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<u>64-4102</u>	<u>- 483</u>
<u>65-58574</u>	<u>- 122</u>
<u>65-59312</u>	<u>- 25</u>
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<u>40-84216</u>	<u>- 11 p. 5</u>
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To: COMMUNIST

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March 22, 1951

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Transmit the following message to:

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THEODORE VON KARMAN, IS - R. REBULET MARCH FOURTEEN LAST. OSI HAS INFORMED BUREAU THAT THEY HAVE LOCATED CIC AGENT IN GERMANY WHO PREPARED REPORT ON [REDACTED] WHICH ALLEGED THAT TODAR KARMAN WAS FORMER MEMBER OF CP IN HUNGARY AND GERMANY. OSI WILL CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION IN EUROPE. NEW YORK DISREGARD REQUEST IN REFERENCED LET TO CONTACT G-2.

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CC: LOS ANGELES (BY MAIL)
WASHINGTON FIELD (BY SPECIAL MESSENGER)

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The above information was furnished telephonically by liaison agent [REDACTED] at 1:15 PM on 3-22-51. OSI is conducting the foreign investigation as subject is Chairman of the Scientific Advisory Board of the Air Force.

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[redacted] Central Office of Immigration and Naturalization Service, pursuant to a request, caused a check of the indices of that Service to be made for information concerning the above individual. That check disclosed Central Office file C-4052565 on Theodore Von Karman.

Examination of the file disclosed that Dr. Theodore Von Karman made application to the American Consular Service in Budapest, Hungary, on September 24, 1930, for a non-quota immigration visa. His application reflected that he was born on May 11, 1881, in Budapest, Hungary; and except for several trips to the United States, from 1913 to 1930, he resided in Aachen, Germany, from 1913 to 1930, and in Budapest, Hungary, from September 1, 1930 to September 24, 1930. His mother's name was given as Ilka Karman, nee Kohn, of Budapest, Hungary. His father was deceased.

At the time of his application, Theodore Von Karman stated he intended to enter the United States at New York City, destined for Pasadena, California, to take up permanent residence in order to continue his vocation. He indicated he had been appointed to the directorship of the Aeronautical Laboratory at the California Institute of Technology in Pasadena, California. An endorsement thereon disclosed that he entered the United States on the SS Majestic on October 7, 1930, through New York City. Subsequently, he was naturalized in the District Court of the United States at Los Angeles on July 24, 1936, under the name of Theodore Von Karman. His Certificate No. is C-4052565. The witnesses to the petition were [redacted] Pasadena, California, and [redacted] Pasadena, California.

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There are attached for your information two copies of a photograph of subject which appeared in the January 1, 1951, issue of Time magazine as well as a photostatic copy of an article concerning him which appeared in the same issue of Time.

There are also attached copies of the following reports in which subject is mentioned:

Atlanta report dated 10-8-40, entitled [redacted] Espionage."

Washington Field Office report dated 1-29-45, entitled [redacted] Internal Security - R."

Washington Field Office report dated 3-22-45, entitled [redacted] Internal Security - R."

Washington Field Office report dated 4-13-45, entitled [redacted] Internal Security - R."

Washington Field Office report dated 5-9-45, entitled [redacted] Internal Security - R."

New York report dated 2-10-50, entitled [redacted] Internal Security - R and HU."

St. Louis report dated 8-2-50, entitled "William Perl, Espionage - R."

Additional information concerning subject can be found in the following reports which are in the possession of your office:

Los Angeles report dated 10-5-39, entitled [redacted] wa., Espionage."

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Los Angeles report dated 1-29-41, entitled
[redacted] wa., Espionage - G." (65-32107-4)

Los Angeles report dated 3-27-41, entitled
[redacted] wa., Espionage." (65-32107-5)

Los Angeles report dated 1-26-42, entitled
[redacted] Internal Security - J,
Alien Enemy Control." (100-64877-5)

Los Angeles report dated 6-3-42, entitled
[redacted]
Espionage - G." (65-22489-7)

Los Angeles report dated 10-14-42, entitled
"Survey of Hungarian Activities in the Los
Angeles Field Division, Internal Security - (H),"
page 11. (100-89-27-1)

Los Angeles report dated 11-28-42, entitled
[redacted] wa., Internal Security - R,
Custodial Detention." (100-164610-1)

San Antonio report dated 6-11-43, entitled
[redacted] Foreign Travel Control - G." (100-50430-12)

Newark report dated 4-13-45, entitled
[redacted] Internal Security - R,"
Page 7. (100-292259-105)

Los Angeles report dated 6-14-45, entitled
[redacted] Los Angeles, Internal Security - R,"
Page 14. (65-33716-213)

Los Angeles report dated 4-5-49, entitled
[redacted] wa., Espionage - R,"
Page 8. (100-359682-25)

Los Angeles report dated 7-26-49, entitled
[redacted] wa., Internal Security - R." (100-164610-8)

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Los Angeles report dated 8-29-49, entitled
[redacted] Espionage - R." (65-58574-5)

Los Angeles report dated 1-27-50, entitled
[redacted] AEA-A." (116-163450)

Washington Field Office report dated 6-18-50,
entitled [redacted]
[redacted] Junkers Aircraft Co. Inc., Espionage."

New York report dated 8-7-50, entitled (65-18126-1)
"William Perl, wa., Espionage - R,"
Pages 54, 64, and 81. (65-59312-16)

Albany report dated 8-7-50, entitled
"Alfred Epaminondas Sarant, was., Espionage - R,"
Pages 32 and 34. (65-59242-77) ✓

Cleveland report dated 8-7-50, entitled
"William Perl, aka., Espionage - R,"
Page 5. (65-59312-17, page 5)

Cleveland letter dated 8-7-50, entitled
"William Perl, aka., Espionage - R." (65-59312-49)

Washington Field Office report dated 9-21-50,
entitled "William Perl, wa., Espionage - R." (65-59312-129) ✓

Cleveland report dated 9-27-50, entitled
"William Perl, aka., Espionage - R,"
Pages 40, 45, 46, 47, 50, 51. (65-59312-147)

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Washington Field Office letter dated 10-17-50,
entitled [redacted] wa., Espionage - R." (65-58574-114)

Cleveland report dated 10-20-50, entitled
[redacted] Espionage - R," Page 18. (65-59294-100)

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New York report dated 10-26-50, entitled
"William Perl, wa., Espionage - R,"
Pages 33, 37, 63, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73. (65-59312-164)

Albany report dated 10-31-50, entitled
"Julius Rosenberg, Espionage - R,"
Pages 35, 37. (65-58236-563)

Washington Field Office report dated 11-30-50,
entitled "William Perl, wa., Espionage - R." (65-59312-180)

b7C Los Angeles report dated 12-7-50, entitled
[REDACTED] Espionage - IS." (65-59589-3)

Cleveland report dated 1-5-51, entitled
"William Perl, wa., Espionage - R,"
Page 4. (65-59312-200)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. V. P. KEAY *VPK*

FROM : [REDACTED] *WTF b7C*

SUBJECT: THEODORE VON KARMAN

DATE: March 20, 1951

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RECOMMENDATION:

This memorandum be routed to [REDACTED] for his information.

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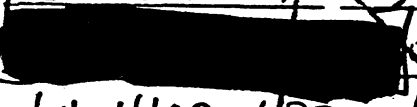
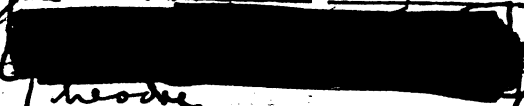
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THEODORE VON KARMAN, was.,
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Re New York let October 4, 1950, entitled, "Todar Karman,
Security Matter - C" and Bulet March 14, 1951.

There are attached for New York two photographs of subject
which appeared in the January 1, 1951, issue of Time magazine.
New York is to exhibit the photograph of subject to [redacted]
[redacted] in view of the allegation contained in referenced New York
let that subject, as Todar Karman, was formerly a member of the
German Communist Party. [redacted] are also to be questioned for
any information in their possession concerning subject and for the
purpose of determining the identity of other reliable individuals
in the United States who may be in a position to furnish information
concerning subject's past activities in Europe. (u)

A review of Bureau files concerning [redacted]
(New York Confidential Informant [redacted], and [redacted] reflects
that both may be in a position to furnish information concerning
subject's activities in Kungary under Bela Kun. Bureau files also
reflect that both have been interviewed on numerous occasions by
New York. It is therefore requested that [redacted]
be contacted concerning subject providing that New York believes that
such contacts can be made without compromising the investigation
of subject. [redacted] are not to be advised of
subject's presence in the United States or of his position as Chairman
of the Scientific Advisory Board, Department of the Air Force. (u)

By memorandum dated April 5, 1951, OSI, Washington,
furnished the Bureau with results of an interview with [redacted]
of Aachen, Germany. [redacted] advised that he was formerly very close
to the Von Karman family and that both Von Karman's mother and an
individual, Von Fakla, advised him that Von Karman was the Minister
of Culture in Hungary under Bela Kun while the latter was in power
for a few months in Hungary. Von Fakla, according to [redacted]
reported to have assisted Von Karman and his mother and sister
in escaping to Germany after the fall of the Bela Kun Government. (u)

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The report reflects that the surname of Von Karman at the time of birth was Von Szoelloeztotak. The investigation of subject in Europe by OSI is continuing. (S) (u)

It is desired that New York conduct the investigation requested herein in an expeditious manner.

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION. April 16, 1951 URGENT

Transmit the following message to: SAC, LOS ANGELES WASHINGTON FIELD (BSM)

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THEODORE VON KARMAN, INTERNAL SECURITY - R. REBULET MARCH FOURTEEN LAST. OSI ADVISES THAT THEIR INVESTIGATION IN EUROPE HAS DETERMINED THAT [REDACTED] IS CIC SOURCE OF INFORMATION IN NINETEEN THIRTY EIGHT G-TWO REPORT WHICH ALLEGED TODAY KARMAN WAS FORMER COMMISSAR UNDER BELA KUEN AND LATER MEMBER OF GERMAN CP. OSI HAS REQUESTED, AND BUREAU IS AUTHORIZING, EARLY INTERVIEW OF [REDACTED] FOR ALL INFORMATION IN HIS POSSESSION REGARDING SUBJECT'S ACTIVITIES. IN RESPONSE TO THEIR REQUEST, OSI IS BEING ADVISED THAT BUREAU HAS NO OBJECTION TO [REDACTED] ATTENDING THE INTERVIEW WITH [REDACTED] AS AN OBSERVER. [REDACTED] IS CLOSE CONTACT OF BUREAU AND IS HANDLING OSI END OF INVESTIGATION. [REDACTED] IS SUBJECT OF CLOSED INTERNAL SECURITY - R AND HU INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED BY WFO IN NINETEEN FORTY NINE AT WHICH TIME HE WAS EMPLOYED BY [REDACTED] WFO IS TO ADVISE WHETHER [REDACTED] IS PRESENTLY IN WASHINGTON SO ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE BY BUREAU LIAISON FOR [REDACTED] OF OSI TO BE PRESENT DURING INTERVIEW.

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April 9, 1951

DIRECTOR, FBI

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THEODORE VON KARMAN, was.,
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Rebulet March 28, 1951.

There are attached for your information and assistance in connection with captioned investigation a copy of OSI letter dated April 6, 1951, concerning subject, and a copy of OSI report dated March 20, 1951, which was furnished the Bureau as an attachment to the above letter.

OSI has advised that the investigation of subject in Europe is continuing. Additional information received at the Bureau will be immediately made available to you.

In view of subject's position as Chairman of the Scientific Advisory Board of the Air Force, the Bureau desires that this investigation be given preferred and expeditious handling.

Your initial report in this investigation is to reach the Bureau by April 28, 1951.

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TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT *A*

DATE: April 16, 1951

FROM : V. P. KEAY *VPK*

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Von Karman is the Chairman of the Air Force Scientific Advisory Board, and information has been received indicating he was formerly connected with the Communist regime in Hungary.

OSI has contacted the CIC Agent in Austria who originally furnished this information, and it has been determined that the CIC Agent received his information from

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The Air Force is extremely interested in this case, inasmuch as Von Karman has had access to practically all scientific developments of the Air Force and is closely associated with top Air Force officials. OSI has conducted a considerable portion of this investigation, which of necessity had ramifications in Europe.

Efforts of the Bureau and OSI have been exerted to definitely determine whether Theodore Von Karman, who is connected with the Air Force, is identical with Todar Karman, who reportedly was connected with the Communist regime of Hungary. Other investigation in Europe by OSI has for all practical purposes determined that they were identical. OSI has now requested that [REDACTED] of OSI Headquarters, who is completely familiar with all aspects of this case, be allowed to accompany a Bureau Agent when [REDACTED] is interviewed.

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It is believed desirable that [REDACTED] be permitted to accompany a representative of the Bureau when [REDACTED] is interviewed inasmuch as he is familiar with all aspects of this case, particularly with the European aspects, and it is believed that his assistance would be of considerable value. He is one of the prime contacts of the Liaison Section at Air Force Headquarters and is extremely friendly and cooperative. It is believed that to deny OSI this request in a case in which the Air Force is so vitally concerned would seriously affect the cordial relations which presently exist. It is understood, however, that the contact with [REDACTED] would be strictly a Bureau contact and that [REDACTED] would be present as an observer for the purpose of making available all of his background concerning the European phases of this case.

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RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that [redacted] be allowed to accompany as an observer the Bureau representative at the time [redacted] is interviewed.

Inasmuch as this is probably the most important case in which OSI is presently engaged, it is suggested that this matter be given the most expeditious handling and that arrangements be made through Special Agent [redacted] of the Liaison Section for [redacted] and a Bureau representative to get together.

ADDENDUM: (April 16, 1951)

The Espionage Section agrees that [redacted] be interviewed concerning information furnished by him to CIC, concerning Todor Karman who is undoubtedly identical with subject. The Espionage Section also agrees that [redacted] of OSI be allowed to attend the interview because of the extreme OSI interest due to subject's position and the fact that OSI is jointly investigating subject with the Bureau. As noted in this memorandum, Bureau refusal may seriously affect our cordial relations with OSI.

Bureau files reflect [redacted] arrived in the United States in [redacted]

An investigation was conducted by the Bureau during which numerous persons advised that [redacted] was anti-Communist. He has been interviewed by the Bureau at which times, he appeared cooperative.
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In the event you agree, there is attached an appropriate teletype with instructions to WFO.

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SAC, LOS ANGELES

April 18, 1951

DIRECTOR, FBI

THEODORE YON KARNAN
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

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There are attached for the completion of the IFO files, two copies of a photograph of subject which appeared in the January 1, 1951, issue of Time magazine.

cc - Washington field - Attachments

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES

SUBJECT: THEODORE VON KARMAN
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Rebfile 100-372586 and Bulet 3/14/51 in above-captioned matter requesting a discreet limited investigation of the subject including the use of spot physical surveillance as a source of information.

The attention of the Bureau and Washington Field Division is called to the current consideration being reportedly given by authorities in Washington to furnishing the subject with a constant bodyguard as a security measure.

According to information recently furnished this office by OSI, Los Angeles, California, an unknown individual has recently appeared at the VON KARMAN residence located at 1501 S. Marengo Street, Pasadena, California, inquiring about subject's whereabouts and claiming to have been acquainted with VON KARMAN in Hungary. This matter accordingly caused Brigadier General STACE, Commanding General, Western Air Procurement District, Los Angeles, California, to have apprehension for the personal safety of Doctor VON KARMAN. As a result thereof, a survey of subject's residence for security measures was made on March 27, 1951 by [redacted] Intelligence Section for the Western Procurement District, Air Materiel Command, Los Angeles, California, and a representative of OSI.

[redacted] subsequently advised this office that in view of an apparent lack of proper and adequate security measures at subject's residence, for his personal safety and the safety of his papers, a conference was held in Los Angeles on March 30, 1951 between [redacted] Research and Development Division, Headquarters, U. S. Air Force, Washington, D.C., and [redacted] Los Angeles Air Force Engineering Field Office, Air Materiel Command, Los Angeles, California, as to whether or not VON KARMAN should be furnished with a bodyguard.

On April 9, 1951 [redacted] advised that no recommendation was made as a result of the above conference, and that a final

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recommendation, if any, would have to be made by officials in Washington, D. C. At the above conference, however, it was suggested by [redacted] that a more secure situation could be had by letting Doctor VON KARMAN maintain his office and papers at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory of Caltech or on the Caltech campus, or he could even share a portion of [redacted] own office.

With regard to subject's papers, [redacted] pointed out that no documents with a higher rating than "Confidential" are ever maintained at the VON KARMAN residence overnight.

[redacted] stated also that the identity of the unknown visitor had not been determined.

A subsequent limited inquiry by this office as to the identity of the above visitor was also made with negative results.

It is suggested that the Bureau attempt to determine what decision, if any, has finally been reached in this matter which, as indicated above, was originally under consideration by [redacted] of the U. S. Air Force.

As a result of current investigation in this case, it has been determined that subject is currently in Europe on a business and pleasure trip with his sister, JOSEPHINE DE KARMAN visiting Algiers, Paris, and Switzerland. He is expected back in Washington, D. C. sometime in May or June.

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no further consideration
has been given to
Mr. Von Korman's
view in Europe. OSI
will advise if any further
action along this line.
W.H.*

SAC, LOS ANGELES

May 23, 1951

DIRECTOR, FBI

THEODORE VON KARMAN, was.;
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

Re Los Angeles let April 26, 1951.

OSI, Washington, has advised that no further consideration has been given to the question of furnishing subject with a bodyguard. OSI will advise the Bureau in the event any decision is made to furnish protection to subject.

In the event you feel for any reason that spot-check surveillance of subject is inadvisable, you should so advise the Bureau.

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WASHINGTON FROM WASHINGTON FIELD 11/21/51

DIRECTOR URGENT

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IN INTERVIEW BY AGENT WFO AND [REDACTED] CSNY DENIED

FURNISHING INFORMATION RE SUBJECT TO CIG WHEN INTERVIEWED IN EUROPE STATES

HE HAS KNOWN OF SUBJECT BY REPUTATION AS A GREAT SCIENTIST FOR MANY YEARS AND

KNOWS SUBJECT IS YOUNGER BROTHER, NAME NOT RECALLED, AND HIS FATHER

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Doctor THEODORE VON KARMAN, world renowned Aerodynamicist, was born in Budapest, Hungary on May 11, 1881. He entered the U. S. for permanent residence on October 7, 1930 and was naturalized in U. S. District Court, Los Angeles, California, on July 21, 1936. Employed as Director of Guggenheim Aeronautical Laboratory, California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, California, from 1930 to 1942, when placed on leave of absence to be a full-time consultant for the U. S. Air Force. From 1942 to date, VON KARMAN has been affiliated with the National Advisory Committee for Aerodynamics, Washington, D.C. Currently he is engaged as Chairman of the Scientific Advisory Board, Department of the Air Force and maintains an office in the Pentagon Building, Washington, D.C. Beginning in 1936 VON KARMAN was associated at California Institute of Technology with a group of graduate students interested in the military application of jet propulsion and rockets. In 1942 he was instrumental in founding AEROJET ENGINEERING CORPORATION, Azusa, California, to manufacture rockets for military use.

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SECRETDETAILS:I. BACKGROUND AND PERSONAL HISTORY

The records of Immigration and Naturalization Service, Los Angeles, California, reflect that Dr. THEODORE VON KARMAN was born on May 11, 1881 in Budapest, Hungary. He entered the United States for permanent residence at the Port of New York on October 7, 1930, under the name of THEODOR KARMAN. He was naturalized in the District Court of the United States at Los Angeles, California on July 24, 1936, under the name of THEODORE VON KARMAN, and was issued Certificate No. C-4052565.

The Central Records of Immigration and Naturalization Service, Washington, D.C., reflect further that except for several trips to the U. S., from 1913 to 1930, VON KARMAN resided in Aachen, Germany during that period. His mother's name was given as ILKA ~~KARMAN~~, nee KOHN, of Budapest, Hungary. His father was deceased. At the time of his application for a non quota immigration visa, VON KARMAN stated that he intended to enter the U. S. at New York City, destined for Pasadena, California, to take up permanent residence in order to continue his vocation. He indicated he had been appointed to the Directorship of the Aeronautical Laboratory at CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, Pasadena, California.

"Who's Who in America", for 1944-1945, carries the following information regarding VON KARMAN:

"von KARMAN, Theodore, aeronautical engr.; b. Budapest, Hungary, May 11, 1881; s. Prof. Maurice and Helene (Konn) von K.; M.E., Royal Tech. U., Budapest, 1902; Ph.D., U. of Goettingen, Germany, 1909; hon. D. Eng., Tech. U., Berlin, 1929; hon. D.Sc., University of Brussels, 1937; LL.D., University of California, 1942; unmarried. Came to U.S., 1930. Mechanical engr. Ganz Co., Budapest, 1903-06; asst. prof. U. of Goettingen, 1909-12; prof. aeronautics and dir. Aeronautical Inst., U. of Aachen, 1913-30; visiting prof. in U.S., Japan, China and India, 1926-29; adviser Junkers Airplane Works, 1922-28; prof. of aeronautics and dir. Guggenheim Aeronautics Lab., Calif. Inst. of Tech., since 1930; adviser Guggenheim Airship Inst. since 1930; adviser to Tsung Hua U. since 1933; visiting prof. C.R.B. Foundation in Belgium; Rouse Ball lecturer Cambridge U., Eng.; Wilbur Wright lecturer Royal Aeron. Soc., London, 1937; Gibbs lecturer at Am. Mathematics Society, 1939. Awarded American Society Mechanical

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Engineers medal, 1941, Sylvanus Reed award of Institute of Aeronautical Sciences, 1941. Served as 1st lieut. Austrian-Hungarian Army, 1915-18. Honorary fellow Inst. Aeronautical Sciences; mem. Goettingen Acad. Sciences, Royal Acad. Sciences (Torino, Italy), Am. Soc. M.E., Nat. Acad. Science, Am. Philos. Soc., Am. Soc. C.E., Tau Beta Pi. Club: Athenaeum. Editor of books on aerodynamics in German lang. Author: (with J.M. Burgers) General Aero-dynamic Theory (2 vols.), 1924; (with M.A. Biot) Mathematical Methods in Engineering, 1940. Contbr. scientific articles to journs. Home: 1501 S. Marengo Av., Pasadena, Calif."

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[[REDACTED] AEROJET ENGINEERING CORPORATION, Azusa, California, in June 1949 furnished Special Agents [REDACTED] the following background information regarding VON KARMAN and his association with CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, hereinafter referred to as CIT, and AEROJET ENGINEERING CORPORATION:

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Early in 1936 a group of graduate students of CIT, Pasadena, California, became interested in the field of jet propulsion as a possible military weapon. [REDACTED]

These students, relying on a small grant from a private citizen, engaged in research on the CIT campus for a number of years, and in the course of so doing, were working under the direct supervision of Dr. THEODORE VON KARMAN, who was regarded as the world's outstanding aerodynamicist.

In about 1939 VON KARMAN, who was then Special Adviser to [REDACTED] of the U. S. Air Force, realized the military significance of this research, and it was through his instigation that [REDACTED] set up the Committee for Air Corps Research of the National Academy of Sciences to sponsor development of rockets. As a result of this small start, a special laboratory was set up in the nearby hills under the direct sponsorship of the Guggenheim Aeronautical Laboratory of CIT. It was in this manner that the present Jet Propulsion Laboratory obtained its original code name of GALCIT, which is an abbreviation for the Guggenheim Aeronautical Laboratory of CIT. b7C

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Under Army Air Force sponsorship the laboratory grew and considerable research was done along the lines of rocket and jet propulsion theory.

In the early part of 1942 it became apparent that the pilot models developed at the laboratory would have to be manufactured. Inasmuch as it was against the policy of CIT to engage in manufacturing of any type, AEROJET ENGINEERING CORPORATION, Azusa, California, was formed at the instigation of VON KARMAN, who had the sponsorship of the Air Force in the form of contractual commitments.

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7C [REDACTED] National Advisory Committee of Aeronautics, 1720 F Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., advised Special Agent [REDACTED] of the Washington office, in July, 1950, in connection with another matter, that Dr. THEODORE VON KARMAN was in 1947 and 1948, and presently may remain, Chairman of the U. S. Air Force Scientific Advisory Board; and that during that period and until January 1, 1950, he was a member of the Aerodynamics Committee of the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics, hereinafter referred to as NACA, which Committee meets in Washington. As a member of that Committee, he was entitled to all classified material pertinent to the work conducted by that Committee; that such classified material was sent to VON KARMAN by registered mail; that VON KARMAN likewise was sent NACA classified publications not dealing directly with the work of that Committee. [REDACTED] stated that because of VON KARMAN'S chairmanship of the Air Force Scientific Advisory Board, he probably also received information, including material relating to the U. S. Air Force, as well as military scientific studies.

The records of NACA in July, 1950 also reflected the following information:

VON KARMAN was placed on the Committee on Aerodynamics, a sub-committee of the NACA, on March 13, 1943. At this time his address was the Guggenheim Aeronautical Laboratory, CIT, Pasadena, California.

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On October 29, 1943, his first name was changed from THECDOR to THEODORE. He was a member of the NACA Technical Sub-Committee on Air Craft Structure, from February 19, 1942 to January 27, 1944. During this period, he continued to be located at CIT. From February 19, 1942 to February 25, 1942, he was a member of the NACA Special Sub-Committee to direct research in applied structures. VON KARMAN was placed on the restricted monthly list to receive papers and releases of a classified nature from November 22, 1940 to May 24, 1945. He was custodian of restricted publications at CIT for the same period.

A temporary address from November 17, 1944 to March 1, 1946 was Headquarters, Army Air Force, Chief of Air Staff, Scientific Advisory Group, Room 4D 1070, Pentagon Building, Washington, D.C. A receipt for material returned by VON KARMAN to the NACA in Washington, dated September 26, 1947, indicated a change of address from 570 Lexington Avenue, Room 711, to COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, Pupin Physics Laboratory, New York City. At this time he was Chairman of the U. S. Air Force Scientific Advisory Board. As of September 13, 1948, he was listed as having changed his address back to the Guggenheim Aeronautical Laboratory, Pasadena, California.

"Time" magazine of January 1, 1951, under the "Business" section column, labeled "Corporations", carried an article concerning Dr. THEODORE VON KARMAN and his association with AEROJET ENGINEERING CORPORATION, Azusa, California. A portion of this article, which was accompanied by a photograph of VON KARMAN, is as follows:

"Until World War II, most Americans thought that rockets were useful only for Fourth of July celebrations and trips to the moon. But not Dr. Theodore von KARMAN, the cigar-smoking, eager boss of the famed Guggenheim Aeronautical Laboratory at CalTech. With Air Force and private funds, Dr. von KARMAN had been experimenting enough with rockets to know they could be an important weapon. And since he was well acquainted with the work of the top Axis aerodynamicists, he knew what fast progress they were making with rockets. But when Dr. von KARMAN tried to get U. S. corporations interested in going into the rocket business in 1941, he was turned down flat. So Scientist von KARMAN decided to make them himself.

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investment, and five employees, he set up the AEROJET ENGINEERING CORP. of Azusa, Calif. Its product: Jato units, 10-in. thick, 3-ft. long rockets to give big planes an extra push to get them off short runways or aircraft carriers.

"In no time at all, the Navy and Air Force began firing orders at AEROJET and the company took off with a whoosh itself. Within 18 months, it got six Government loans to expand, still needed more cash. It got it from GENERAL TIRE & RUBBER CO. (which liked AEROJET so much that it now owns 81% of its stock).

"\$185 a Bottle. During the war, AEROJET turned out some \$10 million worth of Jato units, became one of the biggest U. S. rocket manufacturers. As AEROJET began to rise, VON KARMAN stepped down from the presidency, became the company's chief research consultant. CalTech's imaginative physicist Dr. FRITZ ZWICKY became active research chief."

The "Columbia Report" of January, 1951 carries the following item regarding VON KARMAN:

"The Kelvin Medal, one of the highest international honors in the field of engineering, was recently awarded to Dr. THEODORE von KARMAN, internationally renowned expert in the field of aerodynamics. Dr. von KARMAN holds one of the rare honorary professorships at COLUMBIA - in the field of mechanical engineering."

[On March 7, 1951, a representative of [redacted] a Government Agency, conducting security investigations, advised that the subject is currently engaged as Chairman of the Scientific Advisory Board, Department of the Air Force, on a contract basis, and maintains an office at the Pentagon Building at Washington, D.C. (u) b2

[redacted] advised Special Agent [redacted] on April 12, 1951, during the course of another matter, that in early 1942 Dr. THEODORE VON KARMAN was placed on leave of absence from the Institute and spent his full time as a consultant with the U. S. Air Force. b7C b7D

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Residence:

Subject, single, presently maintains a residence at 1501 South Marengo Street, Pasadena, California, where he resides with his sister, JOSEPHINE ~~de~~ KARMAN, about 60, also single. A small separate building on the premises is used by VON KARMAN as his office, which is managed by his secretary, [REDACTED] a Government employee. [REDACTED] has advised that VON KARMAN is currently in Europe with his sister on a combined business and pleasure trip, and will visit Algiers, Paris and Switzerland before returning to Washington some time during May or June. His foreign mailing address is: CALIFORNIA HOTEL, Paris, France. b7c

II. ACTIVITIES AND ASSOCIATES

General:

b2 [REDACTED] another Government Agency conducting security investigations, advised on April 5, 1951, that a representative of that agency had, on March 19, 1951, interviewed [REDACTED] of Aachen, Germany. [REDACTED] advised that he was formerly very close to the VON KARMAN family and that VON KARMAN'S mother and an individual named Herr VON FAKLA, advised him that VON KARMAN in 1919 was the Minister of Culture in Hungary under BELA KUN, while the latter was in power for a few months. VON FAKLA, according to [REDACTED] is reported to have assisted VON KARMAN and his mother and sister, JOSEPHINE, in escaping to Germany after the fall of the BELA KUN Government. (u)

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L [REDACTED] stated further that [REDACTED] VON KARMAN from shortly after World War I until VON KARMAN left for the U. S. in 1932. After graduating from the University of Budapest, where his father was head of the Department of Philosophy, VON KARMAN entered the University of Goettingen; and shortly before World War I he came to the University of Aachen where he became the head of the Mechanical Science and Aerodynamics Department. During World War I he served in the Austrian Army with the rank of Captain.

b2 [REDACTED] indicated also [REDACTED] that the surname of VON KARMAN at the time of birth was VON SZOELLOESTCICTAK x(u)

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[redacted] advised Special Agents [redacted] of the Albany office, in a signed statement, dated March 9, 1951, at Albany, New York, that he recalls

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On December 2, 1950 [redacted] advised Special Agent [redacted] that he had originally gone to [redacted] on the advice of Dr. THEODORE VON KARMAN, an old acquaintance of his, who had recommended [redacted] as an old friend. [redacted] added that he himself had known VON KARMAN for many years, having been associated with him [redacted]

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[redacted] an admitted [redacted] stated in 1942 [redacted] mentioned above under the [redacted] matter, was known by that informant to have in the past associated with various Soviet officials in Los Angeles, California, and to have been [redacted]

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WILLIAM PERL
104 East Thirty-Eighth Street
New York, New York

[redacted] National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics, 1721 F Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., advised Special Agent [redacted] of the Washington Office, in July, 1950, in connection with another matter, that WILLIAM PERL was engaged as Technical Assistant to Dr. THEODORE VON KARMAN at the Puvin Physics Laboratory, COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, at New York City, from about February, 1947 to June, 1948. During VON KARMAN'S absence, PERL handled certain of VON KARMAN'S affairs which included receiving classified material on behalf of the latter, which had been disseminated and prepared by the NACA in Washington. PERL also had access to VON KARMAN'S private safe at COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY.

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Street, St. Louis, Missouri, advised Special Agent [REDACTED] of the St. Louis Office, on August 1, 1950, that Dr. THEODORE VON KARMAN, whom he described as a world renowned aerodynamicist, had been employed by his company in 1947 as a Special Consultant engaged to work on a theoretical problem pertaining to high speed air flows. [REDACTED] stated that Dr. VON KARMAN employed his own staff on the project and as a general rule paid his staff personally from funds which had been provided him by the company. Among the six employees and a secretary so engaged by VON KARMAN, were (1) WILLIAM PERL, whose addresses were furnished as 570 Lexington Avenue, Room 711, New York City, and Graduate School of Aeronautical Engineering, CORNELL UNIVERSITY, Ithaca, New York [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] added that his company has had special Air Force contracts for a number of years but that the above project was not considered classified.

On March 20, 1951, during the course of another matter, Dr. THEODORE VON KARMAN, 1501 South Marengo Street, Pasadena, California, advised Special Agent [REDACTED] that in 1946, while VON KARMAN was a visiting professor at COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, New York City, that WILLIAM PERL had been assigned to him by [REDACTED] to assist him in the gathering of research material needed by VON KARMAN in connection with a series of lectures that he was then delivering. PERL acted in this capacity for VON KARMAN for some time and also collaborated to some extent with him in connection with consulting work which VON KARMAN was then doing for the GENERAL ELECTRIC CORPORATION.

In 1947, VON KARMAN continued, he visited Europe for a year or so and during the period that he was gone, PERL remained in the U. S. where he helped assemble scientific data necessary for the lectures and papers which VON KARMAN delivered at various scientific conferences he attended.

Dr. THEODORE VON KARMAN was previously interviewed at his office at the Air Force Scientific Advisory Board, Pentagon Building, Washington, D.C., at which time he admitted that he had lent a 1935 Plymouth automobile to WILLIAM PERL, but that it was actually owned by his sister, Dr. JOSEPHINE De KARMAN, who was then temporarily residing in Paris, France. VON KARMAN explained that PERL requested the use of this car in April or May, 1948 before he, VON KARMAN, left for Europe. However, due to the influence of his sister who disliked the idea of PERL keeping the car for a long period of time, he had requested PERL, in the Fall of 1948, to return the car to a designated garage for storage.

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It is here observed that on March 15, 1951 WILLIAM PERL, above, was apprehended in New York City after being indicted under the Perjury Statute in connection with the testimony he gave before the Grand Jury in 1950, denying any acquaintance with JULIUS ROSENBERG and MARTIN SOBELL, both of whom have recently been convicted and sentenced in New York City for espionage by obtaining and transferring to Russia secret atomic information. PERL is currently awaiting trial.

At the time of his arrest, WILLIAM PERL was Physics Instructor at COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, New York City, and was described in a United Press Dispatch, datelined New York on March 14, 1951, as the nation's second ranking aerodynamic engineer.

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[REDACTED] furnished a signed statement on March 9, 1951 to Special Agents [REDACTED] of the Albany Office, wherein he stated that [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] the field of jet propulsion and rocket missiles which was actually sponsored by Dr. THEODORE VON KARMAN, who was then Director of the Guggenheim Aeronautical Laboratory at CIT.

[REDACTED] advised further in August, 1949 that VON KARMAN was regarded as one of the world's outstanding aerodynamicists and since before the war had headed the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics. Possibly, by reason of this original association - and together with the fact that [REDACTED]

Also, as noted above, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] VON KARMAN in 1947 when he was hired by SVERDRUP and PARCEL, Consulting Engineers, St. Louis, Missouri, as a Special Consultant to work on a theoretical problem involving high speed air flows.

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[REDACTED] another Government Agency conducting security investigations, advised that it had been informed that Dr. THEODORE VON KARMAN, of the Air Force Scientific Advisory (u)

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Board, had attempted - several days prior to September 15, 1950 -
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[REDACTED] VON KARMAN indicated that he was leaving
for Europe and that it was, therefore, very necessary for him to
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[REDACTED] received a person-to-person
telephone call [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] from the office of Dr. THEODORE VON
KARMAN, Air Force Advisory Board, Washington, D.C.

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III. DESCRIPTION

The following description of the subject has been
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Name: Dr. THEODORE VON KARMAN
Age: 70
Born: 5/11/81; Budapest, Hungary
Height: 5'8"
Weight: 165 lbs.
Hair: Thick, dark-gray
Eyes: Hazel
Eyebrows: Heavy
Ears: Wears hearing aid on right ear
Glasses: Wears reading glasses.
Citizenship status: Naturalized July 24, 1936,
Los Angeles, California, Certificate No. C-4052565
Marital Status: Single
Occupation: Aerodynamicist
Present Employment: Chairman, Scientific Advisory
Board, Department of the Air
Force, Pentagon Building,
Washington, D.C.
Home Address: 1501 South Marengo Street,
Pasadena, California
Photograph: Available

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b2 [REDACTED] another Government Agency, conducting Security Investigations, advised in September, 1950 that information had been furnished to them in April, 1948 which indicated that one TODAR KARMAN joined the Hungarian Communist Party in 1918 while working as Assistant Professor of Physics at the JEZSEF NADOR TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY of Budapest, Hungary. In 1919, when the Communists seized power in Hungary, KARMAN was appointed Deputy Commissar of Cultural and Educational Affairs in charge of higher education (high schools and universities). KARMAN continued to function in that capacity until late in 1919, when the Communists were routed by the nationalist forces of Admiral HORTHY. At that time KARMAN was forced to flee Hungary; he escaped to Germany, where he settled at Aachen. Simultaneously, according to informant, KARMAN'S membership was transferred to the German Communist Party. KARMAN engaged in scientific work in Germany and was invited to lecture at the UNIVERSITY OF AACHEN. In 1931 KARMAN received an invitation to lecture in the United States; on the basis of this invitation he was issued an entry visa to the U. S. from 1931 to 1933. He reportedly gave several short lecture courses at the California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, California, returning each time to Aachen after the completion of these courses. After HITLER'S seizure of power, however, KARMAN applied for an extension of his permit of residence in the U. S. on the ground that it was dangerous for him, a Jew, to expose himself to Nazi racial persecution. KARMAN was subsequently granted an extended residence permit, and he became a regular professor at the California Institute of Technology. During the war, KARMAN reportedly engaged in research work in aerodynamics for the U. S. Army Air Forces. Informant stated that in 1945 KARMAN was assigned to a position on the research staff of an Army-sponsored guided missile project at Pasadena, a position which KARMAN reportedly retains to this date. Informant indicated to [REDACTED] belief that KARMAN covered up his Communist Party membership when first applying for an entry visa to the U. S. in 1931. It is not known, however, whether KARMAN has continued his membership in the Communist Party and whether or not his membership has been transferred to the American Communist Party.

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[redacted] of known reliability, advised that the following have attempted to contact VON KARMAN in the recent past:

- 1) [redacted]
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- 2) [redacted]
Paris, France
- 3) Fiat Societe fer Czoioni
Division Technico Propellatine
Torino, Italy
- 4) [redacted]
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
77 Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge, Massachusetts
- 5) Royal Aeronautical Society
4 Hamilton Place
London, England
- 6) Royal Society
Burlington House
London, England
- 7) [redacted]
Bern, Switzerland
- 8) [redacted]
New York 21, New York
- 9) [redacted]
Houston, Texas

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Regarding [redacted] Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Massachusetts, mentioned above, the records of this office reflect that information was furnished by Special Agent [redacted] Boston, Massachusetts, in a report dated March 31, 1950, and captioned, [redacted] INTERNAL SECURITY - R, to the effect that the staff directory of MIT listed one [redacted]

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No information had been received from confidential sources of the Boston Office, reflecting disloyalty on his part.

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b2 b7D [REDACTED] of known reliability, advised that VON KARMAN had been in contact with the following individuals in the recent past:

1) [REDACTED]
New York, New York

b7C 2) [REDACTED]
Columbia University
New York, New York

[REDACTED]

WILLIAM PERL:

b2 b7D [REDACTED] of known reliability, has identified WILLIAM PERL, Bureau file 65-59312, as a Soviet Agent.

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On March 20, 1951, [REDACTED] of known reliability, advised that [REDACTED] Bureau file 100-345440, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] of known reliability, advised that Dr. THEODORE VON KARMAN was visited at his office in the War Department, Army Air Forces Operation Commitment Requirements, Pentagon Building.

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Washington, D.C., on the following dates by [redacted]
Bureau file 100-138643. [redacted]

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Each of the above visits lasted either for the entire day or a greater portion of the day. The visit on January 9, 1945 was continued that evening at VON KARMAN'S Washington Hotel. (u)

The Visitor's Register, maintained at [redacted] was observed in early 1945 by former Special Agent [redacted] of the Newark Office; to contain the name, "Mr. T. VON KARMAN, War Department", listed on December 30, 1944. He was accompanied by [redacted] USNR.

With reference to [redacted] it is observed, as commented in Bureau letter to Newark, dated April 11, 1946, that this matter was under investigation from July, 1944 to that time, but that to date no specific information had been developed which indicated that [redacted]

MISCELLANECUS:

Regarding the variation in the spelling of the last name as VON KARMAN by the subject and De KARMAN by his sister, JOSEPHINE [redacted] dated January 21, 1942, set forth the information that in 1935, subject's sister had reported that she used the name De KARMAN because she had lived in Paris a number of years. She explained further that the family name was originally a Hungarian name (not given) and very long. She explained that her brother, THEODORE, had used VON KARMAN because he had lived in Germany many years.

I.N.S. records at Los Angeles, California reflected also that witnesses of subject's naturalization petition were listed as:

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(1) [REDACTED]
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(2) [REDACTED]
Pasadena, California

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Indices of this office contain no pertinent information regarding the above individuals.

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NEW YORK OFFICE

At New York, New York: Will review indices for any pertinent information regarding the following New York contacts of the subject, as reported by [redacted] and [redacted] (4) b2 b7D

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1) [redacted]
New York, New York

2) [redacted]
New York, New York

3) [redacted]
New York, New York

4) [redacted]
Columbia University
New York, New York

LCS ANGELES OFFICE

At Los Angeles, California: Will report the results of the contemplated interview with [redacted] regarding subject's alleged former Communist Party membership and association with the BELA KUN Government in Hungary.

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Will ascertain additional information and activities of the subject as furnished by confidential informants.

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INFORMANTS

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[REDACTED]
Counter Intelligence Division
Office of Special Investigations
Washington, D. C.

[REDACTED] OSI Report by Special Agent [REDACTED]
dated March 20, 1951.

[REDACTED] who furnished information
to Special Agent [REDACTED] on February 16
and February 23, 1942.

[REDACTED] Security and Intelligence Office of
the Air Force, Washington, D.C., as reflected
in Washington Field letter to the Bureau,
dated January 29, 1951, in instant matter.

[REDACTED] (S)
Report from Headquarters, First Army, Governors
Island, New York 4, New York, as reflected in
the "Summary of Information", dated September 12,
1950, captioned, "Possible Communist, CIT",
originally furnished to the New York Office.

[REDACTED] Mail cover on subject's residence, 1501 South
Marengo Street, Pasadena, California.

[REDACTED] Confidential Source [REDACTED] covering the period
October 26, 1950 to March 26, 1951.

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Surveillance by agents of the Washington Office
as reflected in reports of Special Agent [REDACTED]
dated January 29, 1945, March 22,
1945, April 13, 1945, and Special Agent [REDACTED]
dated May 9, 1945, all captioned
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Copies of this report are being furnished the Washington Field Division in view of their active current interest in this matter inasmuch as the subject maintains his headquarters in that area.

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REFERENCE: Bureau File 100-372586
Bureau letter to Los Angeles, dated April 4, 1951.

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Date: May 9, 1951

To: Legal Attache
Paris, France

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From: John Edgar Hoover - Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

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Subject: THEODORE VON KARMAN, was.,
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Subject, who is a world-renowned Aerodynamicist, was born in Budapest, Hungary, on May 11, 1881. In 1930, subject entered the United States and was naturalized at Los Angeles, California, on July 24, 1936. He is presently employed as Director of the Guggenheim Aeronautical Laboratory, California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, California. He is also employed as Chairman of the Scientific Advisory Board, Department of the Air Force, and as such, has continual access to classified information.

The investigation of subject is based on reports received from informants of unknown reliability which alleged that subject was Minister of Culture in Hungary under the Communist regime of Bela Kun during 1919.

Investigation of subject reflects that he has, of a recent date, been in contact with [redacted] Paris, France.

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It is requested that you have your sources identify [redacted] and that pertinent information concerning [redacted] be furnished the Bureau at an early date.

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DATE: 4/26/51

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM : SAC, Los Angeles

SUBJECT: THEODORE VON KARMAN, was.
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Reference is made to the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated April 26, 1951, in the above-captioned matter, wherein it is reflected that subject was contacted in the recent past by [redacted] Paris, France.

It is suggested that through appropriate sources in Europe the above-named individual is identified.

It is further suggested that the Bureau give consideration to an interview with [redacted] Woods Hole, Massachusetts, regarding subject's activities in Hungary under BELA KUN in 1919, and his alleged Communist Party membership in Hungary and Germany.

As noted in Boston letter to the Bureau dated April 11, 1951, captioned [redacted]

[Large redacted block]

As to Dr. THEODORE VON KARMAN, it is recalled that G-2 has recently furnished information concerning one TODAR KARMAN which alleges that TODAR KARMAN was appointed Deputy Commissar of Culture and Educational Affairs in charge of Higher Education, after a Communist uprising in Hungary in 1919. This information also alleges that TODAR KARMAN later fled from Hungary to Germany where he continued his membership in the Communist Party.

OSI has further advised on 4/5/51 that a representative of that agency has interviewed one [redacted] Aachen, Germany on 3/19/51, and who described himself as a former, very close friend of the subject.

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and his family since about 1919. He advised that he had been informed by subject's mother and also one VON FAKLA, that subject had been Minister of Culture in Hungary under BELA KUN while the latter was in power for a few months. b7c

In the event that this interview with [REDACTED] is approved by the Bureau, it is requested that the Boston office be so advised.

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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: May 2, 1951

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: THEODORE VON KARMAN
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Rebulet 3/14/51 which designated Los Angeles office of origin in the above captioned case.

A thorough review of the New York files reflects the Los Angeles Division is in possession of all pertinent information re VON KARMAN with the possible exception of information received from one [REDACTED] by the Washington Field Office in July 1940. This information is set forth in WFO letter to Bureau 7/18/40 captioned [REDACTED] ESPIONAGE," photostat copy of which is enclosed for Los Angeles together with copy of this letter.

It is also noted that "Who's Who in America," Volume 25, 1948 Edition (covering 1948 and 1949) on page 2559 reveals a background sketch concerning VON KARMAN. This information is not set forth herein since it is in all probability available to the Bureau and the Los Angeles Division.

In the event instant investigation re VON KARMAN produces information which may be pertinent to the case entitled "WILLIAM PERL, Was, ESP-R, PERJURY," New York origin, (Bufile 65-59312, Los Angeles file 65-5075, New York file 65-15387) the Los Angeles Office is requested to report same under the PERL caption. RUC

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD

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Re report of Special Agent [redacted] dated May 3, 1951, in above captioned case wherein is noted leads for the conducting of interviews by the Boston, Baltimore, New York, and Washington Field Offices. It is requested that the Bureau advise the respective offices of the permissibility of conducting such interviews.

It is further suggested that the Bureau, through their liaison facilities, may wish to recheck with the Office of Special Investigations, Department of the Air Force or CIC concerning the accuracy of the reportage by which certain information concerning subject and his activities in Hungary has been attributed to and subsequently denied by [redacted]

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