal Security-C", made at WFO, dated 7/22/48. (WFO file 100-18701)

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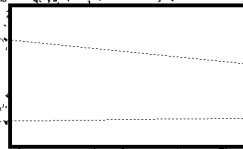
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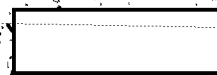
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Department of State. Information relating to Miss HALLE having made a report to a representative of the State Department concerning the luncheon at her home in December, 1950, attended by A. I. ZINCHUK was set out in Bulet to WFO dated January 3, 1951, in the case "SODAC, Washington, D. C.; Internal Security - R" (Bufile 65-30092; WFO file 100-16597-Serial 3559)

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Georgetown Station, Washington, D. C. Post Office, 1215-31st Street, N. W. [redacted] obtained this information from [redacted]

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T-17:

Pretext telephone call made December 3, 1953, to the residence of Miss HALLE, telephone number DEcatur 2-5040, made by the writer. The telephone was answered by an individual believed to have been a maid.

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circumstances are there to be made any open contacts regarding her. The investigation is to be confined to obtaining information from established reliable sources.

THE CLEVELAND DIVISION:

AT CLEVELAND, OHIO:

*See S #17*  
Will attempt to ascertain through discreet established sources whether Miss HALLE has returned from her trip abroad and whether she is now residing in Cleveland or elsewhere.

THE WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE:

AT WASHINGTON, D. C.:

Will ascertain if Miss HALLE has returned from abroad; thereafter will conduct such additional investigation as may be deemed appropriate or as may be suggested by the Bureau.

REFERENCE:

WFO letter to Director dated October 20, 1953.  
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As a matter of additional information Confidential  
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As a matter of information, it is to be noted that CLAYTON FRITCHEY, formerly Director, Office of Public Information, U. S. Department of Defense, later was made Press Attache at the White House under the Administration of former President TRUMAN. It is noted FRITCHEY currently is active in the Democratic National Committee and is editor of its' organ, The "Democratic Digest," a monthly magazine. (X)

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On November 3, 1953, Confidential Informant T-6, [redacted]

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Confidential Informant T-7, a reliable informant [redacted]

[redacted] furnished to a representative of this Bureau on December 14, 1953, [redacted]

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KATHERINE MURPHY HALL of 1608-19th Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.; legal residence, 2163 Harcourt Drive, Cleveland, Ohio, also known as KAY HALL, indicated she was born at Cleveland, October 13, 1903; the daughter of SAMUEL HORATIO HALL who was born at Cleveland

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July 8, 1869, resided at 2163 Harcourt Drive, Cleveland, and who (then) was President of HALLE Brothers Company, a department store in Cleveland. Her mother was identified as BIANCHE MURPHY HALLE who was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania March 5, 1874; then living also at the same Cleveland address. Miss HALLE listed her brothers and sisters as including these;

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In this May 1, 1944, application for O.S.S. appointment, Miss HALLE indicated five character references; five social acquaintances; three neighbors; and three credit references in the following order:

(character)

JOHN PATT, Radio Station WGAR, Cleveland, Ohio  
CARL GEORGE, Radio Station WGAR, Cleveland, Ohio  
LOUIS SELTZER, Editor, Cleveland Press, Cleveland, Ohio  
Mayor FRANK LAUSCHE, City Hall, Cleveland, Ohio  
CLAYTON FRITCHEY, Cleveland Press, Cleveland, Ohio

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(social acquaintances)

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(neighbors)

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(credit references)

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Concerning financial background, Miss HALLE indicated she was not dependent on a salary but had other income from investments and securities; also, that she banked with Cleveland Trust Company and Union Bank of Commerce.

With reference to education, Miss HALLE set out that she attended the Laurel School including High School at Shaker Heights, Cleveland, Ohio; obtained her High School diploma through attendance from October 1920 - 1921 at Miss WHEELER's School, Providence, Rhode Island; and from October 1921-1922 attended Smith College, Northampton, Massachusetts.

In a resume of her employment experience she listed these:

- 1930 to 1931 - Columnist for Cleveland News, writing a round-up column in London.
- to 1944 - Feature writer for Cleveland Press, doing special interviews, stories, and articles under supervision of LOUIS SELTZER, Editor.
- 1939 to 1943 - Radio commentator for WGAR, Hotel Statler, Cleveland, Ohio under supervision of JOHN PATT, doing bi-weekly radio commentary and

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musical commentary for Cleveland Orchestra over C.B.S. network under supervision of CARL GEORGE.

Listing her places of residence for ten years preceding 1944, Miss HALLE noted the following:

1903 to now (1944) - 2163 Harcourt Drive, Cleveland, Ohio  
1930 to 1931 - Mayfair Court, Stratton Street, London, England  
1936 to 1938 - Hotel Elysee, East 54th Street, New York City  
1943 to now (1944) 1608-19th Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

Miss HALLE showed her residences or travel outside the United States included: (up to May, 1944).

1910 (few months) travel in Europe with family  
1923 (3 months) pleasure cruise in Mediterranean  
1931 to 1932 pleasure trip to London and Paris  
1933 pleasure trip to London  
1937 (4 months) pleasure trip to Mexico  
1940 pleasure trip to Cuba  
1941 (2 months) pleasure trip to South America

The 1944 application for employment also showed Miss HALLE had no religious affiliation and she indicated membership in: United Nations Club, 1701-19th Street, Washington, D. C.; Junior League, Cleveland, Ohio; and in the League of Women Voters, Cleveland, Ohio.

(U) At the Credit Bureau, 1221 G Street N. W., Washington, D. C., the writer examined on November 30, 1953, a credit report dated July 28, 1948, on Miss KATHERINE M. HALLE, also known as KAY HALLE, residing then (1948) at 1534-29th Street, N. W., since July 6, 1946. It was indicated she came to Washington in 1943 from her home in Cleveland, Ohio, formerly lived at 1608-19th Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. It was further stated Miss HALLE is a member of the HALLE family in Cleveland, well known in Cleveland, Ohio, business and social circles, as the HALLE family owned and operated Halle Brothers Company, a multi-million dollar department store. It also stated Miss HALLE had done radio commentary work; had written newspaper articles and was reported to have a private income from family holdings. It also stated she was employed by O.S.S. as a Project Specialist from May, 1944 until resignation in December, 1945. The credit report also stated her father, SAMUEL HALLE was a Director and General Manager of Halle Brothers Company. It is noted the 1953

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edition of Poor's Register of Directors and Executives listed SAMUEL H. HALLE as Chairman of the Board of Directors of Halle Brothers Company, 1228 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio. The same directory listed WALTER M. HALLE as President, General Manager, and a Director of Halle Brothers Company.

It will be recalled that previously in this report, FRANCIS M. SHERWIN was identified as a brother-in-law of Miss HALLE, and the husband of MARGARET HALLE SHERWIN. As a matter of information, this Bureau in August, 1947, instituted an applicant-type investigation concerning FRANCIS M. SHERWIN, and inquiry by this office with reference to his military service disclosed nothing derogatory. It was noted according to a personal history questionnaire SHERWIN, born at Cleveland, Ohio, March 7, 1906, received his military discharge November 5, 1945, with the rank of Major, U. S. Army; and as of May, 1947 was President of Brush Beryllium Company of Cleveland. In a report dated December 26, 1944, prepared by the Credit Bureau, Washington, D. C., reviewed by the writer December 1, 1953, FRANCIS M. SHERWIN, then a Lieutenant in the U. S. Army, was reported on active duty at the Pentagon; was stated formerly to have been Assistant Treasurer of the Cleveland Trust Company, Cleveland, Ohio. In Washington, SHERWIN and his wife resided at 2620 Foxhall Road and later at 1904 R Street, N. W. Dea

In a Credit Bureau report dated July 3, 1945 reviewed by the writer December 1, 1953, ANN HALLE LITTLE and her husband, ROBERT ANDREW LITTLE, were reported as residing at 6418 Western Avenue, Chevy Chase, Maryland. LITTLE was stated to have been born September 9, 1918, originally from Cambridge, Massachusetts; and married in 1940 to ANN HALLE, who was stated to be independently wealthy as a result of a trust fund set up by her father, SAMUEL H. HALLE who had established similar funds for all his children. As of the date of this credit report LITTLE had been employed two and one-half years in civilian status in Intelligence Division, U. S. Army Air Corps. It was stated LITTLE was an architect, formerly had taught at Harvard University and at Smith College.

As has been set forth by the Bureau previously in another unrelated matter, JANE HALLE CRILE, sister of Miss KAY HALLE, is the wife of Dr. GEORGE CRILE, Jr., son of the famous Dr. GEORGE (WASHINGTON) CRILE, Surgeon and founder of the Cleveland Clinic Foundation. Dr. GEORGE CRILE, Jr., resides at 2060 Kent Road, Cleveland, Ohio.

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It is recalled that previously in this report, reference was made to JAY LOVESTONE who was one of the founders and top officials in the Communist Party in the United States until he was expelled from the Party in 1929. From 1929 until 1940 LOVESTONE was leader of the Communist Party opposition group later known as the Independent Labor League. During this latter period, LOVESTONE appealed for Communist Party unity and failed in his attempts to return to the Party. Since then, LOVESTONE has been active in American labor organizations, particularly in the international labor activities of the American Federation of Labor.

(U) In connection with an investigation conducted by this Bureau in a security matter unrelated to instant case. Confidential Informant T-8, a reliable informant, advised that as of January 9, 1951, while registered at the Statler Hotel in Washington, D. C., JAY LOVESTONE was observed to meet a woman in the lobby of the Statler Hotel on the evening of January 9, 1951. They were observed to talk for a few minutes; then, LOVESTONE and the woman proceeded by cab to the Three Musketeers Restaurant at 818 Connecticut Avenue, N. W. and had dinner. Following this LOVESTONE and the woman proceeded by cab to the residence at 1534-29th Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. Current city and telephone directories (1951) listed this address as the residence of Miss KATHERINE M. HALLE, and T-8 has stated later this unknown woman was identified by photograph as being Miss HALLE.

It may be of additional interest to note that Confidential Informant T-9, a reliable informant, advised Special Agent MALCOLM P. CARR in March, 1952, that JAY LOVESTONE registered at the Hay-Adams House Hotel on March 6, 1952. T-9 further advised SA CARR that between March 6, 1952 and March 9, 1952, LOVESTONE made a number of telephone calls from his hotel room, and included in the calls was one telephone call made March 8, 1952 to the number DECATUR 5040, then listed to KAY HALLE, 1534-29th Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

In the period of October, 1947 to June, 1948, some inquiry was conducted by this office concerning Community Educational Group, also known as Community Organization Group, and Community Education Incorporated of Washington, D. C. That investigation disclosed the organization was chartered in the District of Columbia in October, 1945 as a non-profit educational institution in the arts and sciences. On October 30, 1947, Confidential Informant T-10, a reliable informant, furnished to SA WILFRED L. BERGERON a printed publication or

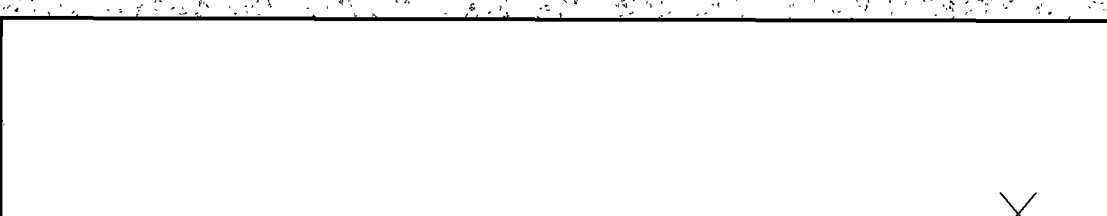
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pamphlet of this organization which occupied premises at 935 G Place, N. W.; Washington, D. C. It was noted this pamphlet or official publication listed the names of sponsors and contributors to Community Education and included in the names so listed was the name, Miss KAY HALLE, not otherwise identified. In addition, it was noted that on Page 28 of the Washington Daily News dated June 4, 1947, there appeared an article captioned, "The School on G. Place", and this article described the activities of Community Education and as well listed names of sponsors. It was observed this newspaper article listed among names of sponsors the name, Miss KAY HALLE, not otherwise identified.

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(U) According to Confidential Informant T-12, of known reliability, Miss HALLE in September, 1949 contacted TADEUSZ JAWORSKI, First Secretary of the Polish Embassy. T-12 said this contact was in line with Miss HALLE's plans for a series of Television shows for American Broadcasting Company, and she planned to include an interview with Ambassador JOZEF WINIEWICZ in a series of visits with various Ambassadors at their embassies. (S)(U)

Confidential Informant T-13, a reliable informant, furnished information concerning activities and associates of ALEXANDER I. ZINCHUK, former Second Secretary at the Soviet Embassy who was working in the Press Division. Informant recalled that in October, 1949, ZINCHUK extended an invitation to Miss HALLE to attend the Russian October Revolution Celebration held at the Soviet Embassy on November 7, 1949. Miss HALLE accepted the invitation and indicated she had some items she wanted to discuss with Ambassador A. S. SPANYUSHKIN. Informant also stated Miss HALLE received an invitation to attend the same function in 1950 and in connection therewith, JEAN DAVIDSON of France Presse contacted ZINCHUK making inquiry whether Miss HALLE also could bring her sister, Mrs. MARGARET SHERWIN to the 1950 Reception. Informant stated ZINCHUK was agreeable to this request and indicated an invitation also would be extended for Miss HALLE's sister.

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Informant T-13 recalled that in December, 1950, JEAN DAVISON invited ZINCHUK to attend a luncheon where ZINCHUK would meet WALTER LIPPMAN, at the home of KAY HALLE. ZINCHUK accepted this luncheon invitation, according to T-13, and informant also stated that in July, 1951, ZINCHUK invited JEAN DAVIDSON, HENRI De TURENNE (France Presse Correspondent) and Miss HALLE to lunch at the Mayflower Hotel with him and MIKHAIL S. VAVILOV, Counselor of the Soviet Embassy. (U) [KISSA] 610

With reference to the luncheon held at her home in December, 1950, attended by ZINCHUK, Confidential Informant T-14, another Government agency, advised that Miss HALLE had reported to this informant, details of the luncheon meeting with ZINCHUK, JEAN DAVIDSON, and WALTER LIPPMAN. She advised ZINCHUK's conversation was along stereotyped lines; that militarization of Russia and its aggressive acts were all defensive, based on threat of Western aggression; also, he touched briefly on his travels in the United States, visiting San Francisco, Chicago and Cleveland. HALLE said, in rebuttal, LIPPMAN warned ZINCHUK that any apparent disunity within the United States was misleading in the extreme and that in the event of war, this country would be completely united with results that would be disastrous to the Soviet Union.

(U) According to Confidential Informant T-15, a reliable informant, Miss HALLE is an acquaintance of ANDRE VISSON, roving editor of "Reader's Digest" magazine. T-15 recalled that in November, 1949, while accompanying VISSON, KAY HALLE advised VISSON she was going to India with HERBERT ELLISTON of the Washington Post newspaper to attend a meeting of the Institute of Pacific Relations at New Delhi, India. DE (S) (u)

(U) On December 3, 1953, Confidential Informant T-16, a representative of another Government department, advised the writer that so far as he could ascertain, Miss HALLE had been away from her Washington Residence for an extended period of time and that the house was under the care of a maid. Confidential Informant T-17, a reliable informant, advised the writer on December 3, 1953, Miss HALLE was in Europe but might be expected to return to her home in Cleveland, Ohio for the (then) forthcoming holiday season. (X)

Files of the Passport Office, Department of State, reviewed by the writer December 2, 1953, disclosed the following:

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## (First Passport)

KATHERINE MURPHY HALLE first applied for a passport on August 22, 1923. It was indicated she was born at Cleveland, Ohio, October 13, 1903; the daughter of SAMUEL H. HALLE, also born in Cleveland. On August 29, 1923, she was issued a passport, number 836168 to visit the British Isles, France, Belgium, Holland, Switzerland, and Germany for one year for the purpose of touring and travel.

## (Second Passport)

Her second Passport, No. 321222 was issued January 28, 1927, to enable her to visit "all countries" for two years for "Pleasure and travel."

## (Third Passport)

A third passport, No. 410546 was issued on June 22, 1931, to KATHERINE M. HALLE of 2163 Harcourt Drive, Cleveland Heights, Ohio, for the purpose of visiting all countries for "travel" for two years. At New York on September 25, 1933, this passport was renewed for two years, to enable her to depart from New York September 26, 1933, on the SS "Europa."

## (Fourth Passport)

On July 6, 1937, at New York City, KATHERINE MURPHY HALLE applied for her fourth passport indicating she desired to go abroad four months for pleasure to visit England, France, Austria, and Italy. Passport No. 457593 was issued to her July 8, 1937. It was requested that this passport be mailed to her New York City address, Hotel Elysse, 60 East 54th Street. She showed her permanent residence address to be 2163 Harcourt Drive, Cleveland, Ohio. On October 23, 1940, she applied for a renewal of this passport, indicating she desired to depart by plane from Brownsville, Texas, on November 9, 1940, to travel one month in Brazil, Venezuela, Chile, Peru, and Argentina. Passport No. 457593 was renewed and made valid only for travel in the Western Hemisphere, to expire July 8, 1941.

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(Fifth Passport)

On May 1, 1941, KATHERINE MURPHY HALLE obtained her fifth passport, No. 685320 for the purpose of visiting Bermuda for pleasure.

By letter July 4, 1944, over the signature of WILLIAM A. KIMBEL, Special Assistant to the Director, Office of Strategic Services, Washington, D. C., the Passport Office was requested to issue a Special Passport to KATHERINE MURPHY HALLE. An accompanying memo indicated she was born in Cleveland, Ohio, October 13, 1903, and educated from Kindergarten through High School at the Laurel School in Cleveland. Later attended one year at Miss WHEELER's School in Providence, Rhode Island, one year at Smith College, and then two or three years at the Cleveland Institute of Music in the Piano department. In addition, it was stated she took winter courses at Cleveland College in comparative European literature. It was set out that Miss HALLE wrote columns for the Cleveland News; worked one year in London in 1931, writing a London Letter for that paper; also contributed a column in 1936-1937 for the Paul Block chain of newspapers and as well wrote free lance articles for "Spur," "Today" magazine and for the magazine section of the New York Times; also wrote special feature articles in 1938-43 for the Cleveland Press. This memorandum also stated Miss HALLE conducted bi-weekly radio programs of fifteen minute shows over Cleveland, Ohio, radio station W.G.A.R., a Columbia Broadcasting affiliate with those programs dealing with industry, civic affairs, and national and international matters. It further stated she took a trip around Latin America and broadcast back to Cleveland from ten or so of the capitals of the various republics; also had broadcasted from Cuba and Bermuda and Florida on trips. It also stated that in 1940-43 she acted as music commentator for the Cleveland Orchestra under Dr. RODZINSKI over the CBS network. The memo concluded with the statement Miss HALLE entered on duty with the Office of Strategic Services on May 15, 1944, and had been approved for overseas duty.

(Sixth Passport)

At Washington, D. C., on July 4, 1944, KATHERINE MURPHY HALLE applied for her sixth passport. On this application she indicated her permanent residence was 2163 Harcourt Drive, Cleveland,

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SAC, Washington Field

January 20, 1954

Director, FBI

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(WFO file 100-20267)

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As you are aware your office is presently conducting an investigation of Halle, the daughter of a wealthy Cleveland family, who is active in Washington society and is suspected of being a source of information for the British Embassy.

You are authorized to contact Halle and to interview her in regard to Zinchuk. You should at the time of the original interview make no commitment to Halle urging her to resume her contact with Zinchuk but should make arrangements so that she will advise you the details of any contacts with Zinchuk that she may arrange on her own volition. It is believed that in

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discussing this situation with Halle, an opportunity may present itself for your office to obtain information concerning her own activities which would be of pertinent interest in regard to the investigation presently pending in regard to her. However, any inquiry of this nature should be handled discreetly. Following the interview with Halle, you should submit your recommendations to the Bureau as to what further action should be taken in regard to this matter and whether Halle might possibly be used to an advantage in regard to Zinchuk. You should also furnish to the Bureau any pertinent information in regard to Halle's own activities which are obtained during the interview. This matter should be handled by mature and experienced agents and should be assigned for attention in the immediate future.

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MR. A. H. BELMONT

January 26, 1954

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ALEXANDER ZINCHUK  
(Press Officer)  
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Reference is made to my memorandum to you of January 13, 1954, concerning the above-mentioned person. On the afternoon of January 25, 1954, Miss Kay Halle, who described herself as a member of the press from Cleveland, Ohio, called Mr. Roach and advised that she had some information that she desired to give to Mr. Hoover, but knowing of his busy schedule, a friend of hers, Mr. Bernard Towel, had suggested that she contact Mr. Roach, which she did via long-distance telephone. She stated that around the Christmas holidays she had received two Christmas cards, one from a person whom she had known as a Press Officer at the Soviet Embassy, Alexander Zinchuk, and one from Guy Burgess, the defected British Foreign Office official.\* She stated that she had paid little attention to these Christmas cards as she felt that these persons had obtained her name as a member of the press but after serious reflection on the matter, she stated that it seemed peculiar that she would have received Christmas cards from either Zinchuk or Burgess, the cards having been forwarded to her in Cleveland from her Georgetown residence in Washington, D. C.

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Miss Halle stated that the more she thought of the matter the more she became concerned and as a result turned the Christmas cards over to [redacted] believing that they would be of interest to him. She stated that recently, however, [redacted] had advised her by letter that the cards were being given to the FBI in view of the intelligence value they may have from a domestic viewpoint. Miss Halle stated that she felt that perhaps it would be well to keep in touch with Zinchuk but that she certainly wanted to inform the Bureau of her intentions in advance. She commented that she had received other invitations from the Soviet Embassy and had recently obtained an invitation from one Konstantine G. Fedoseev, Counselor of Embassy, to view some Soviet motion pictures.

Miss Halle inquired of Mr. Roach whether the Bureau felt it was advisable for her to keep up her contacts with the Soviet

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\* This Christmas card also bore the identification of United China Appeal.

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Memo to Belmont

Re: Alexander Zinchuk  
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representative and she was told that any action she took was entirely up to her and that the Bureau was not in a position to advise her on the matter. She commented that if time would permit, she would supply to the Bureau a chronological account in memorandum form of her contacts with Zinchuk, Burgess, and Counselor Fedoseev. Miss Halle was told by Mr. Roach that any data she desired to supply would, of course, be of interest and would be made a matter of record. Miss Halle, who stated that she is presently writing the newspaper column "This Week in Washington" advised that on her next trip to Washington she was hopeful of dropping by the Bureau to see the Director.

As you know, Halle is presently the subject of a pending Bureau case. Investigation was predicated on data indicating that she might be connected with British Intelligence. It is known, however, that she has many newspaper men as contacts, including Drew Pearson. My previous memorandum suggested that Halle be interviewed concerning Zinchuk. This may not be necessary in view of the fact that she has offered to submit a chronological sketch of her contacts with Zinchuk, as well as with Burgess and Fedoseev.

ACTION:

The Espionage Section has been supplied with a copy of this memorandum for its information. No further action is being suggested at this time. For your information.

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STYVIA LIAISON

Date: February 11, 1954

To: Director  
Central Intelligence Agency  
2430 E Street, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

Attention: [REDACTED]

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: KATHERINE MURPHY HALL, also known as  
Kay Halle  
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This Bureau is in receipt of information, the reliability of which is not known, indicating that the subject resides at 1534 29th Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. It is reported that the subject entertains lavishly at her residence which is described as "a fashionable Washington society saloon." In the information furnished us the subject is described as a "tool, channel, or at least a fruitful source" through which British Intelligence operates in Washington, D. C. against top-level United States Government personnel. The social functions allegedly given by the subject at her residence are described as "merely an extension of the British social lobby." The subject is described as being very skillful in obtaining information through the use of liquor, physical and mental charm and flattery.

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Discreet inquiries by this Bureau as a result of the receipt of the above information have not developed any information to corroborate the allegations made against the subject. Our inquiries are continuing in this matter however and any pertinent information we develop will be furnished you. In the meantime we would appreciate any information in your possession which would assist us in evaluating the above data.

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NOTE:

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made the above allegations against the subject. Investigation by the Washington Field Office set forth in report of SA Carl E. Graham dated 1-15-54 in captioned matter developed no corroborating information regarding [redacted] allegations, however, inasmuch as the allegations involve [redacted] though unidentified, it is considered advisable to bring this information to the attention [redacted]

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Cleveland  
Ohio  
Plain Dealer  
Sunday  
9-7-52

### Schlesinger's Record

Editor Plain Dealer—Sir: During World War II this correspondent served over two years in the para-military, secret intelligence agency known as OSS, the Office of Strategic Services, under Gen. "Wild Bill" Donovan. The OSS worked closely with the FBI and allied foreign intelligence units, becoming an authoritative source in the science of espionage, subversion and the history of treason.

Part of my assignment was serving as an executive with the propaganda and psychological warfare branch of OSS. Through the written word, broadcasts and rumors, that is to say, by the act of 'insinuating' and the club of character assassination, we attempted to subvert the Nazi armed forces and the civilian population. An objective was to sow seeds of distrust between groups; to poison the minds of the people against their leaders; to instill in the Nazi-fighting forces a distrust of their commanders and in their fighting equipment. After destroying the morale and confidence of these targets, we hoped they would be softened up for the kill.

Now one of Gen. Donovan's most trusted and skilled staff members, who became an authority on the history and tactics of the Soviet Union, was Pulitzer prize winner Arthur Schlesinger, Jr., now a noted professor of history at Harvard University. In addition to his teaching, Mr. Schlesinger has been prolific in his contributions to such non-leftist magazines as Collier's, Life, Saturday Review of Literature, Harper's, Atlantic Monthly and scores of others. His article on what makes an American Communist in the 7/29/49 issue of Life magazine, titled "The U. S. Communist Party," was surely as illuminating and revealing of the ideological threat to American democracy as any of the smearing and shooting from the hip tactics that honest, fair-minded Ameri-

cans deplore as a means of getting the facts.

Presently Prof. Schlesinger, chiefly because of his comprehensive knowledge of American history, is serving as research chief for Gov. Stevenson's presidential campaign in Springfield. In 1948 Mr. Schlesinger was one of a group of Democrats who tried to persuade Gen. Eisenhower to run as president on the Democratic ticket in place of President Truman.

So—when the self-styled independent Cleveland Plain Dealer impugns the reputation of Prof. Schlesinger, calling him "a New Deal propagandist who holds a job teaching 'history' at Harvard," this correspondent feels that a more rounded picture of his background should be presented to the Plain Dealer readers just to keep the record straight.

And then there is this business of lumping certain government officials and consultants under the heading of followers of the "Communist-New Deal Line," a tag which the P. D. editorial staff seems currently to fancy. And this on the findings of the McCarran committee, not after conclusive legal evidence in a court of law. It makes the nostrils of this old veteran propaganda war horse quiver.

In the interest of morality, human decency and plain American justice, let us ban these boomerang tactics of subversion and guilt-by-association which often ends up as being as slippery as a watermelon seed under the finger of one who employs these means.

Happily, few Americans can be convincingly persuaded that we face here and now a real and present danger from within, through the action of our policy makers.

KAY HALL  
2163 Harcourt Drive,

G.I.R.  
Mr. Schlesinger

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TO : A. H. Belmont

DATE: February 11, 1954

FROM : W. A. Branigan

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SUBJECT: KATHERINE MURPHY HALLE, aka.  
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An investigation of the subject was initiated on the basis of information furnished the Washington Field Office by [redacted]

[redacted] on October 13, 1953. [redacted] said the subject entertains lavishly State Department officials, British Embassy personnel, pro-British writers and that she has given him the impression she is working for British Intelligence. He stated that he observed a co-ordinated effort on the part of the subject and British Embassy personnel to pump American officials of top-level security information and he indicated that [redacted] were frequenting the subject's social functions. [redacted] further stated that on "reasonable good authority" he understood the subject was the paramour of William Averill Harriman; that she was intimate with David Bruce and State Department policy making officials. [redacted] did not identify the [redacted] frequenting subject's social functions.

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Investigation by the Washington Field Office reflects that the subject is a member of the wealthy Cleveland department store family, Halle Brothers Company; that she has an independent income. She has been employed as radio commentator and news reporter in Cleveland and London and in 1943 she came to Washington for employment with OSS.

(S) Subject has traveled extensively, her acquaintances, social and personal, are numerous, and Bureau files reflect that she has been in contact with [redacted] I. Zinchuk, Second Secretary at the Soviet Embassy; and Jay Lovestone, AF of L representative. Our investigation, however, reflects that no specific allegations of espionage have been made against her and no further information has been developed regarding the alleged social functions that [redacted] are reported to have frequented. [redacted]

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Bureau investigation entitled "Alexander I. Zinchuk," (Bufile 100-378747) reflects the Washington Field Office on 1-20-54 was instructed to interview subject relative to her knowledge of Zinchuk, subject having advised the Bureau she was acquainted with Zinchuk.

## RECOMMENDATION:

In view of the anticipated cooperation on the part of the subject in the Zinchuk investigation and inasmuch as we have developed no specific information to support the allegations concerning the subject made by [redacted] it is recommended that no further dissemination be made of the information developed to date in our investigation of the subject and that any subsequent dissemination be held in abeyance until such time as the Bureau is able to determine the nature of the subject's cooperativeness and until such time as it is possible to determine whether or not we develop information to substantiate [redacted] allegations.

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## OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT

DATE: February 4, 1954

FROM : V. P. KEAY

SUBJECT: ALEXANDER ZINCHUK  
(Press Officer)  
SOVIET EMBASSY  
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*K. Halle*

My memorandum to you of January 26, 1954, set forth data supplied by Miss Kay Halle, who called Mr. Roach from Cleveland, Ohio, on January 25, 1954, and related certain information regarding the above-mentioned subject, as well as the defected British official, Guy Burgess. On the occasion of Miss Halle's call she stated that she would send a memorandum regarding her contacts with Zinchuk, Burgess, and another official of the Soviet Embassy. Miss Halle also inquired whether the Bureau felt it advisable for her to keep up her contacts with the Soviet representatives. On this occasion she was told that whatever action she wished to take was up to her and the Bureau was not in a position to advise her on the matter.

There is attached a letter dated January 28, 1954, from Miss Halle to Mr. Roach written from her Cleveland, Ohio, address. This letter sets forth in some detail her contacts with Zinchuk and other Soviets, as well as a brief comment concerning her knowledge of Guy Burgess. The letter concludes by Miss Halle repeating her request for advice as to whether it would be wise or profitable for her to renew her acquaintance with Zinchuk.

ACTION:

This memorandum should be referred to the Espionage Section in view of the fact that the Bureau has a pending espionage case on Miss Halle. In view of the fact that Miss Halle was previously told that the Bureau could not give her any advice regarding her continued contact with Zinchuk, a reply is not being given to her letter by Mr. Roach or by the Bureau. Should Miss Halle call Mr. Roach again, the Bureau's position will be reiterated.

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KAY HALL 2163 HARCOURT DRIVE

CLEVELAND, OHIO

January 28, 1954.

Dear Mr. Roach,

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I am writing this letter to give you a chronological report of my few meetings with Mr. Alexander Zinchuk whom I met first in the early fall of 1949 when he was serving as the Press Attache of the Soviet Embassy. I saw him altogether six times during 1950 when he served at the Embassy. He returned to Russia that same year and I heard nothing more about him, even believing that he might have been relegated to the "salt mines" until this December when I received a Christmas card from him announcing that he had been reposted to Washington. I hesitated to acknowledge his card without some professional guidance, even though I am a member of the Press, because of the climate of this moment. Before thinking of renewing my acquaintance with him-which I thought could be profitable- I would like to record for you details as I remember them of our few meetings. I should also add that a few weeks ago an invitation was forwarded to me from my house in Washington, from the Counsellor of the Soviet Embassy inviting me to see a Soviet film on Jan 26th. It would appear that the present Soviet line is, "lets be human with the Americans", whatever that may presage.

To begin- I have lived most of my life in Cleveland where my Father founded the department Store, Halle Brothers Company. I left Cleveland in 1931 to spend a year in London. On my return I spent the winters of 1934 to 38 in a flat at the Elysee Hotel in New York and my summers with my parents in Cleveland. In 1938 I returned to Cleveland to live with my Parents. Beginning then I started my broadcasting career with a Columbia affiliate, Station WGAR with a series of bi-weekly programs of 15 minutes broadcasts on KNOW YOUR CITY. For three years I also gave the intermission commentaries for the Cleveland Orchestra broadcasts which were carried over the entire CBS network and overseas. These jobs continued on through the first years of the War until 1943 when I lived intermittently in Washington where I took over a flat belonging to my sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Little- at 1608 19th Street N.W.

[redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted] but you must have all of this in your files.

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After the War I moved into a small house in Georgetown, 1534 29th St. N. W. which I still rent, and continued my broadcasting career from Washington. The series was known as THIS WEEK IN WASHINGTON and consisted of weekly interviews, behind the scenes interpretations, reports on White House, State Dept and Congressional hearings and Press conferences. They were taped in Washington and flown to Cleveland. On one broadcast I described what an October Revolution Party at the Soviet Embassy was like. Which brings me specifically to the point of this letter.

In the Autumn of 1949, realizing that I must eventually expand my work into the field of TV- I devised a program idea which I submitted to friends in the Program Division of the major networks. It was to be a weekly half hour televised show in which I as moderator would interview in the Embassies and Ministries in Washington the Ambassador, his wife and whoever in each Embassy was most articulate and interesting. We would stress our mutual cultural and historical ties and NOT touch on current politics. I believed such a program could be a contribution to better understanding between nations and fortify the work of the UN. All the networks and State Dept. agreed that the idea was entertaining, educational and worth while, though it would be costly to produce. The State Department wondered whether the Iron Curtain Countries would cooperate with the idea and whether it might not give the Soviets a chance to propagandize. But we decided that the kind of program I envisaged would not give them such a chance. The question was, would they ever be approachable. The networks laid down the condition before giving a green light to my idea that I must get approval or cooperation from all Embassies and Ministries. This I did- naturally leaving the Soviet Embassy to the last. In approaching them I decided not to elicit advice from my colleagues on the Press on how to proceed. I called the Soviets cold, asking the operator for the Press Attache. She asked who I was and I said no one she knew but that I had an idea for a TV show that I would like to discuss with the Press Attache. She then put me through to a Mr. Zinchuk who suggested that I come over the following day around 11 in the morning. I keep all my engagements in fairly detailed form and though I have the dates on subsequent meetings with Mr. Z- I find that I forgot to record my first meeting and am unsure of the hour and day though I think it must have been late in September or early October, of 1949.

In the meantime, that December 1949, I flew to India, Italy, Greece, France and Britain accompanying the Herbert Ellistons part of the way. He was as you know the former Editor of the Washington Post who is now Emeritus since his coronary thrombosis.

I returned to Washington late in February. On April 25, 1950 I lunched with members of the French Press and Mr Z at the Carleton Hotel. Nothing of much interest was discussed although Mr Z was much more talkative than he had been with me on my first interview with him in his office. I believe I wrote down some of that conversation in my notes that are in my house in Washington.

The next meeting with Mr Z was on the evening of October 26, 1950 when some of the French Press invited him to a supper picnic. On that occasion Mr Z. was subjected to some very tough and merciless questioning and some pretty critical attacks. What was happening to artists and musicians and writers under the Soviet regime- indeed science and what about Stalin who was becoming more and more God-like in a state that said it repudiated religion and the worship of a human being? in an "egalitarian" state? Mr Z remained impassive and poised throughout the debate. He spoke of the loneliness of the Soviets in Washington and how debilitating was the climate of Washington to people used to the north. I remember asking him if he wasn't very high up in the MKVD as he always arrived unaccompanied whereas his colleagues always seemed to go about in pairs. He merely smiled. My French colleagues told me that on another occasion when they had invited some Soviet representatives to a similar picnic in the country they arrived with a chauffeur. When meal time arrived the French hosts suggested the chauffeur join them at table "in true Soviet "democratic" fashion". They were told off by the Soviet representatives saying it was impossible as it was the job of the chauffeur to keep constant vigilance over the car!

I next saw Mr Z for a moment at the next October Revolution Party- November 7th 1950. In the meantime I had told Mr. Walter Lippman of my impressions of Mr. Z. Walter said that during the tenure of Litvinov and his successor whose name escapes me, as Ambassadors to the Soviet Embassy in Washington, he used to be invited to small as well as larger gatherings there. But, he said, in recent years he had been off their list. He suggested that it might be profitable to invite him and Mr Z to lunch one time. Never thinking Mr Z would accept, I discovered that he would be pleased to come.

This luncheon took place at my house with Mr Z, Mr Lipman and one of the French Press. Since Mr Z knew the press of the French Agency, I frankly thought he would be more likely to come if I invited one of them. The conversation was rather slow and stiff at first but later warmed up. I wrote down some of what I could remember later in my notes. I remember being impressed with how nobly, clearly and intelligently Walter put "our side" of the debate. I remember their discussion of what might be the conditions under which the Russians might withdraw their troops from Europe. Mr Lipman thought Mr Z a fairly intelligent young man and I think enjoyed the meeting. It was a relief to talk to one Russian who didn't brazenly put out the canned Soviet line. My chief continuing interest in Mr Z was a feeling that he was a VIP and probably a top man.

The last and final time that I saw Mr Z was on July 30, 1950 when he invited a few members of the Press to lunch at the Mayflower Hotel just prior to his return to Russia. With him was a Mr Vavilov (I'm not sure that this name is right) whom I believe he introduced as his successor. He was nothing like as smart outwardly as Mr Z and prattled on like a school boy on how his wife had converted him to Communism.

I remember also that at this period I told some of the conversations and remarks that I could remember hearing from Mr Z to a friend, Robert Hooker who was then a member of the Policy Planning Department of State.

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I believe I told you over the telephone that I sent both the recent Christmas card from Mr Z and another "Christmas card" signed in ink by "Guy Burgess" to [redacted] a friend and old colleague of mine at [redacted] When I was in Washington during those two days about ten days ago when Bernie and I tried to reach you- I also had occasion to talk to Allen Dulles about the two cards. He too knows about them. I do hope you can unravel the mystery of what I took to be a morbid joke of a crackpot. I wrote to [redacted] that, to my knowledge I had never in my life met a Guy Burgess. I could conceivably have met THE GB when he was attached to the British Embassy in Washington at some big Embassy reception. But, from the flamboyant descriptions we have all read and heard about the creature, I am sure I would have remembered him. I did know Donald McClain, as many of us did when he served under the late Lord Inverchapel who was then British Ambassador to the USA. Walter Bell who is

now married to General Spaatz' daughter and serving with the British Foreign Office in India - or was, took me to the McClain's several times.

That winds up my little chronicle whose main purpose was to get advice on whether it would be wise or profitable to renew my acquaintance with Mr. Z. on my return to Washington late in February. Also, were I to answer his card, could I do so with impunity?

We will have to have that postponed cocktail with Bernie when we are all together next in Washington.

Very sincerely,

Kay Halle.

SAC, Washington Field

February 12, 1954

Director, FBI

ALEKSANDR IVANOVICH ZINCHUK, was  
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(BUFILE 100-378747)  
(WFO FILE 100-20267)

KATHERINE MURPHY HALLE, aka  
ESPIONAGE - R  
(BUFILE 62-89229)  
(WFO FILE 65-6656)

ReBulet 1-20-54, in which you were instructed  
to interview Katherine Halle concerning Zinchuk.

Enclosed herewith is a Photostat of a letter  
dated 1-28-54, from Halle to Mr. Roach of the Bureau, in  
which Halle furnishes an account of her relations with  
Zinchuk. For your information, on 1-25-54, Halle phoned  
Mr. Roach from Cleveland in connection with this matter  
and, during this phone call, asked whether she should  
maintain her contacts with Soviet officials. She was told  
that the Bureau could not advise her in this regard. The  
enclosed letter from Mrs. Halle was not acknowledged by  
Mr. Roach or by the Bureau.

You should contact Halle upon her return to  
Washington, D. C., and interview her in accordance with  
instructions in relet. It is realized by the Bureau that  
Halle may have no information to furnish in addition to  
that which was set out in her letter of 1-28-54, to Mr. Roach.

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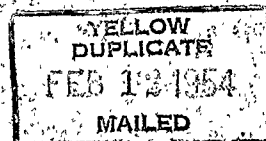
Halle is the daughter of a wealthy Cleveland  
family. She is active in Washington society, and is the

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subject of a Bureau investigation based on allegations that she may be a source of information for British intelligence. WFO was instructed to interview her concerning Aleksandr Zinchuk, Press Officer, Soviet Embassy, whom she had met socially in Washington several years ago, and from whom she had recently received a greeting card. Before the interview was conducted, Halle phoned and then wrote a letter to E. R. Roach (Bureau Liaison Section) about her relations with Zinchuk. She asked if she should see Zinchuk again. Original letter to WFO authorizing interview instructed that Halle should not be asked to resume contacts with Zinchuk but that arrangements should be made so that WFO will be advised of any details of contacts which she might make of her own volition. WFO also was told to handle interview by mature, experienced agents.

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-89229)

DATE: February 26, 1954

FROM : SAC, CLEVELAND (65-2994)

SUBJECT: KATHERINE MURPHY HALLE, aka  
ESPIONAGE-RR

Rerep SA CARL E. GRAHAM dated January 15, 1954, at Washington Field Office.

[redacted] advised on February 2, 1954, that as [redacted] for the Americans for Democratic Action she attended the "Roosevelt Day" meetings of the ADA on January 29, 1954, at the Hotel Hollenden, Cleveland, Ohio. The informant reported that KAY HALLE was in attendance at this meeting.

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It was noted in the column of WINSOR FRENCH, a socialite columnist for the Cleveland Press, a Cleveland daily newspaper, on February 16, 1954, that KAY HALLE and MAG SHERWIN are in Nassau. MAG SHERWIN is the sister of KAY HALLE according to information set out in rerep. Efforts are continuing by this office in an attempt to ascertain KAY HALLE'S future plans.

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CC: WFO (65-6656) (RM)

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SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD (BCS)  
(100-20267) (65-6656)

ALEKSANDR IVANOVICH ZINCHUK, WAS., INTERNAL SECURITY - R. REBULET

JANUARY 20, 1954, AUTHORIZING YOUR OFFICE TO INTERVIEW KATHERINE MURPHY

HALLE AND TO URLET MARCH 3, 1954, INDICATING THAT YOUR EFFORTS TO  
DATE TO LOCATE HALLE FOR INTERVIEW HAVE INDICATED THAT SHE WAS NOT  
IN WASHINGTON, D. C. HALLE CONTACTED THE BUREAU MARCH 23, 1954,  
STATING SHE HAD JUST ARRIVED IN WASHINGTON AND WAS STAYING AT  
THE MAYFLOWER HOTEL. SHE STATED THAT SHE INTENDED REMAINING IN  
WASHINGTON FOR A FEW DAYS. CONTACT HALLE FOR INTERVIEW.

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DIRECTOR (100-378747) (62-89229)

U R G E N T

ALEKSANDR IVANOVICH ZINCHUK, WAS., IS-R; KATHERINE MURPHY HALLE, AKA,

ESPIONAGE-R. REBUAIRTEL 3/25/54 in ZINCHUK CASE ADVISING MISS HALLE

HAD ARRIVED IN WASHINGTON. CONTACT TODAY AT MAYFLOWER HOTEL DISCLOSED

HALLE HAD CHECKED OUT AND TELEPHONIC INQUIRY AT HER RESIDENCE HERE

DISCLOSED FROM HER MAID SHE HAD RETURNED TO CLEVELAND AND WOULD BE BACK

IN WASHINGTON AT HOME AFTER APRIL 6. RENEWED EFFORTS WILL BE MADE TO

CONTACT HALLE ON HER RETURN HERE AFTER THAT DATE.

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**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

T-1, of known reliability, advised that it was common rumor in elite social circles in Cleveland, Ohio, that KAY HALLE was a sex deviate. T-2, of known reliability, reported that KAY HALLE was present at the "Roosevelt Day" meeting of the ADA in Cleveland, Ohio on 1-29-54. T-2 has also reported that KAY HALLE is only an ADA "contributing member" in Cleveland, but has important influence in ADA nationally. T-2 also advised KAY HALLE is reputed to be a sex deviate. T-12 stated KAY HALLE expects to remain in Washington, D.C.

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BY: **AL 7-mc**

**DETAILS:**

**AT CLEVELAND, OHIO**

All informants listed hereinafter are of known reliability unless otherwise indicated.

T-1 advised that it was common rumor in elite social circles about twenty years ago that KAY HALLE was a "Lesbian". He stated that he has been at parties at which KAY HALLE was present when remarks concerning her moral reputation were made by other individuals in attendance at these affairs. According to T-1, KAY HALLE's associates were

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MARGARET FREUHAUF PERRY, WINSOR FRENCH and JEROME ZERBE, all of whom were rumored to be sex deviates. T-1 identified MARGARET FREUHAUF PERRY as Ohio being a daughter of the Freuhauf Trailer interests; WINSOR FRENCH as a Ohio socialite columnist for the "Cleveland Press", (a local daily newspaper); and JEROME ZERBE as a socialite photographer and columnist in Washington, D.C., who originally came from Cleveland, Ohio. T-1 had no recent information pertaining to KAY HALLE.

T-2 advised on February 2, 1954, that KAY HALLE attended the "Roosevelt Day" meeting of the Americans for Democratic Action (ADA) held at the Hotel Hollenden on January 29, 1954. T-2 also reported that JOSEPH and IRJA FRIEND, MARIE REED HAUG and DON and MILDRED ROTHENBERG also attended the above meeting.

T-3 and T-4 advised that during the period from September, 1947 to May, 1949 JOSEPH FRIEND was organizer of the professional section of the Communist Party (CP) in Cleveland, Ohio.

T-5 advised on October 11, 1943, that IRJA FRIEND was at that time dues secretary of Branch 108 of the CP in Indianapolis, Indiana.

T-2 advised that as of September 15, 1952, MARIE REED HAUG was chairman of the Finance Committee of the Progressive Party (PP) of Ohio.

T-6 made available a pamphlet distributed on March 14, 1952, entitled "Are Elections Really Free in Ohio" published by the PP of Ohio. A review of this pamphlet reflected that DON ROTHENBERG was then executive secretary of Cuyahoga County of the PP of Ohio.

T-7 advised that MILDRED ROTHENBERG was present at a Cuyahoga County PP convention held at 1205 Superior Avenue on November 14, 1952. The informant stated that her husband, DON, was in charge of the meeting.

T-8, T-9 and T-10 advised on April 10, 1951, that the PP of Ohio in the Cleveland area was to the best of their knowledge controlled and dominated by the CP.

T-2 reported on February 24, 1954, that he has known KAY HALLE for [redacted] and that KAY HALLE is only an ADA "contributing member" in Cleveland, but has important influence in the ADA nationally and was active in the ADA from its inception. According to the informant, KAY HALLE also has valuable connections in the television and radio field, and, according to [redacted] HALLE's connections will be utilized

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by ADA. T-2 advised that KAY HALLE has a poor moral reputation and is reported to be a sex deviate. The informant reported that KAY HALLE is not presently in Cleveland, having gone south.

It was noted in the January 31, 1954, edition of the "Cleveland Plain Dealer" (a local daily morning newspaper) in the column entitled "The Bystanders" written by OSCAR and RITA BERGMAN, that KAY HALLE would be on the receiving end of an award for selling the most season subscription ticket books in the campaign of the Women's Committee of the Karamu Proscenium Theater. According to the article, KAY HALLE was to receive this award on February 1, 1954.

According to information contained in the column of WINSOR FRENCH in the February 16, 1954, edition of "Cleveland Press" KAY HALLE and MAG SHERWIN were in Nassau. It has previously been reported that MAG SHERWIN is a sister of KAY HALLE.

T-11 advised on February 15, 1954, that he has known KAY HALLE for approximately twenty years although not very intimately. He stated that he has been a visitor in the HALLE home on occasions and in addition has known KAY HALLE was at one time active in the affairs of the "Play House", a local theatre presenting dramatic productions. T-11 described KAY HALLE as being a liberal and qualified such a remark by pointing out that she was a staunch advocate of the "New Deal" policies as exemplified by the late President FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT. He stated that she seemed particularly concerned about racial discrimination and was one who was concerned with the "under dog". T-11 pointed out that he has not been associated with KAY HALLE for the last ten years or so in view of the fact that she spends the majority of her time in Washington, D.C. He stated that she is independently wealthy and is not the least bit concerned with the operations of the Halle Brothers Department Store in Cleveland, Ohio. T-11 stated that she makes innumerable trips to Cleveland each year and believed that such trips are becoming more numerous in view of the aged condition of her father, SAMUEL HALLE. Ohio

T-11 stated that he knew nothing adverse concerning KAY HALLE's moral reputation and pointed out that he believed that she was engaged at one time to RANDOLPH CHURCHILL, the son of the British Prime Minister WINSTON CHURCHILL. T-11 stated that he has never known KAY HALLE to be engaged in any activity believed to be inimical to the best interest of the United States and he believes that she would be a good security risk.

T-12 advised on March 9, 1954, that he had learned that KAY HALLE was not presently in Cleveland, Ohio but that she was expected to return on March 27, 1954.

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T-12 advised on March 29, 1954, that he had ascertained that KAY HALLE was presently in Cleveland at that time but that she expected to return to Washington, D.C. during the week of April 5, 1954, and that it was her intention to maintain her permanent residence in Washington, D.C.

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INFORMANTS

Identity of source	Date of activity and/or description of information	Date rec'd where known, otherwise date of report	Agent to whom furnished or Agent directing to file	File No. where located
T-1 SA [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	Background information re KAY HALL		FREDERICK L. EDWARDS	Instant report b6 b7C b7D
T-2 [REDACTED]	9-15-52 1-29-54 Info re KAY HALL's moral reputation	For Identification Purposes Only 2-2-54 2-24-54	EDWIN B. BIRNEY " "	[REDACTED] b2 b7D
T-3 [REDACTED]	For Identification Purposes Only			b2 b7D
T-4 [REDACTED]	For Identification Purposes Only			
T-5 [REDACTED]	For Identification Purposes Only			
T-6 [REDACTED]	For Identification Purposes Only			b2 b7D
T-7 [REDACTED]	For Identification Purposes Only			
T-8 [REDACTED]	For Identification Purposes Only			
T-9 [REDACTED]	For Identification Purposes Only			
T-10 [REDACTED]	For Identification Purposes Only			b2 b7D



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T-11 	Background info re KAY HALLE (protect source)	2-15-54	FREDERICK L. EDWARDS	Instant report b6 b7C b7D
T-12 Pretext phone call to the SAMUEL HALLE residence, 2163 Harcourt Drive, Cleveland, Ohio. (to protect investigative technique).	Info re KAY HALLE's plans Info re KAY HALLE's plans	3-9-54 3-29-54	FREDERICK L. EDWARDS " "	Instant report Instant report

REFERENCE

Report of SA CARL E. GRAHAM, 1-15-54, at Washington Field.



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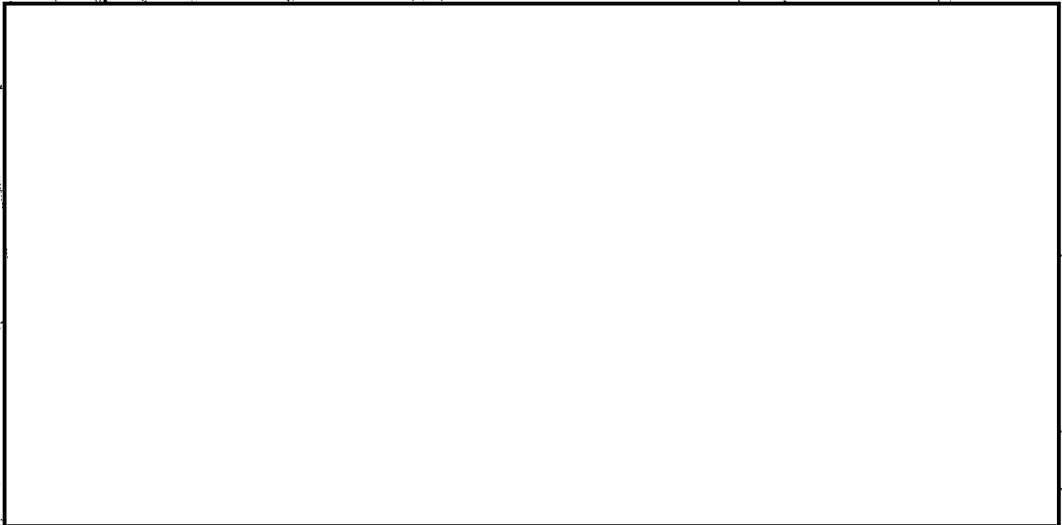
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ALEKSANDR IVANOVICH ZINCHUK, with aliases  
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Reurair-tel 3-26-54, indicating that Katherine M. Halle had left Washington, D.C., for Cleveland, Ohio, but would return to Washington on 4-6-54, at which time your office would interview her.



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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-89229)

DATE: 4/28/54

FROM : SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD (65-6656)

SUBJECT: KATHERINE MURPHY HALLE, aka  
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(U) ReBullets to WFO dated 1/20/54 and 2/12/54 under the dual caption "ALEKSANDR IVANOVICH ZINCHUK, was.; IS - R" and instant case. Also, rerep SA CARL E. GRAHAM in this case dated 4/28/54 at WFO.

(U) As is set forth in rerep, HALLE was interviewed 4/15/54 in accordance with Bureau instructions, the interview ostensibly to discuss with her the details of her personal contacts with ZINCHUK. It was ascertained that her letter of 1/28/54 to Mr. ROACH of the Bureau was substantially in detail, and the information in her letter has been reported already in the ZINCHUK file. Some additional information furnished by Miss HALLE will be reported in a future report in the ZINCHUK case.

The interview with Miss HALLE on 4/15/54 disclosed little information concerning her activities of interest to instant investigation concerning HALLE, herself. To interviewing agents HALLE appeared to be an exceedingly talkative woman whose conversation was extremely difficult to follow. She "jumped" from one topic to another in frivolous fashion, making no attempt to be orderly or logical, and it was most apparent she sought to create an impression by "name dropping". She frequently referred to her good friend "TOMMY" FINLETTER (former Secretary of Air Force), and found occasion to impress agents that she was on a "first-name" basis with Mr. ALLEN DULLES and with General WALTER BEDELL SMITH. Miss HALLE also frequently injected the name of JOE HARSCH (JOSEPH C. HARSCH) and the ALSOP brothers (JOSEPH ALSOP and STEWART ALSOP) into her discussion. Miss HALLE also commented she "adores the British" and just "loves CHURCHILL", then explaining she was a close friend of RANDOLPH CHURCHILL and presently was working on a book containing famous witticisms of the British Prime Minister.

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Miss HALLE stated she had given considerable thought to the matter of contacting ZINCHUK for the possible purpose of getting information which would be of value to this government, and she indicated she had discussed this problem with several intimate friends, including DREW PEARSON; also with [redacted]. With reference to the latter [redacted] HALLE said she did not trust [redacted] because they could not keep quiet about anything such as that which would require maximum security. In this regard HALLE pointed out that during the recent war she was employed in Office of Strategic Services, and she compared [redacted] now most unfavorably with the security of OSS as she knew it during the war.

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(U) Miss HALLE impressed interviewing agents as one who probably could not retain or respect a confidence, and it appeared that she previously had discussed the ZINCHUK contacts with numerous individuals before she ever considered bringing the matter to the Bureau's attention. Until the interview with her it appears that HALLE was not cognizant of the Bureau's responsibility and jurisdiction in matters pertaining to the internal security of the U. S. (S)(u)

(U) It was interviewing agents impression that HALLE rather fancies herself in the position of one who is fully informed behind the scenes in matters such as international intrigue. She doubtless is in a position to obtain much information, by virtue of her easy access to official and diplomatic circles; however, any estimate of her potential value as an informant to the Bureau, based on this single interview would not be commendatory. (S)(u)

Miss HALLE stated her future plans were uncertain but that she probably would remain in Washington, with frequent trips during the interval to her home in Cleveland, until June 1954. She added her plans thereafter were indefinite.

(U) (S)(u) Subsequent to the interview with HALLE on 4/15/54 she telephonically contacted WFO 4/22/54 to advise she had decided against attending a film showing 4/21/54 at the Russian Embassy at ZINCHUK's invitation. She went on to state she had discussed this matter with a close friend whom she described as being a former newspaper man of prominence, presently a man high in the circle of the Democratic National Committee, and he also had advised her not to get involved with ZINCHUK. It was the belief of the agent who received this call from HALLE that she had been discussing the matter with Mr. CLAYTON BRITCHEY, former newspaperman who now is editor of the Democratic Digest, monthly official organ of the Democratic National Committee. (S)(u)

(U) (S)(u) UACB, this office does not intend to have further contact with HALLE unless she volunteers to report any additional contacts with ALEKSANDR I. ZINCHUK. If such is the case, any information offered by HALLE will be received and the Bureau will be fully informed. (S)(u)

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**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

(U)

Miss HALLE by letter 1/28/54 outlined nature of her contacts with ALEKSANDR I. ZINCHUK, presently First Secretary at Soviet Embassy. On interview 4/15/54 HALLE related she was now engaged in preparing book on famous wit-ticisms of WINSTON CHURCHILL, British Prime Minister. HALLE indicated she maintained close friendly relations with numerous high government officials and as well with many prominent news writers and news commentators.

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**DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.**

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It will be recalled that in a previous report in this case mention was made of contacts between Miss HALLE and ALEKSANDR IVANOVICH ZINCHUK during 1949 to 1951 in a period when ZINCHUK was Second Secretary at the Soviet Embassy in Washington, D. C. It is of interest to note that on January 28, 1954 Miss HALLE directed a letter to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, in which letter she furnished a lengthy accounting of her six personal contacts with ZINCHUK covering a period from early fall of 1949 through 1950. (S)(u)

(U) In explanation of her contacts with ZINCHUK, Miss HALLE in her letter outlined her efforts to expand her journalistic and radio work into the field of television and so endeavored to institute a series of TV shows in which she, as moderator, would interview various ambassadors and heads of foreign ministries, stressing cultural and historical points of interest. (S)(u)

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(U) In her letter Miss HALLE related it was in the furtherance of this plan for a series of TV shows that she first contacted the Soviet Embassy in 1949, and in connection with that contact was directed to the office of the Soviet Press Attache and finally was interviewed by ZINCHUK. (S)(u)

(U) Miss HALLE related it was a result of that initial contact with ZINCHUK that she later had additional contacts with him in the form of luncheons and on one occasion at a supper picnic sponsored by the French Press; also saw ZINCHUK on the occasion of her having attended the Soviet Anniversary reception held November 7, 1950 at the Embassy to commemorate the October Revolution. (S)(u)

(U) On April 15, 1954 Miss KAY HALLE was interviewed by Special Agent PATRICK M. RICE and the writer at her residence, 1534 - 29th Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. On this occasion Miss HALLE again mentioned the nature of her contacts with ALEKSANDR I. ZINCHUK, now First Secretary at the Russian Embassy, and in addition, Miss HALLE made some comment about the scope of her current activities. Miss HALLE stated since she had returned from her recent trip abroad (during the fall of 1953), she had heard from ZINCHUK; had received a holiday greeting card from him; also had been called via the telephone and invited to attend a showing of a Soviet film at the Embassy, scheduled for April 21, 1954. In this latter regard Miss HALLE said she did not believe she would pursue any further contact with ZINCHUK or any members of the Russian Embassy staff, particularly in view of the fact that she presently is not doing any work in journalism or radio or TV. She related she often had discussed this matter with such intimate friends as DREW PEARSON, JOSEPH and STEWART ALESOP, MARQUIS CHILDS and JOSEPH C. HARSCH, and she had come to the conclusion she would not encourage ZINCHUK or seek any further contact with him. (S)(u)

During the interview, Miss HALLE made casual mention that she was a close friend with Mr. ALLEN DULLES, Director of Central Intelligence Agency, and with General WALTER BEDELL SMITH, former Director of CIA and now Under Secretary of State. She also indicated she enjoyed a close friendly relationship with THOMAS K. FINLETTER, former Secretary of Air Force.

Concerning contacts with personnel in official establishments of other foreign nations in Washington, Miss HALLE related she was on close friendly terms with Mr. ARCHIBALD GORDON, Labor Counselor at the British Embassy. Miss HALLE did not mention any other contacts at the British Embassy.

Miss HALLE said she had been considering making a trip to Russia since she had been invited by Ambassador CHARLES E. "CHIT" BOHLEN and

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Mrs. BOHLEN to visit them in Moscow; however, Miss HALLE said she did not have any prospects of finding a sponsor to finance such a trip, and she said at the present time she was not employed. HALLE said her only writing at this time was confined to her doing a book into which she is incorporating a collection of famous witticisms of WINSTON CHURCHILL, British Prime Minister.

(U) On April 22, 1954 Miss HALLE telephonically contacted the writer to advise that after considering the matter of her invitation from ALEKSANDR I. ZINCHUK, she had decided not to accept his invitation to attend the film showing at the Soviet Embassy on April 21, 1954. In further explanation Miss HALLE said she had discussed the matter with a close friend who formerly was prominent in the newspaper business and who presently is a high figure in the National Democratic Organization. She said it was his advice that she should not engage in any further contacts with ZINCHUK or members of the official Soviet establishments because she was no longer active in the field of journalism. (S) (u)

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REFERENCE:

Report of SA CARL E. GRAHAM dated January 15, 1954 at Washington, D. C.

(U) X Bureau airtel to Washington Field dated March 25, 1954 in case "ALEKSANDR IVANOVICH ZINCHUK, was.; INTERNAL SECURITY - R" (Bufile 100-378747). (S)(u)

Report of SA FREDERICK L. EDWARDS dated April 6, 1954, Cleveland. (U)

X Bureau letter to Washington Field dated February 12, 1954 under dual caption "ALEKSANDR IVANOVICH ZINCHUK, was; IS - R" and "KATHERINE MURPHY HALLE aka; ESPIONAGE - BR" (S)(u)

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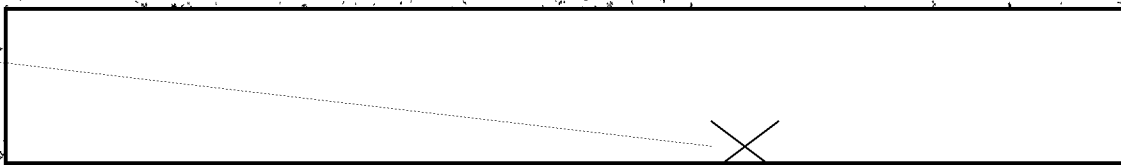
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ALEKSANDR IVANOVICH ZINCHUK, was.  
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ReBulet 4/5/54, indicating that Katherine N. Halle planned  
to return to Washington on 4/6/54.

For your information Miss Halle telephonically contacted the  
Bureau on 4/12/54, and advised that she was in Washington setting up  
her Georgetown home. She said that on arrival here she had received  
an invitation in the mail from Anatoli F. Dobrynin, Counselor of the  
Soviet Embassy, inviting her to attend a cocktail party at the Soviet  
Embassy to be followed by a showing of the Russian technicolor film  
entitled "Russian Ballet." This was scheduled for Wednesday, April 21,  
1954, at 8:00 p.m. Halle further stated that during her last trip  
to Washington in March, 1954, she had been called on the phone  
by Counselor Dobrynin and he stated that he had heard through Marqui  
Childs, a news correspondent, that she, Halle, was back in the city  
he hoped to see her in the near future.

Halle again requested instruction as to what she should do  
under the circumstances. She was informed that the Bureau was not in  
a position to advise her on the matter and that whether she did or did  
not attend the cocktail party and the film showing was entirely up to  
her. She stated that she realized that but thought it would be well  
to tell the Bureau so that the invitation could be made a matter  
of record.



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The above is for your information and assistance in connection  
with your interview of Halle which has previously been approved by the  
Bureau. An extra copy of this letter is being furnished for your file  
105-3478 relating to Dobrynin. The interview of Halle should be placed  
in line for early attention.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : A. H. Belmont

DATE: June 4, 1954

FROM : W. A. Branigan

SUBJECT: KATHERINE MURPHY HALLE, aka.  
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The Washington Field Office, on 10/20/53, advised that [redacted] a member of the Office of Defense Mobilization on the National Security Council, Executive Office Building, Washington, D. C., furnished information regarding the subject. [redacted] stated he could make no allegation of espionage against the subject but that he had the "gradually accumulated" impression that the subject was working for British Intelligence and was obviously more concerned with the welfare of Great Britain than the United States. [redacted] said the subject lavishly entertains State Department officials, British Embassy personnel, pro-British writers and [redacted] at her home, 1534 29th Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., which he described as a "fashionable Washington society saloon."

Investigation initiated under the above caption on 11/18/53, determined that the subject is a member of the Halle family from Cleveland, Ohio; that she has been employed as a radio commentator and news reporter in Cleveland, Ohio, London, England, and Washington, D. C., and [redacted]

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Informants state the subject has political and social contacts of national and international importance. Our investigation reflects the subject has had contact with numerous diplomatic personnel, among them being A. I. Zinchuk, First Secretary in the Soviet Embassy, Washington, D. C.

The subject, when interviewed by the Washington Field Office on 4/15/54, advised she first contacted Zinchuk early in the fall of 1949 and continued through 1950. She said her contacts with Zinchuk were in connection with a series of television shows in which she, as moderator, planned to interview various diplomats concerning matters of cultural and historical interest. She indicated it was in this connection that she met Zinchuk. She advised the television shows never materialized.

The information received from [redacted] relating to the subject was furnished [redacted] in view of [redacted] allegation that the subject was entertaining [redacted] However, at the time it was [redacted]

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suggested and approved in an inter-office Bureau memorandum dated 2/11/54, that no further dissemination should be given this matter until such time as the Bureau was able to determine the nature of the subject's co-operativeness with the Bureau, and until such time as it was possible to develop information to substantiate [redacted] allegations.

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Now that the contact with the subject has been successfully established, with the full co-operation of the subject and inasmuch as no additional information has been developed to substantiate [redacted] allegations, it is suggested the results of our investigation in this case be furnished [redacted] and the Records Administration Branch of the Department of Justice.

RECOMMENDATION:

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If you approve, the reports reflecting the results of our investigation in this case will be disseminated to [redacted] and the Records Administration Branch of the Department of Justice and this case will be closed as no further investigation is warranted.

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submitted to [redacted] RAB  
by R/S 6-18-54. Rumby.*

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Re Bureau letters January 20, 1954, and February 12, 1954,  
under duplicate caption as above; also re Cleveland letter to Bureau  
and WFO dated February 26, 1954, in the HALL case.

Efforts to contact Miss HALL at Washington, D. C., by repeated  
telephone calls March 2, and 3, 1954, have been unsuccessful as repeated  
phone calls to her residence 1534 29th Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.,  
have not been answered. In view of the information contained in referenced  
Cleveland letter, indicating Miss HALL was in Nassau, it would appear  
that she has not yet returned to her Washington, D. C. residence.

Continuing efforts will be made to contact and arrange an  
interview with Miss HALL in the near future in accordance with instructions  
contained in referenced Bureau letters.

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# Halle Extortion Plot Nipped



Associated Press wirephoto

Kay Halle (left) helping store detective Ann Richards prepare to impersonate her in Cleveland to foil an extortion attempt.

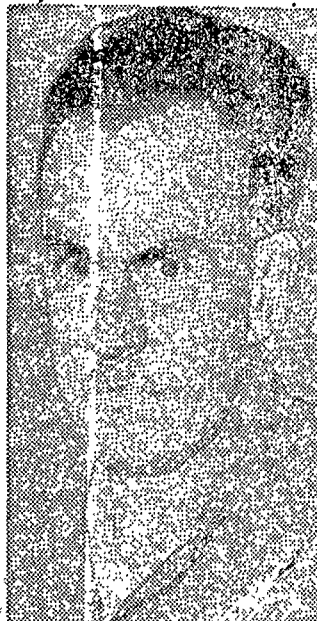
By The Associated Press

CLEVELAND, Aug. 19.—James Howard Lett, thirty-seven, an unemployed machinist, was in jail today after his arrest in an extortion threat against Miss Kay M. Halle, radio commentator and daughter of the late Samuel H. Halle, chairman of the board of the Halle Bros. department store here.

Cleveland Heights police say they arrested Lett last night after he picked up a dummy package supposed to contain \$20,000 in cash, Police Chief E. W. Gabriel said. No charges have been filed.

Chief Gabriel said Lett admitted writing a letter received by Miss Halle on Saturday threatening her unless she left the bundle of money under bushes on Coventry Road, in the suburb.

A department store woman active in wearing a blonde wig



Reynolds Tribune—United Press telephoto

James H. Lett

simulating Miss Halle's long blonde hair, left the package in accordance with instructions received in a phone call following the threatening letter.

Two detectives hid in the shrubbery and captured Lett

when he stopped to pick up the package, police said.

Miss Halle came here from Washington to attend funeral services Friday for her father. Police quoted Lett as saying the plan to extort money from Miss Halle was masterminded by two strangers from Detroit whom he met in a bar. Police said Lett could not identify the men, who he said promised him \$400 for helping.

Detectives later arrested a woman companion at Lett's West Side home and brought her to Central Police Station for questioning. The detectives waited at the home for the alleged accomplices, after Lett told of a planned meeting there, but no one showed up.

## Started in Cleveland

Miss Halle began her radio career in 1943 as a music commentator for WGAR in Cleveland. She reported and fostered the activities of the Cleveland Symphony Orchestra. For the last four years she has worked in Washington, interviewing Ohio political figures for recorded radio and television programs broadcast by WGAR.

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An informant, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised during the period from April 3, 1958, through April 17, 1958, that the following persons have obtained visas for travel to the Soviet Union or have requested information regarding such travel from the Soviet Embassy, Washington, D.C.:

KATHERINE M. HILLE

Mrs. Jean ~~X~~ Shaw ~~F~~ Weston  
D.C. U.S.S.R.

former editor  
Washington Post

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

## Memorandum

TO : Mr. A. Rosen *Rosen*

DATE: November 6, 1961

FROM : Mr. G. H. Scatterday *JS*SUBJECT: KAY HALLE; LELAND HAYWARD  
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Reference is made to the October 31, 1961, request from the White House for information concerning Kay Halle and Leland Hayward. The reason for the request was not disclosed. In July, 1951, Miss Katherine Murphy Halle, born 1902 in Cleveland, Ohio, broadcasted over a Detroit station a story under the caption "How Absurd Can We Get?" which was derogatory to the Bureau. In substance she told a story how a Naval officer was selected for an important job which required an FBI security check. After waiting six months the report indicated it was finally discovered that the FBI had held up clearance because the officer, according to a college yearbook, had been born under a radical sign. Miss Halle concluded her broadcast by saying that the Naval officer had been kept from an important job "until the foolishness was put straight."

Subsequently Miss Halle was contacted and she indicated she had received the information from a source whom she did not identify and in the end turned out that it was pretty much of a figment of her imagination. She apologized and offered to set the matter straight in her next broadcast.

In November 1953 [redacted], then of the [redacted], advised that Miss Halle had given him the impression that she was working for British intelligence. He stated that she came from a very wealthy family in Cleveland, Ohio, and that she entertained lavishly in her Washington residence for State Department officials, British Embassy personnel, and pro-British writers. He stated that he believed that Miss Halle was a "tool, channel, or at least a fruitful source" for British intelligence and that her lavish parties were "merely an extension of the British social lobby." He said that he had observed a "coordinated, directed effort led by Miss Halle and assisted by British Embassy personnel, to pump American officials of top-level security information."

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
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Memorandum to Mr. Rosen  
RE: KAY HALLE

[ ] stated on "reasonable good authority" that Miss Halle was for a time the paramour of William Averill Harriman and that she had been intimate with David Bruce, former American Ambassador to England, and other State Department policy-making officials. He said that he recalled a rumor that she had also had an affair with Randolph Churchill, Winston Churchill's son.

Referral/Consult

A limited, very discreet investigation was conducted of Miss Halle based on the allegations set forth by [ ]. The investigation disclosed that Miss Halle has been a socialite for many years and had been a free-lance news reporter and radio-TV newscaster. She has a number of intimate acquaintances among newspaper correspondents and other prominent individuals such as Joseph and Stewart Alson, Allen Dulles, General Walter Bedell Smith, Drew Pearson, [ ] etc. In connection with her newspaper and TV work, she has had contact with Israeli and Russian officials. The investigation did not substantiate or verify any of the allegations set forth by [ ]. However, SA [ ], then assigned to the Cleveland Field Office (presently assigned to the Chicago Field Office), advised in April, 1954, that rumor and gossip had come to his attention in Cleveland, Ohio, twenty years ago that Kay Halle was a "lesbian." He stated that he has been at parties at which Kay Halle was present when remarks concerning her moral reputation were made by other individuals in attendance at these parties. SA [ ] indicated according to rumor and gossip that Kay Halle's associates included Margaret Freuhauf Perry, daughter of Freuhauf Trailer interests; Winsor French, a socialite columnist for the "Cleveland Press"; and Jerome Zerbe, a socialite photographer in Washington, D. C., who originally came from Cleveland, Ohio. [ ] described these individuals as sex deviates, according to rumors.

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Information received in the investigation indicates that Miss Halle was one of the original participants and organizers of Americans for Democratic Action, has long been associated with the Ohio Democratic Committee, and has been associated with the National Democratic Committee. Miss Halle was contacted by Bureau Agents in October, 1953, and she expressed her desire to cooperate with this Bureau in connection with her contacts with A. I. Zinchuk, First Secretary of the Soviet Embassy, Washington, D.C., whom she had been in contact

Memorandum to Mr. Rosen  
RE: KAY HALLE

with during 1949 and 1950 in connection with a series of TV shows in which she, as moderator, planned to interview various diplomats concerning matters of cultural and historical interest.

The above-set-forth allegations originally furnished by [redacted] were not substantiated. The other material set forth above was, at least, third hand and must be considered rumor and gossip. The information, therefore, is not being set forth in the attached letter to the White House as it falls into the category of purely "rumor and gossip." (62-89229)

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~~C.H.F.~~ Leland Hayward, a theatrical producer for many years has not been investigated by the Bureau and our files contain no pertinent information for dissemination to the White House.

ACTION:

If you approve, the attached letter be forwarded to the White House.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Courtney Evans

FROM : Kenneth O'Donnell

SUBJECT:

DATE: Oct. 31, 1961

Would you please conduct name checks on the following individuals:

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3001 Dent Place  
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HAYWARD, Leland  
655 Madison Avenue  
New York, New York

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## The Washington Merry-Go-Round

# New White House Stage for LBJ?

By Drew Pearson

President Johnson doesn't know it, but he is threatened with a major challenge. It is not against congressional leaders by the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party, nor against his peace program by the John Birch Society, nor against his foreign aid program by the parsimonious Otto Pass-



Pearson

man of Louisiana. The challenge comes from Kay Halle of Cleveland's Halle Brothers department store, who wants to inaugurate the European tourist attraction of "son et lumiere" over the southern facade of the White House.

"Son et lumiere" — sound and light to us ordinary folks — is what the Greeks have done to the Acropolis in Athens and what the French have done to Versailles just outside Paris.

It is a system of colored lights that play on these historic monuments with loud speakers telling the crowds their history.

Miss Halle's plan is to let thousands of tourists sit on benches in the park south of the White House while lights play on that beautiful building and a loud-speaker tells the story of John Adams, the

first President who moved in, perhaps hear him discussing with Abigail Adams the problems of no White House bathrooms and cold outside toilets.

Or the loud-speaker would carry the voice of Abraham Lincoln as he debated the problems of the Civil War, or Franklin D. Roosevelt inaugurating the New Deal, or John F. Kennedy debating the Bay of Pigs.

A committee has been appointed to consider Miss Halle's sound-and-light ideas, not only for the White House but also for the Lee Mansion and for the Capitol.

## Pity the President

However, neither Miss Halle nor the committee seems to have considered the consequences to President Johnson.

What, for instance, does this do to his light-bulb program? He has set such an example of turning out lights that Mayor Robert Wagner of New York is emulating him and expects to save \$2000 a month on the Manhattan light bill. Even I have been able to get the electricity-using Mrs. P. to turn off a few lights in our home.

With the south side of the White House flooded every evening, obviously LBJ's light program goes glimmering.

(Perhaps this was why the Federal Power Commission came out with its 800-page report last week predicting that the cost of electricity could come down 27 per cent.)

Again, what does Miss Halle's scheme do to the President's sleep? True he's a frugal sleeper. True he's sometimes awakened at night with cables from Viet-Nam anyway. But imagine having the voice of John Adams discussing outside toilets interrupting your evening; or the sonorous voice of FDR addressing "my friends." The latter might be sleep-provoking. But if LBJ had to listen to the nasal twang of Calvin Coolidge it would drive him back to Texas.

Again, what does "sound and light" do to the President's hand-shaking program? He is a very hospitable gentleman. He is tempted by the crowds outside the White House fence. The huge throng waiting every evening to see the lights on Harry Truman's "back porch" and hear the voice of Abe Lincoln rehearsing his Gettysburg Address would be too much of a temptation. How could he resist?

History is important. The education of tourists is important. The tourist business is important. But surely some

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consideration must be given to the President's light bill, his sore hand, and his sleep.

### Merry-Go-Round

One of the most accurate pollsters used by President Johnson, Oliver Quayle, has made a survey of the United Steelworkers line-up in the election battle between President Dave McDonald and Secretary I. W. Abel. It shows McDonald leading with a substantial margin of 58 per cent. Abel has only 41 per cent, with 1 per cent undecided. The poll, a thorough one, included locals in basic steel, aluminum, nonferrous metals and miscellaneous industries . . . California Republicans, having elected actor George Murphy to the U.S. Senate, now are talking about running Ronald Reagan, right-wing General Electric TV commentator, for governor against Pat Brown. If so, Pat's slogan will be, "One movie actor is enough." —The slogan that hurt Pierre Salinger most in the California Senate race was coined after Bobby Kennedy had entered the race for the Senate in New York. The slogan was, "Vote for the candidate of your choice in the state of his choice."

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*Drew Pearson will report on how bigotry affects Christmas in Mississippi over Radio, WTOP at 6:40 tonight.*

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1 - Name Check Section  
1 - Mr. JW Brown

November 7, 1961

BY COURIER SERVICE

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EX-102

Honorable P. Kenneth O'Donnell  
Special Assistant to the President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. O'Donnell:

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Reference is made to your request of October 31, 1961, for name checks concerning Leland Hayward and Kay Halle.

The FBI has not investigated Mr. Hayward and our files contain no pertinent information concerning him.

With reference to Kay Halle, the files of this Bureau reveal that in June, 1951, Miss Katherine Murphy Halle broadcast over a Detroit radio station a story under the caption "How Absurd Can We Get?" This story contained unwarranted attacks on this Bureau. In substance, Miss Halle stated that the FBI had held up a security investigation of a naval officer unnecessarily for a period of six months with the result that the naval officer was prevented from getting an important job until "the foolishness was put straight." The point in the story was that the investigating officer prolonged the investigation because the naval officer's college yearbook referred to him as being born "under a radical sign." The FBI had not conducted an investigation of this naval officer and it was ascertained that Miss Halle's remarks were substantially fiction and unsubstantiated. She expressed willingness to retract the information in a subsequent broadcast.

In November, 1953, an individual who held a highly placed position with the United States Government advised that Miss Halle had given him the impression that she was working for British Intelligence. He stated that she lavishly entertained highly placed United States

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The information furnished by the afore-mentioned United States Government official cannot be substantiated by information in this Bureau's files.

Sincerely yours,

J. EDGAR HOOVER



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 BY LIAISON

Honorable Marvin Watson  
 Special Assistant to the President  
 The White House  
 Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Watson:

*MISS KATHERINE MURPHY HALLE*

Reference is made to the name check request from Mrs. Stegall relative to 32 individuals included in the Smithsonian Bicentennial invitation list. Attached are separate memoranda relative to the following individuals included in this name check request:

John D. Archbold	Francis T. P. Plimpton
<u>Kay Halle</u>	Derek J. Price
Mr. and Mrs. Carl Levin	Mrs. Elizabeth Firestone Willis
Professor Norman Holmes Pearson	Alvin M. Weinberg

Also included is another memorandum relative to the results of the remainder of the individuals contained on the invitation list. The material forwarded in connection with this request is being returned herewith.

Sincerely yours,

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*Summary*

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The information furnished by the aforementioned United States Government official cannot be substantiated by information in this Bureau's files. (62-89229)

The files of the Identification Division of the FBI contain no arrest record relative to Kay Halle based on the information submitted in connection with this name check request.

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