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23.2.49. Extract from High Commissioner, Ottawa 's list of persons tried in Canada 52a as a result of the Enquiry into Espionage activities mentioning LINTON.

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12.4.49. Extract from "Daily Telegraph" re Freda LINTON. 53a.

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3.4.49. Extract from "The Times" re Freda LINTON. 54a.

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27.4.49. From the British Embassy, Washington re Freda LINTON. 55a

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2.5.49. Press cutting from the "Times" mentioning Freda LINTON. 56a

14.2.50 Ext from R.C.M.P. Special Branch letter forwarded Washington ment. LINTON 57

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I as the S.S.L. is being reviewed, would you please state whether you wish to retain LINTON'S name on this list

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Ext 19. May 50.
Please retain Freda Linton

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Anna Linton

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6.3.51. Cross Ref. to R.C.M.P. report re details of Canadian Communist
ment LINTON Freda.

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1.8.51. Change in H.O.S.I. coding.

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2.8.51. To H.O. re change of HOSI coding

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To: *B.2.8*

Subject's name was entered in the *H.O.S.I. / S.S.I.*
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(If cancellation required please sign appropriate section of
W.S. Form 17.)

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Dr. Linton Jones
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NOTE.

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Above noted in C.4.A. on *14 / 5 / 52*

MINUTE SHEET

Reference PF. 603, 489

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16.7.52.

Special Branch report re ABRAMSON ment. KOSKY

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IMPORTANT.

The subject of this file has the following previous traces which have not been extracted into this file:

PF.66960 Supp. C.

PF.66960 Supp. F.

Date.....12.12.49.....

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FILE NUMBER...PF 6031409

This file has been reviewed by B.2.B up to serial...~~572~~ 560.....

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The following has/have been carded in B.2.B *Agents Index
I.O's. Index ---

- LINTON Freda
- © LINTON Freda
- LIPCHITZ "Frieda"
- LINDEN Fritzie

Date.....12:12:49...

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S. Form 24K.



LINTON Freda

Photographs of
Freda Hinrichson.

Received 16.7.52.

Copy in A 706, 307 (ABRAMSON Leon & Sua.)
METROPOLITAN POLICE

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S.B. No. 1 (Flimsy)

SPECIAL BRANCH,

Special Report

1st day of July 1952

SUBJECT

Hyman Leon
ABRAMSON @
BRAMSON

With reference to Minute dated 19.6.52 on H.O. correspondence A.21067/5 concerning Hyman Leon ABRAMSON @ BRAMSON, who on the 3rd June, 1952, wrote to the Home Secretary and asked him to consider a speedy revocation of his naturalisation as he intends to return to Russia in the near future:-

Reference to Papers
350/50/1642

Discreet enquiries have revealed that ABRAMSON is mentally sick and whilst he is not believed to be dangerous, he is clearly not responsible for his actions. His statement that he wishes his naturalisation to be revoked and that he will return to Russia, cannot be regarded as a responsible one.

H.O. Corres.
A.21067/3 and
A.21067/5

At the present time ABRAMSON is living by himself in a poorly furnished room at 76, Newington Green Road, Islington, N.1. He is at the moment unemployed, but for some time past has had casual employment as a hairdresser and chiropodist. He has not kept any job for more than a few days and his means are practically nil. He is now under medical treatment, and is anticipating going to hospital in the near future. It is believed that he will become a voluntary patient at a mental institution as he has done on a previous occasion.

There is no evidence that ABRAMSON is a Communist or that he has any sincere feelings of sympathy for the Soviet regime. He does not speak Russian and he has taken no steps to return to Russia. Those who know him well are certain that he has no intention of attempting to do so. So far as can be ascertained his only political activity in the past has been addressing envelopes etc. for the Labour Party. There is a Communist connection on his wife's side and it is possible that she is a Communist. Further, a half-brother of ABRAMSON, namely Nat ABRAMSON, was killed in the Spanish Civil War. Further particulars are given later in this report.

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/ABRAMSON

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re W 6/2/7 ABRAMSON is a married man and he has two children. He is separated from his family who are living at 9, Clifton Road, Finchley, N.3. His wife, Eva ABRAMSON nee KOSKY or KAY, is at present employed as a cashier with A.E. Thompson & Son, Family Butchers, 203, Woodhouse Road, N.3. and it is understood that she is capable of supporting herself and the two children. The elder daughter Cecilia, aged 13, is attending a local school, and the younger child Philipa, aged 3, is cared for by relatives. ABRAMSON does not support them, but he visits his wife's address every week for the purpose of seeing his children. His wife does not speak to him, but permits him access to the house for the purpose stated. It is learned that she has instructed a solicitor to prepare a case for divorce on the grounds of cruelty and desertion. She has not made an application for a Separation Order as she knows that she will get no money from her husband, and she does not wish him to go to prison. Mrs. ABRAMSON is well aware of her husband's mental instability and is known to have expressed the view that he should take treatment. There does not appear to be any likelihood of the parties becoming reconciled.

ABRAMSON has reached a low state mentally and physically on account of the fact that his condition is such that he cannot successfully manage any business, nor can he consistently practise his normal occupation as a hairdresser and chiropodist. He is undoubtedly suffering from the effects of concussion received as a result of a motor car accident a few years ago. It is understood that prior to this he was not mentally strong, but his condition has now become much worse.

re W 6/2/7 With regard to his half-brother Nat ABRAMSON who was killed in the Spanish Civil War, enquiries have shown that this man had no real interest in going to Spain, but was apparently forced into it by his wife Lottie ABRAMSON (present whereabouts unknown) who used to conduct a canteen at the Unity Theatre. The KOSKY or KAY family, of which Mrs. ABRAMSON is a member, are centred at 124/126 Wardour Street, W.1., where they conduct a tailoring business. This place is known to Special Branch as a resort of Communists. Mrs. ABRAMSON's brother, Philip KOSKY or KAY, was the secretary of the Westminster Y.C.L. from 1936 to 1939, but during the War he joined the Royal Air Force and was reported missing believed killed in October, 1941.

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Another brother of Mrs. ABRAMSON, Morrie Davis KOSKY, now residing at 9 Holmbrook Drive, N.W.4., is a Communist well known to Special Branch. His wife Rose KOSKY is also a well known Communist. A sister of Mrs. ABRAMSON, formerly Jane KAY now Mrs. HAYES, of 103, St. John's Wood Terrace, N.W.8. is also a Communist, formerly a member of the Westminster branch and more recently a member of the St. John's Wood branch. Mrs. ABRAMSON's father is dead, but her mother is still living. Both have come under notice in the past as Communists.

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In 1947 the attention of Special Branch was drawn by M.I.5 to the fact that a certain Rita GORODETSKY, a close friend of one Diana LIPCHITZ of Montreal, Canada, the sister of Freda LINTON, was in this country. Freda LINTON was one of the agents identified in the Canadian espionage case, and disappeared in the Spring of 1946. It was believed that Rita GORODETSKY was in touch with a relative of the LIPCHITZ family in London and there was a remote possibility that this person may have been Freda LINTON. Enquiry showed that Rita GORODETSKY had left this country for Canada on the 24th June, 1947. For a time she had lived at 124/126 Wardour Street and it may be presumed that she is a distant relative of the KOSKY family, but contact with Freda LINTON was not established.

It is believed that up to about 1940 Hyman Leon ABRAMSON also lived at 124/126 Wardour Street. There is no reason to believe that he had any close connection with Rita GORODETSKY, or that he ever met her. Recent enquiries *see* have shown quite clearly that ABRAMSON is not well regarded by the KOSKY family who have, for all practical purposes, washed their hands of him.

Nothing has transpired to prove that Mrs. ABRAMSON is a Communist, but the enquiries made indicate that she is at least a sympathiser.

It might be considered that this Communist background has had some bearing on ABRAMSON writing to the Home Secretary asking for his naturalisation to be revoked, and saying that he intends to go to Russia. The fact is clear, however, that he is in a very low mental state and cannot be considered responsible for his actions. It is therefore suggested that his letter should not be taken seriously.

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Chief Inspector

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CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT.

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Immigration Branch,
Home Office.
(For the attention of Mr. Chinchon).

Subsequent to the new key, notified in your AIB 4/2/4 of 20th July 1951 for use in the next edition of the Home Office Suspect Index, the coding for LINTON F & alias ~~SE~~/BS 7545 should now read A

It is noted that you amended the coding in our draft circular from ~~SE~~ to ~~BS~~

M.I.5./C.4.a./PF 603489
2.8.51.

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Change of Coding in Home Office Suspect Index Circulars

A. To:- B2A

The key to the Home Office Suspect Index is being changed.

The old key, so far as it concerned this office was:-

- A. Suspicion not to be aroused, report arrival and address to M.I.5. by telephone or telegram.
- a. Report departure and address to M.I.5.
- Q. Refer to circular.
(NOTE. "Q" was used when any information other than arrival/departure and forward address was required).

The new key is:-

- A. Report arrival or departure, forward address and particulars of foreign visas and documents of interest to M.I.5. by telephone.
(NOTE. In case of British subjects the Immigration Officer is empowered only to satisfy himself that they are in fact British and where he obtains information on our behalf he must always do so without giving the suspect grounds for thinking he is under suspicion).
- J. Suspicions not to be aroused, report arrival or departure and forward address to M.I.5. by telephone.
- Q. Refer to circular.

As the Home Office have asked to be notified immediately what new coding we require for each circular, will you please indicate below whether you agree that the coding should be amended from
A to A

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1.8.51.

B. To C.4.a.

- 1) I agree with the proposed new coding.
 - 2) I consider the new coding should be A.
 - 3) ~~The circular may be cancelled.~~
- (Delete whichever is not applicable)

Section: B2A
Date: 20/51.

Sign: [Signature]

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E X T R A C T

Extract for File No: P.F.603,489..... Name: LINTON, Freda.....

Original in File No: S.F.411/Canada/1 Vol.8. Serial: 479b. Receipt Date: 6.3.51.

Original from : R.C.M.P. Under Ref: D.936-16. Dated:23.2.51.

Extracted on : 14.6.51. by: P.S-P. Section: R.4.

Cross reference to R.C.M.P. report giving details of Canadian Communists requested for inclusion in the International Who's Who of Prominent Communists mentioning LINTON.

see S.F.50/14/64/B1B(MJEB) dated 7th May 1951 for distribution of the International Who's Who.

*10/2/51
15/6/51*

LINTON, Freda - Montreal, Quebec.

Born: Montreal, Que. 6-3-16.

PF 603,489

Charged - "Conspiracy to violate Official Secrets Act". Charge withdrawn, 1949.

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EXTRACT.

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

Original in File No. PF. 66960. Serial: 271a. Receipt Date: 14.2.50.

Original from: British Embassy, U.S.A. Under Ref.: PF. 25. Dated: 7.2.50.

Extracted on: 21.3.50. by: PE. Section: R4.

Extract from R.C.M.P. Special Branch letter, forwarded by British Embassy, Washington, re the GOUZENKO Case, mentioning CARR, & LINTON.

16. The co-operation of Sam CARR and Freda LINTON since their arrests has been most disappointing. Both have refused to co-operate with us and what little information they did give us we know to be untruthful. We are not particularly surprised in Sam CARR's case, but did hope that Freda LINTON, particularly as the charges against her were withdrawn, would have seen her way clear to co-operate, to a certain extent at least. This she refused to do. We are still keeping a reasonably close check of her movements and if the opportunity presents itself we may yet be able to persuade her to help us. We know that she is still associating to a certain extent with known Communists but do not believe she is a member of any spy network.

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FROM THE PRESS SECTION.

The Times

Date... 2nd. May. 49.

The CANADIAN Government has withdrawn its case against Freda Linton, at one time an employee of the National Film Board, who recently surrendered to answer charges which were laid against her in 1946, when 20 other persons were charged with espionage. The Crown prosecutors have advised that the evidence available is not sufficient to justify the continuance of the proceedings.

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BRITISH EMBASSY
WASHINGTON

To: Director-General of the Security Service,
(Attention of B.2.b),
Box No.500, Parliament Street B.O.,
London, S.W.1.

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Subject: Freda LINTON

See

As you have probably already read in the press, Freda LINTON surrendered herself to the R.C.M.P. in Montreal on April 11th. Hers is the last of the CORBY cases which was outstanding. So far she has not said where she has been hiding.

The shock of the Sam CARR case and the fact that she is seven months pregnant were the probable reasons for her action.

It had not been decided when I left Ottawa last week whether the Government intended to go ahead with her trial, and the legal experts were going through the evidence against her produced by the R.C.M.P.

R. Thistlethwaite

April 18th, 1949

R. Thistlethwaite

ENCL.....

27 APR 1949

TO... B3B/B2B

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FROM THE PRESS SECTION.

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The Times

Date.....*13th April 1949.*

**SURRENDER OF CANADIAN
WOMAN FUGITIVE**

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT

MONTREAL, APRIL 12

Freda Linton, the last of 20 persons sought for trial in connexion with the alleged operation of a spy ring in Canada, surrendered to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police in Montreal yesterday. She is seven months pregnant. Aged 33, the woman has been in hiding for over two years. A legal adviser indicated that she had spent at least part of the time in the United States. Known also as Fritzie Linden and Freda Lipshitz, she faces charges of conspiracy and contravention of the Official Secrets Act. The nineteen other accused have already been tried; nine were acquitted, one fined, and nine sent to prison.

TORONTO, April 12.—Freda Linton was released in £1,250 bail here to-day, for a preliminary hearing on April 19.—*Reuter.*

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FROM THE PRESS SECTION.

Daily Telegraph Date... 12th April 1949

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3-YEAR SEARCH ENDS

Freda Linton, former secretary of the Canadian National Film Board, yesterday surrendered to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police in Montreal, reported B.U.P. She was the only remaining fugitive in the Canadian spy trials. Search for her began nearly three years ago.

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S. Form 81/P.G./5000/10.48.

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EXTRACT.

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

Original in File No. PF. 66960..supp. A.....Serial: 414a.....Receipt Date: 23.2.49.

Original from High Commissioner, Ottawa.....Under Ref.: 1C27/7.....Dated: 19.1.49.

Extracted on 19.3.49.....by: E.A.S.....Section: R.5.

Extract from list of persons tried in Canada as a result of the Enquiry into Espionage activities in Canada.

Missing and not brought to Trial.....Freda Linton.....

2/28/49
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