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#### Federal Bureau of Investigation

Washington, D.C. 20535

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MR RUSS KICK

Subject: BACHER, ROBERT

FOIPA No. 1010946-000

#### Dear Requester:

The enclosed documents were reviewed under the Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts (FOIPA), Title 5, United States Code, Section 552/552a. Deletions have been made to protect information which is exempt from disclosure, with the appropriate exemptions noted on the page next to the excision. In addition, a deleted page information sheet was inserted in the file to indicate where pages were withheld entirely. The exemptions used to withhold information are marked below and explained on the enclosed Form OPCA-16a:

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353 page(s) were reviewed and 352 page(s) are being released.

- Document(s) were located which originated with, or contained information concerning other Government agency(ies) [OGA]. This information has been:
  - oxdot referred to the OGA for review and direct response to you.
  - □ referred to the OGA for consultation. The FBI will correspond with you regarding this information when the consultation is finished.

☑ You have the right to appeal any denials in this release. Appeals should be directed in writing to the Co-Director, Office of Information and Privacy, U.S. Department of Justice,1425 New York Ave., NW, Suite 11050, Washington, D.C. 20530-0001 within sixty days from the date of this letter. The envelope and the letter should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Appeal" or "Information Appeal." Please cite the FOIPA number assigned to your request so that it may be easily identified.

□ The enclosed material is from the main investigative file(s) in which the subject(s) of your request was the focus of the investigation. Our search located additional references, in files relating to other individuals, or matters, which may or may not be about your subject(s). Our experience has shown, when ident, references usually contain information similar to the information processed in the main file(s). Because of our significant backlog, we have given priority to processing only the main investigative file(s). If you want the references, you must submit a separate request for them in writing, and they will be reviewed at a later date, as time and resources permit.

☑ See additional information which follows.

Sincerely yours,

David M. Hardy
Section Chief
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Enclosure(s) (2)

Enclosed are the release of documents from files 116-HQ-428237, 161-HQ-497, 62-HQ-81753 and 77-HQ-60559.

A search of the FBIHQ electronic surveillance indices located no record to indicate the subject of your request was ever the target of an electronic surveillance.

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27. ADDITIONAL SPACE FOR FURNISHING INFORMATION REQUESTED IN ITEMS 1 TO 26. (Indicate item numbers to which answers apply). ITEM NO.

Set forth below is a list of the organizations designated by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order No. 10450, as Totalitarian, Fascist, Communist, or Subversive, or as having adopted a policy of advocating or approving the commission of acts of force and violence to deny others their rights under the Constitution of the United States, or which seek to alter the form of Government of the United States by unconstitutional means.

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Political Association)
American Association for Reconstruction in Yugoslavia, Inc.

American Branch of the Federation of Greek Maritime Unions American Christian Nationalist Party American Committee for European Workers' Relief (See Social-

ist Workers Party)

American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born American Committee for the Settlement of Jews in Birobidjan,

American Committee for Spanish Freedom
American Committee To Survey Labor Conditions in Europe
American Committee for Yugoslav Relief, Inc.
American Council for a Democratic Greece, formerly known as the Greek American Council; Greek American Committee for National Unity

American Council on Soviet Relations

American Croatian Congress

American Jewish Labor Council
American League Against War and Fascism
American League for Peace and Democracy
American Lithuanian Workers Literary Association (Also known as Amerikos Lietuviu Darbininku Literaturos Draugija)

American National Labor Party

American National Socialist League American National Socialist Party

American Nationalist Party American Patriots, Inc. American Peace Crusade American Peace Mobilization American Poles for Peace

gi American Polish Labor Council American Polish League

American Rescue Ship Mission (A project of the United American Spanish Aid Committee)

American-Russian Fraternal Society

American Russian Institute. New York, also known as the American Russian Institute for Cultural Relations with the Soviet Union

American Russian Institute, Philadelphia

American Russian Institute of San Francisco
American Russian Institute of San Francisco
American Russian Institute of Southern California, Los Angeles
American Slav Congress
American Women for Peace
American Youth Congress
American Youth for Democracy
Armenian Progressive League of America

Associated Klans of America

Association of Georgia Klans
Association of German Nationals (Reichsdeutsche Vereinigung)
Association of Lithuanian Workers (Also known as Lietuviu
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Baltimore Forum

Black Dragon Society Boston School for Marxist Studies, Boston, Mass.

Bridges-Robertson-Schmidt Defense Committee Bulgarian American People's League of the United States of America

California Emergency Defense Committee California Labor School, Inc., 321 Divisadero Street, San Fran-

cisco, Calif.
Carpatho-Russian People's Society
Central Council of American Women of Croatian Descent, also known as Central Council of American Croatian Women, National Council of Croatian Women

Central Japanese Association (Beikoku Chuo Nipponjin Kai)

Central Japanese Association of Southern California Central Organization of the German-American National Alliance (Deutsche-Amerikanische Einheitsfront) Cervantes Fraternal Society

China Welfare Appeal, Inc. Chopin Cultural Center

Citizens Committee To Free Earl Browder

Citizens Protective League
Civil Rights Congress and its affiliated organizations, including:
Civil Rights Congress for Texas

Veterans Against Discrimination of Civil Rights Congress of New York

Civil Rights Congress of Texas (See Civil Rights Congress)

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Comite Coordinador Pro Republica Espanola Committee To Aid the Fighting South Committee for Constitutional and Political Freedom

Committee To Defend Marie Richardson

Committee for the Defense of the Pittsburgh Six

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Committee for a Democratic Far Eastern Policy
Committee for Nationalist Action
Committee for the Negro in the Arts
Committee for Peace and Brotherhood Festival in Philadelphia
Committee for the Protection of the Bill of Rights
Committee To Uphold the Bill of Rights
Committee for World Youth Friendship and Cultural Exchange

Commonwealth College, Mena, Ark. Communist Party, U. S. A., its subdivisions, subsidiaries, and

Communist Political Association, its subdivisions, subsidiaries, and affiliates, including:

Alabama People's Educational Association
Florida Press and Educational League
Oklahoma League for Political Education

People's Educational and Press Association of Texas Virginia League for People's Education

Congress of American Revolutionary Writers

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Congress of American Women
Connecticut Committee To Aid Victims of the Smith Act
Connecticut State Youth Conference
Council on African Affairs
Council of Greek Americans
Council for Jobs, Relief, and Housing
Council for Pan-American Democracy
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Croatian Benevolent Fraternity

Dai Nippon Butoku Kai (Military Virtue Society of Japan or Military Art Society of Japan) Daily Worker Press Club Daniels Defense Committee Dante Alighieri Society (Between 1935 and 1940) Dennis Defense Committee

Detroit Youth Assembly

Emergency Conference To Save Spanish Refugees (Founding body of the North American Spanish Aid Committee)

Families of the Baltimore Smith Act Victims

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Federation of Italian War Veterans in the U. S. A., Inc. (Associazione Nazionale Combattenti Italiani, Federazione degli Stati Uniti d'America)

Finnish-American Mutual Aid Society

Florida Press and Educational League (See Communist Political Association)

Frederick Douglass Educational Center Freedom Stage, Inc. Friends of the New Germany (Freunde des Neuen Deutsch-

Friends of the Soviet Union

Garibaldi American Fraternal Society
George Washington Carver School, New York City
German-American Bund (Amerikadeutscher Volksbund)
German-American Republican League
German-American Vocational League (Deutsche-Amerikanische

Berufsgemeinschaft)

Harlem Trade Union Council

Hawaii Civil Liberties Committee
Heimuska Kai, also known as Nokubei Heieki Gimusha Kai,
Zaibel Nihonjin, Heiyaku Gimusha Kai, and Zaibei Heimusha
Kai (Japanese Residing in America Military Conscripts Association)

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Jewish People's Committee
Jewish People's Fraternal Order
Jikyoku Iinkai (The Committee for the Crisis)
Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee
Joint Council of Progressive Italian-Americans, Inc.
Joseph Weydemeyer School of Social Science, St. Louis, Mo. Kibei Seinen Kai (Association of U.S. Citizens of Japanese Ancestry who have returned to America after studying in Japan). Knights of the White Camellia Ku Klux Klan Kyffhaeuser, also known as Kyffhaeuser League (Kyffhaeuser Bund), Kyffhaeuser Fellowship (Kyffhaeuser Kameradschaft) Kyffhaeuser War Relief (Kyffhaeuser Krieghshilfswerk) Labor Council for Negro Rights. Labor Research Association, Inc. Labor Youth League League of American Writers Lictor Society (Italian Black Shirts) Macedonian-American People's League Mario Morgantini Circle
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National Committee for Freedom of the Press
National Committee To Win the Peace
National Conference on American Policy in China and the Far
East (A conference called by the Committee for a Democratic Far Eastern Policy)
National Council of Americans of Croatian Descent National Council of Americans of Croatian Descent
National Council of American-Soviet Friendship
National Federation for Constitutional Liberties
National Labor Conference for Peace
National Negro Congress
National Negro Labor Council
Nationalist Action League
Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico
Nature Friends of America (Since 1935)
Negro Labor Victory Committee
New Committee for Publications
Nichibei Kogyo Kaisha (The Great Fujii Theatre)
North American Committee To Aid Spanish Democracy
North Philadelphia Forum
Northwest Japanese Association Northwest Japanese Association Ohio School of Social Sciences Oklahoma Committee To Defend Political Prisoners Oklahoma League for Political Education (See Communist Political Association)

Original Southern Klans, Incorporated

Palo Alto Peace Club

Pacific Northwest Labor School, Seattle, Wash.

Partido del Pueblo of Panama (Operating in the Canal Zone) **Peace Information Center** Peace Movement of Ethiopia People's Drama, Inc.
People's Educational Association (Incorporated under name Los Angeles Educational Association, Inc.), also known as People's Educational Center, People's University, People's School People's Educational and Press Association of Texas (See Communist Political Association) People's Institute of Applied Religion. People's Radio Foundation, Inc. People's Radio Foundation, Inc.
Philadelphia Labor Committee for Negro Rights
Philadelphia School of Social Science and Art
Photo League (New York City)
Political Prisoners' Welfare Committee
Polonia Society of the IWO
Progressive German-Americans, also known as Progressive
German-Americans of Chicago
Proletarian Party of America
Protestant War Veterans of the United States, Inc.
Provisional Committee of Citizens for Peace, Southwest Area
Puertorriquenos Unidos (Puerto Ricans United) Quad City Committee for Peace Revolutionary Workers League Romanian-American Fraternal Society, Russian American Society, Inc. Sakura Kai (Patriotic Society, or Cherry Association—composed of veterans of Russo-Japanese War)
Samuel Adams School, Boston, Mass.
Santa Barbara Peace Forum Schappes Defense Committee Schneiderman-Darcy Defense Committee School of Jewish Studies,-New York City Seattle Labor School, Seattle, Wash. Serbian-American Fraternal Society Serbian-Vidovdan Council Serbian-Vidovdan Council
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Silver Shirt Legion of America
Slavic Council of Southern California
Slovak Workers Society
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Southern Negro Youth Congress
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United Committee of Jewish Societies and Landsmanschaft Federations, also known as Coordination Committee of Jewish
Landsmanschaften and Fraternal Organizations
United Committee of South Slavic Americans United Harlem Tenants and Consumers Organization United May Day Committee United Negro and Allied Veterans of America Veterans Against Discrimination of Civil Rights Congress of New York (See Civil Rights Congress) Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade Virginia League for People's Education (See Communist Political Association)
Voice of Freedom Committee Walt Whitman School of Social Science, Newark, N. J. Washington Bookshop Association
Washington Committee To Defend the Bill of Rights
Washington Committee for Democratic Action
Washington Commonwealth Federation
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## UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1/9/57

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

BY COURIER SERVICE

Atomic Energy Commission Washington, D. C.

Attention: Personnel Clearance Branch

Re: ROBERT FOX BACHER - WA - 11288

Dear Sir:

This is to advise that investigation required under the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 on the subject of the attached reports has been completed.

These reports and their contents are loaned to you by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and are not to be distributed outside your agency. It is also required that the information contained therein be given minimum dissemination within your organization.

Investigative reports concerning J. Robert Oppenheimer have been previously furnished to you.

Very truly yours,

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John Edgar Hoover Director

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Enclosure



#### UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

October 31, 195

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

SAC, LOS ANGELES (77-5047)

AIR MAIL

RE:

ROBERT FOX BACHER

WA-11288

ATOMIC ENERGY ACT - EMPLOYEE

#### REINVESTIGATION

Dear Sir:

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Reports and correspondence in this case should reflect the character

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At the request of the Atomic Energy Commission the Bureau has consented to make inquiries on certain of its employees for the purpose of bringing the original applicant investigation up-to-date. These employees occupy very sensitive positions; therefore, all inquiries must be thorough and all inclusive.

The employee's entire adult life must be accounted for. If this was not done during the original investigation it will be necessary to account for

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For additional instructions concerning reinvestigations see SAC Letter

53-48 dated July 14, 1953.

Those asking questions pertaining to the purpose of this investigation should be advised that the inquiries are being made at the request of the AEC.

The original and three copies of the report are to be transmitted to the Bureau by air mail unless ordinary mail is equally speedy. The deadline in this case is 12-31-56.

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

11/7/56

In Reply, Please Refer to
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John Edgar Hoover Director

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November, 1946 - May, 1949, Commissioner, Atomic Energy Commission, Washington, D. C.; July, 1949 - date, California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, California.

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He Newark letters to Bureau dated July 7 and b7C July 19, 195h, and report of SA dated August 11, 1954 at Newark, all captioned "J. ROBERT OPPENHEIMER, IS - R, Bufile 100-17828, Newark file 100-9066, SF file 100-3132. These communications aubmit information reflecting that received from and BOB of Pasadena were contacted by J. ROBERT OF PENNEIMER on b2 July 6, 1954 and are very good friends of OPPENHETMER and will be in Washington, D. C. his wife, and that BOB b7C a few weeks and will if possible get in touch with the OPPENHEIMERs, the t Dr. ROBERT BACHER was expected as a b7D guest at the home of J. ROBERT OFFENHEINER in Princeton, New Jersey, by mid-afternoon of July 17, 1954, and that one ROBERT BACHER was a house guest of J. ROBERT OFFENHEIMER on July 18, 1954.

Newark will report the above data and any other information it may have concerning association of the Employee and J. ROBERT OPPENHEIMER, if it can identify such data with the Employee, will also document J. ROBERT OPPENHEIMER with above information concerning Employee's association with OPPENHEIMER and will reported.

Other offices, UACB determine degree of association of Employee and J. ROBERT OPPENHEIMER and report the same.

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A similar investigation was conducted on November 9, 1956 at the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office, and Identification Officer was interviewed. He stated he had no record of Employee's mother in his identification files.

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ROBERT FOX BACHER - WA - 11288. AEAE.

Employee's association with J. Rebert Oppenheimer fully developed during previous investigation and AEC advised. Conduct no active investigation to determine degree of association between employee and Oppenheimer. Newark report any pertinent contacts between employee and Oppenheimer since January 1954. No documentation of Oppenheimer necessary.

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ROBERT FOX BACHER, WA-11288, AEA-E.

Re Baltimore airtel dated 12/12/52.

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Employee's association with J. Robert Oppenheimer fully developed during previous investigation of Oppenheimer and AEC advised.

No investigation necessary your office.

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TO: SAC, WFO

FROM: SAC, BALTIMORE (116-45101)

RE: OBERT FOX BACKER - WA ARA - B

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Re Bu request dated October 26 requesting Baltimore to check G-2 re employee.

Employee's G-2 file reflects he was subject of favorable Partial Background Investigation completed on October 3, 1946.

#### For Information Bureau and Albany

Employee's G-2 file contains a letter dated 9/19/46 from FBI, Albany, New York to G-2 reflecting that April 1930 to May 1946 Dr. JULIUS P. OPPENHEIMER while lecturing at Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, had spent considerable time visiting with ROBERT FOX BACHER. BACHER was referred to as an Atomic Scientist. who worked with Dr. OPPENHEIMER on the DSM project at Los Alamos, New Mexico.

#### For Information Bureau ---

G-2 files also contain a bureau blank memo dated 11/10/53 captioned "ROBERT FOX BACHER, B.8/31/05 in Loundonville, Ohio, reflecting background information concerning BACHER.

G-2 indices. CRF, also reflect information concerning ROBERT FUN BACHER born August 3,71905 is on file in the Intelligence Records Section, ACOS, Intelligence, Department Army, Pentagon under the 🗈 following:

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Baltimore will report G-Z check reflecting favorable Partial Background investigation completed October 3, 1946.

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Dr. J. ROBERT OPPENHEIMER. Olden Lane, Princeton, New Jersey,
had been in contact with and BOB in Pasadena, California.
The informant was of the opinion that the and BOB were
very good friends of both Dr. and Mrs. OPPENHEIMER and further
stated that BOB had indicated that he would visit Washington,
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A Personnel Security Questionnaire whoma date is
illegible but which was executed by ROBERT FOX BACHER in or
after September, 1955, reflects that he resided from 1949 to
1951 at 515 South Wilson Avenue, Pasadena, California, and from
July, 1951, to the date of execution of the Personnel Security
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the OPPENHEIMERs, he indicated that he would see an acquaintance
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Records of the Personnel Section, Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory (LASL), University of California, were reviewed on December 19, 1956. These records contain a Personnel file for ROBERT FOX BACHER and this file reveals the filowing information:

He was employed by that agency as a Division leader from July 1, 1943 until January 21, 1946. His name was placed on the "Consultant List" until November 1, 1946. Nothing of an unfavorable nature was noted in this personnel file. His date of birth was verified as August 31, 1905 at Londonville, Ohio.

	LASL, advised on December 19, 1956
that they were acquainted wi	th ROBERT FOX BACHER while he was at
Los Alamos, New Mexico. The	y said their contacts with him since
he left for Los Alamos in ab	out 1946 have been limited.
	said they have a high regard for
the employee's character, lo	yalty, reputation, and associates.
They also stated that BACHER	is highly respected among his fellow
scientists, and would recomme	end him for a position of trust. b70
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December 19, 1956 that he was	s casually acquainted with the employee
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#### AT LOS ALAMOS, NEW MEXICO:

Records of the Los Alamos Police Department were reviewed on December 19, 1956 and no record was located for ROBERT FOX BACHER.

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#### AT SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO:

On November 8, 1956 Merchants'
Credit Service, whose files contain information from Los Alamos,
New Mexico, was unable to locate any credit record for the employee.

Report Form FD-263 (5-12-55)

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Synopsis:		
Fellow employee	s at California Insti	itute of Technology and neighbors recommend.
		listed relatives was located at Los Angeles
and vicinity.	Employee's credit rat	ting at Los Angeles is satisfactory.
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REFERENCE: Bureau letter to Los Angeles, dated 10/31/56.		
DETAILS:		
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Investigation at Pasadena, California was conducted by SA		
SE caused a record search to be made at the Retail		
Merchants Credit Association of Los Angeles, California. SE		
caused a record search to be made at the Los Angeles Police Department and		
searched the records of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office. Records of the Municipal Court Traffic Violations Bureau were caused to be searched by		
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The following investigation was conducted at Pasadena, California, by SA

#### EMPLOYMENT

California Institute of Technology (CIT) 1201 East California Street Pasadena, California

On December 19, 1956,

Dean of the Faculty, advised that the employee was appointed Professor of Physics and Chairman of the Division of Physics, Mathematics, and Astronomy on July 1, 1949, and is presently employed in this position.

On December 20, 1956, CARL D. ANDERSON, Professor of Physics, advised that he has known the employee very well since World War II. He stated he has the highest regard for him and believed him to be a person of excellent character, reputation, associates, and loyalty, and would recommend for a position of trust or confidence.

On December 26, 1956, WILLIAM A. FOWLER and C. C. LAURITSEN, Professors of Physics, advised that they have known the employee seven and twenty years respectively and have nothing but the highest regard for him and consider him to be of excellent character, associates, reputation, and loyalty and would recommend for a position of trust or confidence.

#### NEIGHBORHOOD

In the Vicinity of 525 South Wilson Avenue Pasadena, California

On December 26. 1956.

and stated that

LA 116-63511 they have known the employee and his family for more than seven years as neighbors and that they believed the employee to be a person of very good character, associates, reputation, and loyalty; and would recommend. CREDIT AND CRIMINAL Pasadena On December 26, 1956, Police Department, advised their records reflect no information regarding employee or his relatives. Pasadena Merchants On December 26, 1956. Association, related that the employee maintains a satisfactory credit rating. No information was found in these records concerning the employee's listed relatives. Records of the Retail Merchants Credit Association of Los Angeles were caused to be searched on November 6, 1956 and were found to contain a file for ROBERT F. BACHER, dating from December 1949. This report shows BACHER to be employed by the California Institution of Technology as a physicist which position he has held since July. 1919. BACHER's credit There was rating is satisfactory. no information in these records concerning employee's Records of the Los Angeles Police Department were caused to be searched and records of the Los Angeles Sheriff's Office were searched on November 6, 1956. These records were found to contain no information concerning the employee, Records of the Municipal Court, Los Angeles Judicial District, Traffic Violations Bureau, Los Angeles, California, were caused to be searched on November 9, 1956 and were found to contain no information. concerning the employee.

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Re Bureau letter, dated 11/7/56. Information in report of dated 2/28/56 (LA 77-783h) was included in report dated 12/16/53, at Los Angeles concerning ROBERT FOX BACHER - Special Inquiry (LA 77-50h7).

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WFO 77-46107 The contract was entered into on July 1, 1956, and is effective until June 30. 1957. The employee is compensated at the rate of \$100 per day for services performed. It is noted that the employee served as a commissioner for the Atomic Energy Commission, having resigned his position as such on May 10, 1949. On July 1, 1949, the employee entered into his first consultant contract with the Atomic Energy Commission and it was effective until June 30, 1950. The employees consultant contract to serve as an advisor to the Atomic Energy Commission has been renewed each year since July 1, 1949. There was no additional pertinent information contained in the above file. Office of the on December 20. General Manager, advised Special Agent 1956, that he knew the employee when the employee was a commissioner for the Atomic Energy Commission. stated that he was at Oak Ridge Operations Office for the Atomic Energy Commission at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, in 1948 and 1949 advised that he saw the employee occasionally while at Cak Ridge, Tennessee and had infrequent contacts with the employee in Washington, D. C., after the employee became a consultant for the Atomic Energy Commission. b7C stated that the employee is highly regarded, both from a standpoint of character and of ability. stated that he knew nothing that was in any way unfavorable concerning the employee. added that the employee's services from a strictly consultant capacity have not been extensive and pointed out however the Division of Research, Atomic Energy Commission, does have some business contacts with the employee. On December 20, 1956, Office of the General Manager. United States Atomic Energy Commission, advised Special Agent that he did not have an extensive personal knowledge of the employee.

stated that he has been with the Atomic Energy Commission in Washington, D. C., since February, 1954, and is aware of the fact that the employee is used currently and intermittently as a consultant to the Atomic Energy Commission. stated that he has known the employee by reputation for many years, pointing out that the employee was with the Manhattan Engineering District, predecessor to Atomic Energy Commission back in 1942 and 1945.

stated that everything he has heard about the
employee as well as his own personal knowledge of the employee is very
favorable. said the employee is well regarded at the Atomic
Energy Commission and his ability and reputation are excellent.
concluded by stating he would recommend the employee for a position of
trust and confidence, without hesitation.

On December 20, 1956,
Physics and Mathematics Branch, Division of Research, advised Special
Agent that he has had a business relationship with the employee
for about the past year and a half. stated that his
branch has a business contract with the California Institute of Technology
which necessitates contact with the employee. Inasmuch as the employee
administers the contract for the Institute. stated that
he has only the most favorable information to give concerning the employee.
advised he has found the employee to have an excellent
reputation and to be well qualified in the field of physics.
concluded by stating that he has not had any occasion to the
the loyalty of the employee to the United States and that he would recommend
him for a position of trust and confidence.

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On December 17, 1956, Special Agent reviewed the employee's security file at the Atomic Energy Commission which contained no additional pertinent information.

### CRIMINAL

The files of the United States Park Police. as caused to be reviewed on November 5, 1956, by Special Employee contained no record of the employee or

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The files of the Investigations Division, Civil Service Commission, as determined on November 8, 1956, contained no additional pertinent information.

WFO 77-46107

The files of the House Committee on Un-American Activities. as reviewed on November 8, 1956, by Special Employee contained no additional pertinent information.	- · · · ·
The files of the as reviewed on November 21, 1956, by Special Agent contained no additional pertinent information.	b2
The files of the Intelligence Records Section, Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence, Department of the Army, contained no additional pertinent information, as determined on December 18, 1956, by SE	b7C

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May 26, 1959

ROBERT FOX BACHER Born: August 31, 1905 Loudonville, Ohio

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In response to your request, there are attached six reports which appear to relate to the subject of your inquiry. (116-428237)

In addition, the files of this Bureau reveal that the captioned individual was the subject of two applicant-type investigations conducted by the FBI in 1954 and 1953, the results of which were furnished to the White House on January 12, 1954, and April 14, 1953. At the request of the White House, you are referred to the Office of Major General Wilton B. Persons, the Assistant to the President, should you desire the detailed results of these investigations. (77-60559)

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NOTE: Investigations disclosed Bacher close associate of Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer. This memo classified "Confidential" inasmuch as attachment is so classified.

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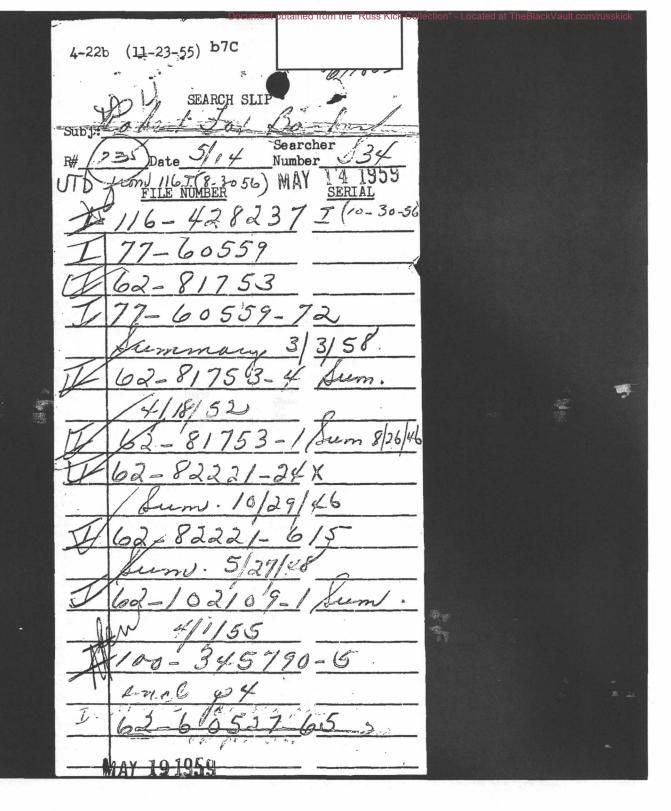
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Office: DETROIT, MICHIGAN

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Title:

ROBERT F. BACHER

Character:

SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:

BACHER a Trustee and Technical Consultant of Power Reactor Development Corp. and a man of unimpeachable integrity and loyalty.

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DETAILS:

AT DETROIT. MICHIGAN

Reactor Development Corporation (PRDC), 1911 First Street, on April 14, 1961, advised that Dr. ROBERT F. BACHER is a Trustee of the corporation and also a Technical Consultant. stated that he has known Dr. BACHER for the past five years both socially and professionally and described him as a man of unimpeachable integrity and loyalty. He is a physicist highly regarded in the industry. Dr. BACHER is a past Commissioner of the Atomic Energy Commission and has served on a number of scientific bodies in Washington, D.C. stated that he would highly recommend Dr. BACHER for a position of trust and confidence with the Government.

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explained that the PRDC was organized as a non-profit corporation to study, design, construct and operate experimental nuclear power reactors for the demonstration of the practicability of the use of nuclear energy for the generation of electric energy.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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### REFERENCE:

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### ADMINISTRATIVE

It is noted that Dr. BACHER was the subject of special inquiry investigations in December, 1953, and again in March, 1958.

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Title:

ROBERT F. BACHER

Character:

SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:

Appointee elected member of the Board of Trustees, Carnegie Corporation of New York, in May, 1959 and is currently merving in that capacity. Associates at Carnegie Corporation, and at Columbia University, consider completely loyal and recommend highly.

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## DETAILS:

## Miscellaneous

	On Aprel 14, 1961,				
Carnegie Corporation of New York, 509 Fifth Avenue, New					
	York, New York, advised that Dr. ROBERT F. BACHER of the				
	California Institute of Technology (Cal Tech) was elected				
	to the Board of Trustees of this corporation in May of				
	1959. and is currently serving in that capacity.				
	said that Dr. BACHER was elected to the Board				
	chiefly because it was believed that the West Coast should				
	be represented on the Board, and because Dr. BACHER has				
	a deep interest in the cause of higher education in general.				
Γ	said that there are only two scientists on				
	the Board of Trustees, Dr. BACHER and				
	Carnegie fastitution of Washington, D.C. 67C				
Γ	said that the Carnegie Corporation makes				
	very few grants in the field of science and that consequently				
	there is no one connected with the corporation apart				
	from who would be acquainted with Dr. BACHER				
	professionally. She said that her only contact with Dr.				
	BACHER has been in connection with meetings of the Board				
	of Trustees, and that he enjoys a fine reputation among				
	his fellow Board members and in the field of higher education.				
	She said that nothing has come to her attention which would				
	reflect unfavorably upon the character or the loyalty of Dr.				
	BACHER, and she recommended him for a position of responsibility				
	in the United States Government.				
	On April 14, 1961,				
	Webster, Sheffield and Chrystie. Attorneys, 1 Rockefeller				
	Plaza, New York, New York, Executive Committee,				
Г	Carnegie Corporation of New York, advised SA				
L	that his sole contact with Dr. BACHER has been in				
	connection with Board meetings of the Carnegie Corporation				
	during the past two years. He said that Dr. BACHER commutes from Cal Tech, where he is a Professor of Physics for the Board				
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said that Dr. BACHER Dr. BACHER's family. was elected to the Board of Trustees chiefly because of his interest in higher education and the fact that the Board felt that the West Coast should be represented on the Board. said that all of the members of the Board of the corporation were very carefully screened prior to their election and that although he has had only a limited contact with Dr. BACHER, he would recommend him highly for a position of trust and responsibility in the United States Government. He said that Dr. BACHER came to the Board with a very fine reputation both in his professional and in his private life, and he said that nothing has occurred in the past two years which would reflect unfavorably upon his reputation.

On April 14, 1961, Drye, Newhall and Maginnes. Attorneys, 72 Broadway, New York, New York, advised SA that he has been acquainted with Dr. ROBERT BACHER for approximately the past six months on a very limited basis through their association fellow Board members of the Carnegie Corporation. pointed out that the Board of the Carnegie Corporation meets approximately four times a year and that it is only on these occasions that he has met the appointee. who commutes from his teaching position at Cal Tech. said that all of the Board members were carefully screened prior to their election to the Board, and that Dr. BACHER enjoys a fine professional and private reputation among his fellow Board members. He said that he is unable to make any comments concerning Dr. BACHER's professional capabilities and added that nothing has arisen during the past six months which would cause him to question Dr. BACHER's character or his loyalty to the United States. He recommended him highly for a position in the present administration.

On April 14, 1961,

New York Life Insurance Company, 51 Madison Avenue, New York,
New York, advised that he has known Dr. BACHER as a fellow
member of the Board of Trustees of the Carnegie Corporation
of New York, for the past two years. He said that the Board

meets approximately four times a year and that his only contact with Dr. BACHER has been during Board meetings. He said that apart from an occasional lunch in connection with Board meetings, he has had no social contact with Dr. BACHER. He said that he is not acquainted with any of the members of his family. said that Dr. BACHER was elected to the Board of Trustees, after a careful screening inasmuch as it was felt that the West Coast should be represented on the Board and because Dr. BACHER enjoys a fine reputation both as a physicist and as an individual vitally concerned with the general field of higher education. He said that he considers Dr. BACHER to be a first class man in all respects, who works well within a group. He said that although nothing has occurred during his association with Dr. BACHER which would give him an opportunity to appraise his loyalty or b7C his character, nothing has arisen which would in any way cause him to question these qualities in the appointee. concluded by recommending Dr. BACHER very highly for a position of responsibility in the United States Government.

On April 14, 1961. Milbank, Tweed, Hope and Hadley, 15 Broad Street, New York, New York, advised that he is Carnegie Corporation of New York and that he has known Dr. BACHER in connection with Board meetings for approximately the past two years. He said that his only social contact with Dr. BACHER has been an occasional lunch during the period Board meetings are held. He said that Dr. BACHER commutes from his teaching position at Cal Tech for the Board meetings. He said that Dr. BACHER was very highly recommended to the Board, chiefly by Board member and <u>President or the Carnegle Institution in</u> said that the character, loyalty Washington, D.C. and reputation of Dr. BACHER are above reproach and that he would recommend him most highly for a position of trust in the United States Government.

On April 14, 1961, Dr. ISIDORE I. RABL HIGGINS, Professor of Physics, Columbia University, 116th Street and Broadway, New York, New York, advised SA that he has enjoyed a professional and social acquaintanceship with Dr. BACHER for approximately the past He said that he has been on numerous scientific councils and committees with Dr. BACHER over the years, and was associated with him on the Atomic Energy Commission, the President's Scientific Advisory Committee and in the Office of Defense Mobilization during World War II. He said that he is also acquainted with the appointee's wife and with his son and daughter. Dr. RABI said that Dr. BACHER enjoys the finest of professional reputations among his fellow physicks; and is considered one of the key men in Physics in the United States. He said that he is an extremely capable, competent and dedicated man, whose professional and private integrity is above reproach. said that Dr. BACHER has great organizational ability and always enjoys harmonious relations with his associates. He said that his character and his loyalty to the United States are above reproach, and that he recommended him most highly for a respensible position in the United States Government.

On April 14, 1961,

Faculty of Engineering Columbia University, and

Brown University, and currently

President of American Assembly, Columbia University, both advised SA that they at this time could add nothing to the recommendation previously furnished by them concerning Dr. BACHER. Both advised that they have had no contact with the appointee in approximately the past four years. They said that nothing has occurred within the past four years which would cause them to change their previous high recommendation of the appointee based upon his outstanding character, reputation and level. The United States. Both reiterated that they would recommend him very highly for a responsible position in the United States Government.

The Population Council, Incorporated. 230 Park Avenue, New York, New that he first met Dr. BACHER in York, advised SA 1947 in connection with the Atomic Arms Control Commission to the United Nations, of which commission he, himself, was the head in 1947 and 1948. He said that the commission had been set up by President TRUMAN to cooperate with other such commissions in the United Nations seeking to limit atomic arms and to seek peaceful uses for atomic energy. He said that he appointed Dr. BACHER to membership on the advisory committee, which position he held for at least two years. He said that he hadd no contact with the appointee from 1949 until 1959, when BACHER was elected a member of the Board of Trustees of the Carnegie Corporation of New York. He advised that his only contact with the appointee since 1959 has been at Board meetings of the Carnegie Corporation, meetings to which the appointee commutes from Cal Tech.

said that the appointee is a very capable physicist, one of the finest in the country, and enjoys the finest of professional and personal reputations. He said that he is a man of the finest character, one completely dedicated to his work and to the national security of this nation. He recommended him most highly for a responsible position in the government.

NY 161-305 Credit and Arrest On April 14, 1961, Credit Bureau of Greater New York, advised IC that the files of that organization contain no information concerning ROBERT F. BACHER in addition to that previously furnished. On April 17, 1961, SA caused. b7C the records of the New York City Police (NYCPD) to be checked by Bureau of Criminal Identification: Information Unit Old Record Room (all of the above of the NYCPD); Fingerprint Bureau, Magistrate's and by Court, City of New York. No record was located for ROBERT F. BACHER or

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### ADMINISTRATIVE

Referenced Bureau teletype refers to Los Angeles letter to the Bureau dated January 5, 1959, enclosing a "Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists", which listed ROBERT F. BACHER as a sponsor.

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April 17, 1961

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Title:

ROBERT F. BACHER

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Character:

SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:

Appointee's resides Chicago, Illinois. located for appointee's No credit or arrest record

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DETAILS:

#### Affiliation

On April 14, 1961,

Bell and Howell Corporation, 7100 Mc Cormick Road,

Lincolnwood, Illinois, advised that the appointee is a member of the Board of Director's, Bell and Howell Corporation, but stated that the appointee is more closely associated with the Consolidated Electro Dynamics Company, Pasadena, California, a subsidiary of Bell and Howell. He advised that he could not suggest anyone affiliated with Bell and Howell, Lincolnwood, Illinois, who would be personally acquainted with the appointee.

#### Relatives

On April 17, 1961.  Department of Chemistry.	University of Chicago	1.
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#### ADMINISTRATIVE:

Inasmuch as BACHER, until recently, continued to live in the same neighborhood and prior neighborhood investigations have been done, no neighborhood investigation was done at this time.

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Office: Los Angeles, California

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Bureau File No .:

Title:

ROBERT F. BACHER

Character:

SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:

Dr. BACHER continues his employment at the California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, Calif. Fellow workers commented favorably and highly recommended. No arrest record located. Satisfactory credit rating at pertinent agencies.

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#### DETAILS:

On April 12, 1961, a review of the files of the b7C Los Angeles Times and Los Angeles Evening Herald Express by IC revealed a press release, the pertinent portions of which are set forth below. This press release, dated May 9, 1949, announced that Dr. ROBERT F. BACHER had been appointed Professor of Physics and Chairman of the Division of Physics, Mathematics and Astronomy, California Institute of Technology (CIT), Pasadena, California. It also announced that Dr. BACHER had submitted his resignation from the Atomic Energy Commission to take effect May 10, 1949:

ocated at TheBlackVault.com/russkick LA 161-141 "The California Institute of Technology had sought the services of Dr. Bacher before he was appointed to the Commission in 1946, but his call to this important post caused the Caltech offer to him to be held in abeyance until his term of service with the Commission had been completec, | said. Dr. Bacher has risen to the position of one of the country's leading physicists, in spite of his youthfulness. He was a prominent nuclear physicist in the Physics Department at Cornell University before the war. In 1941 he joined the Radiation Laboratory at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, the great Laboratory devoted to radar research, which position of chief of one of the large divisions of that Laboratory and made important contributions to the development of military radar equipment. In 1943 the Radiation Laboratory released him to become chairman of the important bomb physics division of the Los Alamos Laboratory which was then being established by the Manhattan District to carry forward the development of the atomic bomb. Dr. Bacher supervised the development of the nuclear component of the bomb and personally assembled this component for the first test bomb fired at Alamogordo, New Mexico, in July, 1945. At the end of the war Dr. Bacher returned to his position as professor of physics and Director of the Nuclear Physics Laboratory at Cornell University, from which position he was called to serve on the Atomic Energy Commission. As one of the five members of the Atomic Energy Commission he has taken an important part in the transfer of the atomic energy work from the Manhattan District of the United States Army to the civilian control of the Commission, and in building the atomic energy program to its present peace-time status. The activities of this Commission have involved the expenditure of up to nearly one billion dollars

annually.

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"The appointment of Dr. Bacher is a further step forward in the Institute's policy of attracting the top flight scientists of the country to the Institute campus, "said in announcing the appointment. "It has been evident since 1946 in announcing that the important post of Chairman of the Physics Division would be more adequately filled by Dr. Bacher than by any other man in the country and it is a matter of great satisfaction to know that the important activities of this division will henceforth be directed by so able a man. He brings to his post not only a distinguished record of achievement in research in atomic and nuclear physics, but also a brilliant record of scientific administration. He is personally well known to campus faculty members, since he served as a National Research Council Fellow at Caltech in 1930-31. His appointment was enthusiastically recommended by the faculty members of the Physics Division."

Dr. Bacher was born in Loudonville, Ohio,
August 31, 1905. He received his Bachelor's degree
and his Doctor's degrees in physics from the
University of Michigan, the latter in 1930. While
at the University of Michigan he met
a fellow student at Michigan, and they were married
in 1930. They have two children,

Following his graduate work at Michigan Dr. Bacher came to Caltech for a year and then spent a year as Research Fellow at M.I.T. After another year in research work at the University of Michigan and a year as instructor in physics at Columbia University, he went to Cornell as Assistant Professor in 1935, was made an Associate Professor in 1940, and Professor and Director of the Nuclear Physics Laboratory in 1945.

In 1946 he was awarded the Presidential Medal for Merit, the highest civilian award for military service, in recognition of his outstanding work

LA 161-141 Power Reactor Development Company 1911 1st Street Detroit 26, Michigan Naval 18. Research Advisory Committee Department of the Navy Washington, D. C. advised that Dr. BACHER, his wife and son just recently changed their address from 525 South Wilson, Pasadena, California, to 345 South Michigan, Pasadena, where they currently reside. On April 13, 1961. Division of Civil Electrical and Mechanical Engineering and Aeronautics and all of CIT, advised they have known and been associated with Dr. BACHER since 1949 when Dr. BACHER came to the campus of CIT. They described Dr. BACHER as an outstanding scientist of unimpeachable loyalty, integrity, honesty, character and reputation and a "real gentleman." They stated that Dr. BACHER's ability as a scientist has been recognized and he is held in the highest esteem by fellow scientists and has served on various high level government commissions and committees in years past. All stated they would give Dr. BACHER the highest recommendation for any position of trust with the U. S. government. CREDIT AND POLICE AGENCIES On April 13, 1961, the files of the Pasadena, California, Police Department, Los Angeles Police Department Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office, as checked by SA respectively. failed to and SE reflect a record identifiable with appointee, On April 12, 1961, the files of the Pasadena Businessmen's Association, as reviewed by SA reflect a continuous satisfactory credit rating for appointee since 1950. These files contain no

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Report of:

Office:

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4/18/61

Field Office File No .:

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Title:

ROBERT F. BACHER

Character:

SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:

Appointee member of President's Science Advisory Committee, Special Projects (M), since 12/1/57. Appointee is highly regarded as to character, associates, reputation and loyalty by professional associates. No record credit, and police agencies and House Committee on Un-American Activities. No pertinent information Civil Service Commission. Passport record set out.

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

#### EMPLOYMENT

President's Science Advisory Committee Special Projects (M) Executive Office Building

The personnel files maintained by the Personnel Office, The White House Office, were made available to Special Agent (SA) on April 14, 1961. The files reflect that BACHER entered on duty December 1, b7C 1957, as a member of the President's Science Advisory Committee (PSAC), Special Projects (M), Executive Office of the President to receive compensation when actually employed. The files failed to reflect any additional pertinent information.

WFO 77-46107 advised on April 14, 1961, that he has known the appointee since approximately 1950 when he had worked under the appointee's supervision at the Research and Development Board for a period of approximately one and one-half years. He stated that he has served with the stated in his appointee on the PSAC since 1957. opinion the appointee is top notch in every way, an individual of excellent character and reputation, enjoys excellent associates and is a loyal American citizen. He stated the appointee is very competent and capable in his professional field. He recommended him favorably for any position of trust and confidence. Office of

Special Assistant to the President for Science and Technology and PSAC advised SA on April 17, 1961, that he has known the appointee socially and professionally since 1957 through their work in the above offices. stated that in his opinion the appointee enjoys a good character and reputation, maintains fine associates in the professional field and is definitely a loyal American citizen. He stated he would recommend the appointee highly for a position of trust.

JERROLD R. ZACHARIAS, Professor of Physics,
Massachusetts Institute of Technology, was interviewed on
April 18, 1961, while attending the President's Council on
Science held at the Executive Office Building. ZACHARIAS
stated that he has known the appointee socially and professionally
since 1939. He described the appointee as being a very
conscientious, reliable and trustworthy individual in every
respect. He stated the appointee maintains good associates
and is definitely loyal to the United States. He concluded
by stating he would recommend the appointee for a position
of trust and confidence where the government was involved.

Doctor DETLEV BRONK, President of Rockefeller Institute and National Academy of Science, was interviewed while attending the President's Council on Science on April 18, 1961. Doctor BRONK stated that he has known the

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appointee since 1924 when he was a student in high school and has followed his career closely in the various assignments that he has held in the intervening years. He stated that he considers the appointee to be an outstanding person in his respective field and that nothing of an unfavorable nature has ever come to his attention concerning his character, associates, reputation and loyalty. He stated that he is acquainted with the appointee's family and they are individuals of the same high caliber. He advised the would recommend the appointee without hesitation for any position he might be seeking or his being considered.

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H Street, advised SA on April 18, 1961, that he has known the appointee primarily on a professional basis for approximately ten years due to their common interest in scientific research. stated that he has had limited social contacts with the appointee and has found him to be an individual of excellent character, reputation and a loyal American in every respect. He described the appointee as being a very capable individual with great energies and conscientious on any assignment that he undertakes. He stated that he would recommend the appointee without reservation for a position where the government was involved.

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#### CREDIT AND POLICE AGENCIES

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	The records of the Matropolitan Police Department as caused to be searched by Investigative Clerk
	on April 13, 1961, failed to reflect any record for the appointee or his wife. It is to be noted that at all
	times an indefinite number of files are out of file and not
	available for review.
_	On April 13, 1961, Investigative Clerk
	caused a search to be made of the files of the United
	States Park Police. The files contained no record of the
	appointed on his wife

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#### MISCELLANEOUS

On April 13, 1961, Investigative Clerk determined that the files of the House Committee on Un-American Activities contained no information pertaining to the appointee.

On April 13, 1961, the files of the Investigations Division, Civil Service Commission, were checked by Investigative Clerk and these files contained no pertinent information pertaining to the appointee.

The files of the Passport Office, United States
Department of State. reviewed on April 17, 1961, by Special
Employee reflected that on April 23, 1958
passport number 906859 which had been issued on April 5, 1956,
was renewed for a three-week trip to Denmark, Italy,
Switzerland, France, Britain, The Netherlands and possibly
West Germany to attend the High Energy Physics Conference
in Geneva and to visit various laboratories.

On June 19, 1958, he was issued DIP passport number 15213 for travel to Switzerland, France, Britain, The Netherlands, Belgium, Denmark and West Germany as an adviser to the Delegation of the United States of America to the Conference on Nuclear Test Suspension to be held in Geneva.

On April 8, 1960, he was issued passport number 2038721 for a two to three-week trip to Switzerland on business for the United States Atomic Energy Commission. He listed his permanent residence as 3455 Michigan Avenue, Pasadena, California.

The files contained no additional pertinent information.

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New York, New York Office:

Field Office File No.: New York 161-305

Bureau File No.:

Title:

ROBERT F. BACHER

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Character:

SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:

has known appointee socially and professionally since 1946. States appointee completely loyal and recommends.

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NY 161-305 DETAILS: Miscellaneous On April 18, 1961, Cornegie Institution of Washington, edvised SA that he has been a social and professional associate of Dr. BACHER since 1946. He stated that since 1956 they have been fellow members of the President's Science Advisory Committee, since 1955 fellow members of the Board of Trustees of the Rand Corporation of California end since 1959 fellow members of the Board of Trustees of the Carnegie Corporation of New York. He said that he is only slightly acquainted with Mrs. BACHER. advised that Dr. BACHER enjoys the finest of reputations among his colleagues as a men of the highest integrity in both his professional and private lives. He said that the appointee is one of the top physicists in the nation and is highly respected in the scientific world. He said that he has always enjoyed an harmonious relationship with his co-workers, superiors and subordinates. said that the appointee is completely dedicated to the welfare and safety of the United States and is completely loyal to the democratic ideal exemplified in this nation. He concluded by recommending Dr. BACHER most highly for a responsible position in the government. was contacted at the Carnegie Corporation of New York, 589 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI 377-60559"

FROM SAC, SAN FRANCISCO "77-4764" 1 P

ROBERT F. BACHER, SPI. RE BU TEL TODAY. MRS. HARRY BACHER, ONE THREE EIGHT FOUR FIVE PIKE RD., SARATOGA, CALIF., TODAY ADVISED SHE IS BYRL BACHER, APPOINTEE-S MOTHER. FURTHER, THAT HARRY BACHER, HER HUSBAND, DIED OCT. TWO NINE TWENTYNINE AT ANN ARBOR, MICH. RUC.

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April 18, 1961

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TO:

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FROM:

DIRECTOR, FBI /6/-49///

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To:

SAC, Washington Field (BSM) (77-46107)

From:

Director, FBI

ROBERT F. BACHER

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Reurtel this date. Appropriate interview with Dr. Jerome B. Wiesner should be conducted by experienced agent. Handle immediately.

Note: Bacher being considered by White House as consultant for Science and Technology Staff. Dr. Wiesner is Special Assistant to the President for Science and Technology. Bacher well-known to and worked under Dr. Wiesner in the past. Buded this case 4/18/61.

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FROM SAC NEW YORK

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WASHINGTON, CONTACTED FOUR EIGHTEEN LAST AT CARNEGIE CORP OF NY, FIVE EIGHT NINE FIFTH AVE, NY, NY. ADVISED HAS ENJOYED SOCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION WITH APPOINTEE SINCE ONE NINE FOUR SIX. SINCE ONE NINE FIVE SIX HAVE BEEN FELLOW MEMBERS PRESIDENTS SCIENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE, SINCE ONE NINE FIVE FIVE FELLOW MEMBERS RAND CORP OF CALIF. AND SINCE ONE NINE FIVE NINE FELLOW MEMBERS BOARD OF TRUSTEES CARNEGIE CORP OF NY. STATED APPOINTEE ONE OF TOP PHYSICISTS IN NATION, HAS HIGHEST PROFESSIONAL AND PRIVATE REPUTATIONS, ENJOYS HARMONIOUS RELATIONS WITH CO DASH WORKERS, AND IS COMPLETELY LOYAL TO US. RECOMMENDS MOST HIGHLY. REPORT FOLLOWS.

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Office: Los Angeles, California

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Bureau File No.:

Title:

ROBERT F. BACHER

Character:

SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:

PHILLIP S. FOGG, President, Consolidated Electro Dynamics, Pasadena, California, advised BACHER on annual retainer as consultant to Bell and Howell Research Center, Pasadena, California. FOGG recommended highly.

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#### DETAILS:

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On April 18, 1961, PHILLIP S. FOGG, President, Consolidated Electro Dynamics Company, Pasadena, California, that he has known BACHER since advised SA high school days and they have kept in close contact since that time. FOGG stated he was on the staff at California Institute of Technology (CIT) and BACHER came there on a national research fellowship. BACHER later came back to CIT to the position which he now holds. FOGG stated he, FOGG, was on the Board of Directors of Consolidated Electro Dynamics in 1950 and was instrumental in getting BACHER placed on the Board of Directors. He stated that in 1960, Consolidated Electro Dynamics merged with Bell and Howell and became known as Bell and Howell Research Center. He stated that BACHER is a consultant on specific problems of researching in the field of physics and is on an annual retainer.

He described BACHER as an outstanding individual, extremely capable in the field of physics, and a person who

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has made great contributions especially in the field of nuclear physics. Stated he feels that BACHER is the most capable man in the United States at the present time. He highly recommended BACHER as a person of excellent character, reputation, and loyalty, and one who would refuse to associate with any person who was not reputable. He stated BACHER is an extremely stable, conservative, and sound thinking physicist. He stated he would have the utmost confidence and respect for BACHER regardless of the position for which he is being considered.

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REFERENCE: WFO Teletype 4/18/61; Bureau Teletype 4/18/61.

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#### ADMINISTRATIVE:

Dr. JAMES R. KILLIAN, Jr. was not interviewed for reasons outlined in Boston Teletype to Bureau dated 4/19/61, entitled "SPI CASES - INTERVIEWS WITH DR. JAMES R. KILLIAN, ETC."

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Boston 161-238

Bureau File No.:

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ROBERT F. BACHER.

Character:

SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:

Professor GEORGE B. KISTIAKOWSKY, Harvard College, Cambridge, Massachusetts, recommends.

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Details:

On April 19, 1961, Professor GEORGE B. KISTIAKOWSKY, Harvard College, Cambridge, Massachusetts, advised that he served on the President's Science Advisory Committee with the appointee. He stated that appointee has devoted a great deal of his time to the interests of the United States Government and has served on the Atomic Energy Commission. He described him as an outstanding patriot and a person of good character, reputation and associates whom he recommended for a position of responsibility and trust.

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	TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
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	Rerep of SA 4/18/61, at WDC.
	AEC, advised
	on 4/19/61, that he has known the appointee for a number of years on a professional basis in view of their common interest in the scientific field. He described the appointee as being very capable, competent, and an outstanding individual who is well thought of by others in the profession. stated from his observation, it is his opinion that
	the appointee is excellent in every respect and certainly a loyal American citizen who could be trusted in a position of trust. He concluded by stating the appointee would be an asset to any science panel in which he is assigned and he would recommend him highly for such a position.  b7C
	Aeronautics and Space Administration, 1520 H Street, N. W., advised SA on 4/18/61, that he has known
	the appointee for five to six years as a business acquaintance and frequent associate. stated that he was a member
	of the President's Science Advisory Committee and is a member of the Naval Research Advisory Committee which the appointee
	has served in the past. He described the appointee as being
	outstanding as to character, reputation, associates, and
	loyalty towards the United States. He would recommend the appointee for any position of trust where the government is
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Academy of Science-National Research Council (NAS-NRC), advised SA on 4/18/61, that her records contained no security clearance for the appointee.	
stated when she was a student at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan, during the early 1930's, she knew the appointee's mother. Mrs. BERYL BACHER, who was then Dean of Women. stated that she met the appointee on several occasions at this time and she knows nothing unfavorable or derogatory concerning the appointee. She stated that the appointee's mother enjoyed an excellent reputation and was a loyal American citizen.	
Personnel Office, NAS-NRC, advised SA on 4/18/61, her files disclosed the appointee had been a member of NAS-NRC since 1947 and is presently associated with the California Institute of Technology at Pasadena, California advised that she was not personally acquainted with the appointee.	.7C
of Mathematical, Physical and Engineering Science, National Science Foundation (NSF), advised SA on 4/18/61, that he first met the appointee during World War II at the Radiation Laboratory, MIT, when he was employed in a different section of the laboratory than the appointee. He stated he knows the appointee only professionally and that he considers him to be an outstanding figure whom he has the highest regard both personally and professionally. He stated he considers the appointee to be totally reliable and dependable and definitely an individual that can be trusted where the United States Government was involved. He stated that the appointee was formerly AEC Commissioner from 1946-1947 and it is his understanding that he performed in a most outstanding manner.	
and International Activities, Office of the Director, NSF, informed SA on 4/18/61, that he worked indirectly under the appointee at MIT during World War II. He stated that the appointee is an individual of exceptionally high character, reputation and a loyal American citizen. in every respect. He stated that the appointee is well thought of by the others in the science field and he would recommend him highly for the	

d from the "Russ Kick Collection" - Located at TheBlackVault.com/russkick WFO 77-46107 Astronomy Program, Division of Mathematical, Physical, and Engineering Science, on 4/18/61, that he casually knows the NSF, advised SA appointee and that nothing of an unfavorable nature has come to his attention concerning his character, loyalty, associates or reputation. He stated that he did not feel that he was in a position to recommend him because of his b7C

limited contacts with the appointee.

The records of the United States Treasury Department, United States Secret Service. as caused to be checked failed to reflect a record by SA for the appointee.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI, AND SAC, WFO

FROM SAC, BOSTON 161-230 MOH Tele. Room\_ Mr. Ingram Miss Gandy.

SPI CASES- INTERVIEWS WITH DR. JAMES R. KILLIAN, CHAIRMAN OF THE CORPORATION, MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, THIS OFFICE RECEIVED SIX LEADS ON APRIL CAMBRIDGE, MASS. ONE EIGHT LAST FROM WFO FOR INTERVIEW OF DR. KILLIAN. IN EACH CASE THE BASIS WAS APPOINTEE-S ASSOCIATION WITH DR. KILLIAN IN FORMER CAPACITY AS SCIENCE ADVISOR TO PRESIDENT EISENHOWER. MIT IS CURRENTLY OBSERVING IT CENTENNIAL, ADN DR. KILLIAN CONSEQUENTLY HAS A HEAVY SCHEDULE OF OFFICIAL EVENTS AND MEETINGS WITH INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT DR. KILLIAN NOT BE INTER-VIEWED IN ABSENCE OF SPECIFIC INFO INDICATING CLOSE PERSONAL ASSOCIATION BETWEEN KILLIAN AND AN APPOINTEE OR SOME INDICATION THAT KILLIAN IS IN POSSESSSION OF INFO NOT AVAILABLE FROM OTHER SOURCES. THE CASES CURRENTLY HAVING

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AEC, Washington Area Security Operations Office, made available to SA on 4/19/61, the appointee's security file for review and it reveals that he was granted a Q clearance on 1/1/47, and is still active. This clearance was extended to Office of Defense, Mobilization on 9/20/54 and to the White House on 2/5/58, and are still active. No additional information was contained in the appointee's file.

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FROM DIRECTOR FBI

ROBERT F. BACHER, SPI. REURTEL FOUR, NINETEEN, SIXTY ONE, CAPTIONED QUOTE SPI CASES-INTERVIEWS WITH DR. JAMES R. KILLIAN UNQUOTE. SINCE BACHER REPORTEDLY IS WELL KNOWN TO AND WORKED UNDER KILLIAN, IT IS FELT THAT KILLIAN SHOULD BE INTERVIEWED IN THIS CASE.

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NOTE: Boston in reference teletype stated it had encountered difficulties in interviewing Killian due to his tight schedule and recommended that Killian not be interviewed in the absence of information indicating close personal association between him and the appointees.

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FROM SAC, BOSTON 161-238 1 P

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DR. JAMES R. KILLIAN NOT AVAILABLE UNTIL MAY TWO AND APPOINTMENT

MADE FOR INTERVIEW THAT DATE.

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they could locate no record of Doctor ROBERT F. BACHER as being associated in any way with this firm. They advised Space Technology Laboratories (STL) in Los Angeles, was formerly an official in the Ramo-Wooldridge Corporation and would know Doctor BACHER's past association. On April 21, 1961. STL, 5500 West El Segundo Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, that he has known Doctor BACHER advised SA professionally since 1952. stated that he, was, at one time, Laboratories in Pasadena and knew BACHER at California Institute of Technology (CIT) from 1952 to August, 1954. He stated that Doctor BACHER, in his official capacity as Head of the Physics Department at CIT, was officially connected with the Jet Propulsion Laboratories. He stated that Doctor BACHER had been a member of the Board of Directors at Ramo-Wooldridge Corporation since 1958. stated that the Guided Missile Research Division of the Ramo-Wooldridge Corporation was redesignated b7C Space Technology Laboratories, which subsequently became a separate corporation entity effective November 1, 1958 and became Space Technology Laboratories, Incorporated. He stated that Space Technology Laboratories still maintains Doctor BACHER as a member of the Board of Directors but he is not considered a consultant. stated that he considered BACHER to be of excellent character, reputation and associates and that his loyalty is unquestioned. He stated that Doctor BACHER is outstanding technically and one of the finest and foremost Physicists in the country. He highly recommended BACHER for any position of trust. Southern California Edison Company 601 West Fifth Street Los Angeles, California On April 21, 1961, Southern California Edison Company, advised

LA 161-141 that he was not acquainted with Doctor ROBERT F. BACHER but that they did maintain a file concerning BACHER. He stated Doctor BACHER's capacity and current status is not reflected in this file. On April 21, 1961, to the Vice President, Southern California Edison Company, advised SA that Doctor ROBERT F. BACHER, on March 9, 1955, was accepted as a consultant on nuclear energy and is still maintained on that basis. On April 21, 1961, Southern California Edison Company, advised that BACHER is retained on an annual basis and is paid a retainer fee as a consultant concerning the use of nuclear energy for the development of power. He stated that he has direct contact with Doctor BACHER when it is neccessary for them to consult with him. He stated that the contacts are infrequent and the last time he saw Doctor BACHER was over a month ago. that he felt that BACHER was eminently qualified in the field of nuclear physics. He stated that he actually has only casual contact with BACHER and knows nothing concerning his associates. He stated that he held Doctor BACHER in very high regard and considered him to be of excellent character and good reputation and a loyal United States citizen. stated that he knew of no one else in the company who would have reason to be in direct contact with BACHER. He highly recommended BACHER for any position of trust. Rand Corporation

Rand Corporation 1700 Main Street Santa Monica, California

On April 21, 1961,

Rand Corporation, advised SA

ROBERT F. BACHER, from November, 1948 to March, 1960, was a member of the Board of Trustees for the Rand Corporation.

stated that members of the Board of Trustees are not paid for their services and that the Board meets only twice

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a vear, once on the West Coast and once on the East Coast.

stated that he was not personally acquainted with

Doctor BACHER except by sight and had not seen him for

over a year. He stated that he understands that Doctor BACHER

is a highly qualified Physicist, and a man of good

reputation, but he could not speak from personal knowledge

concerning this.

1061 On April 21 andl and members of the Board of Trustees, Rand Corporation, advised SA that they had known Doctor BACHER since 1948 and 1951, respectively. They stated they knew him in the past as a member of the Board of Trustees for the Rand Corporation and that their association was professional only. stated that during the time he was connected with the Rand Corporation, they seldom saw him more than twice a They stated they considered him to be a sound, stable individual and one of the outstanding Physicists in the United States. They stated his character, reputation and loyalty are impeachable and although they are not personally acquainted with his current associates, they do not believe Doctor BACHER would associate with anyone who was not a reputable individual. They highly recommended Doctor BACHER for a position of trust and confidence with the United States Government.

## ASSOCIATES

On April 21, 1961,

Jet Propulsion Laboratories. 4800 Oak Grove,

Pasadena, California, advised SA

that he has known and been closely associated with

Doctor ROBERT BACHER, since 1951. He stated that Doctor BACHER,
in connection with his official duties at California

Institute of Technology, is automatically a member of the
Steering Committee of the Jet Propulsion Laboratories.
He stated that Doctor BACHER was extremely capable, both
as a Physicist and administrator. He is of unquestioned

integrity, loyalty, character and reputation, and he maintains only reputable associates. He stated that Doctor BACHER has been a dedicated servant of the United States Government since the days of World War II in various and important capacities. Doctor BACHER is completely trustworthy, reliable and capable, and without question, is qualified for any position of trust with the United States Government involving the field

highly recommended

On April 21, 1961, Doctor HOWARD P. ROBERTSON, Professor of Mathematical Physics, CIT, and WILLIAM A. FOWLER, Professor of Physics, CIT, advised that they have known Doctor BACHER for 25 years. They stated they have been closely associated with him professionally for fifteen and ten years, respectively. Doctor ROBERTSON stated that he had served on the President's Science Advisory Committee in the past with Doctor BACHER, and he considered him one of the outstanding men in the United States in the field of Physics and Science. He stated that he is completely reliable, stable, possessed of great ability and is an outstanding administrator. He recommended him for any position of trust with the United States and stated that he was qualified for any position of confidence which the Government might afford him. Doctor FOWLER stated that he knows that Doctor BACHER has served on various committees and boards for the United States Government and he considers him outstanding in his field and eminently qualified for any position in the field of Science to which the Government might desire to appoint him. He stated there is no doubt in his mind but that Doctor BACHER would handle in a very discreet manner, any confidential information which might come to his attention. Doctor FOWLER highly recommended Doctor BACHER.

## NEIGHBORHOOD

Vicinity of 345 South Michigan Pasadena, California

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and which is in the immediate b70 area, advised SA that they are aware only that Doctor ROBERT BACHER and his family are currently residing at 345 South Michigan. They all advised that they have had no contact, as yet, with the BACHER family and to their personal knowledge know that the BACHER family, as yet, has established no associates in this neighborhood. They all advised that they do not consider themselves well enough acquainted with the BACHER family to make any comment or recommendation concerning them, although they have heard nothing which would cause them to question the BACHER family in any way. The only thing they could state concerning Doctor BACHER is that he is employed as a Professor at CIT.

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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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In accordance with the request of Mr. William J. Hartigan of April 7, 1961, an investigation has been conducted concerning Dr. Robert Fox Bacher, covering his 77 activities since March, 1955.

Applicant-type investigations were conducted concerning Dr. Bacher in 1953 and 1958, and a summary memorandum of those investigations has previously been furnished to you. The enclosed supplemental summary memorandum brings those investigations up to date.

Information has been received from one governmental agency indicating that a check of its files concerning Dr. Bacher has not been completed \*\* When this check has been completed and when one individual, presently unavailable, is interviewed, you will be advised.

The investigation of Dr. Bacher covered inquiries as to his character, loyalty, general standing and ability, but no inquiries were made as to the sources of his income. Sincerely yours, A LEDGAR HOOYER b2 NOTE: Request for investigation received 4/11/61 Tolson by letter dated 4/7/61. Position involved is Parsons Mohr \_ consultant on President's Science and Technology Dr. James R. Relmont Callahan staff. Investigation favorable. A May 31 1961 Enclosure DeLoach Evans \_ Killian, Boston, Massachusetts. Malone Rosen. JTS:wga Trotter W.C. Sullivan Tele. Room . MAIL, ROOM TELETYPE UNIT Gandy

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SUMMARY

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Dr. Bacher was appointed Professor of Physics and Chairman of the Division of Physics, Mathematics and Astronomy, California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, California, in July, 1949, and is presently employed in that capacity.

Dr. Bacher has been a member of the President's Science Advisory Committee, Special Projects, Executive Office of the President, Washington, D. C., from December, 1957, to the present.

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Thirty-two other persons, including social acquaintances and present and former professional associates, were interviewed and described Dr. Bacher as a loyal American of excellent character, reputation and associates. Those who know him well recommended him for a position of trust and confidence.

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Dr. JAMES R. KILLIAN, Jr. recommends.

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#### DETAILS:

#### ASSOCIATES

On May 2, 1961, Dr. JAMES R. KILLIAN, Jr., Chairman of the Corporation, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 77 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge, Massachusetts, advised that he has known ROBERT F. BACHER for many years. He stated his record of public service with the Atomic Engergy Commission and the President's Science Advisory Committee demonstrates his devotion and loyalty to the best interests of the nation. He recommended him as a person of the highest integrity, trustworthiness, reliability and for a position of trust and responsibility.

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May 12, 1961 BY COURIER SERVICE

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

My dear Mr. O'Donnell:

By letter dated May 2, 1961, you were furnished a morandum of the investigation conducted conservation. summary memorandum of the investigation conducted concerning Dr. Robert Fox Bacher.

The has now advised that its files contain no additional pertinent information concerning Dr. Bacher.

Dr. James R. Killian, Jr., Chairman of the Corporation. Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Massachusetts, advised that he has been acquainted with Dr. Bacher for many years. He stated that Dr. Bacher's services with the Atomic Energy Commission and the President's Science Advisory Committee demonstrate his devotion and loyalty to the best interests of this Government. He stated he has never had any reason to question Dr. Bacher's character, loyalty, reputation or associates, and he recommended him for a position of trust and responsibility.

This concludes the investigation.

Sincerely yours.

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Summary memorandum furnished to 31 1351 White House by letter 5-2-61. Position involved is Consultant on President's Science and Technology Staff. gation favorable.

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Reference is made to your telephonic request of lovember 29, 1961, requesting any information subsequent to 1956, concerning the captioned individual.

You are advised that applicant-type investigations concerning the subject of your inquiry were conducted by this Bureau in 1958 and 1961 and the results furnished the White House on February 15, 1961, and May 2, 1961. These investigations developed no derogatory information concerning Robert Fox Bacher. At the request of the White House, you are referred to the office of the Honorable P. Kenneth O'Donnell, Special Assistant to the President, should you desire the detailed results of these investigations. (77-60559 & 161-497)

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ROBERT F. BACHER Born: August 31, 1905 Loudonville, Ohio

In response to your name check request, you are referred to the reports of a 1956 investigation concerning the subject of your inquiry which were furnished to the Department of State in July, 1958. (116-428237)

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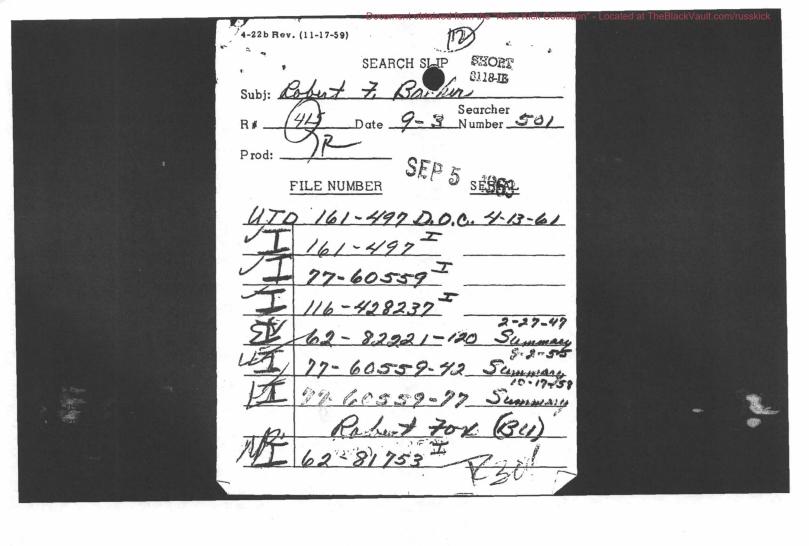
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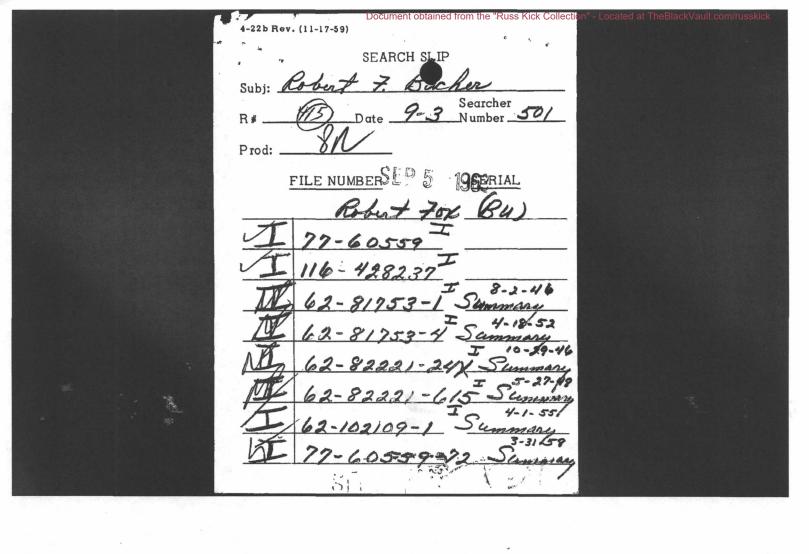
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Dear Dr. Steelman;

Dr. John R. Steelman The White House Washington, D. C.

the Atomic Energy Commission Under Secretary Mies of this Bureau have been reviewed for references to Robert Fox Bacher who was recommended to the White House by Dean Acheson, Inder Secr of State, for consideration as a member of

Attached is a memorandum setting forth the information ; Mr. Bacher appearing in this Bureau's files. No No. was furnished to a representative of Atomic Bacher appearing in this Burenu's files. a also returned herewith a memorandum, "Suggestion for this Bureau at the time of your request Energy Countsaton," which concerning Mr. Bacher a investigation has ever

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Sincerely yours,

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## Background

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## Activities:

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Bacher is 41, born in Ohio, now lives in Ithaca, New York, where he has been on the physics faculty for more than ten years. He is now Professor of Physics at Cornell, and is either the Head of the Department or Associate Head.

During the war he first worked at the Radiation Laboratory, MIT, on a war project. Thereafter he was at Los Alamos where he was a sort of Deputy Director under Dr. Oppenheimer. He is highly respected among physicists and a man of great integrity. He is a sound and brilliant scientist and, in addition, has a wise and broad understanding of government administration and political affairs.

It is believed that his appointment would be very generally applauded by the scientists. He would, in addition, provide a competence in large governmental affairs which is extremely difficult to find in a man of scientific background.

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DATE: August 22, 1946

At the request of Mr. John R. Steedmen of the White House, Mr. Rosch celled upon him this morning and received a request Wet the Bureau More than the poor land that morning and recenved a request first the bureau check this filles on the above mentioned individual. Mr. Straimen informed Mr. Roadh that Robert Bucker had been recommended to the White Rouse by Deem Acheson, Under-Secretary of States, as a possible appointment to the Atomic Precess Commended. Mr. Steelman supplied the attached original memorandum submit ted to the White Rouse which supplied background information concerning Backer. This memorandum must be returned to the White Rouse will be returned to the White

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Summary

A review of the records of this Bureau failed to disclose that any investigation has been conducted by the FBI of the above-captioned individual. The files of this Bureau, however, reflect the following information:

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO & Mr. Rosen

DATE: December 31, 1953

FROM

Mr. Callan

SUBJECT :

EISENHOWER INVESTIGATIONS

This is to advise as to the reasons why the investigations of the individuals listed below have taken more than three weeks to complete.

Investigation ordered - 12/9/53 Status - Pending

This investigation is complete with the exception of an interview with Senetor Bricker. It has been delayed by reason of an allegation received that the appointee had illicit affairs with various former female employees, which necessitated additional investigation.

The Cincinnati Office, where the only lead is outstanding, has been followed closely and they have been instructed to submit the results of the interview by Monday, January 4, 1954, at noon. The summary will be prepared immediately thereafter.

ROBERT FOX BACHER
Investigation ordered - 12/9/53
Status - Pending

This investigation is complete with the exception of four interviews. It has been delayed because it was developed that appointee was a close associate of Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer. An extensive investigation to locate and interview numerous prominent scientists in an effort to establish the extent of the relationship and the views of the appointee was necessary.

The outstanding interviews are being expedited. It is expected that they will be completed and received in the Burgau by the early part of next week. Dictation of the summary will be afforded preferred attention.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

To : Mr. Rosen

DATE: January 12, 1954

FROM :

Mr. Callan

SUBJECT:

DR. ROBERT FOX BACHER

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By letter dated December 8, 1953, Mr. George J. Gould, Director, Security Division, Department of Defense, requested investigation of Dr. Bacher, who is being considered as a consultant by the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Research and Development). It is to be noted that Dr. Bacher was one of the original five commissioners of the Atomic Energy Commission and has a Q clearance and is still on the payroll of the Commission as a consultant. He has not previously been the subject of an investigation by the Bureau. All persons contacted during the investigation highly recommended Dr. Bacher.

INCLUDED IN SUMMARY: Dr. Bacher was closely associated with Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer at Los Alamos during the Manhattan Project days and Admiral Strauss commented that Bacher was very close to Dr. Oppenheimer and "worships" him. Other persons commented on the association of the appointee with Dr. Oppenheimer but added that Dr. Bacher's beliefs in respect to dissemination of scientific knowledge were conservative when compared with those of his contemporaries, and one of them commented that if any part of the theories advocated by Oppenheimer had been picked up by Dr. Bacher in his association with him at Los Alamos, it had long since been "rubbed off." It is noted in this regard that a summary concerning Dr. Oppenheimer dated November 18, 1953, was prepared and afforded dissemination including all agencies receiving a copy of this summary on Dr. Bacher.

Dr. Bacher was affiliated with the Emergency Committee of Atomic Scientists which was incorporated in New Jersey in 1946. This committee was purportedly an organization founded to raise funds to insure that atomic energy was returned to civilian control. Included among the trustees other than Dr. Bacher were Edward U. Condon, Harold C. Urey, U. F. Weisskopf, all of whom were investigated under 9835, and Hans A. Bethe, who was the subject of an espionage investigation by the Bureau.

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NOT INCLUDED IN SUMMARY: An informant of known reliability in 1953 advised that the name of one Robert Bacher, not otherwise identified, appeared on a mailing list maintained by the Science and Education Division of the Southern California Chapter of the National Council of the Arts, Sciences, and Professions. Inasmuch as no further descriptive data is available, this information is not being included in the summary, but is included in the letters of transmittal.

#### RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the attached summary be furnished to Mr. Wilson, Mr. Adams, and the Attorney General. In addition, it is further recommended that a copy of this summary be furnished to Admiral Strauss, inasmuch as the appointee is currently employed as a consultant by the Atomic Energy Commission.

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Mr. George J. Gould Director, Security Division Department of Defense Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Gould:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated December 8, 1953, in which you requested on investigation of Dr. Robert F. Bacher, who is being considered as a Consultant by the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Research and Development).

Please be advised that this investigation has been ordered and upon completion a summary of the results of the inquiries made will be forwarded to the Secretary of Defense.

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Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
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Dr. Bacher was a Presidential appointee as one of the original members of the Atomic Thergy Commission. Since 1949 he has been a consultant to the Commission.

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#### SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Mr. BERNARD BARUCH, Kingstree, S. C., advised Dr. ROBERT FOX BACHER was one of several consultants selected by Dr. R. TOLLMAN, Chief Scientist Advisor to assist and advise Mr. BARUCH in 1946. Dr. BACHER worked in this capacity for approximately eight to ten months. Dr. J. ROBERT OPPENHEIMER was also a member of this advisory group which worked in New York City. Mr. BARUCH recalls only one occasion when Dr. BACHER came to see him. Association of Dr. BACHER with Dr. OPPENIEIMER during this period was on Group Consultation basis, to best of knowledge of Mr. BARUCH. Mr. BARUCH stated he had no reason to doubt loyalty of Dr. BACHER whom he regarded as most level-headed of Advisory Group, with exception of Dr. TOLLMAN. Mr. BARUCH stated he had no knowledge of activities of Dr. BACHER prior or subsequent to 1946.

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REFERENCE:

New York teletype to Savannah dated 12/14/53.

DETAILS:

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SV. 77-1244 in connection with special duties assigned him by the President of the United States. His Chief Advisor was Dr. R. TOLLMAN. Dr. TOLLMAN selected a group of Scientists which included Dr. ROBERT FOX BACHER and Dr. J. ROBERT OPPEN-HEIMER. The group worked in New York City. Mr. BARUCH stated he recalled only one occasion when Dr. BACHER came in to see him privately. He stated he regarded Dr. BACHER as the most level-headed member of the group next to Dr. TOLLMAN, the Chief Advisor. He advised Dr. BACHER had a pleasing personality and was well liked by his associates. Mr. BARUCH further stated he had no reason to doubt the loyalty of Dr. BACHER and added, he did not know Dr. BACHER prior to 1946 when he was appointed to his staff of Advisors, and knows nothing concerning his activities since that time. Mr. BARUCH stated that Dr. BACHER and Dr. OPPENHEIMER associated together as members of the group, but that he did not know the extent of such association other than on the Group Consultation basis. - R. U. C. --2Document obtained from the "Russ Kick Collection" - Located at TheBlackVault.com/russkick

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#### ADMINISTRATIVE PAGE.

Mr. BERNARD BARUCH suggested that General TOM FARRELL, who was associated with General HARRY GROVES in developing the Atomic Bomb, knew Dr. BACHER and should be able to furnish information concerning the latter's activities while engaged in Atomic Energy Research.

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FROM:

SAC, NEWARK (77-4633)

SUBJECT:

ROBERT FOX BACHER

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Re New York teletype to Newark, 12/14/53, and report of SA 12/16/53, Newark.

No attempt has been made to document the Trustees of the Emergency Committee of Atomic Scientists, Inc., which is b7C mentioned in the referenced report, inasmuch as they are all well-known scientists.

The only notation in Newark files on ROBERT FOX BACHER is a Chicago report dated 12/23/46 by SA entitled, "Dr. LEO SZILARD, wa. Leo Spitz; IS-R." BACHER's name appears on page 15 of said report as a Trustee of the Emergency Committee of Atomic Scientists, Inc. It will be noted that Dr. LEO SZILARD was also a Trustee of the Emergency Committee of Atomic Scientists, Inc., in January 1949, 1950, and 1951.

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be no record at MIT of BACHER's study as a Fellow, since he was here on a grant from the National Science Foundation. However, he, HARVEY, was also an N.S.F. Fellow at the same time and could verify BACHER's attendance at MIT. HARVEY stated BACHER has since become a very prominent physicist and he, HARVEY, is casually acquainted with him. HARVEY advised he would recommend BACHER most highly as to character, reputation, and loyalty to the United States.

### EMPLOYMENT

Mr. RICHAED CHAPMAN, Director, Office of Records, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, reported that, according to his records, BACHER was a staff member in the Radiation Laboratory, MIT, from January 3, 1941, to December 31, 1945; and from July 1, 1943, to December 31, 1945, BACHER was on a leave of absence at the manhattan Project. His birth is shown as August 31, 1905, at Loudonville, Ohio, and his education as, B.S. degree in 1926; Ph.D. degree in 1930, both from the University of Michigan. BACHER's record is clear. Mr. CHAPMAN could suggest no one who might recall BACHER inasmuch as the Radiation Laboratory was closed in February, 1946. He also advised the only address in the record is Washington, D.C.

### ASSOCIATE

Mr. SUMNER T. PIKE, a guest at the Plymouth Hotel, Fort Fairfield, Maine, who said he has been acquainted with Mr. BACHER in 1946, when both served with the Atomic Energy Commission at Washington, D.C., advised that he has had no personal contact with Mr. BACHER during the past two years. He said, however, based on past associations, he would recommend Mr. BACHER highly as a loyal, reputable, American of good associations and as one who is eligible for any position of trust which he might seek in Government service.

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Inc., 11 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass., also serving Cambridge, reported no record of any credit information on BACHER.

### CRIMINAL.

Personnel of the Massachusetts State Board of Probation, Suffolk County

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Court House, Boston, Massachusetts, a central repository for all criminal conviction records in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, advised there was no record for BACHER in the files of that agency.

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### CRIMINAL CHECKS

M. F. RICKENBROD, Sheriff, Ashland County Sheriff's Office, advised that his files fail to disclose any arrest record for the applicant or his parents.

R. SCHNITTKE, Chief of Police, Loudonville, Ohio, advised that his files fail to disclose any arrest record for the applicant's parents. He advised that he is approximately the same age as the applicant and recalls that the applicant was born the son of HARRY and BYBL BACHER. He said that he believed that the applicant's family moved from Loudonville, Ohio to Ann Arbor, Aichigan when the applicant was a little over two years of age.

Chief SCHNITTKE advised that he believed that Doctor and Mrs. G. B. FULLER of Loudonville would be acquainted with the applicant.

### ASSOCIATES

Mrs. G. B. FULLER, hoh E. Main Street, Loudonville, Ohio, advised that she is distantly related to the applicant by marriage. She said the applicant's family moved to Ann Arbor, Michigan when the applicant was only two and a half years old. She said the applicant received his high school education in Ann Arbor, Michigan and later received his college education at the University of Michigan. She added that the applicant is an only child and he is now a Doctor of Physics. She added that he and his wife and two children.

Pasadena, California, all reside at Pasadena,

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California at the present time.

In regard to the applicant's parents, Mrs. FULLER advised that his father was a bond salesman both in Loudonville and Detroit, Michigan. The applicant's mother originated from Centon, Ohio before living in Loudonville, Ohio where she was married. After moving to Ann Arbor, Michigan, she became affiliated with what was then known as the Ann Arbor. School of Music and which later became part of the University of Michigan. She later became Dean of Women at the University of Michigan, a position which she held for sixteen years. Her total affiliation with the University of Michigan totalled 31 years. She said the applicant's mother is now retired and living at 13845 Pike Road, Saratoga, California.

CV 77-2867 In regard to the applicant, Mrs. FULLER advised that he is a brilliant physicist and was a member of the first Atomic Energy Commission appointed by former President HARRY S. TRUMAN. She said he is now employed at the California Institute of Technology as a physicist while acting as a consultant at the same time for the present Atomic Energy Commission. She advised that it was her understanding that the applicant makes monthly flights to Washington, D. C. in the latter capacity. Mrs. FULLER advised that the applicant has always been an outstanding and brilliant individual. She said he has always been modest and reserved, and has always considered his work as confidential. Mrs. FULLER said she has always considered the applicant to be of excellent character and reputation, and has never had cause to believe the applicant would ever be a security risk to the United States. She added that in her estimation, the applicant's scientific contribution to the United States is indicative of his loyalty to the United States.

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(DE 77-3366) He was admitted to the Graduate School February, 1926 specializing in Physics. Ph.D. Degree was conferred in June; 1930. The record further indicates that from 1928 to 1929 he was awarded the Coffin Fellowship and in 1932-1933 he was awarded a Lloyd Fellowship. -University of Michigan, advised that her records show that BACHER received a B. S. Degree June, 1926. No unfavorable information was b7C recorded on his undergraduate card according to F. N. MENEFEE, Professor of Engineering, University of Michigan, advised that he has known BACHER since BACHER was 5 years of age. He added that he was a close friend of HARRY BACHER, a successful and reputable businessman who is the Applicant's father and who died in the 1930's. He added that BACHER's mother BYRL was the Assistant Dean of Women at this University for many years. He stated that she is now living in California near her son. He related that the BACHER's were all loyal American citizens of excellent reputation. He advised that he has seen ROBERT BACHER only several times since he graduated from the University. However, he believes that with ROBERT's background, and his knowledge of him as a young man, and through his reputation, he would absolutely recommend him for the position in which he is being considered. E. F. BARKER, Chairman, Department of Physics, advised that he has known BACHER since 1923 when he was a student at the University and regards him as a friend. He advised that there is no question whatsoever regarding ROBERT BACHER's character, loyalty, associates or reputation. He continued that BACHER's ability is a matter of record. He added that BACHER was one of the first members of the Atomic Energy Commission and as such is very aware of security. As far as he knows BACHER fulfilled the demands of his previous position in a very satisfactory manner. He concluded that BACHER is well qualified in every respect for a position in which he is being considered. He stated that he would absolutely recommend him for a position of trust. R. A. SAWYER, Dean, University of Michigan Graduate School, advised that he has known BACHER and his family for approximately 30 years. He stated that there was absolutely no question regarding BACHER's background nor of his character, associates or reputation. He went on to say that ROBERT BACHER

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is a very loyal American citizen as far as he knows. He stated that ROBERT BACHER is one of the leading Physicists in the country and well qualified for the position in which he is being considered. He recommended BACHER without reservation for a position of trust.

### CREDIT AND CRIMINAL

Ann Arbor Police Department
Ann Arbor Traffic Bureau and
Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office, advised that a check of
their respective files failed to provide any record identifiable with ROBERT BACHER or his family.
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had never taught at Princeton University and his only connection with Princeton University was as a member of the Advisory Council. She added that the Advisory Council for the Department of Paysics is composed of Professors at Princeton University and also well-known physicists in the U.S.

Professor A. G. SHENSTONE, Head of the Department of Physics, Princeton University, advised that he has known Dr. BACHER for approximately twenty years. He stated BACHER is a man of excellent reputation and character and he would have no hesitancy in recommending BACHER for a position of trust and confidence. He added that he considered BACHER to be a loyal citizen. Professor SHENSTONE also stated that BACHER is a member of the Advisory Council for his Department at Princeton University.

Professor W. RLEATNEY, Department of Physics, Princeton University, advised that he was not a close associate of BACHER but has known him over a period of twenty years. He stated that BACHER is a man of excellent reputation and a renowned scientist. Professor BLEAKNEY advised that he knew nothing unfavorable about BACHER and knew of no reason why he, BACHER, could not fill a position of trust and confidence. Professor BLEAKNEY volunteered the information that he was almost certain that Dr. BACHER had known Dr. J. ROBERT OPPENHEIMER during their common work on the Manhattan Project during World War II.

Professor M. G. WHITE. Department of Physics, Princeton University, advised that he has been a close associate of Professor BACHER for approximately twenty years. He stated BACHER is a man of excellent character and reputation whom he would definitely recommend for a position involving trust and confidence. He advised that BACHER is considered one of the leading physicists in the country. Professor WHITE volunteered the information that BACHER was Dr. J. ROBERT OPPENHEIMER's "right-hand man" at Los Alamos on the Manhattan Project during World War II. He added that he considered Dr. BACHER to be a loyal citizen.

It is to be noted that all the information this Bureau has concerning Dr. J. ROBERT OPPENHEIMER has previously been furnished to the Atomic Energy Commission.

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Secretary of State's Office, b7C State House, West State St., Trenton, N. J., produced the record of incorporation of the Emergency Committee of Atomic Scientists, Inc. The record reflected the above-mentioned corporation was incorporated in the State of New Jersey on August 12. 1916 and was dissolved by a voluntary act of the members on October 10. 1951. The purposes of the corporation as stated by the petition in the record were: (1) to advance the use of atomic energy in ways beneficial to mankind; (2) to diffuse the knowledge and In comation about atomic energy and to promote the general understanding of its consequences to society and to the people of the United States of America in order that an informed citizenry may intelligently determine its policy and shape its action to serve its own and manking's best interests: [3] to make such grant in aid of, or donations to, or contracts with such individuals, trusts, corporations, associations, societies, institutions or other organizations or authorities as may be necessary or desirable to accomplish the foregoing purposes: (L) to solicit, receive and enlist financial or other aid from individuals, trusts, corporations, associations, societies, institutions or other organizations or authorities, desirous of contributing to the purposes for which this corporation is formed; (5) to employ such individuals and to take such other action as may be necessary or desirable in order to accomplish the foregoing purposes. The foregoing purposes. that this was to be a non-profit organization.

The Certificate of Incorporation was signed by the following individuals, who were to be Trustees of the corporation for the first year:

ALBERT EINSTEIN, Chairman, 112 Mercer St.,
Princeton, N. J.

R. F. BACHER, Cornell University, Ithaca,
N. Y.
HANS A. BETHE, Cornell University, Ithaca,

Solvent Standards,
Washington, D. C.

T. R. HOGNESS, University of Chicago,
Chicago, Ill.

LEO SZILARD. Quadrangle Club, University of
Chicago, Chicago, Ill.

HAROLD C. UREY, Vice-Chairman, University
Of Chicago, Ghicago, Ill.

V. F. WEISSKOPF, Massachusetts Institute of
Technology, Physics Department, Cambridge,
Mass.

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The headquarters for the Emergency Committee of Atomic Scientists, Inc., was to be located at 112 Mercer St., Princeton, N. J. The record reflected the following names as Trustees of said corporation for the years mentioned:

ALBERT EINSTEIN, Chairman, January 1949, 1950, 1951
HARRISON BROWN, January 1949, 1950, 1951
R. G. GUSTAVSON, January 1949, 1950, 1951
T. R. HOGNESS, January 1949, 1950, 1951
PHILIP M. MORSE, January 1949, 1950
H. J. MULLER, January 1949, 1950, 1951
LINUS PAULING, January 1949, 1950, 1951
FREDERICK SEITZ, January 1949, 1950, 1951
LEO SZILARD, January 1949, 1950, 1951
V. F. WEISSKOPF, January 1949, 1950, 1951
JOSEPH E. MAYER, January 1950, 1951

The Dissolution Certificate dated October 10, 1951, was signed by the following individuals:

ALBERT EINSTEIN

V. F. WEISSKOFF

HANS BETHE

HAROLD C. UREY

LEO SZILARD, Secretary

FREDERICK SEITZ

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H. J. MULLER

JOSEPH E. MAYER

HARRISON BROWN, Executive Vice-Chairman (1949)

### Police and Credit

Chief MAHAN, Princeton Police Department, advised that the records of his department contain no information pertaining to BACHER.

The records of the Trenton Credit Association, 551 Atlantic Ave., Trenton, N. J., which covers Princeton, contained no information concerning BACHER.

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GGR: IGM LA 77-5047 DETAILS: The following investigation was conducted by SA at Pasadena, California: EMPLOYMENT Dean of Faculty, California Institute of Technology, 1201 East California Street, made available records which reflected that Dr. ROBERT FOX BOCHER was appointed Professor of Physics, Chairman of the Division of Physics. Mathematics and Astronomy, and Director of the Norman Bridge Laboratory of Physics on July 1, 1949. The above records further reflect that Dr. BOCHER was employed at the radiation lateratory at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology from 1940 to 1945 in charge of the Division of Radar Receiver and Indicator Components and Radar Beacons. He was on leave from 1943 until the end of 1945. Dr. BOCHER was at the Los Alamos Laboratory Atomic Bomb Project and in 1943 and 1944 was head of the Experimental Physics Division and in 1944 and 1945 was head of the Bomb Physics Division. BOCHER was a member of the United States Atomic Energy Commission from October 28, 1946, until May 10, 1949. In 1946 he was awarded the assessmential Medal for Morit, the highest civilian award for military service in recognition of his outstanding work with the Atomic Bomb Project. The records contained no information pertaining to the applicant's associates. Dr. EARNEST C. WATSON, Professor and Dean of the Faculty, CIT, stated that he had known the applicant since 1930. He advised that the applicant was a man of outstanding ability and has made numerous important scientific contributions to the government. He advised that he was a person of good character, loyalty and associates and would recommend highly for a position of trust. Dr. C. C. LAURITSEN, Professor of Physics, CIT, stated that he had been acquainted with the applicant since 1930. He stated that he was a person of outstanding ability in his field and a man of good character, loyalty and associates. He further advised that he would recommend him for a position of trust. Dr. WILLIAM FOWLER, Professor of Physics, and ROBERT F. CHRISTY, Professor of Theoretical Physics, advised they had known the applicant for about ten years and considered him to be of the highest character, loyalty and associates. They recommended him for a position of trust.

LA 77-5047 MISCELLANEOUS The following is information concerning ROBERT BACHER, 525 West Wilson, Pasadena, California: of known reliability, advised in March, 1953, that the name ROBERT BACHER appeared on a mailing list maintained by the Science and Education Division of the Southern California Chapter of the National Council of the Arts, Sciences, and Professions, 7410 Sunset Boulevard, concluded that the above Hollywood, California. mentioned list is not a membership list. of known reliability, advised in February, 1951, that the Hollywood Arts, Sciences, and Professions Council, which is the Southern California Chapter of National Council of Arts, Sciences, and Professions, was the most important Communist controlled organization in the Hollywood Professional field at that time and its policies parallel the Communist Party line on all important issues. said that membership in the Hollywood Arts, Sciences, and Professions Council, of itself, however, does not connote membership in or sympathy with the Communist Party. Other confidential informants, who are generally familiar with Communist activities in the greater Los Angeles. area, advised that they do not know Dr. ROBERT FOX BACHER nor do they possess any information concerning him.

LA 77-5047 ADMINISTRATIVE PAGE It is pertinent to note that no information relating to Dr. J. ROBERT OPPENHEIMER is being set forth in the details of this report inasmuch as an Atomic Energy Act Applicant type investigation has been previously conducted concerning Dr. OPPENHEIMER. INFORMANTS who furnished information to SA on 3/1/53. who furnished information to SA on February 20, 1951. b2 Other confidential informants: **b7C** who furnished information to SA in April, 1951, and April, 1952. b7D who furnished information to SA on June 17, 1947. who furnished information to SA in November, 1944, and to SA in January, 1945.

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### BACKGROUND

The following background information, as pertaining to the appointee's affiliations in New York, New York, was derived from "Who's Who, 1952-53":

ROBERT FOR BACHER, physicist, instructor of physics, Columbia University, 1934-35.

The "New York Mirror" newspaper, issue of October 29, 1946, in listing the five civilians named to the Atomic Energy Commission, reported that, "Dr. ROBERT F. BACHER, Cornell University physicist who has served as advisor to BERNARD M. BARUCH, U. S. representative on the United Nations Atomic Commission", was among those selected.

The "New York Herald Tribune, issue of August 3, 1946, reported that Dr. ROBERT F. BACHER, physicist of Cornell University, was among eighteen scientists and administrative officers from nine universities selected as trustees of Associated Universities, Incorporated which was soon to contract with the War Department's atomic bout developing Manhattan District to operate a vast nuclear physics laboratory at Camp Upten, Iong Island, New York, (Brookhaven National Laboratory).

The "New York Herald Tribune", issue of August 13, 1946, reported that Dr. ALBERT EINSTEIN and a group of scientists including Dr. R. F. BACHER, who were associated with the production of the atomic bomb, filed papers of incorporation in Trenton, New Jersey as the Emergency Committee of Atomic Scientists. Incorporated, with headquarters in Princeton, New Jersey.

### **EMPLOYMENT**

Columbia University
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New York, New York

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Secretary's Office, advised that the b7C records of this office reflect that Dr. BACHER was employed as an instructor of physics during the academic year 1931-1935. The Board of Trustees reappointed him for the following year 1935-1936 but Dr. Wicher resigned on June 30, 1935. Stated that the 1931-1935 Directory of Officers for Columbia University fisted Dr. BACHER's local address as 422 West 115th Street, New York City. She added that nothing of an unfavorable nature was reflected in the records.

Dr. DUNNING said he did not consider the theory of freedom of scientific disclosures to be disloyal or to be based upon subversive sympathies, but that he questioned whether the theory might serve the best interests of mankind in view of the immoral objectives of Communism.

Dr. DUNNING stated that the world-wide, free dissemination of scientific knowledge advocated by certain scientists in the "los Alamos group" is not shared by Dr. BACHER, although by necessity he has been associated with these scientists. He said he had no means of knowing, but that he believed if any part of this theory might have been picked up by Dr. BACHER in his association at los Alamos, it has since described off of him".

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Stating that he believes Dr. BACHER — an American of mid-western environment — to be completely loyal to the United States Government, Dr. DUNNING described the appointee as being a person of excellent moral reputation and selection of associates. He said he would recommend Dr. BACHER for access to highly sensitive information, mentioning further that he believes Dr. BACHER's exceptional ability in the field of nuclear physics would far outwards any possible drawback that might arise because of his association with the aforementioned "Los Alemos group". However, he added that if Dr. BACHER were to be placed in a position where he would be able to make decisions of policy in respect to the dissemination of sensitive information, his association with the above group should be kept in mind by his superiors.

Dr. GEORGE B. PEGRAM, Physicist, Special Advisor to the President of Columbia University, and former educational consultant of the Oak Ridge Institute of Nuclear Studies, advised that he has known Dr. BACHER for twenty years or more. He said that he was a fellow staff member with Dr. BACHER at Columbia University and that he had worked on numerous committees with the appointee during the 1940's in connection with atomic energy.

Dr. PEGRAM said he considers Dr. BACHER to be a scientist of outstanding ability whose reputation and associates are excellent. He described Dr. BACHER's loyalty to the United States as being steadfast, and he said he would fully recommend the appointee for a position of trust and responsibility involving delicate security.

### ASSOCIATIONS

Mr. DAVID E. ITLIENTHAL, Partner, Lazard Freres and Company, hh Wall Street, New York, New York, and former Chairman of the United States Atomic Energy Commission, advised the reporting agent that he first met Dr. BACHER in January 1946 while serving on a State Department Board of Consultants inquiring into the control of atomic energy. Dr. BACHER, then in private life, was one of a panel of experts whose scientific knowledge and advice assisted the Board.

Mr. LILIENTHAL said the appointee created a tremendous impression in respect to his intelligence, good judgment, objective thinking and releved attitude in the face of important deliberations. The last characteristic Mr. LILIENTHAL described as Dr. BACHER's mid-western, unexcitable and cound approach to life.

Because of the appointee's admirable traits and his scientific experience, Mr. LILIENTHAL said he promptly selected Dr. BACHER for one of the commissioner positions when he assumed the chairmanship of the Atomic Energy Commission. Dr. BACHER came to the Atomic Energy Commission from

ocated at TheBlackVault.com/russkick NY 77-17582 Cornell University. By moving his home and family and relinquishing his experimental research work, Dr. BACHER experienced considerable personal stress. However, according to Manual LILIENTHAL, the appointee has a feeling about the United States which is touching in its earnestness and understanding of our institutions. He has a basic sense of patriotism which he feels is an obligation to serve the best interests of his country. regardless of personal sacrifice. Mr. LILIENTHAL described Dr. BACHER as a person who was born to a family of poor financial means and who, by his own efforts, succeeded to an eminent position as a sciencest and scholar. He is not confused in regard to the fundamental precepts of loyalty while attempting to serve All sankind, and he will not strable into anything with which he does not choose to be associated. Mr. LILLENTHAL commented that under conditions of great strain and anxiety Dr. BACHER carries himself mell He was composed during and protracted Congressional hearing concerning the Atomic Energy Commission In the late forties, and in fact busied himself with scientific periodicals in the hearing room when waiting to be called upon. According to Mr. LILLENTER the appointee had no sense of bitterness in respect to these inquiries by Congress. As a scientist he has an excellent understanding of the limitations of security, but a complete willingness to live by the rules. Although he can differentiate between that which is genuinely secret in the scientific world and that which might be considered by laymen as secret, he adiares to the judgment and rules of laymen regarding the regulations of security and has a strong sense of discipline in this respect. Mr. LILIENTHAL said he has always had the greatest respect for Dr. BACHER's associates, including Dr. J. ROBERT OPPENHEIMER whom he knows to be a close professional associate of the appointee. He said Dr. BACHER and Dr. OPPENHEIMER are completely different in temperment. Dr. OPPENHEIMER having been born in wealthy family surroundings and educated in several universities in this country and abroad. Mr. namedwill said that Dr. OPPENHEIMER was a disciplinarian in guarding information concerning the perfection of atomic weapons, and when compared to his convemporaries in the ranks of British scientists who overlooked Dr. KLAUS FUCHS, he might be considered a perfectionist. However, the Layman with less knowledge of atomic science might net consider Dr. OPPENHEIMER'S advocacy of free dissemination of scientific developments among scientists as being completely stable.

In connection with Dr. BACHER's association with Mr. BERNARD M. BARUCH, former United States representative on the United Nations Atomic Commission, Mr. BARUCH's staff at 597 Madison Avenue, New York, New York, advised that Mr. BARUCH is currently at his estate in Georgetown, South Carolina.

Regarding Dr. BACHER's trusteeship with the Associated Universities, Incorporated, Dr. GEORGE B. PEGRAM, above, confirmed the fact that Dr. BACHER served as a trustee of this corporation which operated the nuclear physics Brookhaven National Laboratory at Upton, New York. Dr. PEGRAM advised that he, himself, is a trustee of this corporation.

### CREDIT - CRIMINAL

Records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York City, caused to be checked by SE disclosed a satisfactory credit reputa-	
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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Applicant was employed as instructor and Associate Professor of Physics at Cornell University, Ithaca, New York from 1935 until 1948. He was on leave of absence, however, for most of the time from 1941 until 1948. Applicant served as Director of the Laboratory of Naclear Studies, Cornell University from 1946 to 1947. Former associates and neighbors speak favorably of applicant and family and recommend him with respect to character, loyalty and associates and ability. Information developed that applicant is both a friend and associate of Dr. J. ROBERT OPPENHEIMER. Credit record satisfactory; no griminal record Ithaca, New York

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University, advised that ROBERT FOX BACHER who received his BS Degree in 1926 and PhD Degree in 1930 from the University of Michigan was. appointed on June 1, 1935 as instructor in Physics for the period from 1935 to 1937. On April 3, 1937 he was appointed Assistant Professor of Physics for the period of 1937 to 1940. On April 27, 1940 he was raised to the rank of Associate Professor of Physics for the period from 1940 to 1945. On January 18, 1946 he was appointed Director of the Laboratory of Nuclear Studies at Cornell University for the 1946-1947 school year. He resigned this position on January 25, 1947 effective

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date February 1, 1947. BACHER was on Leave of Absence from Cornell University from 1941 until February 1, 1946 and again from November 1, 1946 until his resignation. The date of his resignation was not reflected in his record card in the office of the President. Hiss Powens stated that his employment record contained no derogatory information.

Chairman of the Department of Physics, Cornell University, advised that BACHER left Cornell on January 3, 1941 on a Leave of Absence to do defect work Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where he was aumloyed until March 1943. From April 1, 1943 until February 1, 1946 he was with the Manmattan Ingineering District at Los Alomas. He returned to Ithaca on July 1, 1946 where he remained until early in 1947 as Director of the Laboratory of Nuclear Studies. For the greater part of the time from 1941, he was on official Leave of Absence from Cornell University. He actually resigned on September 20, 1948. From November 1946 until August 1, 1948 he was a member of the Civilian Atomic Control Commission. Since resigning from the Atomic Emergy Commission, he has served as Director of Physical Sciences at the California Institute of Technology at Pasadena, California.

his associates while at Cornell University, both with respect to his ability, integrity and character. She stated that she, herself, was personally acquainted with Dr. BACHER, having served as his secretary and that she held him in high regard and would recommend him for any position with the United States Government.

advised that PACHER was awarded the Medal of Merit by President Truman on January 12, 1946 for exceptionally meritorious performance of outstanding service to the War Department in the development of the atomic bomb.) The citation indicated that he served as Chief of both the Experimental Division and the Bomb Physics Division at Los Alomos.

Dr. L. P. SMITH, Chairman of the Department of Physics, Cornell University, advised that he was a close associate of Dr. BACHER and that he would recommend him with respect to his character, loyalty and ability as an outstanding physicist. Dr. SMITH stated that he first became acquainted with Dr. BACHER in the early 1930's at the California Institute of Technology where BACHER was doing work on a national research fellowship. Dr. SMITH stated that at that time BACHER became acquainted

AL 77-3822 with Dr. J. ROBERT OPPENHEIMER and that he was closely associated with OPPENHEIMER at Los Alomos. Dr. SMITH stated that Dr. OPPENHEIMER interceded for BACHER after the war in attempting to get him back on the staff at Cornell. At this time it was not deemed feasible to obtain the services of Dr. BACHER because there were no administrative positions open at that time and it was not deemed feasible to offer him merely a professorship. Dr. HANS BETHE, Professor of Physics, Cornell University, advised that he knew backer both at Cornell and at Los Alomos, where both were associates. He stated that there can be no possible doubt as to Dr. BACHER'S loyalty to the United States. He stated that Dr. BACHER is of fine character, that he is an exceptionally capable physicist and that he would recommend him for any work in his field with the United States Government. Dr. BETHE stated that while at Los Alomos, Dr. BACHER worked closely with Dr. OPPENHEIMER and that they are both close friends and acquaintances. Professor C. C. MIRDOCK, former Dean of the Faculty and Professor of Physics, Cornell University, advised that he was very well acquainted with Dr. BACHER while he was at Cornell. He stated that BACHER is exceptionally capable, that he knows nothing of a derogatory nature concerning him and that he would recommend him for work with the United States Government. Professor TREVOR R. CUYKENDALE, Assistant Director of Engineering

Professor TREVOR R. CUYKENDALE. Assistant Director of Engineering Physics, Cornell University, advised that he was acquainted with the applicant both at Cornell and at Los Alomos, that he considers him to be not only a capable physicist, but an excellent administrator and that he would recommend him with respect to his character and loyalty as well as to his ability.

### NEIGHBORHOOD:

Cornell Staff Directory and Ithaca City Directories reflected that Dr. BACHER and his wife resided at 415 Mitchell Street from 1935 to 1937 at 229 Valley Road from 1938 to 1941 and at 209 Ridgedale Road upon his return to Cornell in 1946.

Mrs. MADOLIN W. LEARY, 414 Mitchell Street, advised that Dr. BACHER and his family rented an apartment at 415 Mitchell Street for

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approximately two years in the late 1930's. She stated that she was only faintly acquainted with the BACHERS, but that she knew nothing of a derogatory nature concerning them. Mrs. LEARY stated that the BACHER'S had no friends among their immediate neighbors, and that she could suggest no individuals who would be in a position to furnish information concerning him while he resided at this address.

Ithaca High School, former resident of advised that he recalled that Dr. BACHER lived at 415 Mitchell Street for a short time, but that he could furnish no additional information. It will be noted that 229 Valley Road and 209 Ridgedale Road are both located in the same block. stated that she knew both Dr. BACHER and his wife very well while they were residents at 229 Valley Road from 1938 to 1941 and again when they resided at 209 Ridgedale Road. She stated that the BACHERS were fine people, that they were well regarded in the neighborhood and that there was no possible question in her mind as to their loyalty to this country. b2 advised that they were acquainted with the BACHERS when they were neighbors b7C both on Valley Road and on Ridgedale Road, that they knew nothing of a derogatory nature concerning the BACHERS, and that they would both b7D recommend Dr. BACHER for a position of trust with the United States Government. wtated that they knew the BACHERS as neighbors, but not on an intimate basis. They stated that they always regarded the BACHERS as upstanding people and

### MISCELLANEOUS:

In the summer of 1946, Confidential Informant of known reliability, advised that Dr. JULIUS ROBERT OPPENHEIMER arrived in Ithaca, New York from Washington, D. C. on April 29, 1946 for the purpose of delivering a series of lectures on atomic energy at Cornell University. This informant stated that OPPENHEIMER spent a portion of his time visiting numerous personal friends in the Department of Physics

that they knew nothing of a derogatory nature concerning them.

AL 77-3822 at Cornell. The informant stated that one of the friends was ROBERT FOX BACHER. When OPPENHEIMER left Ithaca, according to this informant, he was driven by car to Elmira, New York, to board a plane by Professor BACHER. According to the "Cornell Scientist", a Cornell University publication, dated Oct. 19, 1946, R. F. BACHER, among others, was a guest speaker before an open meeting of the Association of Scientists of Cornell University at Ithaca, New York, formed in about January, 1946, and affiliated with the Federation of American Scientists in April 1946. Among the topics discussed were national and internation control of atomic energy, the threats of biological warfare, and legislation for a national science foundation. The Association of Scientists of Cornell University also sponsored a series of thirteen weekly radio programs over Station WHCU on various aspects of atomic energy and its control. One of the speakers on these programs was R. F. BACHER. CREDIT AND CRIMINAL Files of the Credit Bureau of Ithaca, as furnished reflect nothing of a derogatory nature b7C bу co<del>heerning the applicant</del> or his family. Neither the applicant nor his wife have any record with the Ithaca Police Department. - RUC- -

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It was determined through inquiry at the AEC that DAVID LILLENTHAL, former Chairman of the AEC, presently in care of LAZARD FRERES, 44 Wall Street, New York City and SUMNER T. PIKE, former Commissioner of the AEC, presently at Lubec, Maine, are acquainted with BACHER.

orders and no additional pertinent information regarding him. Danner's mother was listed as BYRE FOX BACHER, 13845 Pike Road, Saratoga, California.

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ROBERT FOX BACHER			SPECIAL INQUIRY

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Credit satisfactory, no arrest record for BYRL FOX BACHER, mother of ROBERT FOX BACHER.

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REFERENCE:

Washington Field teletype to San Francisco dated 12-16-53.

DETAILS:

AT SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA

Files of the San Jose Credit Bureau, which covers Saratoga, California, reflect that BYRL FOX BACHER has a satisfactory credit rating and bears an excellent reputation in this area. The records reflect that she was formerly Assistant Dean of Women Emeritus of the University of Michigan, having been connected with that University for 31 years.

There was no record of BYRL FOX BACHER in the files of the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office, which agency covers Saratoga, California.

It is noted that BYRL FOX BACHER is the mother of ROBERT FOX BACHER. MA

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum . United states government

TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT

DATE:

December 21, 1953

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SUBJECT:

FROM

ROBERT FOX BACHER SPECIAL INQUIRY

The Bureau is conducting a Special Inquiry investigation on Bacher, who is being considered for a position with the Research and Development Board of the Department of Defense. Bacher was one of the original Commissioners of the Atomic Energy Commission in 1947.

Liaison Agent interviewed Dr. Samuel Goudsmidt, who is with the Atomic Energy Commission in New York. Dr. Goudsmidt was interviewed in Washington on December 15, 1953, regarding Bacher. Goudsmidt stated he had known Bacher since 1927 when Bacher was a graduate student at the University of Michigan. Bacher was the first student to receive a Ph.D. degree under Dr. Goudsmidt at the University of Michigan. Goudsmidt and Bacher subsequently wrote a number of scientific papers together. Goudsmidt has been in contact with Dr. Bacher frequently since 1927 and has known Dr. Bacher's mother and father quite well. Dr. Goudsmidt stated Bacher is an excellent example of a good citizen, is from a fine, conservative American b7C family, and he knows absolutely nothing derogatory in any manner concerning Bacher or his family. He stated Bacher has outstanding ability in the field of experimental atomic physics and he would recommend him unqualifiedly.

On December 16, 1953, Liaison Agent interviewed

AEC Chairman Lewis Strauss regarding Bacher. Strauss stated as
far as he knew Bacher was a loyal American. Strauss, together with
Bacher, was one of the original five Commissioners of the AEC when
it was set up in 1947. Strauss stated he recalled that Bacher
wrote an article he believed in the "Bulletin of Atomic Scientists"
in the spring of 1950 wherein Bacher backed Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer
in his stand against development of the hydrogen bomb. Strauss
commented that Bacher was very close to Dr. Oppenheimer, that he
"worships" Oppenheimer, and that Bacher was No. 2 man to Oppenheimer
at Los Alamos during the MED days. Strauss also commented that Bacher,
while an AEC Commissioner, had access to the AEC file on Oppenheimer
and he felt that Bacher read the file with a great deal of personal
tinterest in view of his close association with Oppenheimer.

Strauss stated that Bacher was a very capable member of the Atomic Energy Commission and that there was no question in his

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Re: Robert Fox Bacher Special Inquiry

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ACTION:

This memorandum should be referred to the Special Inquiry Section of the Investigative Division.

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ROBERT FOX BACHER, SI. RE WFO TEL DATED DECEMBER 21 LAST. DR. VICTOR F. WEISSKOPF, MIT, NOT AVAILABLE UNTIL DECEMBER 31 NEXT. WEISSKOPF WILL BE INTERVIEWED THAT DATE AND REPORT SUBMITTED IMMEDIATELY.

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CG 77-6628 Committee. BACHER took an active part in these refusals. He stated that through this he considers BACHER to be a loyal American and has heard in professional circles that he is well liked and possesses an excellent reputation. HOGNESS did not know the degree of association between BACHER and other members of the Emergency Committee but believed they undoubtedly were acquainted through the Committee and professional circles. HAROLD CLAYTON UREY, Professor, Department of Chemistry and Institute for Nuclear Studies, University of Chicago, advised that he has known BACHER off and on since the early 1930s both socially and professionally. He described him as a top man in his professional field and well qualified to handle any position of trust with the United States Government. BACHER is trustworthy in all respects and loyal to the ideals of U. S. democracy. He recalled that BACHER was a member of the Emergency Committee of Atomic Scientists, Inc. but could not recall whether or not he took an active part in its activities. He could not state whether or not there was a close degree of association between BACHER and other members of the Committee but believed that they are at least acquainted through professional circles. It is to be noted that THORFIN R. HOGNESS and HAROLD C. UREY have been investigated under the Atomic Energy Act Applicant Program.

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#### SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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Dr. LEO SZILARD, Denver, Colorado, advised that appointee resigned as trustee, Committee of Atomic Scientists, before committee began to operate. SZILARD knows of no adverse information concerning BACHER.

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REFERENCE:

New York teletype to Denver dated 12/23/53

DETAILS:

AT DESIVER, COLDRADO:

Dr. LEO STIL AD, 1116 Kearney Street, advised that the appointee was formerly a member and trustee of the Committee of Atomic Scientists, founded by Dr. ALMERT EINSTEIN and a group of atomic scientists including SZILARD, for possibly one day. SZILARD declared that BACHER did not accept his appointment to the committee, however, and resigned as trustee before the committee began to operate.

Dr. STILARD advised that he has known BACKER very casually for about 20 years, and that he met appointee's wife twice, to his recollection. STILARD stated that he knows of no adverse information concerning BACHER. He added that inasmuch as he had no business or private association with ROBERT BACHER, and has not been in contact with the latter for the last three years, he is not in a position to recommend the appointee.

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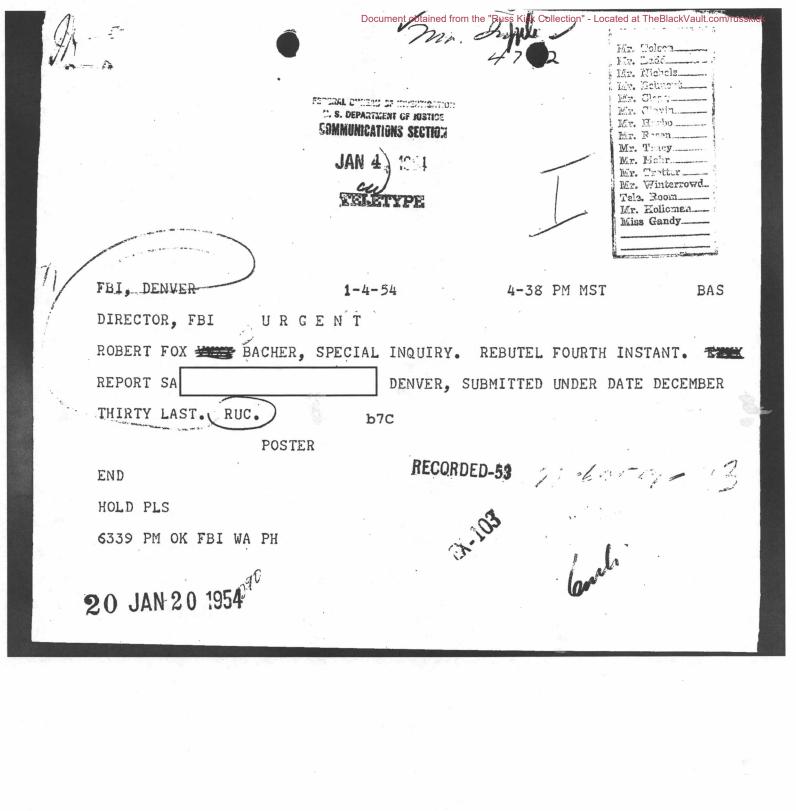
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WFO 77-46107 filed papers of incorporation here today as the Emergency Committee of Atomic Scientists, Incorporated. Its purpose, as stated in a contemplated charter, will be to advance the peacetime uses of atomic energy and to "diffuse knowledge and information about atomic energy and to promote the general understanding of its consequences to society and to the people of the United States in order that an informed citizenry may intelligently determine its policy and shape its action to serve its own and mankind's best interests." The home of Dr. EINSTEIN, 112 Mercer Street, Princeton, New Jersey, was listed as the corporation's headquarters. Cotrustees were listed as Dr. EDWARD U. CONDON. Head of the Bureau of Standards; Dr. VICTOR F. WEISSKOPF of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Dr. R. F. BACHER and Dr. HANS A. BETHE of Cornell University; Dr. HAROLD C. UREY, Dr. T. R. HOGNESS and Dr. LEO SZILARD of the University of Chicago. It is to be noted that Dr. EDWARD U. CONDON. Dr. VICTOR F. WEISSKOPF and Dr. HARCLD C. UREY were in 1948, 1951 and 1952 respectively, investigated under the provisions of Executive Order 9835. 17/-3/19/19 RUC -2-

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#### ADMINISTRATIVE PAGE

In view of the fact that a simultaneous investigation of the special inquiry type is being conducted on Dr. HANS A. BETHE, who is mentioned in the body of this report, no documentation is being included.

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It is further to be noted that in 1951 an investigation was conducted under the provisions of EO 9835 regarding Dr. VICTOR F. WEISSKOPF in case entitled VICTOR FREDERICK WEISSKOPF, Physicist-Appointee, Office of Naval Research, Department of the Navy, Washington, D.C., Loyalty of Government Employees. Bureau file121-31825.

It is also to be noted that in 1952 an investigation was conducted under the provisions of EO 9835 regarding Dr. HAROLD C. UREY in case entitled HAROLD CLAYTON UREY, Applicant-Ordnance Corps, Department of the Army, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland-Loylaty of Government Employees.

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Honorable Sherman Adams
The Assistant to the Exesident
The White House
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Adems:

By letter dated December 8, 1953,
Mr. George J. Gould, Director, Security Division,
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this summary has been furnished to the Henorable
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also been furnished to the Honorable Lewis L.
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that Dr. Bacher is presently employed on a contract
basis by the Atomic Energy Commission.

It is noted on page 12 of the attached — summary that information is set forth concerning the association of the appointee with Dr. J. Rebert Oppenheimer. A summary concerning Dr. Oppenheimer at was furnished to the Honorable Robert Cutler at the White House by letter dated November 27, 1953.

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The above information has also been furnished to Mr. Wilson and Mr. Strauss.

I wish to advise that the investigation of Dr. Bacher covered inquiries as to his character, loyalty, general standing and ability, but no inquiries were made as to the sources of his income.

Sincerely yours,

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Honorable Lewis L. Strauss Chairman Atomic Energy Commission 19th and Constitution Avenue, Northwest Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Admiral:

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### Employment

Dr. Bacher was employed as an instructor of physics at Columbia University, New York City, during the academic year 1934-1935. The board of trustees reappointed him for the following year, 1935-1936, but Dr. Bacher resigned on June 30, 1935. Nothing of an unfavorable nature is contained in the records of Columbia University concerning Dr. Bacher.

On June 1, 1935, he was appointed a an instructor in physics at Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, for the period from 1935 to 1937. On April 3, 1937, he was appointed assistant professor of physics for the period 1937 to 1940. On April 27, 1940, he was elevated to the rank of associate professor of physics for the period from 1940 to 1945. above records indicate that Dr. Bacher left Cornell University on January 3, 1941, on a leave of absence to do defense work at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where he was employed until March, 1943. According to the records of Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Massachusetts, the appointee was a staff member in the Radiation Laboratory from January 3, 1941, until December 31, 1945. For the period from July 1, 1943, to December 31, 1945, Dr. Bacher was on a leave of absence with the Manhattan Project. Inasmuch as the Radiation Laboratory was closed in February, 1946, no one was located at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology who recalled Dr. Bacher.

On January 18, 1946, he was appointed director of the Laboratory of Nuclear Studies at Cornell University for the year 1946-1947. He returned to Cornell University on July 1, 1946, where he remained until early 1947 as director of the Laboratory of Nuclear Studies. He resigned this position on January 25, 1947, effective date to be February 1, 1947. Dr. Bacher was on a leave of absence from Cornell University until he finally resigned on September 20, 1948. His employment record contained only favorable information.

The records indicate that from November, 1946, until August 1, 1948, Dr. Bacher was a member of the

Civilian Atomic Control Commission. n this regard the records of the Atomic Energy Commission, Washington, D. C., reflect that Dr. Becher on November 1, 1946, was appointed by the President as a member of the Atomic Energy Commission. On May 10, 1949; his resignation was accepted by the President. On July 1, 1949, he accepted a position as advisor to the Commission on a contract basis from July 1, 49, to June 30, 1950, at 3100 per day, on an intermittent is. This contract has been conducted on a yearly basis without break and presently extends through June 30, 1954. Ir. Boher was appointed professor of physics, Chairman of the Distaion of Physics, Mathematics and Astronomy, and director of the Norman rid e Laboratory of Physics. California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, Culifornia, on July 1, 1949. These records indicate further than he was awarded the Medal of Merit by President Truman of January 12, 1946 for exceptionally meritorious performance of outstanding service to the war Department in the development of the atomic bomb.

In addition to the above employments, it was determined during the investigation that the appointee served in 1946 for a period of approximately eight to ten months with an advisory group of scientists to assist Bernard Baruch with some special duties which had been assigned to him by the President of the United States. It was also determined that Dr. Bacher has been on the advisory council of the Department of Physics at Frinceton University, Princeton, New Jersey, since June 1, 1951, and that this capacity will terminate on June 30, 1954. He has never taught at Princeton University, and his only connection with the university has been as a member of the advisory council.

According to the "New York Herald Tribune" issue of August 3, 1946, Dr. Bacher was among eighteen scientists and administrative officers from nine universities selected as trustees of Associated Universities, Incorporated, which was to contract with the War Department's atomic bomb-developing Manhattan District to operate a wast nuclear physics laboratory at Camp Upton, Long Island, New York (Brookhaven National Laboratory). Dr. Bacher's trusteeship with Associated Universities, Incorporated, was confirmed

duming this investigation by Dr. George B. Pegram, physicist, special advisor to the President of Columbia University and former educational consultant of the Cak Ridge Institute of Nuclear Studies. Dr. Pegram said that he himself is a trustee of this consequation.

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### II. RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION

#### Intemviews

During the course of this investigation professional associates, social acquaintances, neighbors, and others who were contacted all highly recommended Dr. Bacher in every respect. As an example of the comments offered, the following interviews are being set forth:

Mr. David R. Lilienthal, partner, Lazard Freres and Company, hh Wall Street, New York City, and former Chairman of the United States Atomic Energy Commission, said he first met Dr. Bacher in January, 1946, while serving on a State Department Board of Consultants inquiring into the control of atomic energy. Dr. Bacher, then in private life, was one of a panel of experts whose scientific knowledge and advice assisted the board. Mr. Lilienthal said the appointee created a tremendous impression upon him in respect to his intelligence, good judgment, objective thinking and relaxed attitude in the face of important deliberations. The last characteristic Mr. Lilienthal described as Dr. Bacher's midswestern, unexcitable and sound approach to life.

He said that because of the appointer's admirable traits and his scientific experience, he promotly selected him for one of the commissioner positions when he assumed the chairmanship of the Atomic

Energy Commission. According to Mr. Lilienthal, the appointed came to the Atomic Energy Commission from Cornell University and by moving his family and relinquishing his experimental research work, he experienced considerable personal stress. However, he said the appointed has a feeling about the United States which is touching in its earnestness and understanding. He has a basic sense of patriotism which he feels is an obligation to serve the best interests of his country regardless of personal sacrifide.

Mr. Lilienthal described the appointee as a person who was born to a family of poor financial means and who, by his own efforts, succeeded to an eminent position as a scientist and scholar. He is not confused in regard to the fundamental precents of loyalty while attempting to serve all mankind, and he will not stumble into anything with which he does not choose to be associated.

Mr. Lilienthal said that under conditions of great strain and anxiety, Dr. Bacher carries himself extremely well. As an example he pointed out that Dr. Bacher was composed during the protracted Congressional hearings concerning the Atomic Energy Commission and in fact busied himself with scientific periodicals in the hearing room while waiting to be called on to testify. According to Mr. Lilienthal, the appointee has no sense of bitterness in respect to these inquiries by Congress. As a scientist he has an excellent understanding of the limitations of security, but a complete willingness to live by Although he can differentiate between the rules. that which is genuinely secret in the scientific world and that which might be considered by laymen as secret, he adheres to the judgment and rules of laymen regarding the regulations of security and has a strong sense of discipline in this respect.

Continuing, Mr. Lilienthal related that Dr. Bacher's beliefs in respect to dissemination of scientific knowledge, while intelligent and practical, are

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conservative when compared with those of many of his contemporaries who might seek greater scientific freedom. Mr. Lilienthal explained that Dr. Bacher contributed a great deal toward a practical approach to security regulations with the Commission, refining the elements of mutual knowledge and cooperation among the staff members, but always adhering to the requirements of the law and making every effort to protect the national security. He concluded by highly recommending the appointee for a responsible position involving samitime information bearing upon the security of the nation.

Summer T. Pike, a guest at the Plymouth Hotel, Fort Fairfield, Maine, advised that he had been acquainted with the appointee while both served with the Atomic Energy Commission in Washington, D. C. He said he has had no personal contact with the appointee during the past two years, but that based on his past associations, he would highly recommend him as a loyal, reputable American of good associations and as one who is eligible for any position of trust which he might seek in Government service.

Others who were interviewed during the course of this investigation and highly recommended the appointee for a position of trust with the Government included the following:

Dr. Samuel Goudsmidt, Atomic Energy Commission, Washington, D. C.

A. G. Shenstone, head of the Department of Physics, Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey

W. Bleakney, Department of Physics, Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey

M. G. White, Department of Physics, Princeton University Princeton, New Jersey

Thorfin R. Hogness, director, Chicago Midway Laboratory, 6040 South Greenwood Avenue, Chicago, Illinois

#### Loudonville, Ohio

F. N. Menefee, professor of engineering, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan

E. F. Barker, chairman, Department of Physics, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan

R. A. Sawyer, dean, University of Michigan Graduate School, Ann Arbor, Michigan

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Dr. John R. Dunning, dean of the faculty of engineering, Columbia University, New York City

Dr. George B. Pegram, special advisor to the President of Columbia University, New York City

to the chairman of the Department of Physics, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York

Dr. L. P. Smith, chairman of the Department of Physics, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York

Dr. Hans Bethe, professor of physics, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York C. C. Mirdock, former dean of the faculty and professor of physics, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York

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Dr. Henry D. Smyth, commissioner, Atomic Energy Commission, Washington, D. C.

Walter J. Williams, deputy general manager, Office of the General Manager, Atomic Energy Commission, Washington, D. C.

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Worthwest, Washington, D. C.

Dr. Earnest C. Watson, professor and dean of the faculty, California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, California

Dr. C. G. Lauritsen, professor of physics, California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, California

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Dr. William Fowler, professor of physics, California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, California

Robert F. Christy, professor of theoretical physics, California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, California

Richard P. Feyman, professor of theoretical physics, California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, California

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Dr. Harold Clayton Urey, professor, Department of Chemistry and Institute for Nuclear Studies, University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois. Concerning Dr. Urey, it is to be noted that an investigation was conducted by this Bureau concerning him in 1952 under the provisions of Executive Order 9835 and the results of this investigation were furnished to the United States Civil Service Commission by letter dated March 20, 1952. This Bureau was subsequently advised on August 1, 1952, that Dr. Urey had resigned or otherwise separated from Federal service prior to a decision on loyalty.

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Victor F. Weisskopf, professor of physics,
Massachusetts Institute of Technology,
Cambridge, Massachusetts, said he has known the
appointee since 1937 and he considers him to be a
close personal friend. He said he is in regular
contact with him and knows him socially as well
as professionally. He recommended the appointee
most highly for a position of trust with the
Government.

An informant of known reliability advised on June 10, 1952, that Victor Weisskopf, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, volunteered the following information:

"I am a Communist and believe in communistic theories; however, I am opposed to any form of totalitarianism. I have been to dussia and am a member of the 'Committee for the Defense of Dirk Struik' and have expended my own money for this purpose. I have a clearance - I feel I obtained this clearance on the strength of not being a follower of the Stalinist - totalitarianist line, but having communistic ideas to help humanity."

It is noted that

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, is under
indictment by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for conspiracy
to overthrow the government of Massachusetts and the Government
of the United States. It is further to be noted that the
Communist Party has been designated by the Attorney General of
the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.



Office, touched Fnergy Commission, Weshington, D. C., reflect that it the policy in 1947 that no security background investigations be conducted on Presidential appointments to the Atomic Energy Commission. Dr. Bacher did not receive a background investigation, but was granted a "Q" clearance by the Commission on January 27, 1947, and this clearance is still in effect. The Atomic Energy Commission's security folder for Dr. Bacher contains no additional pertinent information concerning him.

Activities contain information to the effect that Louis J.
Russell, investigator for the Committee, interviewed Dr. Edward Uhler Condon, then director of the Bureau of Standards, at which time Dr. Condon stated that he was a close personal friend of Robert Bacher, a member of the Atomic Energy Commission. It is to be noted that Dr. Condon was investigated under Executive Order 9835 in 1948. The results of this investigation were furnished to the Civil Service Commission on June 11, 1948. This Bureau was subsequently advised that he had been "retained." Supplemental investigation was conducted the results of which were furnished the Civil Service Commission under Executive Order 9835 and this Bureau was later advised that Dr. Condon had resigned or otherwise separated from Federal service prior to a decision on loyalty.

The records of the United States Civil Service Commission and the central files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation contain no additional information concerning the appointee other than that which appears elsewhere in this report.

#### Credit and Criminal

The records of credit bureaus and law enforcement agencies covering the places of residence, education and employment of the appointee were checked during the course of this investigation and no unfavorable information was obtained.

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became affiliated with what was then known as the Ann Arbor School of Music which later became part of the University of Michigan. She later became dean of women at the University of Michigan, a position which she held for sixteen years.

Her total affiliation with the University of Michigan amounted to thirty-one years. She is now retired and resides at 136 Pike Road, Saratoga, California. The appointee has no brothers or sisters and is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ They have two children, both of whom reside at Pasadena, California. All were determined to possess excellent reputations.

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The records of the law enforcement agencies and credit bureaus covering the present place of residence of each of these individuals were checked and found to contain no unfavorable information concerning them.

### Association with Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer

Atomic Energy Commission Chairman Lewis Strauss, Washington, D. C., advised that as far as he know, Dr. Bacher was a loyal Americon. He said that he, Strauss, together with Bacher, was one of the original five commissioners of the Atomic Energy Commission. He recalled that Bacher had written an article in the Spring of 1950 in which he backed Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer in his stand against development of the hydrogen bomb. Strauss commented that Bacher was very close to Dr. Oppenheimer, that he "worships" Oppenheimer, and that Bacher was number two man to Oppenheimer at Los Alamos during the Manhattan Project days. He commented that Bacher, while a commissioner, had access to the Atomic Energy Commission file on Oppenheimer and it was his opinion that Dr. Bacher had read the file with a great deal of personal interest in view of his close association with Dr. Oppenheimer. He added that Bacher was a very capable member of the Commission and that there was no question in his mind as to his loyalty. He said his scientific ability was of the highest order and he knows of nothing derogatory concerning the man's character or associations.

Mr. David E. Lilienthal, whose comments have previously been set forth in this summary, also remarked that he had the greatest respect for Dr. Bacher's associates

including Dr. J. Robert Oppenhelmer, whom he knowe to be a close professional associate of the appointee. He said br. Sacher and Dr. Oppenhelmer are completely different in temperament, Dr. Oppenhelmer having been been in wealthy family surroundings and educated in several universities in this country and abroad. Mr. Lilienthal said that Dr. Oppenhelmer was a disciplinarian in guarding information compared with some of his contemporaries in the ranks of British scientists, might be considered a perfectionist; british scientists, might be considered a perfectionist; might not consider Dr. Oppenhelmer's advocacy of free dissemination of scientific developments among scientists as being completely stable.

the comment that Dr. Bacher's beliefs in respect to the dissemination of scientific knowledge were conservative when compared with those of his contemporaries.

Dr. John R. Dunning, dean of the faculty of engineering, Columbia University, New York City, said that Dr. Bacher was associated with scientists at Los Alamos during the war who worked on the atomic bomb. He said these scientists, headed by Dr. Oppenheimer, consisted, in part, of theoretical physicists who in his opinion apparently believed that the United States should share apparently believed that the United States should share developments in the atomic energy field with the rest of the world. Dr. Dunning said that in his judgment they believed that science was world-wide and that no nation should decline to share scientific information with all humanity.

By way of packground, Dr. Dunning said as a scientist he has had the opportunity through discussions and other media to inform himself of the theory of freedom of scientific knowledge. He stated that some of the scientists who were sasociated in the perfection of the stomic bomb were refugees from countries which were subjected to topalitarianism during world wer ii. Having been displaced from their homeland, world wer ii. Having been displaced from their homeland, the international aspects of scientific schievement. Also, some, according to Dr. Dunning, were affected by a guilt complex some, according to Dr. Dunning, were affected by a guilt complex in regard to the destructive nature of the stomic beab.

Dr. Dunning said he did not consider the theory of freedom of scientific disclosures to be disloyal or to be based upon subversive sympathies, but that he personally questioned whether the theory might serve the best interests of mankind in view of the immoral objectives of Communism.

He said the world-wide, free dissemination of scientific knowledge advocated by certain scientists in the "Los Alamos group" was not shared by the appointee, although by necessity he has been associated with these scientists. He said he has no means of knowing, but that he believed if any part of this theory might have been picked up by Dr. Bacher in his association at Los Alamos, it has long since been "rubbed off of him."

He concluded by saying that he would recommend Dr. Becher for access to highly sensitive information, mentioning further that he believes Dr. Bacher's exceptional ability in the field of nuclear physics would far outweigh any possible drawback that might arise because of his association with the afore-mentioned "Los Alamos group." However, he added that if Dr. Bacher were to be placed in a position where he would be able to make decisions of policy in respect to the dissemination of scientific information, his association with the above group should be kept in mind by his superiors.

In the Summer of 1946, an informant of known reliability advised that Dr. Oppenheimer arrived in Ithaca, New York, from Washington, D. C., on April 29, 1946, for the purpose of delivering a series of lectures at Cornell University. This informant stated that Oppenheimer spent a portion of his time visiting numerous personal friends in the Department of Physics at Cornell University. One of these friends was Dr. Bacher. When Dr. Oppenheimer left Ithaca, according to this informant, he was driven by the appointed to Elmira, New York, to board a plane.

Mr. Bernard Baruch, previously mentioned in this summary, advised that the advisory group of scientists who assisted him in 1946 included, in addition to the appointee,

Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer. Mr. Baruch said he regarded the appointee as the most levelheaded member of the group and he had no reason to doubt his loyalty. Mr. Baruch stated that Dr. Bacher and Dr. Oppenheimer associated together as members of the group but that he did not know the extent of this association other than on the group consultation basis.

It is to be noted that other persons contacted during the course of this investigation volunteered information to the effect that the appointee had been closely associated with Oppenheimer at Los Alamos. Included among these individuals was Dr. L. P. Smith, chairman of the Department of Physics, Cornell University, who said that Bacher became acquainted with Dr. Oppenheimer and was closely associated with him at Los Alamos. According to Dr. Smith, Dr. Oppenheimer interceded for Bacher after the war in attempting to get him back on the staff at Cornell University. At that time it was not deemed feasible to obtain the services of Dr. Bacher because there were no administrative positions open at that time and it was not deemed feasible to offer him merely a professorship.

Another of these individuals, Dr. Hans Bethe, professor of physics, Cornell University, said he had worked with the appointee both at Cornell University and at Los Alamos. He pointed out that while they were at Los Alamos, the appointee worked closely with Dr. Oppenheimer and that they are both close friends and acquaintances.

## Affiliation with the Emergency Committee of Atomic Scientists

The Emergency Committee of Atomic Scientists, Incorporated, was incorporated in the State of New Jersey on August 12, 1946, and was dissolved by a voluntary act of the members on October 10, 1951. The purposes of the corporation as stated by the petition in the necord were:

- 1. To advance the use of atomic energy in ways beneficial to mankind.
- 2. To diffuse the knowledge and information about atomic energy and to promote the general understanding of its consequences to society and to

the people of the United States of America in order that an informed citizenry may intelligently determine its policy and shape its action to serve its own and mankind's best interests.

- 3. To make such grant in aid of, or donations to, or contracts with such individuals, trusts, corporations, associations, societies, institutions or other organizations or authorities as may be necessary or desirable to accomplish the foregoing purposes.
- 4. To solicit, receive and enlist financial or other aid from individuals, trusts, corporations, associations, societies, institutions or other organizations or authorities desirous of contributing to the purposes for which this corporation is formed.
- 5. To employ such individuals and to take such other action as may be necessary or desirable in order to accomplish the foregoing purposes.

It is noted that this was to be a nonprofit organization, and the trustees of the corporation during the first year included Albert Einstein as chairman, R. F. Bacher, Hans A. Bethe, Edward U. Condon, T. R. Hogness, Harold C. Urey, V. P. Weisskopf, and Leo Szilard.

Thorfin R. Hogness, who has previously been listed as furnishing favorable information concerning the appointee, described the Emergency Committee as an organization founded to raise funds to insure that atomic energy was returned to civilian control. As such, the Committee furnished funds to other organizations possessing like interests. He said on every occasion, organizations which had a reputation of being Communist controlled were refused funds by the Emergency Committee. According to Hogness, Dr. Bacher took an active part in these refusals. It is to be noted, however, that Dr. Leo Szilard, lll6 Kearney, Denver, Colorado, on contact recalled the appointee as having received an appointment as a member and trustee of this Committee, but it was his recollection that Dr. Bacher did not accept his appointment

to the Committee and resigned as trustee before the Committee began to function. Dr. Szilard said he has known the appointee very casually and knows of no adverse information concerning him.

#### Miscellaneous

Omaha, Nebraska, dated October 31, 1746, and captioned "America in Danger," wrote as follows:

"To facilitate our betrayal when Russia strikes over North Pole coincident with chaos induced by strikes shortages of vital materials needed by NEWDFAL, Truman appointed in full control of Atomic Energy:...Bernard Baruch and his scientist consultant Dr. Robert Fox Bacher..."

Bureau for the Defense of Christianity and Americanism,"
Room 708. 8 South Dearborn Street. Chicago 3. Illinois, in "Christmas"

Month, 1946" wrote as follows:

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"Robert F. Bacher, over whom the 'uptown edition of the Daily Worker' enthuses as the one scientist placed on the Atomic Bomb Committee, is a....former assistant to the....scientist J. R. Oppenheimer in the development of the atomic bomb in New Mexico. His 'social philosophy' is eulogized by the Red Press in no uncertain terms."

Relative to it should be pointed out that they were indicted by a Special Grand Jury in the United States District Court, District of Columbia, on January 3, 1944, for violating Section 11 of Title 18, United States Code, commonly called the Peace Time Sedition Statute. The indictment returned by the Special Grand Jury on January 3, 1944, sets forth that in 1933 the National Socialist German Workers Party, also known as the Nazi Party, came into power in Germany upon a program announced by its leaders to destroy democracy throughout the world and establish fascist forms of government in place of the forms of povernment then existing in the United States and other countries.

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Nazi Party carried on a campaign of propaganda designed and intended to impair and undermine the loyalty and morale of the military and naval forces of the United States and other countries. Both joined in this movement and program, and actively cooperated with each other and with the leaders of the Nazi Party to accommish the objectives of said Nazi Party in the United States. Subsequently, a joint trial was held of the individuals indicted on January 3, 1944. The trial commenced on May 16, 1944, in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia. The trial lasted until November 30, 1944, when the presiding justice in the trial died. The court, on December 7, 1944, declared a mistrial and dismissed the jury.

BlackVault com/russk EASTIFIED BY 60309 auc tam/mlt/kj 19-2005 Attorney General January 12, 1954 Director, FBI PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL DR. ROBERT FOX BACKER SPECIAL INQUIRY By letter dated December 8, 1953, Mr. George J. Gowld, Director, Security Division, Department of Defense, requested an investigation of Dr. Robert F. Bacher. There is attached a summary reflecting the results of inquiries made by this Bureau concerning Dr. Bacher. Copies of this summary have been furnished to the Honorable Charles E. Wilson and the Monorable Sherman Adams. In addition, a copy of this summary has been furnished to the Honorable Lewis L. Strauss inasmuch as the investigation disclosed that Dr. Bacher is presently employed as a consultant by the Atomic Energy Commission. It is to be noted on page twelve of the attached summary, information is set forth concerning the association of Dr. Bacher with Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer. A summary concerning Dr. Oppenheimer was furnished to you on November 27, 1953. In addition to the information contained in the attached summary, an informant of known reliability advised in March 31953, that the name of one Robert Bacher, not otherwise identified, appeared on a mailing list maintained by the Science and Education Division of the Southern California Chapter of the National Commeil of the Arts, Sciences, and Professions, 7410 Sunset Boulevard,-Hollywood, California. This informent pointed out that this list was not a membership list. Another informant of known reliability advised in February, 1951, that the Hollywood Arts, Seigness, and Professions Council, which is the Southern California Chapter of the National 5 Council of Arts, Sciences, and Professions, was the most important Communist controlled organization in the Hollywood professional field at that time and its policies parellel the Communist Party line on all important issues. This informant pointed out at that Tologtime that membership in the Hollywood Arts, Sciences, and Professions Ladd Council, of itself, however, did not denote membership in or sympathy vo Belmorith the Communist Party. RECORDED-59 The "Guide to Subversive Organias tions and Publications, Tracprepared and released by the Committee en contains and religious, Mohr United States House of Representative That ington, D. C., dated Wintensed 14, 1951, contains the following citation conserving the Hollowational Council of the Arts, Sciences, and Pricessions: Attachment

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The above information has also been furnished to Messra. Wilson, Adams, and Strauss.

I wish to savise that the investigation of Dr. Bacher covered inquiries as to his character, loyalty, general standing and shility, but no inquiries were made as to the sources of his income.

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THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Mr. Boardman

April 1, 1955

- Mr. Nichols - Mr. Belmont

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DIRECTOR. FBI

NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES --COMMITTEE TO COUNSEL WITH GOVERNMENT ON LOYALTY PROGRAMS INVOLVING NONCLASSIFIED RESEARCH

IN PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS

The "Washington Post and Times Herald" on March 28, 1955, reported the announcement by the National Academy of Sciences of the appointment, at the request of Mr. Sherman Adams of the White House, of seven scientists to a committee to "Counsel" with the Government on loyalty programs involving nonsecret, Federally supported research in private institutions.

FBI files have been reviewed for references to the seven individuals mentioned in the newspaper item. Data of interest concerning each of them is set forth for your information.

Dr. Julius Adams Stratton, the chairman of the new committee, was born May 18, 1901, at Seattle, Washington, and since 1928 has been on the staff of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology of which he is now Vice President and Provost. He was the subject of an applicant-type investigation conducted at the request of the Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) in 1947. He was reinvestigated in 1953 at the request of the AEC in connection with AEC's program of reinvestigating persons holding AEC clearances for a considerable length of time. derogatory data was developed in the course of the investigation of the reinvestigation. (116-21370; PFD)

Laird Bell, prominent Chicago attorney was named as a member of the committee. Reference is made to my memorandum of March 16, 1955, captioned "Association of the Bar of the City of New York, Committee to Study Federal Loyalty-Security Programs, which advised you that Liard Bell has also been named to that committee. The results of an applicant-type investigation of Bell conducted by this Bureau at the request of the Secretary of State were The investigation revealed that in 1942 Bell was affiliated with furnished to you by summary memoranda dated August 23 and October 18, 1954. The investigation revealed the Independent Voters Committee of Illinois and the Chicago Committee

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reported to have been Communist dominated or controlled. Bell's wife was a sponsor of two organizations which have been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450, namely, the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee and the Midwest Division, American Committee for Yugoslav Relief. In 1949, Bell, as Chairman of the University of Chicago Beard of Trustees, appeared voluntarily before the Illinois Seditious Activities Investigating Commission in defense of seven University of Chicago faculty members who had been named in previous testimony before the Commission as connected with Communist fronts. (EFT)

Dr. Robert Frederick Leeb, Director of Medical Service, Presbyterian Hospital, New York City, and Professor of Medicine, Columbia University, was the subject of an Atomic Energy Act applicant investigation conducted by this Bureau in 1947. Nothing derogatory was developed during that investigation, and a review of our files from 1947 to the present time revealed no pertinent information concerning Dr. Loeb which could be identified with him. (116-13130; BAW)

Bright Wilson and Henry Merritt Wriston, The remaining members of the committee are the subjects of separate memoranda in duplicate which are attached.

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According to an Associated Press dispatch, the National Academy of Sciences announced on March 27, 1955, that Dr. Robert F. Bacher, Physicist, Chairman of the Division of Physics, Mathematics and Astronomy of the California Institute of Technology, and former member of the Atomic Energy Commission (AEC), had been appeared to a committee to "counsel" with the supported research by actendists in private institutions. You may desire to refer to an eighteen-page summary memorandum captioned as above, which reflected the results of an applicant-type investigation of Dr. Bacher wonducted by this Bureau during December, 1953, and January, 1954.

Pertinent information set forth in referenced memorandum reflected that/or. Bacher was one of the original five commissioners the AEC, serving in that spacity from 1946 to 1949, and as of the date of our investigation he was still on the AEC payrell as a consultant; that all persons contacted all on the investigation highly recommended him; and that Dr. Bacher had been closely associated with Dr. J. Robert Oppomhetmer, well-known atomic scientist who was found to be a security risk by an AEC Personnel scientist who was found to be a security risk by an AEC Personnel revoked by the AEC on June 29, 1954, following which his clearance was strauss, AEC Chairman, commenced on December 16, 1953, that Bacher was very close to Oppomhetmer, that he more two man to the Hanhattan Project days. Other persons also commenced on the beliefs in respect to dissemination of scientific knowledge were conservative when compared with those of his contemporaries, and by Oppomhetmer had been cicked up by Bacher through his association with him at Los Alamos, it had long since been "rubbed off."

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Subsequent to referenced memorandum it is noted that this Eurens received reliable information that Dr. Opponheimer had arranged for his atterney to discuss certain unspecified matters with Dr. Backer over the mestend of January 20-24, 1954; that Dr. Backer appeared were witness on April 28, 1964, for Dr. Oppenheimer during his heaving before the AEC Fersonnel Security Soard; and that Dr. Backer was in contact with Dr. Oppenheimer during early July, 1984, and later was a quest at Oppenheimer's home on July 17 and 18, 1954. (The foregoing information was furnished to the Department in connection with the Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer cross.) This Sureau's files reflect no additional pertinent information concerning Dr. Backer.

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ROBERT P. BACHER

Summory

An applicant-type investigation concerning
Robert Fox Bacher, possibly identical with the subject of
your inquiry, was conducted by this Bureau in December,
1953, and the results furnished the White House on
January 12, 1954. At the request of the White House,
you are referred to the Office of the Honorable Sherman
Adams should you desire the detailed results of this
investigation.

Robert F. Bacher

The foregoing information is furnished to you as a result of your request for an FBI file sheek and is not to be construed as a clearance or a nonclearance of the individual involved. This information is furnished for your use and should not be disseminated outside of your agency.

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NOTE:

Dr. Bacher was close acquaintance of Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer.

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NOTE: Request received 3-3-58 by letter dated 3-3-58 from the White House. Copy of summary will be furnished AG inasmuch as request involves Presidential appointment. Investigation 1953-54 favorable with exception comments of Admiral Strauss of AEC that Bacher was very close to Dr. Oppenheimer and "worships him" and associated with Dr. Condon and Dr. Weisskopf, both of whom were investigated under EO 9835.

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# Office Memorandum · UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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SUBJECT:

ROBERT FOX BACHER

SPI

This case will be delinquent.

Date of Bureau deadline: 3/19/58

Reason for the delinquency: Locating associates. No administrative action recommended.

Date the report or necessary communication will reach the Bureau. 3/26/58

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FD-205 (3-23-55)

## Office Memorandum . UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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SUBJECT :

ROBERT FOX BACHER

SPI

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Date of Bureau deadline: 3/19/58

Reason for the delinquency: Re WFO report 3/25/58. outstanding. administrative action recommended.

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Director, FBI

ROBERT FOX BACHER SPECIAL INQUIRY

Reference is made to my memorandum dated January 12, 1954, in the above-captioned matter.

By letter dated March 3, 1958, Mr. Henry Roomer McPhee of the White House requested that the investigation of Dr. Bacher, who is a member of the President's Science Advisory Committee, be brought up to date. There is enclosed a summary reflecting the results of investigation conducted by this Bureau in accordance with this request, and a copy of the summary is being forwarded to the Honorable Sherman Adams.

Information is set forth in the enclosed summary concerning Dr. Bacher's association with Drs. Victor F. Weisskopf, Edward U. Condon and J. Robert Oppenheimer. Information concerning these individuals is contained in the summary which was furnished to you on January 12, 1954. This information is also being called to the attention of the Honorable Sherman Adams.

The records of another governmental agency were not available for review during the current investigation. As soon as these records have been made available, you will be advised of any pertinent information contained therein concerning Dr. Bacher.

I wish to advise the investigations of Dr. Bachers covered inquiries as to his character, loyalty, general standing and ability, but no inquiries were made as to the source of his income.

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ALL PRI INFORMATION CONTAINE HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 01-06-2006 BY 60309 auc tam/mlt/kj Tolson. Bardman. 1010946 Mr. Belmont Mr. Mohr. Mr. Nease THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON March 3, 1958 Mr. Clayton. Tele. Room. Mr. Holloman Miss Gandy Personal and Con ROBERT FOX Dear Mr. Hoover: Will you please bring up to date the investigations you previously conducted on the individuals listed on the attached sheet who are members of the President's Science Advisory Committee? Biograhical information on all, with the exception may be found in the b6 current volume of Who's Who. b7C Sincerely, Assistant Special Counsel APR 17 1958 The Honorable J. Edgar Director Federal Bureau of Investigation Washington, D. C.

Dr. Robert Fox Bacher Born - August 31, 1905 Previous Full-Field - January 12, 1954 116,375310 Born -Previous Full-field - 1953 (summary forwarded 11/26/57) Dr. Hans Albrecht Bethe Born - July 2, 1906 Previous Full-Field - January 22, 1954 Born . Previous Full Field - September 19, 1955 Born Previous Full-Field - 1955 (summary forwarded 11/27/57) b7C Dr. George Bogdan Kistiakowsky Born - November 18, 1900 108-1333 Previous Full-Field - 1954 (summary forwarded 11/27/57) Born -Previous Full-field - December 13, 1955 Born . Previous Full-field - 1954 (summary forwarded 11/25/57) 116-12343 Born Previous Full-field - 1953 (summary forwarded 11/27/57 Dr. Jerrold Reinach Zacharias Born - January 23, 1905 Previous Full-field - 1954 (summary forwarded 11/29/57) 100-345913 NOTE - The White House has a copy of each of the above full-field investigations 60559-45

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ROBERT FOX BACHER, SPI.

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As files uroffice contain no information reassociation with Oppenheimer since 12/56, case should be considered RUC.

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RE:

ROBERT FOX BACHER

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Re Bureau airtel to Los Angeles dated 3/5/58, in which receiving offices were instructed to determine current association with VICTOR F. WEISSKOPF, Dr. EDWARD U. CONDON and Dr. J. ROBERT OPPENHEIMER.

The Newark files contain no additional information concerning BACHER or his association with Dr. J. ROBERT OPPENHETMER since the submission of Newark's report of b7C SA dated 12/12/56, Bufile 116-428237.

The Bureau's attention is directed to Bureau airtel to Newark, dated 11/27/56 in Bufile 116-428237, in which the Bureau instructed Newark that BACHER's association with OPPENHEIMER had been previously developed and that Newark was to conduct no active investigation to determine degress of association between BACHER and OPPENHEIMER and no documentation of OPPENHEIMER was necessary.

Bureau is requested to advise Newark whether active investigation is now desired to attempt to ascertain any current association, or if Newark may RUC its case on BACHER.

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ROBERT FOX BACHER -

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Appointee's service record card at Office of Defense Mobilization reflects he was member of the Science Advisory Committee from 11/18/53 to 6/30/55, and his personnel file now at SL.

Above records reflect "Q" clearance activiated with Research and Development Board on 8/29/50. Personnel reserd of appointee at Office of Secretary or Defence, reflects has se, reflects he was utilized as Consultant from 12/15/50 to 12/31/57, by above Board and with CARD.

Dr. ISIDOR I. RABI, Professor of Physics, Columbia University, was formerly head of the Science Advisory Committee of ODM and appointee's supervisor there. Appointee also known to Dr. HANS BETHE, Cornell University and Dr. JAMES R. KILLIAN, Special Assistant to the President.

My will interview Dr. RABI and AL will interview Dr. BETHE unless reasons exist to contrary. SL will check records of FRC.

For infe of SL, appointee's biographical data contained in current issue of "Who's Who."

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The "New York Times" newspaper issue of 3/28/55 indicated that the Asademy of Sciences announced on March 27, 1958 the applicant was a member of a equalities to accommod with the General on levelty programs involving non-serves Federal supported mesoarch by scientists in private institutions.

Other members of the above committee are as follows:

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Dr. HENRY M. WRISTON, President University, Providence, Rhode Island.

It is noted that Dr. BACHER is presently a member of the President's Science Advisory Committee which includes Dr. GEORGE E. KISTIAKOWSKY and Dr. E.M. PURCELL, both of Harvard, University.

Boston is requested to contact Doctors STRATTON, WILSON, and WRISTON, determining the degree of association with Dr. BACHER and their Employee of contact RDWARD U. CONDON, tion of Dr. BACHER with Doctors RDWARD U. CONDON, J. ROBERT OPPENHEIMER and VICTOR F. WEISSKOPF.

New York will report Dr. BACHER's membership in the above mentioned committee.

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Appointee has been used as Consultant with Research and Development Board. Office of the Secretary of Defense and OASD from 12/50 to 12/57, and was former Chairman of the Technical Advisory Panel on Atomic Energy. Dr. LAMMENCE IMPSILAD, Vice President General Motors Corp., Detroit, and Dr. DALE CORSON, Cornell University, associated with appointed at Department of Defense. Respective offices interview.

For info of DE, White House requests investigation be brought up-to-date in connection with appointer's member-ship on the President's Science Advisory Committee. DE see your file as captioned above, re Buteletype 12/9/53 concerning prior investigation.

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The NY TIMES newspaper, issue of 4/14/54, reported that Dr. BACHER and Dr. C. C. LAMBITSEN. Fellow Professor of Psychics at California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, California, made a joint statement regarding the then current OPPENHEIMER security hearing that they had "worked closely with Dr. OPPENHEIMER for more than 25 years in developing stamic weapons and other problems. Both highly praises by Oppenhermer and his devotion to the U.S. and had full confidence in his loyalty, integrity and distribution.

LA requested to interview Dr. LA MBITSEN unless reasons exist to the contary.

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Police and credit agencies have no record of Applicant or his mother.

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#### REFERENCE:

Bureau letter to San Francisco, 3/5/58.

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AT SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA:

Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office, which covers Saratoga, California, stated on March 13, 1958, that he had no record of Applicant or Applicant's mother, BYRL FOX BACHER, 13845 Fike Road, Saratoga, in his identification files.

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Jose Retail Credit Eureau, 222 South 2nd Street, stated on March 13, 1948, that she had no record of Applicant or Applicant's mother, BYRL FOX BACKER, in her credit files. This agency covers Saratoga, California.

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SYNOPSIS:

Records FRC, GSA, St. Louis, Missouri, indicate BACHER employed by Office of Defense, Mobilization, Wash., D.C. Terminated by reason of termination of appointment.

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REFERENCE: Washington Field airtel to Albany dated 3/12/58.

DETAILS: At St. Louis, Missouri

On March 17, 1958, a review of the personnel records, Federal Records Center, General Services Administration, St. Louis, Missouri, for ROBERT FOX BACHER, indicates that he was employed on November 18, 1953, as a Member of the Science Advisory Committee, without compensation with the Office of Defense Mobilization, Science Advisory Committee at Washington, D.C. This employment was terminated on June 30, 1955, in the same position by reason of the termination of his appointment.

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SL 77-24582 The date and place of birth were shown as August 31, 1905, at Loudonville, Ohio. - RUC -

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Synopsis:

Appointee is currently Professor of Physics at the California Institute of Technology. Dean and fellow professors have highest regard for appointee, and state he is a personal friend of J. ROBERT OPPENHEIMER and professionally associated with VICTOR F. WEISSKOPH and Dr. EDWARD W. CONDON. Neighbors recommend highly as to character, reputation, and loyalty. An article in the "Daily People's World" in 1954 quotes the appointee as praising J. ROBERT OPPENHEIMER. No criminal record located for appointee or family; has satisfactory credit rating.

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#### REFERENCES:

Bureau airtel to Los Angeles dated 3/5/58; New York airtel to Los Angeles dated 3/14/58. AL.

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DETAILS Investigation at Pasadena, Galifornia was conducted The records of the Municipal Court, Los Angeles Judicial District, Traffic Violations Bureau, were caused to be checked by SE The records of the Retail Merchants Credit Association Los Angeles were caused to be checked by SE The records of the Los Angeles Police Department were saused to be checked and the record of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office were checked by SE EMPLOYMENT California Institute of Technology (CIT) 1201 East California Street Pasadena, California On March 14, 1958 Personnel Office, advised that ROBERT FOX BACKER was appointed Professor of Physics and Chairman of the Division of Physics, Mathematics, and Astrology and Director of the Norman ridge Laboratory of Phisics on July 1, 1949 and is currently so employed. advised that she is not personally acquainted with appointee. On March 14, 1958 Dean ERNEST C. WATSON, Professor of Physics and Dean of the Faculty, advised he has known appointee since the late 1920's. Dean WATSON stated he regards appointee as a man of the highest integrity, character, reputation, and loyalty to the United States. He stated he knows numerous associates of appointee and they are likewise men of very the character. Dean WATSON stated that he knows appointee to be a close, personal friend of J. ROBERT OPPENHEIMER, but he doubts that they have occasion to see each other very frequently at this time for the simple reason that appointee works on the west coast and Dr. OPPENHEIMER on the east coast. He stated they may visit when either has occasion to travel to the other's vicinity, but he does not know that to be a fact. He stated that Dr. BACKER is one of the top physicists in the United States and as such, is professionally acquainted with all of the top men in the United States. Which would include VICTOR F. WEISSNOPH and Dr. EDWARD U. CONDON. Dr. WATSON recommended appointee without any qualification. On March 17. 1958 and b7C advised that

LA 77-5047 they have known and worked with appointee for many years. Both of these professors have the haghest regard for the appointed a integrity, character, reputation, loyalty, and associates and recommended him highly. Both professors advised that they are aware that appointee is a close, personal friend of Dr. J. ROBERT OPPENHEIMER since appointee worked and studied with Dr. OPPENHEIMER over many years. They stated they are not aware of how frequently these men have occasion to see each other at the present time since they work in different parts of the United States, but that they have no reason to think that the relationship between the two men has changed in meant changed in recent years. Both professors advised that because of the nature of the appointee's work as a physical he has been in contact with fellow physicists on a professional basis such as VICTOR F. WELDSHOPH and Dr. EDWARD U. CONDON. NEIGHBORHOOD In the Vicinity of 525 South Wilson Avenue Pasadena, California The following individuals were contacted on March 17, 1958 and advised that they have known the appointee and his family as neighbors, for a considerable period and that they have the highest regard for the character, reputation, and loyalty of and members of the appointee's family. They advised that they had occasion to meet a few associates of appointed a family and that they found these people to be of good character: b7C CREDIT AND CRIMINAL The records of the following agencies were caused to be checked on the dates indicated concerning the appointee

LA 77-5047 and his immediate family, but no record identifiable with any of them could be located: Pasadena Police Department, March 17, 1958; Los Angeles Police Department, March 17, 1958; Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office, March 17, 1958; Municipal Court, Los Angeles Judicial District, Traffic Violations Bureau, March 14, 1958. The records of the Pasadena Merchants Association and the Retail Merchants Credit Association of Los Angeles were both caused to be checked on March 14, 1958 and both were found to contain credit ratings for the appointee and his wife, but none on his children. These reports indicated that Mr. and Mrs. ROBERT BACHER have satisfactory credit ratings. MISCELLANIOUS The "Daily People's World" has been characterized by the "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," published January 2, 1957 by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., as being "the official newspaper of the Communist Party on the west coast." The "Daily People's World" of April 15, 1954, page 8, contained a brief article headlined "Fellow Scientists Joins Defense." This article was datelined April 14, 1954 and was not attributed to any newspaper many or any other source. The article is quoted hereind, "Two former associates of Dr. J. ROBERT OPPENHEIMER at the California Institute of Technology were today on record in defense of the physicist now under witch hunt fire. ROBERT F. BACHER and C. C. LAURITZEN, professors of physics at Caltech and themselves mientists of worldwide standing said: 'We are aware that Dr. OPPENHEIMER is now appearing before a security review manel set up by the Atomic Energy Commission. The three members of this panel are well known and highly respected men.

Located at TheBlackVault.com/russ LA 77-5047 We have known Dr. OPPENHEIMER for many years and for extended periods have worked closely with him in the development of atomic weapons and many associated problems. 'Probably no scientist has shown greater devotion to our country or contributed more to its strength. We have full confidence in his loyalty, his integrity and his descretion and have no doubt of the favorable outcome of these hearings. " Los Angeles which maintains records on some phases of Un-American activities in the Los Angeles area, was caused to be searched on March 14, 1958, and this agency's records merely referred to the article in b2 the "Daily People's World," above. b7D The records of Los Angeles which maintains records on some phases of Un-American activities in the Los Angeles area, was caused to be searched on March 14, 1958, but contain no record identifiable with appointee. Confidential informants who are familiar with some phases of Communist Party activities in the Los Angeles area can furnish no information regarding the appointee. - RUC -

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the issue indicated:

The issue of April 14, 1954, reported that "Doctor ROBERT F. BACHER, former Atomic Energy Commissioner, joined Doctor C. C. LAURITSEN, fellow professor of Physics at California Institute of Technology in Pasedena, California, in a statement noting that they had known Doctor J. ROBERT OPPENHEIMER more than twenty-five years and had worked closely with him in developing atomic weapons and on other problems."

Their statement was that "probably no scientist has shown greater devotion to our country or contributed more it its' strength. We have full confidence in his loyalty, his integrity and his discretion, and have no doubt of the favorable outcome of these hearings."

The above statement appeared in an article entitled "Associates Laud Oppenheimer: Institute Retains Him As Head," regarding the then current Security Hearing of Doctor OPPENHEIMER.

The issue of December 21, 1954, reported the appointee to be one of the Directors of the "Fund for Peaceful Atomic Development. Incorporated", founded with the financial assistance of the Ford Foundation, Rockeferrer Fund and Johnson Foundation.

The issue of March 28, 1955, reported that the National Academy of Sciences had announced the appointment of Doctor BACHER on a committee to counsel with the government on loyalty programs involving non-secret, federal supported research by scientists in private institutions.

The April 2, 1956, issue reported the appointment of Doctor BACHER to an advisory committee of the "Atoms for Peace Awards, Incorporated." Doctor BACHER was then described as the Director of the Norman Bridge Laboratory of the California Institute of Technology.

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NY 77-17582 ASSOCIATE: <u>On March 14</u>, 1958, New York, New York, advised that <u>Doctor BACHER has been associated with the "Fund for Peaceful</u> Atomic Development, Incorporated" from its outset; has attended the infrequent meetings of the Fund as one of its Directors; that most of his close associates since 1949 have been fellow scientists at the California Institute of Technology. b7C an associate of the above fund, advised that its purpose was to promote the bringing together of scientists and others from the United States and other countries in order that they might exchange unclassified information and ideas to more speedily develop the use of Atomic energy for peaceful purposes. stated that from his brief association with Doctor BACHER he considers him to be a scientist of outstanding integrity. He advised that although he is not acquainted with close associates of Doctor BACHER, he would recommend him for a position of trust and responsibility involving the national security. On March 18, 1958, Dr. HENRY M. WRISTON, former President of Brown University new President of "American Assembly", with offices at Columbia University, advised that he personally has the highest regard for Dr. BACHER and considers him an excellent choice for the President's Science Advisory committee. C. . . . . . . . . Dr. WRISTON stated that he has been associated with Dr. BACHER on the "Stratton Committee", whose members were appointed by the National Academy of Sciences to counsel with the Government on Loyalty programs. He advised that Dr. BACHER has also attended forums held by the American Assembly, an organization founded by President EISENHOWER to promote the peaceful application of Atomic energy. -RUC--3STANDARD FORM NO. 64

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captioned as above.

Reference is made to Washington Field airtel to Albany dated 3/12/58, indicating that Dr. ISIDOR I. RABI, Professor of Physics, Columbia University, was formerly head of the Science Advisory Committee of ODM and the appointee's supervisor there.

at New York, New York, dated and

The "New York Times" newspaper, issue of 11/30/57, indicated that Dr. BACHER was among seventeen members of the President's Science Advisory Committee, headed by Dr. RABI, which committee was to assist Dr. JAMES R. KILLIAN, JR., newly appointed Presidential Assistant on Science and Technology. b7C

on 3/14/58, Physics Department, Columbia University, advised that Professor RABT is currently unavailable for interview as he is preparing to leave for Europe the early part of the week of 3/17/58.

It is noted that an article concerning Dr. BACHER is contained in the February, 1947, issue of "Current Biography."

It is noted that Professor I. I. RABI, mentioned above, was the author of an article appearing in the November, 1946, issue of a "New Republic", in which he described Dr. BACHER as "a liberal, but not left ---- develops his opinions from facts rather than inspiration ---- never compromises on principles."

On 3/18/58, Dr. HENRY M. WRISTON, former President of Brown University and President of American Assembly, advised

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that Dr. RABI has been a close personal friend of President EISENHOWER for a number of years. He said that no member of the President's Science Advisory Committee would have been appointed without the approval of Dr. RABI.

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moral character, reputation and associations. Professor WILSON stated that due to his infrequent contact with the appointee that he would have no knowledge of his current association with Doctors EDWARD U. CONDON, J. ROBERT OPPENHEIMER and VICTOR F. WEISSKOPF.

On March 18, 1958 Dr. JULIUS A. STRATTON, Chancellor and Acting President, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), 77 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge, Massachusetts, advised he has known the appointee both on a professional and social basis since approximately 1932. He stated there was no question, whatsoever, concerning the appointee's character, reputation, associates or loyalty, and that he would recommend him without qualification for a position of trust and confidence. Dr. STRATTON stated the appointee was "tops" in all ways, and was a brilliant scientist.

Dr. STRATTON stated he was certain the appointee has not had a close association with Dr. VICTOR F. WEISSKOPF in recent years, and he does not believe the appointee has had a close association with Dr. EDWARD U. CONDON or Dr. J. ROBERT OPPENHEIMER in recent years.

Dr. STRATTON stated that he believes there has been a breach between the appointee and Dr. CONDON and Dr. OPPENHEIMER since Dr. OPPENHEIMER and Dr. CONDON were in trouble. He stated at the time of the trouble, the appointee stayed in the background, and did not come forward to assist Dr. OPPENHEIMER or Dr. CONDON.

On March 18, 1958 Professor JERROLD REINACH ZACHARIAS, Physics Department, MIT, and Professor JEROME B. WIESNER, Professor of Electrical Engineering and Director of the Research Laboratory of Electronics at MIT, advised that they have known the appointee since approximately 1940. They both stated there was no question, whatsoever, concerning the appointee's character, reputation, associates or loyalty, and they would recommend him without qualification for a position of trust and confidence. They both advised the appointee was known in the scientific field as a brilliant scientist.

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Professor ZACHARIAS stated that the appointee has had no close association with Dr. VICTOR F. WEISSKOPF in recent years, and in his opinion the appointee has had no close association with Dr. EDWARD U. CONDON or Dr. J. ROBERT.

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Synopsis:

Dr. LAWRENCE HAFSTAD recommends EACHER for a position of trust without reservation.

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REFERENCE: Washington Field Office airtel to Albany dated

March 13, 1958.

DETAILS:

On March 17, 1958, Dr. LAWRENCE HAFSTAD, Vice-President and Director of Research, General Motors Technical Center, General Motors Corporation, 30000 Mound Road, Warren, Michigan, stated he first became acquainted with ROBLRT FOX BACHER in about 1944, at which time they were engaged in Government work with the Office of Scientific Research and Development.

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ollection".- Located at TheBlackVault.com/russki DE 77-3366 He stated he worked under BACHER in about 1949. and 1950 when they were employed by the Atomic Energy Commission. He stated he has worked with BACHER on various committees in the nuclear physics field since that time. Dr. HAFSTAD related that his contacts with BACHER have been on a professional basis and he has had no occasion to associate with BACHER socially. He stated that BACHER has revealed himself to be a man of excellent character and has maintained an excellent reputation among his colleagues. He further stated BACUER is a very Intelligent and capable man who is without doubt loyal to the United States Government. He concluded that he would recommend BACHLR for a position of trust and confidence without reservation. RUC -

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Avenue, Detroit, stated on March 21, 1958, that Mr. CISLER is also President of Fund for Peaceful Atomic Development, Incorporated, 2000 Second Avenue, Detroit, of which Dr. ROBERT F. BACHER is a Director. She stated the Fund for Peaceful Atomic Development, Incorporated, closely parallels President EISENHOWER's atoms for peace proposal. She stated it strives to encourage men and women to acquire the skills required in the furtherance of the peaceful use of atomic energy and to disseminate throughout the world an understanding of the peaceful uses and applications of atomic energy.

Consultant and Director of Power Reactor Development Company, 1911 First Street, Detroit, of which Mr. CISLER is President. She stated she has met Dr. BACHER on two occasions, both of which were in connection with his work with Fund for Peaceful Atomic Development, Incorporated, and Power Reactor Development Company. She stated that from her limited contacts with and from what she has learned about Dr. BACHER, she considers him a man of excellent character and reputation, who has devoted a great deal of time and effort to the Government. She stated she considers him to be a loyal both American citizen who is capable of handling a position of trust.

Stated the only individual at the Office of Fund for Paceful Atomic Development, Incorporated, who would have any direct contact with Dr. BACHER who is presently unavailable for interview as she is currently hospitalized.

Power Reactor
Development Company, 1911 First Street, Detroit, stated that
Dr. BACHER has been Consultant and Director of that company
since January. 1956. Stated he is

and in that capacity has worked closely with Dr. BACHER on technical and administrative matters. He related he has found Dr. BACHER to be a man of extraordinary ability and excellent character, who maintains an excellent reputation among his colleagues. He stated Dr. BACHER is without question loyal to the United States Government and he feels confident in recommending him for a position of trust.

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SA The following investigation was conducted by

At Ann Arbor, Michigan

Dr. E. BLYTHE STASON, Dean of Law School, 312
Hutchins Hall, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, advised on March 21, 1958, that he, as Managing Director of Fund for Peaceful Atomic Development, Incorporated, and as a member of the Board of Directors and Safety Commission of Power Reactor Development Company, has found Dr. BACHER to be a man of excellent character and reputation. He stated he respects Dr. BACHER's ability and is certain he is loyal to the United States Government. Dr. STASON stated he would recommend Dr. BACHER without reservation for a position of trust.

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LA 77-5047 nvestigation at Pasadena, California was conducted Investigation at Ramo-Wooldridge Corporation was conducted by SA EMPLOYMENT Consolidated Electrodynamics Corporation 300 North Sierra Madre Villa Pasadena, California On March 24, 1958, Personnel Department, advised that appointee is carried as a member of the Board of Directors, and as a consultant of this firm and has been so carried since 1950. On March 24, 1958 advised that he has known the appointee as a consultant with his firm since 1952. stated that he has the highest regard for the appointee's ability, integrity, reputation, character, and loyalty, and recommends him highly. b7C On March 24, 1958, Mr. PHILLIP S. FOGO, Chairman of the Board, advised that he has known the appointee since 1917 when they went to school together. Mr. FOGG advised that he has great admiration for the appointee's ability, and worked with him as a fellow scientist. He stated that he knows personally that the appointee is a man of the highest integrity and loyalty, and recommends him highly. FOGG advised that the appointee is a consultant of this office, does not have office space but problems are submitted to the appointee once or twice a year. Ramo-Wooldridge Corporation 5796 West 96th Street Los Angeles, California On March 24, 1958, advised that the appointee has been a consultant for Ramo-Wooldridge Corporation since September of 1955. He also has the title with the firm of Manager of the Steering Committee of the Guided Missle Research Division. stated that appointee spends less than one week of the year at

with the firm as to ability, character, and loyalty.

Ramo-Wooldridge Corporation. He has a top secret and a Q Clearance.

stated that appointee enjoys the highest reputation

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Southern California Edison Company 601 West Fifth Street Los Angeles, California

On March ?4, 1958 Section, advised that appointee has been a consultant for several years with the Southern California Edison Company. He said that appointee is held in the highest regard by the men at Southern California Edison Company.

on March 25, 1958 in Charge of Engineering, advised that appointee is a consultant for the firm, but that he does not maintain an office, and only spends a few days of the year at the company. stated that he was personally acquainted with the appointee, and knows him to be a man who is outstanding as physicist, and who is of the highest character, reputation, and loyalty.

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Rand Corporation 1700 Main Street Santa Monica, California

On March 24, 1958

advised that appointee has been a consultant with the Rand
Corporation for at least two years. He stated that he is also
carried as a member of the Board of Trustees. stated
that appointee has a limited connection with the detailed workings
at Rand Corporation, but that specific problems are referred to
the appointee on occasion. stated that Rand Corporation
has the highest regard for the appointee's ability, character,
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RAMO - WOOLRIDGE CORPORATION, ADVISED THIS DATE

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STEERING COMMITTEE OF THE GUIDED MISSLE RESEARCH DIVISION. SPENDS

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RECOMMENDED AS TO CHARACTER AND LOYALTY.

CONSOLIDATED ELECTRONICS CORPORATION, ADVISED THIS DATE

APPOINTEE ON CONSULTANT BASIS DOES NOT HAVE OFFICE, AND PROBLEMS ARE

SUBMITTED TO APPOINTEE ONCE OR TWICE PER YEAR. IS HIGHLY REGARDED.

RAND CORPORATION, ADVISED THIS DATE

APPOINTEE A CONSULTANT, MEMBER OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES, HAS LIMITED CONNECTIONS WITH THE FIRM AND WORK IS REFERRED TO HIM INFREQUENTLY. HIGHLY

REGARDED AS TO CHARACTER AND LOYALTY. SOUTHERN CALIF-

ORNIA EDISON COMPANY, ADVISED APPOINTEE ON CONSULTANT BASIS, DOES NOT MAINTAIN OFFICE, IS INFREQUENTLY IN CONTACT WITH COMPANY BUT IS VERY HIGHLY REGARDED AS TO CHARACTER, ASSOCIATES, REPUTATION AND LOYALTY.

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Synopsis:

Employment President's Science Adwisory Committee, AEC, ODM, OSD, verified. Associates recommend. Files Credit Bureau, Inc. contain no additional pertinent info on appointee or appointee's wife. No record appointee or wife MPD, USPP or Arlington County, Va., Police Department. No record appointee HCUA. Files CSC and OSI contain no additional pertinent info. No record appointee Secret Service. Passport issued appointee.

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WFO 77-46107 DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C. EMPLOYMENT The White House Office On March 7, 1958, SA the appointee's personnel file at The White House The file reflected the appointee entered on duty December 1, 1957, as a member Presidents Science Advisory Committee, Executive Office of the President, on when actually employed status not to exceed December 31, 1959. As of December 11, 1957, the applicant's residence was shown as 525 South Wilson Avenue, Pasadena, California, and his employment since July, 1949 as Chairman, Division of Physics, Math, and Astronomy, California Institute of Technoligy. The file contained a letter dated November 15, 1957, from to the President, requesting the appointment of BACHER, who was a former member of the Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) and of the Science Advisory Committee. The file contained no additional pertinent information pertaining to the appointee. United States AEC On March 13, 1958, SA reviewed the appointee's personnel file at the AEC Personnel Office, Germantown, Maryland. The file reflects that on July 1, 1956, the appointee's consultant contract with AEC was renewed to be effective to June 30, 1957. His duties were described to serve as an advisor to the AEC to be compensated at the rate of \$100 per day for intermittant service performed. His full-time employment was shown as the California institute of Technology, Pasadena, California. On June 25, 1957, his personal service consultant contract number AT- (49-1)-480 was rener to be effective from June 30, 1957, to June 30, and the contract is currently active.

WFO 77-46107 contacts with the appointee have been entirely professional. He stated he would recommend the appointee for any type work of a sensitive nature. advised On March 18, 1958, the records of the Central Personnel Clearance Index, Personnel Becurity Standards Branch, Division of Security, United States AEC, reflected the appointee, as of December 31, 1956, had the following active AEC security clearances with the AEC Operational Office: 10221/49 Washington Area Security Operations, AEC, Washington, D.C. 8229/50 Clearance extension for Washington Area Security Operations at request of Research and Development Board, Washington, D.C. Security clearance extendedn to Office of Defense Mobilization (ODM), Washington, D.C. 9/20/54 Security clearance extended again to the Research and Development Board as a Consultant. 2/11/58 At request of The White House the security clearance reaffirmed by the San Francisco Operations Office, AEC, Oakland, California, at request of Rand Corporation, member of Board of Trustees. 12/14/55 Security clearance extended to Oak Ridge Operations Office, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, at request of Carbide Henson (sub-contract) 2/1/57 Security clearance access permit by New York Operations Office, AEC, New York City. The file contained no additional pertinent information pertaining to the appointee.

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WFO 77-46107 Office of Defense Mobilization (ODM) On Markh 10, 1958, personnel Office, ODM, advised SA the appointee's personnel file had been forwarded to St. Louis on August 16, 1956. His service record card reflected on November 18, 1953, he was appointed a member of the Science Advisory Committee, which appointment terminated on June 30 1955. His date of birth was shown as August 31, 1905. The card contained no additional pertinent information. On March 10, 1958, the appointee's security The file file at ODM was reviewed by SA reflected the appointee received a "Q" clearance by b7C the AEC on January 1, 1947, which was extended to ODM by the AEC on September 20, 1954. His "Q" clearance was activated with Research and Development Board on Autober 29, 1950. He received a "Top Secret" clearance by ODM on December 1, 1953. The file contained no additional pertinent information pertaining to the appointee.

On March 10, 1958, Mr. DAVID Z. BECKLER, Executive Officer, President's Science Advasory Committee, White House Special Projects Office, advised SA he had known the appointee since approximately 1950, when he had worked under the appointee's supervision at the Research and Development Board for a period of approximately one and one-half years. Mr. BECKLER explained the appointee had been chairman of a committee on which he, BECKEER, had worked. explained further he had seen the appointee in connection with the appointee's service on the Science Advisory Committee of ODM during the period November, 1953 to June, 1955, during which time the appointee came in for a two-day period every other month. Mr. BECKLER stated he considered the appointee to be a man of excellent character, reputation and loyalty and advised he would recommend the appointee favorably for a position of trust and confidence with the government.

#### Office of Secretary of Defense (OSD)

On March 11, 1958,

Office of Civilian Personnel, Office of the Secretary

of Defense, made available to SA

personnel file of that office relating to the
appointee's work for OSD as an expert and as a consultant.

The file verified the following employments:

On December 19, 1950 appointed "Expert" at \$50 per diem when actually employed, on the Committee on Atomic Energy Research and Development Board, and carried as above until June 30, 1953 when the Research and Development Board was abolished.

July 1, 1953, appointed "Expert" at \$50 per diem when actually employed, in Office of Assistant Secretary of Defense (Research and Development) nottto exceed June 30, 1954.

July 1, 1954, appointed Consultant, Technical Advisory Panel Ordnance, Office of Assistant Secretary of Defense (Research and Development) at \$50 per diem, when actually employed, not to exceed December 31, 1954.

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The above appointment was renewed on December 31, 1955, December 31, 1956, January 1, 1957 (not to exceed December 31, 1957). The file contained no additional pertainant information pertaining to the appointee.

On March 11, 1958, Office of Security Services, OSD, made available to SA a security file on the appointee. The file contained no additional pertinent information pertaining to the appointee.

On March 12, 1958, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Research and Development), OSD, advised SA he is assigned as the secretary to the Technical Advisory Panel on Atomic Energy, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Research and Development). stated the appointee has been active with the above panel since

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approximately 1951, and he has continued to take an active interest in its affairs up until approximately two years ago. He advised the exact dates of the appointee's connection with the panel are not known to him. According to the files may continue to show the appointee separation with the panel as a Consultant past the dates of his actual participation with the panel, but to his knowledge, the appointee, due to other professional commitments, has not attended acctings of thepanel for approximately two years.

advised the appointee was Chairman of the panel when it was under theold Research and Development Board, and he continued on the panel as a mamber after he was brought into the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Research and Development) in 1953. According to the panel meets approximately three times a year and frequently in cities that would be convenient to all of its members. The panel is stated to be made up of prominent businessmen who are acquainted in the field of Atomic Energy problems.

advised he has personally known the appointee since 1954 and knew him prior to that date when the appointee was a Commissioner at AEC. He stated he has attended meetings of the panel approximately three times a year with the appointee and has traveled with him on field trips for several days' duration. He stated he has also had numerous discussions with the appointee between the actual meetings of the panel.

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stated he would recommend the appointee as being a thoroughly loyal individual of excellent character, morals, associates and reputation. He stated the appointee is highly qualified in scientific fields and is a man worthy of a position requiring the highest degree of trust and confidence.

usually meet to discuss problems on defense and he is not acquainted with the extent the members may know each other socially or personally.

On March 13, 1958,

Technical Advisory Panel on Ordnance, Office
of the Secretary of Defense (Research and Development),
advised SA he has administered the affairs
of the above panel for the past several years and was
with the panel in 1954. He stated he is quite certain
the appointee has never functioned as a member or
consultant to this panel.

reviewed the tosters of the panel back to and including 1954, and was unable to locate the appointee's name as ever having been connected with the Technical Advisory Panel on Ordnance, OSD (Research and Development).

#### ASSOCIATE

On March 18, 1958, Dr. HANS A. BETHE, Professor of Physics, Cornell University, and member of the President's Science Advisory Committee. White House Special Projects Office, advised SA he had known the appointed very well both socially and professionally since 1935, when they were teaching and doing research in nuclear physics at Cornell University from 1935 to 1941. Dr. BETHE mentioned he had later known the appointee for a short period at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in approximately 1942 and had then worked very closely with him at Los Alamos from 1943 to 1946. He added he had continued to see the appointee from time to time from that period to the present. He advisedhe had a very high opinion of the appointee in all respects and considered him to be a man of the very highest character, reputation, loyalty, and associations and ability. He stated he would recommend the appointee for a position with the government, commenting he had never heard anything detrimental to him in any respect.

#### CREDIT AND POLICE RECORD CHECKS

On March 10, 1958, SE caused a search to be made of the files of the Credit Bureau, Incorporated. The files contain no careful Applitional ratings for the appointee or his wife.

tocated at TheBlackVault com/rus WFQ 77-46107 On March 10, 1958, SE determined that the files of the Metropolitan Police Department contained no record of the appointee on his wife; at all times an indefinite number of unidentified records are out of file and unavailable for review. On March 10, 1958, SE caused a search to be made of the files of the United States Park Police. The files contain no record of the appointee or his wife. On March 11, 1958, SE caused a search to be made of the files of the Arlington County, Virginia Police Department. files contain no record of the appointee or his wife. MISCELLENEOUS b7C On March 10, 1958, it was determined the files of the House Committee on Un-American Activities contain no additional pertinent information pertaining to the appointee. On March 7, 1958, SE caused a search to be made of the files of the Investigations Division, Civil Service Commission. The files contain no additional pertanent information pertaining to the appointee. On March 12, 1958, SE caused a search to be made of the Tiles of the Office of Special Investigations, Department of the Air Force. The files contain no additional pertinent information pertaining to the appointee. On March 13, 1958, Personnel Section, United States Secret Service. Department of the Treasury, advised SA that her files contain no record of the appointee.

on March 11, 1958, SE reviewed the appointee's passport file at the Passport Office, Department of State. The file reflects the appointee was issued passport 906859 on April 5, 1956, for a proposed six weeks' travel to Italy, Switzerland, France, Denmark and England, to attend a scientific meeting at Geneva, to visit laboratories and to vacation. His date of birth was shown as Aggust 31, 1905 at Londonville, Ohio.

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The file contained an application for passport dated July 10, 1945 from the appointee; however, a passport was not issued and reason was not shown for non-assuance. The file further reflects the appointee was married on May 30, 1930

The file contained no additional pertinent information.

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Enclosed herewith are two copies of report dated and captioned as above at Washington, D.C.

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WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE:

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Will report contents of files of as pertains to the appointee, when obtained.

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March 31, 1958 BY COURIER SERVICE Honorable Sherman Adams The Assistant to the President The White House Washington, D. C. My dear Mr. Adams: In accordance with the request contained in the letter dated March 3, 1958, from Mr. Henry Roemer McPhee, the investigation of Dr. Robert Fox Bacher has been brought up to date. There is enclosed a summary reflecting the results of inquiries made by this Bureau in accordance with this request. It is to be noted that a summary of a prior investigation of Dr. Bacher was forwarded to you by letter dated January 12, 1954. Information is set forth in the enclosed summar concerning Dr. Bacher's association with Drs. Victor F. Weisskopf, Edward U. Condon and J. Robert Oppenheimer Information concerning these individuals is contained in the summary which was furnished to you on January 12 The records of another governmental agency were not available for review during the current investigation. As soon as these records have been made available, you well a be advised of any pertinent information contained therein concerning Dr. Bacher. REC- 7677 62555 I wish to advise the investigations of Dr. Bacher covered inquiries as to his character, loyalty, general standing and ability, but no inquiries were made as to the source of his income. Sincerelycyours Tolson MLI:fil Nichols Boardman Belmont \_ Mohr \_ osure Parsons -Rosen \_ Tamm Trotter Negse Tele, Room Holloman . MAIL ROOM Gandy

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Information set forth hereinafter reflects the results of inquiries made by this Bureau concerning Robert Few Bacher for the period since January, 1954. It is to be noted that Dr. Bacher was the subject of an applicant-type investigation at the request of another governmental agency in December, 1956, and information set forth in this summary reflects the results of that investigation and the current inquiries.

Dr. Bacher was appointed professor of physics, chairman of the Division of Physics, Mathematics and Astrology, and director of the Horman Bridge Laboratory of Physics, California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, California, om July 1, 1949, and is currently so employed.

He was employed on November 18, 1953, as a member of the Science Advisory Committee, Office of Defense Mobilization, Washington, D. C., and this employment was terminated on June 30, 1955. He entered on duty on December 1, 1957, as a member of the President's Science Advisory Committee, Executive Office of the President, Washington, D. C., in a when-actually-employed status not to exceed December 31, 1959.

On July 1, 1953, he was appointed an expert on a when-actually-employed basis in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense, (Research and Development), Department of Defense, Washington, D. C., for a period not to exceed June 30, 1954. He was subsequently appointed a consultant on July 1, 1954, to the Technical Advisory Panel on Atomic Energy, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Research and Development), Department of Defense, Washington, D. C., and this appointment was renewed on December 31, 1955, December 31, 1956, and was not to exceed December 31, 1957. The investigation disclosed that Dr. Bacher's services as a consultant have not been utilized during the past two years due to his other professional commitments.

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The March 28, 1955, issue of "The New York Times," a New York City daily newspaper, reported that the Mational Academy of Sciences had announced the appointment of Dr. Bacher to a committee to counsel with the Government on loyalty which reportedly has as its purpose to encourage men and women to acquire the skills required in the furtherance of the peace-Estion that Dr. Bacher is a consultant or member of the board of directors of the following companies: Peaceful Atomic Development, Incorporated, Detroit, Michigan, ful uses of atomic energy and to disseminate throughout the world an understanding of the peaceful uses and applications involving nonsecret, Federal-supported research by United States Atomic Energy Commission, Washington, D. C., on July 1, 1956, his contract was renewed on June 30, 1957, during The following persons, who were contacted during these investigations, highly recommended Dr. Bacher for a position of trust with the Government: Dr. Bacher is also a director of the Fund for Los Angeles, William A. Fowler, professor of physics, California Institute of Technology, Ramo-Wooldridge Corporation, Los Angeles California; Consolidated Electrodynamics Corporation, Pasadena, California; Rand Corperation, Santa Monica, California; Southern California Edison Company, Los Angeles, California; and Power Reactor Carl D. Anderson, professor of physics, California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, California, who was inter-Development Company, Detroit, Michigan. Pasadena, California, who was also scientists in private institutions. interviewed in 1956. 1 2 Pasadena, Calif viewed in 1956. currently active. of atomic energy. Robert Fox Bacher programs and is

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James K. Killian, Special Assistant to the President for Science and Technology, Washington, D. C. Dr. Eacher for several years and he is competent and completely loyal, He said he can recommend Dr. Eacher Without qualification,

Edgar Bright Wilson, professor, Harvard University, Cambridge, Asseschusetts. He said Dr. Bacher is an outstanding scientist who is community.

", alduort at" the two latter indaviduals were Drs. Condon and Oppenheimer since breach between Dr. Bacher and said he believes there has been a Opponheamer in recent years, He Dr. Edward U. Condon or Dr. J. Robert close association with either believe that Dr. Bacher has had recent years, and he also does not with Dr. Victor F. Reisskopf in has not had any close association out that he is certain Dr. Bacher brilliant scientist. He pointed "tops" in every respect and is a or loyalty. He said Dr. Bacher is his character, reputation, associates is no question whatsoever concerning social basis since 1932 and there Dr. Bacher on a professional and Dr. Stratton said he has known Cambridge, Massachusetts. Massachusette Institute of Technology, Julius A. Stratton, chancellor,

Messachusetts, Messachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Massachusetts, Robert Fox Bacher He said Dr. Bacher is known in the scientific field as a brilliant scientist. Jerome B. Wiesner, director, Research Laboratory of Electronics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Massachusetts. Both Professors Zacharias and Wiesner said Dr. Bacher has had no close asseciation with Dr. Weisskopf in recent years, and to the best of their knowledge, has had no close association with Drs. Condon or Oppenheimer. Lawrence Hafstad, director of research, General Motors Technical Center, General Motors Corporation, Warren, Michigan. Oscar Ruebhausen, attorney, New York City. Mr. Ruebhausen said Dr. Bacher has been associated with the Fund for Peaceful Atomic Development, Incorporated, from its outset, and is a scientist of outstanding integrity. Henry M. Wriston, president, American Assembly, New York City. Dr. Wriston, who is a former president of Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island, said he considers Dr. Bacher an excellent choice for the President's Science Advisory Committee. He said he was associated with Dr. Bacher on the "Stratton Committee," the members of which were appointed by the National Academy of Sciences to counsel with the Government on loyalty programs. He also said Dr. Bacher has attended forums held by the American Assembly, which is an organization founded by the President to promote the peaceful application of

Robert Fox Bacher atomic energy. The American Assembly has its offices at Columbia University, New York City. Ernest C. Watson, dean of the faculty and professor of physics, California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, California. Dean Watson said he has known Dr. Bacher since the late 1920's and regards him as a man of the highest integrity, character and reputation. He said he knows that Dr. Bacher is a close personal friend of Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer, but he doubts if they have had occasion to see each other very frequently during the past few years for the simple reason that one is on the west coast and the other on the east coast. He said Dr. Bacher is one of the top physicists in the United States and as such is professionally acquainted with all the top men in that field in the United States, including Drs. Weisskopf and Condon. Robert F. Christy, professor of physics, California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, California, C. C. Lauritsen, professor of physics. California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, California, Both Professors Christy and Lauritsen advised that they are aware Dr. Bacher is a close personal friend of Dr. Oppenheimer since Dr. Bacher worked and studied with Dr. Oppenheimer for many years. They said they are not aware of how frequently these men have occasion to see each other since they work in different parts of the United States, but they have no reason to think the relationship between these men has changed in recent years. They also - 5 -

Robert Fox Bacher advised that due to the nature of Dr. Bacher's work as a physicist, he would of necessity have some contact with fellow physicists such as Drs. Weisskopf and Condon. Power Reactor Development Company. Detroit, Michigan. Fund for Peaceful Atomic Development, b7C Incorporated, Ann Arbor, Michigan. for research and industrial development, United States Atomic Energy Commission, Washington, D. C. Division of Research, United States Atomic Energy Commission, Washington, D. C. David Z. Beckler, executive officer, President's Science Advisory Committee, Executive Office of the President, Washington, D. C. John E. Jackson, director, Atomic, Biological and Chemical Warfare, Assistant Secretary of Defense (Research and Engineering), Department of Defense, Washington, D. C. Hans A. Bethe, professor of physics, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, and a member of the President's Science Advisory Committee. Dr. Bacher and his family reside at 525 South Wilson Avenue, Pasadena, California. Neighbors of Dr. Bacher's family were contacted during the 1956 investigation and the current investigation, and in each instance recommended all members of the family highly with reference to their character, reputation and loyalty.

Robert Fox Eacher The files of G-2, Central Records Facility, Fort Holabird, Baltimore, Maryland, were checked in 1956, and it was found that Dr. Bacher was the subject of a partial background investigation completed by that agency in 1946, which developed no information which reflected adversely on his character, reputation or loyalty. The files of the Division of Security, United States Atomic Energy Commission, were checked during the current investigation and disclosed that Dr. Bacher has had active security clearances with that agency on an intermittent basis. The last such clearance was dated February 1, 1957, and is still active. The files of the Passport Office, Department of State, reflected that Dr. Bacher was issued a passport in April, 1956, for a proposed trip to Europe to attend a scientific meeting in Geneva, Switzerland, to visit laboratories and for vacation. These files contain no additional pertinent information. In addition, the files of the following governmental agencies were also checked during the current investigation and disclosed either no record or no additional pertinent information concerning Dr. Bacher: Security Office, Office of Defense Mobilization; Office of Security Services, Department of Defense; House Committee on Un-American Activities; Investigations Division, Civil Service Commission; United States Secret Service; and the central files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The records of the appropriate law enforcement arencies and credit bureaus were checked concerning Dr. Bacher, his mother, Mrs. Byrl Fox Bacher, and no pertinent information was obtained concerning any one of them. b7C - 7 -

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Honorable Sherman Adams
The Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Adams:

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This concludes the investigation,

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Director, FBI

ROBERT FOX BACHER SPECIAL INQUIRY

Reference is made to my memorandum dated

March 31, 1958, in the above-captioned matter. The files

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The above information is being forwarded to the Honorable Sherman Adams and concludes the investigation.

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October 17, 1958

ROBERT F. BACKER Born: August 31, 1905 Loudonville, Ohio

Reference is made to your request that you be furnished the results of any investigation conducted concerning the captioned person, wherein information of a subversive nature was developed. There are attached herewith six reports reflecting the investigation conducted in 1956, concerning Robert Fox Bacher. (116-428237)

In addition, you are advised that applicanttype investigations concerning the captioned subject were conducted by this Bureau in December, 1953, and March, 1958, and the results were Turnished to the White House on January 12, 1954, and April 14, 1950. At the request of the White House, you are referred to the Office of Major General Wilton B. Persons, the Assistant to the President, should you desire the detailed results of these investigations. (77-60559)

The foregoing information is furnished to you as a result of your request for an FBI file check and is not to be construed as a clearance or a nonclearance of the individual involved. This information is loaned for your use and is not to be disseminated outside of your agency.

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