



PF603489/V1

Register No. PF 603,489.

Minute Sheet

Freda.

1.

13.9.45. Extract from New York telegram mentioning FRIEDA.
 Undated. Extract from report on information from CORBY.
 Nov. 1945. Extract from R.C.M.P. re Soviet Espionage in Canada.
 23.2.46. Extract from Telegram from New York re Freda LINTON.

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27.2.46. Extract from telegram from New York re Freda LINTON. 2a.

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3.46. Extract from Telegram from New York re Freda LINTON. 3a.

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14.3.46. Extract from Telegram to New York re Freda LINTON. 4a.

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21.3.46. Extract from Telegram from New York re Freda LINTON. 5a.

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25.3.46. Extract from Telegram from New York re Freda LINTON. 6a.

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26.3.46. Extract from telegram from New York re Freda LINTON. 7a.

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8. Extract from Telegram from New York re Freda LINTON. 8a.

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20.7.46. Extract from Telegram from Washington mentioning Freda LINTON. 9a.

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6.9.46. Extract from Memorandum by Royal Commission in connection with the CORBY case and mentioning Freda LINTON. 10a.

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19. 11.46. From American Embassy re Freda LINTON. 11a.

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B.1.b.

Please see serial 11a. with regard to P.C. Reynolds who is NT in our records, you will no doubt wish to make the necessary enquiries for the F.B.I.

B.1.c.
22.11.46.

Nancy Sabell.

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25.11.46.

To Special Branch, requesting enquiries about P.C. REYNOLDS.

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~~B.l.c.~~

I am making the necessary enquiries about P.C. REYNOLDS. In the meantime, this file should contain a note of the documents produced by CORBY in which Freda LINTON's name appears. Secondly, since Freda LINTON is at large, I suggest that the R.C.M.P. should be asked to supply us with her full personal particulars, and that consideration should be given to placing her name on the Black List.

B.l.b. -
25.11.46.

J.H. Marriott
J.H. Marriott.

15.

Undated.

Extracts from Documents produced by CORBY:
Miscellaneous Notes taken from Grant's safe re
Freda LINTON.

15a.

16.

25.11.46. To R.C.M.P. Ottawa re Freda LINTON.

16a.

17.

25.11.46.

From R.C.M.P. Ottawa re LINTON, attaching Civil Service
of Canada application form for LINTON.

17a.

[P.T. Over.]

18.

B.1.b. Mr Marriott.

Please see serial 17a. I am passing this to you for the necessary enquiries to be made on Rita GORODETSKY and Diana LIPCHITZ, both of whom are NT in the Registry. Would you please pass the file back to me when you have finished with it for the inclusion of Freda LINTON'S name on the Black List.

B.1.c.
6.12.46.

Nadia Dabell.

9.12.46. To G.P.O. for return of correspondence on 45 Pier Road, Erith, Kent. 18a.

B.1.c. Miss Dabell.

19.

Thank you.

I understand from Special Branch that Freda LINTON'S name has not been officially communicated to them by the R.C.M.P. as that of a wanted person. I am therefore suggesting to the R.C.M.P. that this should be done, and pending their reply I think that the question of putting her on H.O.S.I. should stand over.

B.1.b.
9.12.46.

Marriott
J.H.Marriott.

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9.12.46. To R.C.M.P., in reply to 17a. 20a.

21.

13.12.46. H.O. papers requisitioned for GORODETSKY - N.T. 21a.

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16.12.46. Passport papers requisitioned for GORODETSKY) N.T. 22a.

23.

17.12.46. From R.C.M.P., in reply to 16a, and giving descriptive particulars of Freda LINTON. 23a.

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19.12.46. S.B. report on REYNOLDS family. 24a.

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8.1.47. B.l.b. minute to B.l. enc. letter to F.B.I. for signature. 25a.

26.

9.1.47. To F.B.I., giving particulars of REYNOLDS family. 26a.

16.1.47. Return of Correspondence on 45, Pier Road, Erith from 2.1.47 to 16.1.47. 26b.

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22.1.47 From B.l.d. re Rita GORODETSKY. 27a.

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23.1.47 Passport papers requested for GORODETSKY. 28a

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30.1.47 From R.C.M.P. re Freda LINTON. 29a

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31.1.47 From C.N.R.O. re GORODETSKY. 30a

31.

21.2.47 To C.N.R.O. re GORODETSKY. 31a

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24.2.47. To H.O. re inclusion of LINTON, Freda, in H.O.S.I. 32a

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C.1a. Major/Mars.

Please see W.S. Form 17. We have put LINTON's name on H.O.S.I. (see 32a).

You will see that B.1b. ask for 'immediate notification' if LINTON comes to notice outside the U.K. As she is British and will not need a visa, and consuls do not hold H.O.S.I., the inclusion of her name will not give us this.

You and/or B.1b may consider it worth circulating Consuls through Mr. Godwin, in case LINTON applies for a new passport.

C.1a.
24.2.47.

34.

25.2.47. To Passport & Permit Office asking if they would circularise Consuls abroad and others concerned to notify them should LINTON come to their notice.

34a.

35.

26.2.47 From C.N.R.O. re GORODETSKY.

35a.

36.

36a.

37.

3.3.47. Copy of circular from I.B., H.O. re Freda LINTON.

37a.

38.

15.3.47. To R.C.M.P. further to 17a and 29a

38a.

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39.

B.l.c. ~~Miss Dabell.~~

As a result of the fourth paragraph of the R.C.M.P. letter at 29a I asked C.l.a to include Freda LINTON's name in H.O.S.I. I now realise that this request should have been made by you. Many apologies for encroaching on your territory.

B.l.b.
25.3.47

Diana Mumford
Diana Mumford.

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10.6.47

From R.C.M.P re LINTON and GORODETSKY.

40a.

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19.6.47

To S.B re LINTON and GORODETSKY.

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41a.

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15.8.47.

From S.B., re Rita GORODETSKY, in reply to 41a.

42a.

43.

19.8.47.

To R.C.M.P., giving information re GORODETSKY as at 42a.

43a.

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27.9.47

Review of British Cases Listed in the H.O. Suspect Index mentioning LINTON

44a

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~~Bic/Miss Dabell~~

Please see 44a you will probably agree that Freda LINTON's name should remain on H.O.S.I.

Diana Mumford
D. Mumford

B1b
30.9.47

C.4. 10/10/47

46.

I agree with Miss Mumford that Freda LINTON should remain on H.O.S.I, in view of her past activities.

R.1.c.
8¹/₂ 10.47.

had a talk!

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undated.

Information taken from the Royal Commission report on the Canadian Espionage case in 1945 concerning LINTON.

47a

23.3.48.

From FBI re LINTON

47b

48.

13.4.48.

B.1.a/4311 source report re R.GORODETSKY.

48a.

49.

B.2.a. Miss Mumford.

I think you may like to see 48a.

B.1 Sec.
21.4.48.

25/4/48
4a

Freda Linton is to remain - 1100!

B2a 30/4/48

Answered

51.

29.4.48.

To R.C.M.P. re Rita GORODETSKY, a friend of Freda LINTON.

51a.

FILE CLOSED

CASE No. 539.

Freda LINTON.

o LIPSHITZ.

born: 6.3.1916, Montreal, Canada.

Nationality: British.

Occupation: Secretary.

Description: Height 5'3"-4"; dark brown hair; blue eyes; roman nose; stocky build; weight 128 lbs; good teeth; wears glasses.

Details: Believed to have engaged in espionage.

Suggested action to be taken: Inform C.S.

CS Ref: PF: 603,489.

18.6.47.

SERIAL
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Added R.5.

Freda LIPSHITZ

See Freda LINTON.

SERIAL
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SECRET.

51c

29th April, 1948.

Our ref. P.F.Y. 603,489/B.2.a/M.

Dear Commissioner Wood,

Please will you refer to previous correspondence between us relating to Rita GORODSTENY, who came to notice as a friend of Prada LITVIN and who left this country for Canada on 24th June, 1947. (See my letter of 19th August, 1947, under the above reference).

It has recently come to my notice through a reliable and confidential source that Mrs. GORODSTENY was in fact a registered member of the Westminster Branch of the Communist Party in March, 1947. She was employed at the time in a ladies' dress shop in the West End of London.

Yours sincerely,

for Sir Percy Sillitoe.

Commissioner S.T. Wood, C.M.G.,
C.C.M.P. Headquarters,
Ottawa,
Canada.

See also 65a + 73a.
No trace of return look
after 1947.

K7DY/MUN
10/1/76

M/S.R.

W.P.
A.P. 5.48
B2a/209
30.4.48

See L.V.
19/4 R Barr chkd 1/19/4

According to B.I.A./4311 Mrs. R. GORODETSKY
was in March 1947 a registered member of the Communist Party.

Address: 124/6 Wardour St., W.1. X

Employment: Richards Shops, New Burlington St., W.1.

Trade Union: C. & A.W.

Party Branch: Westminster.

Registry: Lease 1/2, join the ... and other.

B.I.A.
13. ...

B.2.B. NOTE.

The attached has been removed from an album compiled by the F.B.I. of known and suspected Soviet Intelligence Agents in the United States and forwarded by the American Embassy, London, under Ref. 2450 dated 22.3.48, received 23.3.48.

The covering letter, which contains no further information on any of the individuals named, is filed at 1A in PF. 77742. (List of known and suspected Soviet Intelligence Agents in U.S.A.)

January, 1949.

Registry Instructions:

Please L.U.

· If file: p.a.

If traces: make PF. and p.a.

If NT: make PF. and send to B.2.B. ND.



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PA in PF 603.489

NAME: LINTON, Freda @ LIPCHITZ "FRIEDA".

ORIGIN: Polish-Canadian Jewess. Born Montreal on March 6, 1916.

DESCRIPTION: 5ft. 3ins. Brown curly hair. Blue eyes.

Weight 128lbs. Stocky, well dressed. Wears glasses.

Has nice teeth. Occupation: Stenographer, Secretary.

Sales Clerk.

LANGUAGES: Hebrew, English, French.

ESPIONAGE FUNCTIONS: Connected with the activities of the Soviet Embassy,
Ottawa. Red Army Intelligence recruiting agent in
1945.

1945: Canada.

1946: Disappeared, whereabouts unknown.

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SECTION III. 15

FREDA LINTON, Montreal and Ottawa

As referred to elsewhere in this report, Colonel Zabotin's note-book contained entries made by him of information on the espionage organizations operated by Sokolov and Koudriavtzev, existing on Zabotin's arrival in this country in June, 1943. Part of these notes reads as follows:—

Prior to Re-organizationDirector Davie1. Fred—director of corporation.

Previously worked at the neighbours, up to 1924. In May-June 1942 came to Davie with a proposal to help. Davie checked up on Fred through New York (Molier). The neighbours proposed to make use of Fred. After this, in 1942 in September, Fred contacted Davie on instructions from Molier. Molier was sent to work in Ottawa, for organizing the work. (At the present time on the electoral lists to Parliament in Quebec.)

Fred's WorkGroup in Montreal (activists)1. Gray

Jew. Head of a section of the Directorate for securing war materials for the Allies. Taken on to the work on 1.9.42. He works well. Gives materials on shells and cannons (on films).

2. Green

Works in the administration of the Tank plant "Locomotive" in Montreal. Assistant to the superintendent of the section on contracts. A key position. Gives information on the numbers of tanks being delivered—only.

3. Professor

Frenchman. Noted chemist, about 40 years of age. Works in McGill University, Montreal. Is the best of the specialists on VV on the American

Continent. Gives full information on explosives and chemical plants. Very rich. He is afraid to work. (Gave the formula of RDX, up to the present there was no evaluation from the boss.)

Gave about OV.

1. Gini—(Jew) Auxiliary Group)

~~Photographer~~ Owner of a drug store. He provided a place for photography. He has a photo-laboratory. *

There are working at his place:

- (a) Golia, a young artist, works in the photographic studio.

Contact

1. Freda

Jewess. Works as a fellow-worker in the International Labour Office.

A lady-friend of the Professor.

2. Galya

A housewife. Occupies apartment adjoining that of Davie. Her husband works as a merchant. Is establishing contact with Fred. After the reorganization she was a contact with Gray.

Nobody in the group knows Leon.

Davie's wife was the contact between Leon and Davie. Galya was at times connected with her.

"Davie" is Sokolov. "Fred" is Fred Rose. "Molier" was a Soviet Consul in New York. "The neighbour" is the Soviet secret police, the N.K.V.D. "Gray" is H. S. Gerson. "Leon" is Koudriavtzev. We have not been able to identify "Green" and a tentative identification of "Galya" is too uncertain for us to report definitely. "Freda" calls herself Freda Linton but appears to be known also as Freda or Fritzie Linden. Her name was originally Lipchitz later changed to Linton and she was born in Montreal on March 6th, 1916, of Polish parentage.

It is reasonably plain that "Freda" was not communicating information herself, but was a "contact" or medium through whom information was received from various agents and funnelled through Fred Rose or otherwise to the Embassy.

* Faint type indicates word crossed out in original documents.

As to this woman Dr. Boyer gave the following evidence:—

- Q. Then I show you Exhibit 163. (*a photograph of Linton*).
Do you know who that lady is?
- A. Yes.
- Q. How long have you known her?
- A. Fred Rose came to our house one night with her. I remember that it was Christmas Eve; I think it was 1941.
- Q. 1941?
- A. Or 1942; I am not sure which.
- Q. At that time was Fred Rose in circulation?
- A. Oh, it must have been after that, then.
- Q. It must have been after the Labour-Progressive Party was formed, or would it be before?
- A. Well, it must have been after it was formed, or at least after his reappearance.
- Q. Did he reappear before the Toronto Convention, do you know?
- A. Oh, yes.
- Q. He did, even though the Communist Party was banned?
- A. Yes; but those Communist members of the Communist Party were released.
- Q. After Russia came into the war; is that it?
- A. I don't remember exactly when it was; sometime, I think, before the Labour-Progressive Party was formed.
- Q. So that at some time around that period he came to your house with Miss Linden?
- A. Yes.
- Q. It is Miss Linden, is it not; not Mrs.?
- A. As far as I know, it is Miss Linden.
- Q. And what was the purpose of that visit?
- A. Merely social.
- Q. Did you see her again after that?
- A. Yes, I have seen her a few times on the street, because she worked in the International Labour Office, which is on McGill campus.
- Q. Was she ever in your house again?
- A. No.
- Q. Did you have occasion to meet her after that introduction to her at your house?
- A. No. I beg pardon?

Q. Did you have occasion to meet her after the interview with her at your house? The time Fred Rose brought her to your house?

A. I met her on the street, yes.

Q. But other than just meeting on the street, did you have occasion to talk to her?

A. Just casually on the street.

Q. Do you know what her political leanings were?

A. Well, I assumed what they were, since she was with Fred Rose.

Q. Did she ever say anything in your hearing which would lead you to form an opinion, apart from the company she was keeping?

A. I don't remember what she said that night she came to our house, but she may have. I don't remember.

Q. But you distinctly catalogued her in your own mind as a Communist?

A. Definitely.

Q. And did you know of her as doing any other work than what she was doing in the International Labour Office?

A. No.

Q. Do you know anything of her as a means of transmitting information?

A. No.

Q. Or a contact?

A. No.

Q. Did you ever know of her by any other name than Freda Linden?

A. No.

Q. Did you ever hear her called Fritzie?

A. No.

Q. Then still reading from the same record, there is a reference to Freda, who is described as a Jewess who works as a co-worker in the International Bureau of Labour, and as a lady friend of the Professor. "The Professor" is the name that they used to cover you, do you see? Could there be any other Freda that you know than Freda Linden, who could be described as a friend of yours?

A. No.

Q. And have you told us all about your meetings with her, the way you met her?

A. Yes.

Q. And the contacts you had with her?

A. Yes.

Q. There is nothing further you can add to throw any light on why this statement would be made?

A. No.

Benning also knew her. He was shown a photograph of Linton, and deposed as follows:—

Q. Does the name "Freda" mean anything to you?

A. Yes, that is her name; Freda.

Q. Freda Linton?

A. The second name I was never informed of. That is Freda.

Q. Your idea is that at one time she was Fred Rose's secretary?

A. That, I think, was the information that was given to me.

Q. Did you ever hear her called "Fritzie"?

A. No, sir.

Q. And did you ever have any conversation with her, meet her personally?

A. I think it is conceivable I met her at a cocktail party in Montreal, in the days of the left wing circling, but I wouldn't say positively either yes or no.

It was established that this woman was formerly in the employ of the National Film Board at Ottawa and also in the International Labour Office, in Montreal.

On being shown her photograph Gouzenko testified that he had met her in the home of Major Sokolov in Ottawa in the fall of 1943 and that the following day Sokolov had written Zabotin concerning material he had received from Freda.

It has proved impossible to subpoena Linton. She is reported "out of town." The officer who endeavoured to serve her on May 12, 1946, reported as follows:—

"Regarding the subpoena which was issued for Freda Linton of 109 Laurier Avenue, West, Montreal, it has as yet been impossible to serve same on her. In this connection, I wish to inform that upon calling at the aforementioned address at approximately 6.30 p.m. of the 12th instant I was informed by the subject's sister that Freda Linton is presently out of town, and it is not known when she is

expected to return. I was informed by her sister that Freda left for unknown destination about two weeks ago taking all her belongings along with her, and she has not heard from her sister."

The inference is obvious.

In a note-book containing entries in the handwriting of Lieutenant Colonel Motinov there is the following item relating to Freda Linton:—

Professor.

**Research Council—report on organization and work.
Freda to the Professor through Grierson.**

As to this Gouzenko testified:—

Q. This will be Exhibit No. 37, and I will read you a translation and ask you to say if it is correct.

"Professor. Research Council—report on the organization and work.
Freda to the Professor through Grierson."

A. That is right.

Q. Who is Grierson?

A. From the documents which I have read I have assumed that that is Grierson of the Canadian Film Board, chairman of the National Film Board.

Q. That is the Canadian National Film Board?

A. Yes.

Q. What is the meaning of that: "Freda to the Professor through Grierson"?

A. I understand that they wished to appoint Freda to work with the Professor, through Grierson. I want to explain.

Q. Yes, I would like you to explain that.

A. The work that Freda was doing in the Film Board was not satisfactory to Moscow. Therefore they asked Colonel Zabolin to place her in some more important department. Therefore it looks as if Colonel Zabolin was to place Freda to work with the Professor, using Grierson's influence to get her into the position.

Q. So Freda, who has not been identified yet, is a person who lived in Ottawa?

A. I understand yes.

Q. And had worked for the National Film Board?

A. The last time; yes.

Q. But do you know if she changed her position?

A. From telegrams, I understand yes, she changed.

- Q. And she went to work, after she left the Film Board, where?
- A. At first I understand from telegrams she was working in the International Labour in Montreal, and then in the National Film Board.
- Q. But Colonel Zabotin was not satisfied with her work at the National Film Board, and he could obtain nothing, so he suggested that she should work somewhere else?
- A. Yes, in scientific work.
- Q. And that she would be helped to get that new position by Grierson?
- A. I understand so from this.
- Q. And do you know if she got this new job?
- A. No, I don't know.

In a diary found in the possession of M. S. Nightingale who is reported on elsewhere in this Report, there was a list of names, addresses and telephone numbers including those of Durnford Smith, Scott Benning, Agatha Chapman, David Shugar and Bert Hughes. There was also the following entry:—

Fritzie Linden, Greerson's Secrta.

Nightingale identified the photograph of Freda Linton as the same person he knew as "Fritzie Linden".

Linton was, as Nightingale's note says, the secretary of John Grierson, Film Commissioner of the National Film Board. Grierson testified:—

- Q. I am showing you a photograph. Do you recognize that person?
- A. It is Freda Linton. She was my secretary for about a year.
- Q. When you say "my secretary" that is when you were with the Film Board, was it?
- A. This would be about then; but I think the Linton girl went with me to W.I.B., but I wouldn't say for a year; I think she was with me for about six months.
- Q. I am not quite clear, Mr. Grierson. Had she been with you in the Film Board?
- A. That would need to be established; it was just about that period, but I merely associate her with my office for about six months.
- Q. At the time you went to W.I.B. you also retained your connection with the Film Board, did you?
- A. Yes, indeed.

Q. You might explain to the Commission what those two positions were, and approximately the times you held them?

A. I became acting Film Commissioner along about the end of 1939. That position was maintained—I took it only two or three months at a time, but in 1941, when the Motion Picture Bureau was taken over by the Film Board, I became the first properly appointed Film Commissioner. It is a three year appointment, under the Films Act. In 1942 the Wartime Information Board was in a bit of a mess, and I was invited to succeed Vining as general manager. The authorities—both offices are maintained, in one case under the National Film Board, which is the administrative body or authority, directly under Parliament; and the authority of the second, the Wartime Information Board, is a Board set up for war purposes. The National Film Board, of course, is a continuing authority.

Q. Are you connected with either of those now, or have you left the government service?

A. No, I retired on V-J Day.

Q. This photograph I show you is a copy of Exhibit 163, the original of which is in use in another court at the present time; and you recognize this?

A. Yes, indeed.

Q. As Freda Linton?

A. Yes.

Q. How long was she your secretary?

A. I should say no more than six months.

Q. Now, let us come back to Exhibit 37. This, then, means Freda Linton to Professor Boyer through Grierson; and the evidence is that that is not a cover name, but you are identified by name and by occupation. The suggestion is, the evidence is, that Freda Linton, who was an agent of the Russian organization, was intended to be placed out of the Film Board in which she was working, the Film Board offices, in National Research to work with Raymond Boyer, and that her move was to be made from the Film Board through your good offices so that she could get into National Research.

A. Uh-Uh.

Q. That is the evidence before the Commission. Can you throw any light on it?

A. I must say it is the most sterile document in this sense, that the Linton girl asked for no offices and no services in that matter. I merely think of her now as an ambitious girl who certainly wanted to get on in terms of the Film Board.

Q. But was that ever suggested to you, that she wished to change from the work that she was doing?

A. Only to get a better job inside the organization.

Q. That is inside—

A. The Film Board.

Q. Was Miss Linton still your secretary up to V-J Day?

A. Oh, no.

Q. When did she leave?

A. I think she belonged to about the 1942 period.

Q. Back in 1942?

A. Or 1943 at the latest.

Q. Then where did she go, from being your secretary?

A. She was promoted to a job in our Distribution Branch; not a high job, a junior distribution job connected, I think, with American circulation.

Q. And is she still holding that position?

A. To my knowledge, I don't know of her leaving.

Q. Just let me repeat the theory behind this. The evidence shows that this is what was intended: that Freda Linton had not the opportunity in the Film Board to be a great deal of use to an organization such as Zabotin's. They thought that she might be more useful for them if they could get her into the National Research Council in some way. The idea was to get her out of the Film Board into the National Research Council, where she could be a contact with Raymond Boyer, and that that could be done through your good graces.

A. It is a presumption, I take it, on the part of the Russian Embassy, or somebody there, that I would be of service to them?

A. Yes.

A. The basis of the presumption, I say, is not very considerable.

Q. That is another thing I want you to help us on, if you can. Did you yourself know Zabotin?

A. I have met Zabotin once.

Q. And did you know Motinov?

A. No. You mean his assistant?

Q. Yes.

A. No.

Q. Sokolov?

A. No.

Q. Did you know any of the officials of the Russian Embassy at all?

A. Yes; of course I knew the Ambassadors. I am only talking of meeting people in the usual diplomatic level.

Q. Quite.

A. I knew Zheveinov, the TASS man. I liked Pavlov; he is the only person I had any kind of personal interest in. That is the boy who is still here, I think, is he, the First Counsellor?

Q. He is acting as Secretary, I think.

A. The only person I knew really was Pavlov.

Q. Just casting your mind back, can you recall any of those men even intimating to you or suggesting to you that they would like to have somebody—

A. All I can say is that the Russians, as far as I am concerned, were correct.

Q. Were correct?

A. Yes. I had no reason to associate them with anything like that.

Q. Then let me put another question to you. We are trying to find answers to these things. Did you ever have an inquiry from anybody in the National Research Council as to whether Miss Linton could be used in any type of their work?

A. No. I just don't associate Linton with any National Research Council reference.

Q. Did you know a woman named Agatha Chapman?

A. No.

Q. Then it comes down to this, I take it, Mr. Grierson, that this entry which I have shown to you, Exhibit 37, is something that you cannot make any suggestion on that you think might be helpful to the Commission?

A. I am afraid not, sir.

Q. You cannot make any suggestion at all; that is what you mean?

A. I mean it has no reference to me that I can think of, either through Linton or directly.

There is additional evidence as to the activity of Freda. In the same book in which the last-mentioned entry was, there is also the following:—

To Debouz

Steinberg—"Berger". 4133

Debouz is to tie up with Berger and depending on the circumstances is to make a proposal about work for us or for the corporation. Contact in Washington with Debouz's person. To work out arrangements for a meeting and to telegraph. To give out 600 dollars. If Debouz should be unable to go to U.S.A. then there should be a letter from Debouz to Berger containing a request to assist the person delivering the letter to Berger.

12.5.45 22.00 St. Patrick Cumberland.

"St. Patrick and Cumberland" is a street corner in Ottawa.

This outlines a plan under which Fred Rose is to contact "*Berger*" (Steinberg) who was then in Washington, with a proposal that Steinberg "*work for us or for the corporation*". "*The corporation*" is the cover name for the Communist Party. As appears below, the contact was made and Freda was the emissary.

Gouzenko testified:—

- Q. Who is Steinberg, do you know?
 A. That is a scientist in the United States.
 Q. How did you learn that?
 A. In previous telegrams.
 Q. Is it the real name of the man or is it a cover name?
 A. It is the real name.
 Q. Do you know anything more about him than that?
 A. Yes; there were further telegrams about him.
 Q. Did you ever hear him discussed by Zabotin or Motinov or any of the others in the Embassy?
 A. There were telegrams which were written by Colonel Zabotin.
 Q. So of your own knowledge, it all comes from telegrams?
 A. Yes.
 Q. "Berger" then is the cover name for Steinberg?
 A. That is right.

COMMISSIONER: I suppose that there is no doubt that where we use time recorded as it is here, for instance, "2200", that this means 10 p.m., as the witness understands it?

THE WITNESS: Yes, that is 10 p.m.

COUNSEL:

Q. In Russia do you compute the day on the basis of twenty-four hours?

A. Yes.

Q. You take it from one to twenty-four hours?

A. Yes.

Q. So as the Commissioner points out, 2200 would be—"

A. 10 p.m.

Q. Do you know in what city in the United States Steinberg lives?

A. No.

A. In the telegrams which Colonel Zabotin sent to Moscow he described him as a scientist who was a friend of Debouz. . . .

Q. Do you know if Debouz went to Washington, or was it his friend who made the contact with Steinberg?

A. In later telegrams that were sent it was pointed out that Debouz's man had handed over Steinberg to the Military Intelligence in Washington.

Q. That is the Russian Military Intelligence in Washington?

A. Yes.

Q. And the contact was to be made in Washington?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Through the officials of the Russian service?

A. Yes.

Q. So Debouz did not go himself; it was his man who made the contact in Washington?

A. This telegram to which I refer was sent much later, and it was not indicated whether Debouz had made the contact, but the contact was established.

Q. Do you know the name or the cover name of Debouz's man in Washington?

A. No, but in the telegram that reported the handing over of Berger, it mentioned that it was done through Freda. It was not a contact; it was handing over.

Steinberg had previously worked in Canada, and he and "*The Professor*" (Boyer) had become close friends. Boyer said:—

Q. Then here is a letter, Exhibit No. 177, which appears to have been written by two people, one Arthur and the other Edith. From whom was that letter received, Dr. Boyer?

A. Arthur and Edith Steinberg.

Q. Who is Arthur Steinberg?

A. He is an American geneticist who came to Montreal to teach genetics, I think in 1940 or 1941. However, I did not meet him until 1942 when we became close friends. We moved to where he and his wife lived. He left Canada in June, 1944, and went to a job with the American Navy, a research job, and he has been in Washington ever since.

Q. Is he a Communist?

A. I do not know; he has never said so: I know he has certain sympathies.

Q. He is sympathetic to the Communists?

A. Yes.

It would appear to us that Freda, Boyer, Steinberg and Rose well understood one another.

Being required by the terms of Order in Council P.C. 411 to "inquire into and report upon which public officials and other persons in positions of trust or otherwise have communicated, directly or indirectly, secret and confidential information, the disclosure of which might be inimical to the safety and interests of Canada to the agents of a foreign power, and the facts relating to and the circumstances surrounding such communications", we think that Linton was used by Rose as a "contact" in his operations for the Russians in obtaining and communicating information from secret and confidential sources. The flight of Linton is, in our opinion, as significant as that of Sam Carr. The reasons are doubtless the same in both cases.

Copy in PF. 90068 - GRIERSON:
(pages 481-490 incl.)

PF. 604.489. LINTON Freda

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INFORMATION TAKEN FROM THE ROYAL COMMISSION REPORT ON THE CANADIAN
ESPIONAGE CASE IN 1945 CONCERNING FREDA LINTON.

Review of British Cases Listed in the Home Office

Suspect Index and "G" Circulars.

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To ..B.I.B.....

In view of the present difficulties encountered by the Immigration Officers in regard to the control of British Subjects entering and departing from the U.K., it is of the utmost importance that British cases should be reduced to the bare minimum, otherwise our own objects will be defeated.

We should be grateful if you would reconsider the case of: ..LINTON, Freda, P.F. 603,489..... subject of Circular NO. B.S. 7545..... with a view to its possible cancellation.

.....Rosemary Vallis
for W.S. Mars.

C.4.a.
27th September, 1947.

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PF.603,489/B.1.b/JHM.

19th August, 1947.

Dear Commissioner Wood,

Further to correspondence which we have exchanged on the subject of Rita GORODETSKY, who is thought to have possibly been in touch with Freda LINTON, I have just learned that the former left this country for Canada on the s.s. "Aquitania" on 24.6.47. She has not come to our notice since the date of my last letter, but it is now known that the address to which she moved in December 1946, and where she remained until March 1947, was that of persons known to me as very active members of the Communist Party. She next moved to another address in London where she lived with persons who have been reported to hold Communist views.

Handwritten:
 - Noted -
 PC 43377
 24.9.47.

Yours sincerely,

for Sir Percy Sillitoe.

Commissioner S.T.Wood, C.M.G.,
 R.C.M. - Headquarters,
 Ottawa,
 Canada.

Handwritten signature/initials

3. No. 1. (Flimsy)

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Special Report }
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14th day of August, 1947.

SUBJECT Rita
GORODETSKY.

With reference to M.I.5 letter PF.603,489/B1b/DM asking for enquiries to be made regarding Rita ~~Frank~~ ~~King~~ GORODETSKY, a Canadian, believed to be residing at 1, Delamere Road, Hayes, Middlesex:

Reference to Papers
402/47/151.

Enquiries show that Rita GORODETSKY resided at 1, Delamere Road, Hayes, Middlesex from December, 1946 to 10.5.47 then she moved to 124/126, Wardour Street, London, W. On 24.6.47 she left this country via Southampton on the s.s. "Aquitania" en route to Canada.

Whilst at 1, Delamere Road, Hayes, Gorodetsky was the guest of [Joseph Bennett @ Krakofsky] and his wife, [Rosina Martha Bennett] nee King, who are known to be ardent communists and they are the subjects of M.I.5 GHS.294,977/F2a/WO and Special Branch corres: 301/MP/3601. According to M.I.5 letter of 22.2.45 Mrs Bennett was known to have been doing special work for the Communist Party. The Bennetts left 40, Sutton Court Road, Chiswick, W.4 for their present address in January, 1946.

Whilst at 124/126, Wardour Street, W. Gorodetsky resided with the Kosky family, some of whom have adopted the surname of Kay. [Jacob Kosky] and his wife, [Rachel Kosky] nee Teacher, Russians, reside and carry on a tailoring business from the second floor at 124/126, Wardour Street - they are registered with Metropolitan Police under Serial Nos. EQ.1130 and CZ.4544 respectively.

At the time of National Registration Mr and Mrs Kosky resided at their present address with three children, viz:

- Jane Kay formerly Kosky, born 9.11.1915, secretary book-keeper; later in Land Army.
- Philip Kay, born 18.6.1920, draughtsman; (see later)
- Morry Davis Kosky, born 26.5.1917, gents' tailor and cutter.

Hyman Abramson, born 21.10.1909, gents hairdresser apparently resided there until January, 1940 then left for Newton Abbot.

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Jane Kay or Kosky and Morry Davis Kosky have not previously come under the notice of Special Branch, and Hyman Abramson cannot be identified as having previously come under notice.

X Mr and Mrs Kosky have been reported to hold communist views. Their son Philip Kosky or Kay was at one time secretary of the Westminster Y.C.L. branch, and was reported upon by Special Branch - copies of the reports have been sent to M.I.5. The last report, dated 11.3.42, shows that he enlisted in the Royal Air Force as a pilot on 9.9.40 and that in October, 1941 he was reported as "Missing, believed killed".

X Gorodetsky cannot be identified as having come under the notice of Special Branch in any way during the short time she was resident in the Metropolitan Police District.

X In the absence of further details it is not possible to say whether J. Bennett @ Krakofsky or his wife, or the Kosky family are relatives of Freda Linton who is mentioned in M.I.5 letter.

R. Fletcher
Sergeant.

Submitted.

Leber
Inspector.

[Signature]
SUPERINTENDENT.

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IP. 603,489/1b/AM

19th June, 1947.

The Deputy Commander,
Special Branch.

My attention has been drawn to the fact that a certain Rita GORODETSKY, believed to be living at present c/o Bennett, 1 Belmore Road, Hayes, Middlesex, is a close friend of Diana LITCHFIELD of Montreal, Canada, who is the sister of Freda LITCHFIELD. You will recall that Freda LITCHFIELD, one of the agents identified in the Canadian Espionage case, disappeared in the spring of 1946 and has not since been traced. It has been learnt further that Rita GORODETSKY has been in touch with a relative of the LITCHFIELD family in London. There is therefore a remote possibility that this relative, regarding whom no further particulars are available, may be Freda LITCHFIELD.

Rita GORODETSKY and her Russian-born husband, Reuben GORODETSKY, came to notice in Canada on account of their close association with communist circles; the former was listed in 1943 as a member of the Communist Party of Canada.

Reuben GORODETSKY was killed in action in August 1944. His wife came to this country on 16.7.46 from New York travelling on Canadian Passport No. 02472-3. She was born on 28.4.17 and holds A.I.C. EGA.2240715. She stayed at Brighton for a month or two then moved to Grith. In December 1946 she moved again to the Hayes address given above. In the past she has worked as a stenographer but it is not known whether she is employed at the present time. My information indicates that she has been in touch with the Hayes Branch of the Communist Party and that she is known to Doris SHELLY & SCHEINBERGER, née ABRAHAM'S WIFE, subject of your reports reference 102/M/954 & 301/M/5366.

I should be most grateful for any information which in due course you may obtain regarding Rita GORODETSKY's

communist activities and associations.

I enclose for your information a copy of the photograph and descriptive particulars of Freda LINTON. I regret I have no photograph of Rita GORONETSKI.

Diana Mumford.

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ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO BE
ADDRESSED—

THE COMMISSIONER,
R. C. M. POLICE,
OTTAWA

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE
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BIC 26/5.

*Miss Sarah
Miss Rose*

IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE

FILE NO. _____

OTTAWA,

CANADA

Your Ref.: PF.Y.603,489/B1b/DM

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June 5th, 1947.

*S Miss
Munford*

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Dear Sir Percy,

Further to previous correspondence in connection with Rita GORODETSKY, who it is thought might be in contact with Freda LINTON, one of the suspects in the Corby Case, while very little additional information has been received, it has been learned that she has been very close to Communist circles in Canada and was in 1943 listed, together with other aircraft workers of the Noorduy Aviation Company Limited, Montreal, as a member of the Communist Party of Canada.

2. Rita's husband, Reuben GORODETSKY, was born at Bessarabia Belti, Russia on 22/4/18 and in 1941 he was issued with a Canadian Naturalization Certificate. He enlisted in the Canadian Army (Black Watch) as a private some time after the outbreak of the recent war and proceeded Overseas from Halifax on 1/6/42. He died of injuries on 20/8/44. Reuben GORODETSKY, prior to 1939, had been associated with the Young Communist League in Montreal and it has been learned from a confidential source that a Labour Progressive Party (Communist) organization has formed a Reuben GORODETSKY Club in the north end of Montreal.

3. The above indicates that Rita GORODETSKY has been closely associated with Communist activities for some years and may well be continuing her active interest in similar affairs in the United Kingdom. Any information you might have to offer concerning her possible association with Freda LINTON will be appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

E.H. Nicholson
(E.H. Nicholson),
Assistant Commissioner,
for Commissioner.

Sir Percy Sillitoe, C.B.E.,
Box 500, Parliament St., B.O.,
LONDON, S.W.1, England.

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HP.Y. 663,489/111b/DA

15th March, 1947.

Dear Commissioner Good,

With reference to

Rita MARGOLITSKY, it has been learnt that this woman is a widow who came to this country on 16.7.46 from New York. She travelled on a Canadian Passport No. 02472-1 and her address in Canada was given as 4824, Jean Mance Street, Montreal. She was born on 28.4.17. She is recorded as being a stenographer but her exact employment is not known. Her first address in this country was 23 Edgburton Avenue, Brighton where she stayed until October 1946 when she moved to 40 Pier Road, Brixth. At the beginning of December 1946 she moved to her present address 1, Delamere Road, Hayes, Middlesex. Rita MARGOLITSKY has not previously come to our notice in a communist connection and we have no identifiable trace in our records of any of her contacts with the exception of Doris (Abrams) SHELLEY. Doris SHELLEY @ SCHLESINGER nee ABRAHAM'S ABRAMS, came to notice in 1942 and 1944 as an active member of the Hendon Branch of the Communist Party. She was born on 4.3.24 at Hitch Chapel and is the daughter of David ABRAHAM'S (tailor) and Sarah nee DROGOLSKY. In 1944 she married a man named SCHLESINGER who was serving in N.I. Army. It appears that she uses the name SHELLEY.

In accordance with paragraph 4 of your letter dated 16.1.47, Freda LIPSON has now been placed on the Home Office Subject Index.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd) K.H. Halli
for Sir Percy Gillitoe.

Commissioner G. J. Good, C. I. O.,
100 ... headquarters,
Ottawa,
CANADA.

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Helps

25th February 1947.

and quote—PF. 603,489/B1b/DM.

Your reference.....

Dear Mr. Marriott,

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With reference to your letter of the 21st instant in respect of ~~Rita~~ GORODETSKY, the records here show that she arrived at Southampton on 16/7/46, from New York and was registered from 23, Edburton Avenue, Brighton on 18/7/46. She holds a Canadian Passport numbered 02472 - 1 and her address in Canada is recorded as 4824, Jean Mance Street, Montreal.

Yours sincerely,

W. Cameron

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Noble*

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J. Marriott, Esq.,
Box 500,
Parliament Street, B.O.,
London, S.W.1.

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P.F. 603,489/Y/C.1.A.

25th February, 1947.

Dear Godwin,

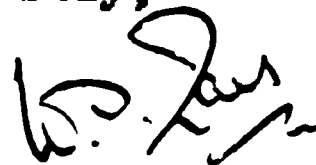
LINTON, Freda @ LEPSHITZ, Freda.

We shall be grateful if you would circularise Consuls abroad and all others concerned to the effect that you would like to be notified by telegram should the above subject come to their notice at any time.

She is a British subject, born 6th March, 1916 at Montreal, Canada.

Description: Height 5' 3" - 4"; dark brown hair; blue eyes; roman nose; stocky build; weight 128lbs; good teeth; wears glasses.

Yours sincerely,



W.S. Mars.

H. Godwin, Esq.,
Passport & Permit Office,
London.

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F. 603,489/C. 10.1231

24th February, 1947.

Dear Mr. Perks,

Attached are the case sheets from our Post War Black List for LITCH, Freda & LITCHER.

I shall be grateful if you will approve, or amend, the enclosed draft circular and have it printed. May I then have six copies, please?

Yours sincerely,

For J.H. [unclear]

J.R. Perks, Esq., M.P.,
Immigration Branch,
Home Office,
10, Old Bailey,
London, E.C. 4.

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February, 1947.

LINTON, Freda @ LINSHITE, Freda.

Entries for Suspect Index:

LINTON, Freda / '16/F/Br/secretary/sc/A/BS.
LINSHITE, Freda / See LINTON, Freda. BS.

A British subject, born 6th March, 1916,
at Montreal, Canada.

Description: Height 5' 3" - 4"; dark brown hair;
blue eyes; roman nose; stocky build;
weight 128 lbs; good teeth; wears glasses.

Believed to have engaged in espionage.

Her arrival should be reported to M.I.5. by telephone.

M. R. PERKS.
H.P. Chief Inspector.

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PP. 603, 189/11b/11

21st February, 1947.

Dear Miss Cameron,

I have received your letter of 20.2.47, I should be very grateful if you could let me know the date of birth of your original registrant at 23 Blunton Avenue, Brighton.

Yours sincerely,

A. G. G. G.

Miss M. Cameron,
Central National Registration Office,
~~London~~ *Southport*

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Your reference as over.

~~G~~ORODETSKY Rita. N.R. Identity number EGA/2240715.
Born 28/4/17. Widow. Occupation on schedule "Stenographer".
Enumerated from 23, Edburton Avenue, Brighton. Notified
removal to Erith M.B. on 10/10/46, and to Hayes on 5/12/46.
Present address according to local records is 1, Delamere
Road, Hayes, Middx. Current Ration Documents have been
issued.

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Through Mr. Marriott.

30/1/1947.

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2240715.

40, Pier Road, Brith.
1, Delamere Road, Hayes.

born 28.4.17

All available information please.

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IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE

FILE NO.

B.P. 221

OTTAWA,

CANADA

Your Ref. PF.603,489/B.1.b/JHM.

January 16, 1947.

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Dear Sir Percy,

Further to our letter of the 25th November relating
to Freda LINTON alias Lipchitz,

Sir Percy Sillitoe, C.B.E.,
Box 500, Parliament Street, B.O.,
LONDON, S.W.1,
England.

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4. Referring specifically to the ultimate paragraph of your letter of December 9th, we wish to advise that although we hold a warrant for the arrest of Freda LINTON alias Lipchitz, she has not been circularized through normal police channels as a 'wanted' person and at the present time there is no indication that this step will be taken. As it is thought that she is now in the U.S.A., her description and other pertinent particulars have, of course, been made available to the F.B.I. Under the circumstances, it seems wholly desirable that she should be placed on the Home Office Suspect Index, as suggested by you.

Yours sincerely,



(C.E. Rivett-Carnac)
Superintendent,
for Commissioner.

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REQUEST FOR PASSPORT OR PERMIT PAPERS.

R.1 (LONDON) for H.O. representative.

Please obtain:—LATEST PASSPORT FILE LATEST PERMIT FILE

(Mark item(s) required.)

● for the following:—

OUR FILE NO.: PF. 603,489.

SURNAME: ~~X~~ GORODETSKY.

CHRISTIAN NAMES: Riba... *plc*

PLACE AND DATE OF BIRTH: 28.4.17.

PROFESSION:

ADDRESS: 1. Delamere Road, Hayes, Mdx.

*PARTICULARS OF TRAVEL ABROAD: October 1946. Paris, France.

*NUMBER AND DATE OF PASSPORT:

Section..... B.I.B......

Signature..... B. Wardlaw.....

Date..... 23.1.47.....

* Where known.

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B.1.B. (Miss D. Mumford)

22nd January 1947.

PF.Y.603,489.

With reference to your memorandum dated January 7th, herewith please see report giving result of enquiries made regarding ~~Rita GORODETSKY.~~

 *see.*

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H. Hunter.
H. Hunter.

22nd. January 1947.

Re: Rita GORODETSKY. P.F.Y.603,489.

With reference to the memo. of the 7th.inst. from B.1.b. (Miss Mumford):

I have ascertained from official records at Erith that Rita GORODETSKY, who is a British subject, resided at No.40 Fier Road, Erith, from the 10/10/46 until the 5/12/46. I can find no record that she ever lived at No.45 Fier Road, as stated in the memo.

Rita GORODETSKY was born on the 28/4/17, and her N.R.I.C. is EGA.2240715, which is a Brighton & Hove registration. She went to No.40 Fier Road, Erith, on the 10/10/46 from No.23 Edgburton Avenue, Brighton, and she left Erith on the 5/12/46 for Hayes, Middlesex. I have ascertained from the Food Control Office at Hayes that, according to their records, this subject is now residing at No.1 Delamere Road, Hayes.

The Register of Electors at Erith shows the following persons living at No.45 Fier Road, but if Rita GORODETSKY has never lived at this address, the names of the residents there hardly seem relevant:- Edwin H.REYNOLDS, Cecilia M.REYNOLDS, Emily F.POTTER.

More important may be the names of the residents at No.40 Fier Road, Erith, which are shown in the Register of Electors as follows:- Mary C.ALISTER, George S.EVANS, Violet G.EVANS, and Beatrice LORNE.

The Register of Electors for Erith does not show the names of BURSON, ROSA, or GORODETSKY, at No.40 Fier Road, No.45 Fier Road, or any other address in Fier Road, but in the case of the latter person this is accounted for by the fact that she was not living in Erith on the 30th.June last, the date up to which the current Register is compiled.

Return of Correspondence

on

45, Pier Road, Erith

from 2.1.47 - 16.1.47

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Postmark	Addressee of Packet	Name and Address of Sender	Description of Packet
Erith	Mr E.H. REYNOLDS	Ministry of Food	Letter
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Sutton N.1	Mr E.H. REYNOLDS	-	Official letter
East-Dulwich W.14	Mr REYNOLDS	Food Office Erith	Letter
	Messrs REYNOLDS Restaurant	-	Letter
Bexley Heath	Mr E.H. REYNOLDS	-	Letter
Woolwich E.18	E.H. REYNOLDS Esq	H.M. Inspector of Taxes Woolwich S.E.18	Letter
S.W.1	The Secretary, REYNOLD'S Restaurant Ltd	Treasury S.W.	Letter
Abbey Wood S.E.E.H.	REYNOLDS Esq	-	Letter
Erith	Mr E.H. REYNOLDS	Food Office Erith	Letter
Erith	Mr E.H. REYNOLDS	-	Newspaper
Erith	Mr REYNOLDS	Ministry of Labour	Letter
?	Mr E.H. REYNOLDS	-	Newspaper
Barking Wood	Miss E. POTTER	7	Letter
East Dulwich	Miss Potter	-	Letter
Maidstone	Miss E. POTTER	-	Letter
East Dulwich	Miss POTTER	-	Letter
East Dulwich	Miss POTTER	-	Letter
Sutton	Miss POTTER	-	Letter
East Dulwich	Miss E. POTTER	-	E. DASH 65 Henslow Road East Dulwich S.W.22 Letter
East Dulwich	Miss POTTER	-	Letter

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PF.603,489/B.1.b/LM.

9th January, 1947.

Dear Cimperman,

With reference to your letter No.2117 of 18.11.46, I am now in a position to send you the results of my enquiries regarding F.C. REYNOLDS and other residents at 2 Little Birches (not Fiches), Sidcup, Kent.

REYNOLDS is identical with ~~Charles Percy~~ REYNOLDS, commonly known as ~~Percy Charles~~ REYNOLDS, a British subject born at Holte, Denmark on 25.5.1922. His parents are Frederick Charles REYNOLDS and Clara Alice Wilhelmina REYNOLDS, formerly BAERCKE, whose particulars, together with those of their other sons and daughter are given later on in this letter. Percy REYNOLDS was educated in Denmark. In April 1940 the family were evacuated to England and moved into the house at 2 Little Birches, Sidcup. On 7th October 1941, REYNOLDS joined the R.A.F., and after a period of service in this country, was sent over to Canada in April 1942, to be trained as an Air Gunner. He was in Canada, mostly in the Eastern districts, at times near Montreal, until May 1945, when he was posted to India. He returned to this country in the summer of 1946 and was demobilized on 5th October 1946. On his discharge he held the rank of Flight Sergeant, Service No.1397294. In November 1946 he left this country to take up a post with the Allied Control Commission in Germany.

As Percy REYNOLDS has lived away from his home for a number of years, he is not well known in the Sidcup

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district. He is not known, however, to have taken part in local Communist Activities. He is described at 5'11" in height, with fair hair and blue eyes. I enclose a copy of his photograph from his British passport No. 327325, which was issued to him in October 1946.

Frederick Charles REYNOLDS the father of Percy REYNOLDS was born at Thirley, Southampton on 5.7.1888. He was educated at Cheltenham and New College, Oxford, and in about 1919 went to reside in Denmark, where he married Clara Alice Wilhelmina BAINECKE, a Danish subject. There are five children of the marriage. Between 1919 and 1939 he appears to have engaged in various occupations in Denmark, describing himself at various times as a farmer, a journalist, a singer, and a teacher of languages. On the outbreak of the 1939 war he obtained a post in the British Consulate in Copenhagen in the Contraband Control, and he worked there until he and his family were evacuated to England at the time of the German occupation of Denmark in April 1940. At the end of April 1940 F.C. REYNOLDS was appointed an examiner in the British Passport Office. His work was not considered satisfactory, and he was down graded to Clerk. He continued to be engaged in Foreign Office work of one kind or another until he obtained a position with the Allied Control Commission in Germany. At the present moment he is believed to be stationed in Bunde. He holds British Passport No. 18931, issued on 21st November 1945, for the purpose of going to Denmark to live. His proposed address in Denmark was c/o Mrs. BAINECKE, Willemoesgade 46, Copenhagen. So far, however, the family has not fulfilled its intention of returning to Denmark.

F.C. REYNOLDS is generally considered a rather unreliable person, very impetuous and rather difficult to get on with, but there is no evidence to show that he holds extreme political views.

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Clara Alice Wilhelmina REYNOLDS the mother of Percy Charles REYNOLDS was born at Tursingo, Denmark, on 11.4.1897. She holds British passport No.18932 issued on 21st November, 1945, for the purpose of returning to Denmark for domicile. She runs the house at Sidcup.

The other members of the family are Harry William C. REYNOLDS, born in Denmark on 9.10.20, who is a Captain in the Intelligence Corps, Service No.257137, attached to the Allied Control Commission for Germany; Eva Marie Constance REYNOLDS, born Denmark on 24.12.23 (N.R.I.C.No.CJG/6642939) who served in the W.A.A.F. as an interpreter from January 1943 until October 1946, when she was demobilised; and Mark Thorstein REYNOLDS, born in Copenhagen on 20.5.36, who is still at school and resides with his mother and sister. It is believed that there is a fourth son in the REYNOLDS family, but so far it has not been possible to identify him.

Also living at 2 Little Birches is Nicolene Marie JENSEN, a Dane, born 25.9.1890 at Lindholm, who is registered with the Police under serial No.EZ.364978. She has been nurse to the REYNOLDS family since 1920. Nothing is known to her detriment.

The REYNOLDS family has a reputation in the Sidcup district of being quiet and reserved. None of its members

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has come to notice in a political connection.

Yours sincerely,

R.H.Hollis.

J. Cimperman Esq.,
American Embassy,
LONDON.

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B.1.

I attach for your signature a letter to Mr. Cimperman, forwarding the results of enquiries which the F.B.I. requested us to make regarding P.C. REYNOLDS and the other inhabitants of 2 Little Birches, Sidcup, Kent.

Mr. Marriott asked me to draw your attention to the passage marked 'X' at the top of page 2 of the Special Branch report at 24a, from which you will see that Special Branch, in their anxiety to produce a full report, have pursued their enquiries further than is desirable.

B.1.b.
8.1.47.

Diana Mumford
D. Mumford.

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B.4.d. Mr. Hunter. (thro' ~~B.4.~~)

P.F.Y. 603,489.

I am anxious to identify a woman named Rita ⁴⁰ GORODETSKY, whose address appears to be c/o Burson, ⁴⁵ Pier Road, Erith, Kent. According to my information she is alleged to be staying with a woman shop assistant whose surname is ROSA. I assume therefore that ROSA is also living at this address. A return of correspondence on this address has produced only two names, Mr. E.H. REYNOLDS and Miss E. POTTER. There appears to be no trace of ~~Rita~~ GORODETSKY in Traffic Index or the Central Register of Aliens, and she has no Home Office file.

As my information is derived from Top Secret sources, I am anxious not to make Police enquiries until I have more fully established the identity of this woman and confirmed her whereabouts. I should therefore be most grateful if you could find out for me from local records, who are living at 45 Pier Road, Erith, and any available information relating to the identity of Rita GORODETSKY.

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7.1.47.

D. Mumford.

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METROPOLITAN POLICE.

SPECIAL BRANCH,

17th day of December, 1946.

Special Report

SUBJECT P.C.

REYNOLDS.

Reference to Papers

405/46/595.

With reference to M.I.5 Letter No. PF.603,489/Y/B.1.b/JHM dated 25th November, 1946, asking that P.C. REYNOLDS of 2, Little Birches, Sidcup, Kent, be identified, and that a report be submitted giving his activities, associates and political sympathies, with similar relevant details about the other occupants of that address:-

P.C. REYNOLDS has been identified as Percy Charles REYNOLDS, and the address as 2, Little Birches, Sidcup, Kent. (N.R.I.C. No. CJK/6642306)

This man was born at Holte, Denmark, on 25th May, 1922, his correct name being Charles Percy REYNOLDS. He is, however, commonly known as Percy Charles REYNOLDS. His father, Frederick Charles REYNOLDS, a British subject, duly registered the birth at the British Consulate in Copenhagen. P.C. REYNOLDS was educated in Denmark, and he was brought to England by his parents on 15th April, 1940. A few weeks later the family moved into a house at 2, Little Birches, Sidcup. On 7th October, 1941, REYNOLDS joined the Royal Air Force, and, after a period of service in this country, was sent over to Canada in April, 1944, to be trained as an air gunner. He was in Canada, mostly in the Eastern districts, at times near Montreal, until May, 1945, when he was posted to India. He returned to this country in the summer of 1946 and was demobilised on 5th October, 1946. On his discharge he held the rank of Flight Sergeant, Service No. 1397294.

During the summer of 1946 he appears to have applied for a post with the Allied Control Commission for Germany, and on 21st October, 1946, he was issued with British passport No. 27325 for the purpose of travelling to Germany for work with the Commission. He left this country on 2nd November, 1946, and is believed to be in Germany. This fact,

M.I.5
(Mr. Morrison)

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X however, has not been confirmed owing to the refusal of the Control Commission Security authorities to disclose information about the Commission's employees without precise information respecting the nature of the enquiry.

As Percy H. REYNOLDS has lived at Sidcup for only a very short time, he is not well known in the locality. He does not appear to have any close friends there, and he is not known to have taken part in local Communist activities.

His passport description is given as :- height 5'11", hair fair, eyes blue. Copies of his passport photograph are submitted.

Frederick Charles REYNOLDS, father of the subject of enquiry, was born at Shirley, Southampton, on 5th July, 1888. He was educated at Cheltenham and New College, Oxford, and appears to have gone to reside in Denmark about 1919. There he married Clara Wilhelmina BANGSE, a Danish subject. There are five children of the marriage. Between 1919 and 1939 he appears to have engaged in various occupations in Denmark, having described himself at different times during this period as a farmer, a journalist, a singer and a teacher of languages.

At the outbreak of the 1939 War he obtained a post in the British Consulate at Copenhagen in the Contraband Control, and worked there until the German occupation of the country in April, 1940. REYNOLDS and his family, along with their Danish nurse, Nicolene Marie JENSEN, were evacuated in the British Ambassador's party and arrived in this country in April, 1940. As has already been mentioned, they went to live in Sidcup.

On 30th April, 1940, F.C. REYNOLDS was appointed as an examiner in the British Passport Office, but was not very successful there. He was gradually down-graded to a clerk, being considered rather a square peg in a round hole. In November, 1943, he left the Passport Office for a job with Passport Control. He was not considered suitable for their particular work, however, and he was then engaged by one of the Military Intelligence departments. (The location of this department is known to Mr. Rex of Passport Control). Since leaving Military Intelligence Frederick REYNOLDS has been appointed to

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the Allied Control Commission in Germany. At the present moment he is believed to be stationed in Bunde.

He is in possession of British passport No. 18931 issued on 21st November, 1945, for the purpose of travelling to Denmark for domicile. He was granted a Danish visa in December, 1945, and gave as his intended address c/o Mrs. BARNCKE, Willemoesgade 46, Copenhagen Ø. So far, however, the family does not appear to have taken any steps to return there. (N.F.I.C. No. PAO/6233).

Frederick REYNOLDS is generally considered a rather unreliable person, very impetuous, and rather difficult to get on with, but there is no evidence to show that he holds extreme political views.

Clara Alice Wilhelmina REYNOLDS, the mother, (N.F.I.C. No. PAO/6239) was born at Tursinge, Denmark, on 11th April, 1897. She looks after the house at Sidcup. She holds British passport No. 18932 issued on 21st November, 1945, for the purpose of returning to Denmark for domicile. She also obtained a Danish visa in December, 1945.

The other members of the family are:-

- (1) Harry William C. REYNOLDS, born in Denmark on 9th October, 1920. He is a Captain in the Intelligence Corps, Service No. 257137. He is at present stationed at the Interrogation Centre, Intelligence Group, Allied Control Commission for Germany.
- (2) Eva Marie Constance REYNOLDS, born in Denmark on 24th December, 1923. (N.F.I.C. No. CJO/6642939). During the War she served in the W.A.A.F. as an Interpreter, rank L.A.C.W., Service No. 2143488. She served from 4th January, 1943, until 27th October, 1946, and was in Norway from 29th May, 1945, until 11th January, 1946. She is at present residing at 2, Little Birches, Sidcup, and does not appear to have taken any employment as yet.
- (3) Mark Thorstein REYNOLDS, born in Copenhagen on 20th May, 1936, is still at school and resides with his mother and sister.

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It is believed that there is a fourth son in the FLYNOLIS family, but so far enquiries through the normal channels have failed to identify him. The matter, however, is still being pursued and a report will be submitted should any information come to light.

Nicolene Marie JENSEN, the nurse, born in Lindholm on 25th September, 1890, is a Dane, correctly registered with Police under Serial No. EZ 364978. She has worked for the FLYNOLIS family since 1920.

None of the persons mentioned in this report has previously come under notice of Special Branch. The family has a reputation in the district of being quiet and reserved, due, no doubt, to its unfamiliarity with England and English ways.

F. Smith
Sergeant.

Submitted.

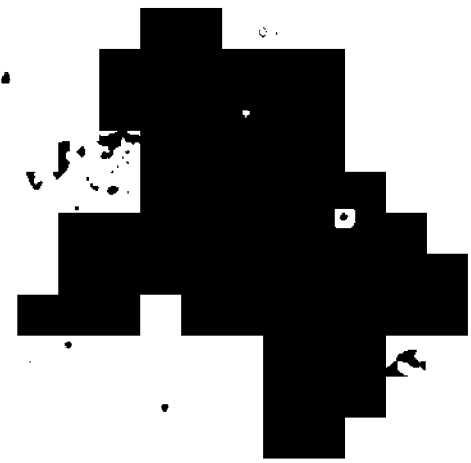
W. H. ...
Inspector.

B. Jones
SUPERINTENDENT.

**WAR
ECONOMY**
OPEN by slitting the edge.
RE-USE with Economy Label.

On His Majesty's Service

Spare copies of photograph of:-
Charles Percy REYNOLDS.





ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO BE
ADDRESSED:—

THE COMMISSIONER,
R. C. M. POLICE,
OTTAWA

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE
HEADQUARTERS

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IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE

FILE NO. _____

OTTAWA,

CANADA

Your Ref. PF/603,489/B.1.c/ND

December 11, 1946.

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PA please.

Dear Sir Percy,

With reference to your communication of November 27th respecting Freda LINTON, we are submitting hereunder the personal details requested by you which, you will observe, follow the general index instituted by your new Information Section (B.1.c).

1. Freda Lipchitz
2. Freda Linton
3. Jewess, Polish-Canadian. Born Montreal, P.Q.
March 6, 1916
Parents - Father - Lodz, Poland
Mother, Colidz, Poland
4. No other origin claimed.
5. Reads, writes and speaks Hebrew, English and has good knowledge of French.
6. Height 5'3" - 5'4"
Hair - Dark Brown, curly
Eyes - Blue
Weight - 128 lbs.
Build - Stocky
Nose - Roman
Dress - Always well dressed, usually wears light coloured dresses
Smokes cigarettes, wears glasses, sometimes wears sun glasses, nice teeth which show when she laughs and smiles
7. Stenographer, Secretary, Sales Clerk
8. Single, no known lover
9. Soviet contact agent
10. Photograph supplied
11. Handwriting supplied.

2. A photograph of Freda Linton and specimen of her handwriting were forwarded to you on November 25th.

Yours sincerely,

Sir Percy Sillitoe, C.B.E.,
Box 500, Parliament St. B.O.,
LONDON, S.W.1, England.

L.H. Nicholson
(L.H. Nicholson)
Assistant Commissioner,
for Commissioner.

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REQUEST FOR PASSPORT OR PERMIT PAPERS.

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R.1 (LONDON) for H.O. representative.

Please obtain:—LATEST PASSPORT FILE LATEST PERMIT FILE

(Mark item(s) required.)

for the following:—

OUR FILE NO.: PF. 603,489. ^{B1 192}

SURNAME: GORODETSKY.

CHRISTIAN NAMES: Riva.

PLACE AND DATE
OF BIRTH:

PROFESSION:

ADDRESS: 45. Pier Road, Eville, Kent.

*PARTICULARS OF
TRAVEL ABROAD: October 1946. France.

*NUMBER AND DATE
OF PASSPORT:

Section..... B1b.

Signature..... B. Landlans.

Date..... 16/12/46.

* Where known.

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION FROM HOME OFFICE RECORDS. 21a

Our Reference PF.603,489. Section B.l.b. H.O. Reference.....
(if known)

Surname X GORODETSKY Christian Names Rita. X

Sex Female. Nationality ?Russian?
(If naturalised British state when)

Date of Birth.....
(or age)

Other particulars (e.g., Address, Occupation, Passport No., Recent Movements):

Address, c/o Burson,
45 Pier Road,
Erith,
Kent.

Possibly visited France during October of this year.

N.B. Use a separate Form for each name.

To Home Office Liaison Section.

Please supply:

Copy of Traffic Index Card *N.T.*

Copy of Central Aliens Register Card *Mark items required N.T. Live or dead.*

H.O. File *N.T.*

Please arrange for notification of any future

1. Change of Registration District

2. Exit from or entry into U.K.

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ACT 1958 *AVA 2003*

Date 9.12.46.

Signature MF. for JEM.

For use of Home Office Liaison Section

To BIB.
P.T.O. for copies of T.I. and C.A.R. Cards.

Section R1/140

Date 13.12.46

Signature.....

Copy of Card in Traffic Index.

- * ARRIVAL.
- * DEPARTURE.

*Port of Embarkation abroad }
 *Port of Disembarkation abroad }

Name.....

Age..... Sex.....

Passport No., Date and Place of Issue

Occupation

Nationality Nationality at Birth.....

Address in United Kingdom.....

*Port of Arrival }
 *Port of Departure }

Description of passenger and class travelled.....

Other information.....

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* Strike out where inapplicable.

Copy of Alien's Registration Card.

- * LIVE SECTION.
- * DEAD SECTION.

Extract of particulars of Registration.

Name.....

Alias

Nationality.....(previous).....

Bornin.....

Occupation.....

Arrived U.K.....Left U.K.....Re-entered U.K.....

Passport.....

Registration District.....Serial No.....

I.B. or R.C. No.....

Address.....

Remarks.....

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PF.603,489/R.1.b/JHM.

9th December, 1946.

Dear Commissioner Wood,

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of your letter of the 25th November relating to Freda LINTON alias LIPCHITZ, which crossed my letter to you under this reference of the 27th November. I am making enquiries as to the various points mentioned in your letter, and will write to you further in due course.

In view of the fact that this lady has now disappeared, I should in the ordinary way wish to place her name on the Home Office Susp ct Index, but it occurs to me that since you hold a warrant for her arrest you may be taking similar action through normal Police channels and circulating her as a wanted person. I should be grateful if you would let me know if in fact you are proposing to take this step.

Yours sincerely,

(Signature)

for Sir Percy Sillitoe.

Commissioner S.T.Wood, C.M.G.
R.C.M.P. Headquarters,
Ottawa,
CANADA.

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PF.603,489/B.1.b/JHM.

Colonel Allan,
P.O.

I should be grateful if you
would let me have a Return of Correspondence
for a fortnight on the following address:-

45 Pier Road,
Erith,
Kent.

J.H.Marriott.

9.12.46.

ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO BE ADDRESSED TO
THE COMMISSIONER
R. C. M. POLICE
OTTAWA



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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE
OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER
OTTAWA

REF. NO TOP
SECRET

November 25, 1946.

Dear Sir Percy:

As you are no doubt aware, we presently hold an unexecuted warrant for the arrest of Freda LINTON alias Lipchitz who is wanted for offences against the Official Secrets Act by virtue of her active participation in the Corby case. Before we could effect her arrest at Montreal, where she was residing, she disappeared and we have been endeavouring to locate her since.

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4. It would be much appreciated if you could have such enquiries instituted as are possible herein and advise as to any information that might be forthcoming. In the interest of facilitating your enquiries attached hereto are copies of photograph of LINTON and photostatic copy of Application Form for employment in the Civil Service of Canada.

Yours sincerely,

S. T. Wood
S. T. Wood.

Duplicate 6

Sir Percy Sillitoe, C.B.E.
500 Parliament St.

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LINTON



Checked by.....
Certified Correct.....

CIVIL SERVICE OF CANADA
APPLICATION FORM

1. Competition No.
(if any)

2. Position or class of work applied for Secretary
Mr. Telephone No. 3-5065

3. Mrs. Miss HINTON *
(Surname) (Print in BLOCK letters) FREDA Walt
(Christian names in full)

4. If Mrs., maiden name

5. Place of residence and Address: At present in Ottawa, but permanent address.

6. How long have you resided in the city, town or village in which your residence as given above is situated?
..... years months.

7. If the above is not your permanent residence, explain in detail. In Ottawa to find employment.

8. If a written examination is held, at what centre do you wish to write? Ottawa
(See List of Centres on page 2)

9. Will you write in English or French? English 10. Do you speak and write well? (a) English yes (b) French yes
(Yes or No) (Yes or No)

11. Can you conduct business efficiently in both languages? yes

12. Date and Place Montreal Age last
of Birth 6 March 1916 Birthday 28 years. 13. Colour white
(Day, Month and Year)

14. Birthplace of Father Lodge, Ireland Birthplace of Mother K. Lodge, Ireland

15. Height 5 ft. 3 ins. 16. Weight 120 pounds. 17. Are you in good health? yes

18. Have you any defect in sight, hearing, speech, limb or otherwise? yes Explain: myopic
(Yes or No)

19. Sex female 20. Married or single single 21. Number of dependents none
(Male or Female) (Include wife and children only)

22. Your other dependents and their relationship to you

23. Are you a British subject? yes 24. Natural born or naturalized? natural born
(Yes or No)

25. If naturalized, give date and place of naturalization

26. Length of residence in Canada (Years) (Months) 27. Date of arrival in Canada (Day) (Month) (Year)

28. Port of Entry

30. Are you willing to serve in Ottawa? yes 31. Would you accept employment anywhere in Canada? yes

32. Are you now employed in the Civil Service? no 33. In what Department?

34. In what position?

35. Since when? no (Day) (Month) (Year)

36. Were you ever employed in the Civil Service?

37. If yes, in what Department, and your reason for leaving?

38. Have you ever been charged with an offence? no 39. If so, were you called before a Court of Justice to answer the charge against you? no 40. What was the charge?

41. What was the judgment in the case?

42. Have you ever been dismissed from or been forced to resign from any position? no
(Yes or No)

43. Give details: _____

TESTIMONIALS AS TO CHARACTER

44. Names, addresses and occupations of three referees (not relatives); persons well known in your community
1. M. M. B. Bazin, 1400 Ave. P. 15, Montreal - housewife
 2. M. M. B. Maccoll, St. Catherine St. W., Montreal - personal
 3. M. M. Wasserman, St. Catherine St. W., Montreal - dental manager
45. Give the dates between which you will be available for appointment, if successful: immediately
46. What is the lowest entrance salary you will accept? \$160.00 per month
47. Do you propose to return to School, College, University or Teaching this year? no
48. Are the answers in this application form in your own handwriting? yes 48. If not, who wrote them for you, and why? _____

EDUCATION

State the schools, colleges or universities you have attended, giving approximately the date of entry and leaving in each case. Mention any subject or courses in which you have specialized, any technical training or apprenticeship you have received, the degrees or diplomas you have obtained, and your age on finally leaving school or university.

This space should be used for "Education" only, and on your statements made herein depends your rating in that subject.

INSTITUTION	Date of Entry	Date of Leaving	PLACE	SUBJECTS SPECIALIZED IN	Degree, Diploma or Grade Completed	POST GRADUATE COURSES
Primary School	1921	1922	Montreal			
High School	1929	1933	Montreal	short-hand & typing		
Business College						
Technical School						
Night School						
Private						
University						

50. List any special skills not shown in Question 49 such as operation of a short-wave radio, multilith, key-punch, book keeping machines, X-Ray machines or scientific or professional devices.

SKILL	SKILL	IF TRAINED IN STENOGRAPHY
		Words per minute in typing
		Stenography

EXAMINATION CENTRES

Centres at which written examinations are held: Prince Rupert, Victoria, Nanaimo, Vancouver and Nelson, in the province of British Columbia; Edmonton, Calgary and Lethbridge, in the province of Alberta; Prince Albert, North Battleford, Saskatoon, Regina and Moose Jaw, in the province of Saskatchewan; Brandon and Winnipeg, in the province of Manitoba; Port Arthur, Sault Ste. Marie, North Bay, Windsor, Sarnia, London, Woodstock, Brantford, Hamilton, Toronto, Peterborough, Guelph, Kingston and Ottawa, in the province of Ontario; Montreal, Sorel, Sherbrooke, Three Rivers, Quebec, Rivière du Loup, Chicoutimi and Rimouski, in the province of Quebec; Fredericton, Chatham, Saint John and Moncton, in the province of New Brunswick; Charlottetown and Summerside, in the province of Prince Edward Island; Wolfville, Kentville, Bridgewater, Antigonish, Yarmouth, Halifax, Truro and Sydney, in the province of Nova Scotia.

IF MORE SPACE IS REQUIRED FOR ITEM 51 BELOW, ADD A SHEET OF PAPER 8 1/2 x 11 INCHES. ANSWER ALL THE QUESTIONS, AND DATE AND SIGN THE EXTRA SHEET.

51. EXPERIENCE: In the space furnished below give a record of every employment, both public and private, which you have had since you first began to work. Start with your present position and work back to the first position you held, accounting for all periods of unemployment. Describe your field of work and position and give your duties and responsibilities in such detail as to make your qualifications clear. Give name you used on pay roll if different from that given on this application.

Place: Montreal, Que. B.C.
 From: Sept. 1934 to July 1934
 Name of employer: International Labour Office
 Address: 21 St. Catherine St. W., Montreal, Quebec
 Kind of business or organization: Int'l. Lab. Office
 Number and class of employees you supervised: 12 - all stenographers
 Name and title of your immediate supervisor: Chief Editorial Editor

Exact title of your position: sales & distribution clerk Salary: Starting \$ 120.00 Per. Mo. Final \$ 160.00

Duties and responsibilities: done mostly by mail - sales of I.L.O. publications, which was done by mail - sales of I.L.O. publications of other countries. Composed all letters in French & English. Used typewriter & other machines.

Place: Montreal, Quebec
 From: May 1939 to July 1939
 Name of employer: League of Nations
 Address: 21 St. Catherine St. W., Montreal, Quebec
 Kind of business or organization: League of Nations
 Number and class of employees you supervised: none
 Name and title of your immediate supervisor: Chief of Staff

Exact title of your position: Secretary Salary: Starting \$ 140.00 Per. Mo. Final \$ 180.00

Duties and responsibilities: took dictation reports of all secretaries. Prepared all forms, letters, etc. for distribution. Used typewriter & other machines.

Place: Montreal, Que.
 From: March 1937 to April 1939
 Name of employer: League of Nations
 Address: 21 St. Catherine St. W., Montreal, Quebec
 Kind of business or organization: League of Nations
 Number and class of employees you supervised: none
 Name and title of your immediate supervisor: Chief of Staff

Exact title of your position: Secretary Salary: Starting \$ 140.00 Per. Mo. Final \$ 180.00

Duties and responsibilities: took dictation reports of all secretaries. Prepared all forms, letters, etc. for distribution. Used typewriter & other machines.

Place: Montreal, Que.
 From: Sept 31 to June 31
 Name of employer: Young Women's League
 Address: 11 St. Catherine St. W., Montreal, Quebec
 Kind of business or organization: Social Organization
 Number and class of employees you supervised: none
 Name and title of your immediate supervisor: Miss Jeanne St. Laurent

Exact title of your position: Secretary Salary: Starting \$ 120.00 Per. Mo. Final \$ 160.00

Duties and responsibilities: took dictation reports of all secretaries. Prepared all forms, letters, etc. for distribution. Used typewriter & other machines.

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PF. 603489/B. 1. c/ND.

27th November, 1946.

Dear Commissioner,

Please refer to the CORBY case and in particular
Freda LINTON.

In view of the fact that this woman has been
missing in Canada since the Spring of 1946, we would
be most grateful if you could furnish us with a copy
of her photograph and full personal particulars, as it is possible that
she may come to our notice in this country at some
future date.

Yours sincerely

R.H.H.

f Sir Percy Sillitoe.

Commissioner Wood C.M.G.
R.C.M. . Headquarters.
Ottawa.
Canada.

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Extract from Documents produced by CORBY.
Original in PF 66960 Supp Vol.C. 10a. Undated.
For PF 603,489 Freda LINTON.

Miscellaneous Notes taken from Grant's Safe.

Contact

1. FREDA

Jewess. Works as a co-worker in the
International Bureau of Labour.
A lady-friend of the professor.

.....

Professor.

Research Council - report on the organization
and work.

Freda to the professor through Grierson.

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PF.603,429/Y/B.1.b/JRM.

The Deputy Commander,
Special Branch.

You will remember that one of the agents identified in the Canadian espionage case was a certain Freda HINTON, a former employee of the International Labour Office in Montreal and also of the Canadian International Film Board, and you may also be aware that since the spring of 1946 she has disappeared.

During the course of investigations into her whereabouts it has recently been discovered that a woman who is suspected to have been Freda HINTON, paid a visit to a certain Mrs. Gerry DAVIDOFF, of Apartment 17, 56 Cannon Street, New York City. Mrs. DAVIDOFF is at present employed in the office of the American Daily Worker. It has also been ascertained that Mrs DAVIDOFF has received correspondence from a ~~Mr. P.C. REYNOLDS~~ 2 Little Briches, Sidcup, Kent. This address appears somewhat corrupt, and it may be that the word Briches should read either 'Bridges' or 'Birches'. We have no trace of P.C. REYNOLDS in our records, and I should be grateful therefore if you could identify this man and let me have a report upon his activities, associates and political sympathies, together with similar relevant details about any other occupants of this address.

25.11.46.

J.H.Marriott.

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THE FOREIGN SERVICE
OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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American Embassy
1, Grosvenor Square
London, W. 1
November 18, 1946

No. 2117

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R.N.N.

19/11

Dear Mr. Hollis:

I have just received a report advising that in connection with the investigation of the CORBY CASE, FREDa LINTON, a former employee of the International Labor Office in Montreal, Canada, and also of the Canadian National Film Board, was identified as an important Red Army Intelligence recruiting agent. In this connection you will recall that Corby definitely identified a picture of Freda Linton as the Soviet agent known under the cover name "Frieda". It should be noted also that Freda Linton disappeared in Canada in the Spring of 1946 and that although constant efforts have been made to locate her by the Canadian authorities these efforts have so far proved unsuccessful.

Recently mail was received at the address of Freda Linton's family in Montreal, Canada, from the occupants of Apartment 17, 56 Cannon Street, New York City. Through investigation it has been ascertained that this apartment has been occupied for some time by Hyman Davidoff, also known as Farmer Davidoff, and by his wife, Goldie Davidoff, also known as Gerry Davidoff, whose maiden name was Goldie Frank. This apartment was also occupied, until the first week in October, 1946, by Gertrude Goldberg, described as Davidoff's sister.

Investigation of the occupants of this address has revealed that recently a woman resembling Freda Linton visited there from Canada, although no positive identification could be secured with a picture of Freda Linton.

It has been ascertained through investigation that Mrs. Gerry Davidoff is presently employed in the business office of the Daily Worker, New York Communist newspaper. On October 18, 1946, Mrs. Gerry Davidoff received mail

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TO	So/B1
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bearing the return address ~~Mr. P. C. Reynolds~~, 2 Little
Briches, Sidcup, Kent, United Kingdom. It is, of course,
possible that the address above noted may be Little Bridges
or some other variation rather than Little Briches.

The Bureau has requested that I ascertain
through you the activities, associates, and ideological
orientation of P. C. Reynolds, and any other occupants
of the above address in Kent.

Sincerely yours,



J. A. Cimperman

CC - Mr. H.A.R. Philby, MI-6
(for information only)

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EXTRACT.

Extract for File No.: PF 603,489. Name: LINTON.

Original in File No.: PFb66960 Supp A. Serial: 368a. Dated: 6.9.46

Original from: OTTAWA Under Ref.: No. 346 12.8.46.

Extracted on: 20.11.46. by: RW Section: R5.

Extract from Memorandum by Royal Commission in connection with the CORBY case and mentioning Freda LINTON.

..... APPENDIX III

SECTION III The Cases of the Individual Agents

These are as follows:-

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(18) Freda Linton (Wartime Information Board)
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The Commission finds that all of the above persons were connected with the activities of the Soviet Embassy and either themselves disclosed secret information, conspired to do so or were aware that it was being done.

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EXTRACT.

Extract for File No.: PF 603,489 Name: LINTON.

Original in File No.: PF 66960 Supp A. Serial: 357a. Dated: 20.7.46.

Original from: Washington. Under Ref.: No. 63. 20.7.46.

Extracted on: 20.11.46. by: RW. Section: R5.

Extract from Telegram from Washington No. 63 mentioning
Freda LINTON.

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F. Freda LINTON charged Montreal with conspiracy similar
Fred ROSE. Warrant arrest issued.

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EXTRACT.

Extract for File No.: PF 603,489. Name: LINTON.

Original in File No.: PF 66960 Supp A. Serial: 317a. Receipt Date: 18.4.46.

Original from: Telegram from New York. Under Ref.: No. 529. Dated: 18.4.46.

Extracted on: 21.11.46. by: RW. Section: R5.

Extract from Telegram from New York mentioning LINTON.

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Subpoenas have been issued for both Sam CARR and
Freda LINTON, both of whom have disappeared and cannot
therefore be brought before Commission.

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EXTRACT.

Extract for File No.: PF 603,489 Name: LINTON.

Original in File No.: PF 66960 Supp A. Serial: 274a. Receipt Date: 26.3.46.

Original from: Telegram from New York. Under Ref.: No. 435. Dated: 26.3.46.

Extracted on: 21.11.46. by: RW Section: R5.

Extract from Telegram from New York mentioning LINTON.

E. Commission will then be likely to hear under subpoena persons involved but not in Government service. I Believe these may include: GINSBERG, LINTON and other less important characters of some interest. Above programme and names are purely tentative and subject to revision.

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Extract for File No.: PF 603,489 Name: LINTON

Original in File No.: PF 66960 Supp A. Serial: 271a. Receipt Date: 25.3.46.

Original from: Telegram from New York. Under Ref.: No. 431. Dated: 25.3.46.

Extracted on: 21.11.46. by: RW Section: R5

Extract from Telegram from New York No. 431 re Freda LINTON.

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- A. SCOTT BIRNING has given testimony before Commission. He made fullest use of information he had obtained through his preliminary interrogation by RCMP and defended himself brilliantly.
- B. He admitted to being "parlour pink" and made no secret of his supposedly casual contacts with communist groups which included POLAND, NIGHTINGALE, BOYER, SMITH LUNAN, GERSON, WILLISHER, SHUGAR, Freda LINTON and Agatha CHAPMAN.
- C. No admissions and no information of interest were obtained from him.
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Extract for File No.: PF 603,489 Name: LINTON.

Original in File No.: PF 66960 Supp A. Serial: 260a. Dated: 21.3.46.

Original from: Telegram from New York. Under Ref.: No. 408 21.3.46.

Extracted on: 20.11.46. by: RW Section: R5.

Extract from Telegram from New York No. 408 re Freda LINTON.

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This would appear to be the result of corrupt ciphering
Name is LINTON repeat LINTON.

We consider similarity of names and aliases to be only
coincidence.

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NEW YORK.

No. 408 of 21st March.

Your telegram 550. ^{236a.}

This would appear to be the result of corrupt ciphering
Name is [LINTON] ^{P.F. 603, 489.} repeat LINTON.

We consider similarity of names and aliases to be only
coincidence.

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Telegram addressed NEW YORK.

14.3.46.

No. 550.

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Your telegram 310 of March 7th.

P.F 603,489 .

A. Your previous telegrams gave surname as [LINTON] repeat LINTON.

B. Censorship trace dated November 1941 has just come to light of a Gerald D. LIPTON alias Gustav LIPSCHUTZ repeat LIPSCHUTZ address 6327 77th Place, Forest Hill, Long Island, New York, thought by Censorship to be identical with a Gustav LIPSCHUTZ antiquarian book seller before German occupation of France at 4 Place de l'Odeon, Paris.

C. Can you say whether LINTON or LIPTON is correct and if latter whether there is any connection with my para. B.

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Handwritten initials

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EXTRACT.

Extract for File No.: PF 603,489 Name: LINTON.

Original in File No.: PF 66960 Supp A. Serial: 222a. Receipt Date: 7.3.46.

Original from: New York. Under Ref.: No. 310 Dated: 7.3.46.

Extracted on: 20.11.46. by: RW Section: R5.

Extract from Telegram from New York, No. 310 mentioning LINTON.

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- A. As you know "FREDA" has been certainly identified as Freda LINTON alias LIPCHITZ, whose picture Corby has now identified as woman he met in SOKOLOV's apartment.
- B. She will probably be questioned by Commission later and whole matter of GRIERSON will be investigated. So far there is nothing new.
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EXTRACT.

Extract for File No.: PF 603,489 Name: LINTON

Original in File No.: PF 66960 Supp A. Serial: 172a. Receipt Date: 27.2.46.

Original from: New York. Under Ref.: No. 229. Dated: 27.2.46.

Extracted on: 20.11.46. by: RW. Section: R5.

Extract from telegram from New York No. 229 mentioning
Freda LINTON.

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B. My telegram 201 para. D. LUNAN has also stated he knew Frieda LINTON who according to him works for National Film Board. Since she also worked at one time for I.L.O. and is further known to have been in contact with Fred ROSE, this makes her identification as agent "FREDA" most probable.
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Extract for File No.: PF 603,489.....Name: LINTON.....

Original in File No.: PF 66960 SUPP. A.....Serial: 156a.....Receipt Date: 23.2.46.....

Original from: New York.....Under Ref.: No. 203.....Dated: 23.2.46.....

Extracted on: 20.11.46.....by: RW.....Section: R5.....

Extract from Telegram from New York No. 203 mentioning
Freda LINTON.

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D. RCMP interrogation continued. Questioned as to "FREDA",
BOYER admitted to knowing Frieda LINTON repeat LINTON of
I.L.O. and we tentatively believe this may be agent
referred to in CORBY documents who was unsatisfactorily
identified as possibly being Mary LOSEY. BOYER will at
present give no further information on LINTON who will now
be investigated by RCMP.
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Extract for File No.: P.F. 603,489 - OPEN FILE. Name: LINTON.

Original in File No.: P.F. 66,960 Supp. F. Serial: 1a. Receipt Date: - 1/2

Original from: R.C.M.P. report. Under Ref.: - Dated: Nov. 45.

Extracted on: 6.1.50. by: DEW Section: R.5.

Extract from Royal Canadian Mounted Police report re Soviet Espionage in Canada - "Corby" Case.

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7. "FREDA"

Only this woman's christian name is known. According to CORBY she is a typical Jewess, dark, black hair, long nose, about 5'6", thin face, single and anxious to get married. CORBY further states that she used to work in the I.L.O. and is now employed by the National Film Board; believed at present to be in Washington.

"FREDA" is used mainly for recruiting and reporting on new prospects. CORBY states that she works with Fred ROSE and Professor BOYER, and she may conceivably act as a link between the two. She is also used to obtain information of a general nature.

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She was used as a contact with Professor BOYER under (BOKOLOV'S) 1942-1943 setup, and was attached to Fred ROSE's group.

Investigation shows that there are only two women employed by the Canadian Film Board in Washington. These are Mary LOSEY and Lilies SAVAGE, both Canadians. While both these women partly fulfill requirements for "FREDA" neither can be satisfactorily identified with this agent. This matter is under active investigation and therefore it is not proposed to give full details at present.

Of immediate interest, however, is fact that Lilies SAVAGE shares an apartment with a woman named Barbara BRODIE in Washington, and it is reported that Barbara BRODIE is believed to be contact of Arthur STEINBERG. Certainly telephone calls have been made by STEINBERG to this apartment, and "FREDA" is known to have first drawn GRANT's attention to him.

Barbara BRODIE first arrived in Washington in 1941 to work for the British Embassy. She also worked for United Nations Interim Commission on Food and Agriculture from September 1943 to March 1945 and for the British Army Staff since then.

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8. Arthur STEINBERG, cover name "Berser"

This man is Jewish, a graduate of Columbia University, and at present employed as a Field Service Consultant, Navy Department, Washington, D.C. He is a United States citizen.

In September 1940 he came to Canada on an appointment from the Rockefeller Foundation for the purpose of lecturing on Genetics at McGill University, Montreal. On March 3rd, 1942, he applied for and was granted permission to export \$150 in U.S. funds for a period of five months to continue research work at the Long Island Biological College - Cold Spring Harbour, L.I. In October 1943 he apparently returned to Canada and applied for permission to send \$75 a month in U.S. funds to his wife in New York. In May 1944 he applied for a change of status and returned to the United States, ostensibly for the purpose of taking employment with the U.S. office of Scientific Research Developments. He left Montreal on June 1st, 1944. In 1943 STEINBERG was a patient in the Montreal Neurological Hospital for some form of spinal trouble. He apparently completely recovered. It is understood that he has asked for a re-appointment to McGill University but was not accepted. He is friendly with Professor C.L. Huskins, former Professor of Genetics at McGill and now at the University of Wisconsin. Professor Huskins was always sympathetic towards Left Wing movements. He is also associated with Dr. Raymond Boyer and appears to be on rather friendly terms with him.

Several months ago "Freda" supplied his name to Colonel Labotin, probably through Fred Rose, as one ready to take the field as an active agent. Moscow expressed considerable interest especially in view of the fact that there was then some question of STEINBERG undertaking a mission to Hawaii. Labotin therefore arranged, on May 12th, 1945, that Fred Rose himself or one of his men should see STEINBERG in Washington.

According to Corby, STEINBERG was later turned over by Labotin to his opposite number in the United States - [Alexei I. Sorvin] who maintains a whole network of agents there. P.F. 123,086

The question of STEINBERG's mission to Hawaii is confirmed by later investigation. On July 3rd, 1945, STEINBERG's wife, Edith, telegraphed Clark Fraser at McGill University, stating that her husband had left for the Pacific on a trip that would take six months. She advised Fraser to see Ray Boyer for details; the latter individual is, of course, Dr. Boyer. However, STEINBERG's trip to the Pacific would appear to have been cut short since, on August 24th, Edith Steinberg telegraphed Professor Boyer that she and her husband were both leaving by train for Montreal on the following day.

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Extract for File No.: FF.603,489...... Name: LINTON......Original in File No.: FF.66,960.Supp.Vol.A..Vol.1...... Serial: 18a...... Receipt Date:.....Original from: Information from "Corby"...... Under Ref.:..... Dated: Undated......Extracted on: 14.12.49...... by: AES...... Section: R.4......

Extract from first report on information from "CORBY" re the Organisation of the NKVD and of the Russian C.P. Central Committee within the Soviet Embassy in Ottawa, mentioning Freda LINTON:-

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(16) Freda.

Only this woman's christian name is known but, according to Corby, she works for the National Film Board. She is believed at present to be in the U.S.A., but still attached to the Board.

Freda is used mainly for recruiting and reporting on new prospects. Corby states that she works with Fred Rose and Professor Boyer, and she may conceivably act as a link between the two. She is also used to obtain information of a general nature.

In 1943, she was apparently working as an assistant in the I.L.O.

She was used as a contact with Professor Boyer under Sokolov's 1942-1943 set up, and was attached to Fred Rose's group.

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Major Sokolov's Espionage Organisation (1942-1943).

A. The Montreal Group.

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Contacts were maintained through (a) "Freda", then working in the International Labour Office, who kept in touch with Boyer.....

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Extract for File No.:...FF.603,489.....Name:.....LINTON.....

Original in File No.:...FF.66,960.Supp.Vol.A..Vol.1.....Serial:.....12a.....Receipt Date:.....

Original from: Telegram.....Under Ref.: CXG.303.....Dated: 13.9.45.....

Extracted on: 14.12.49.....by: AES.....Section: R.4.....

Extract from Telegram (CXG.303) from New York to C.S.S. with list of agents, mentioning 'FRIEDA':-

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P. FRIEDA repeat FRIEDA (real or cover name) National Film Board of Canada.

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