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Mr. GOREN stated his daughter [redacted] is married
to [redacted] and resides at [redacted]
Los Angeles. He stated [redacted] is a [redacted]
place of employment unknown.

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The GOREN letter and the envelope in which it was received were submitted to the FBI Laboratory on October 11, 1960, which determined as reflected in a report dated October 17, 1960, that the envelope (which is known as Q1 for identification purposes) is a white envelope which has a novelty finish such as might be found on social correspondence or greeting type envelope. This envelope measures approximately 6.25" by 4.30 " and bears no watermark.

The one page letter (which is known as Q2 for identification purposes) was determined to be a sheet of white bond paper which measures approximately 8.5" by 11.0" and bears no watermark. Paper of this size is usually termed legal size paper.

It has not been determined whether the typewriting done on specimens Q1 and Q2 was done by a trained typist or an untrained typist. However, the apparent lack of erasures and the neatness of the typing would suggest the possibility the typist may have been trained.

The FBI Laboratory advised by report dated October 18, 1960, that specimens Q1 and Q2 were examined for latent fingerprints, but no latent impressions of value for identification purposes were developed.

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On October 11, 1960, after obtaining the HARRY GOREN letter from Mr. ALLEN's Office, its contents were discussed by SA [redacted] with Assistant U. S. Attorney WM BRYAN OSBORNE. Mr. OSBORNE stated after reading the letter, it was his opinion the language therein constituted a violation of the Federal Extortion Statute. Mr. OSBORNE said, however, he desired GOREN be interviewed in an effort to establish whether or not he wrote the letter to Mr. ALLEN, after which he should be recontacted for a definite prosecutive opinion.

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Mr. GOREN was interviewed on October 11, 1960, at which time he emphatically denied he had written a threatening letter to Mr. ALLEN or knew who might have written such a letter.

On October 28, 1960, the results of the interview with Mr. GOREN were discussed with Assistant U. S. Attorney OSBORNE by SA [redacted]. Mr. OSBORNE stated he still felt the language of the GOREN letter to Mr. ALLEN fell within the purview of the Extortion Statute. Mr. OSBORNE said he desired an investigation be conducted in an effort to identify the author of this letter, after which he should be recontacted for a final prosecutive opinion.

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Date October 20, 1960

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[redacted] personal secretary to STEVE ALLEN, 15445 Ventura Boulevard, Sherman Oaks, California, advised she had located two letters addressed to Mr. ALLEN, which had been received previous to the threatening letter in this case, but which might have a bearing on the case. The items furnished by [redacted] were initialed by her and by SA [redacted]. The items furnished were as follows:

A typewritten envelope addressed to STEVE ALLEN, 15445 Ventura Boulevard, Sherman Oaks, California, which was postmarked October 6, 1960, at Los Angeles, California. This envelope which had the return address of 1027 West Sixth Street, Los Angeles 23, California, contained a two-page typewritten letter which recites as follows:

"Steve Allen
15445 Ventura Blvd.
Sherman Oaks, Calif.

"Thursday, October 6, 1960

"Mr. Steve Allen:

"After witnessing, Mr. Allen, some of your recent political activities, and viewing who you are associated with, I have but this to say:

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"You have a smell on you worse than the Red-pseudo smell of [redacted] Bob Ryan, Linus Pauling, Dore Schary, [redacted] Dalton Trumbo and Alger Hiss.

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"I'm not quite certain just who you actually feel you tricking by your dirty Communist Front, the Hollywood for S.A.N.E., or who you think your fooling by your pro-Communist views on [redacted] weapon testing, capital punishment, etc., but there's one thing sure, and

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by SA [redacted] kfw b7C Date dictated 10/16/60

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"that is that you're the biggest and most rotten traitor to America since Alger Hiss.

"You appear on a number of tv and radio shows mouthing your Americanism, and then, like Dore Schary, Dr. Pauling and the rest of the Communist dogs in this nation, you hand out your anti-American views, committing a vicious act of outright treason. And if you don't think that that is a form of morbid, sadistic treason against America, I strongly suggest that you watch a tape of some tv show that you appear on, and listen to your treasonable opinions on a ban to weapon testing, and the rest of the issues you discuss which have reflected the nadir in ribaldry of internal Communism.

b7C "Where do you think that you can get off by attempting to work for the overthrow of this country? Who do you think you are? What right have you got to work against the U.S. Government, along with those other turncoats, Ryan and Schary and, yes, [redacted]

"What kind of logic is it when you constantly say you're an 'anti-Communist,' when you know darn well that you're a hypocritical, beguiling, treacherous Red liar? Are lies really the truth? Is trickery really honesty? Is subterfuge and treason really Americanism?

"Now that your idol and mentor, Slaughter Pig Khrushchev, is in town, it would be wise for you to make plans to leave this country when Butcher Boy leaves this country --- for Russia, and stay there for the rest of your days, which will not be too many if you stay in this country and continue to commit acts of filthy treason.

"Here's hoping that you, a no good Communist traitor, are in the worst of health.

"Unsincerely (You Communist pig),

"Marion G. Leech
1027 West 6th St.
Los Angeles 23, Calif."

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Another envelope bearing hand printing addressed to Mr. STEVE ALLEN, 15445 Ventura Boulevard, Sherman Oaks, California, was postmarked October 7, 1960, at Los Angeles, California. This envelope contained a one-page hand printed letter which recites as follows:

"October 7, 1960

"Steve Allen:

"Go home Communist traitor! Leave on the ship that your idol, Butcher Boy Khrushchev, leaves on.

"You two-bit Communist bastard. You have committed treason against the United States and you belong behind bars on a ball and chain with the rest of the filthy Communist bastards.

"If you could only see a picture of yourself on TV when you're discussing your SANE (Insane) group. The sick, twisted look that comes on your diseased face is proof enough that you're a mentally disturbed commie.

"You no-good Communist turncoat. You have lied and lied and lied, you Red bum.

"At least this is one American who you haven't fooled. I know that you, as well as Robert Ryan, are two Communist bastards.

"Why don't you just go to Russia and stay there forever? This is something I just can't understand. If you love Communism so much, why don't you just go to Russia or Red China and stay there. You're ready, and have committed treason against this nation, so why don't you just take your family to the Soviet Union? You obviously feel that it's a good life, so what's stopping you?

"Go home Communist traitor!

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[REDACTED]
1218 No. Marvin Drive
Los Angeles"

Date 10/25/60

Miss MARION GRACE LEECH, 1027 West 6th Street, Los Angeles, was interviewed at her place of employment at Better Business Bureau (BBB), 307 West 8th Street, Los Angeles.

After Agents advised Miss LEECH why she was being contacted and identified themselves, she was told she did not have to talk to Agents unless she so desired. She was also told that any statements made by her during this interview might be used in a court of law against her. She was also told she was entitled to have an attorney of her choice present during the interview.

Miss LEECH after being apprised of the reason for the interview, said she did not know anything about a letter which had been written to STEVE ALLEN which bore her name and address typed thereon, therefore, she did not hesitate in talking with Agents about it.

Miss LEECH said she lives alone in an apartment at 1027 West 6th Street, Los Angeles. She said she is 74 years of age and for the past five years has been employed as a mail clerk and switchboard operator at the BBB in Los Angeles, California. She said for 25 years immediately preceding this employment, she was employed by the California Motor Vehicle Bureau in Los Angeles. Miss LEECH advised she is not a member of any union or clubs (professional or social) and does not associate with any group of people other than those with which she works and the congregation at the First Congregational Church at Commonwealth and Sixth Street in Los Angeles.

Miss LEECH said she seldom writes letters to anyone and then only to close friends. She recalls having received letters except from friends from a Boys Club in Kentucky and the Community Chest in Los Angeles.

Miss LEECH after reading the letter addressed to STEVE ALLEN which carries her name and address typed at the bottom thereon, stated she had no idea who could have written such a letter. She advised although she recognizes

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 by SAs [redacted] Date dictated 10/19/60
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STEVE ALLEN's name as being a television star, she never watches his television programs, does not know anything about his philosophy and beliefs and never heard of

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[REDACTED] AND ALGER HISS, which names are mentioned in this letter.

Miss LEECH said the only person among her acquaintances who she has ever heard mention STEVE ALLEN's name is Miss SUE BISKER, 1138 Browning Boulevard, Los Angeles. Miss LEECH said she recalls Miss BISKER on one occasion mention that she did not like STEVE ALLEN's program.

The following is a physical description of Miss LEECH:

Race	White
Sex	Female
Nationality	American
Age	74
Height	5'2"
Weight	116
Hair	Gray
Eyes	Blue
Address	1027 West 5th Street, Los Angeles

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The LEECH letter was submitted to the FBI Laboratory on October 12, 1960, which determined as reflected in a report dated October 21, 1960, that the envelope (which is known as Q5 for identification purposes) in which the letter was received, was a white bond envelope which measures approximately 6.5" by 3.7" and bears no watermark. The two page letter (which is known as Q6 and Q7 for identification purposes) was determined to be sheets of white onion-skin paper which measures approximately 8.5" by 10.9" and bears no watermark. It was concluded the typewriting on specimens Q5, Q6 and Q7 were prepared on the typewriter used to prepare specimens Q1 and Q2, previously submitted (Royal pica type - ten letters to the inch).

The FBI Laboratory further advised by report dated October 27, 1960, that three latent fingerprints of value for identification purposes were developed on specimen Q7.

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Miss SUE BISKER, 1138 Browning Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, said she was 70 years of age, had resided in Los Angeles over 40 years. She indicated she had lived at her present address for the past four years during which time she has been more or less confined to her wheel chair. Miss BISKER said she has known MARION LEECH for at least 25 - 26 years.

Miss BISKER was shown the letter which had been received by STEVE ALLEN bearing the typewritten signature of MARION GRACE LEECH and after reading this letter, she said that LEECH would be incapable of writing such a letter. She stated LEECH has always been "fun" and always the "scattered brain type" and certainly would never be as serious minded as the author of the letter to STEVE ALLEN must be.

Miss BISKER when asked whether or not she could think of any individual who might write such letters to STEVE ALLEN, said she could think of no one who would do such a thing. She stated emphatically that she would not write such a letter although she did not care for STEVE ALLEN's program, she did not dislike it to the extent of writing him such letters as this. She further stated that she knew nothing about STEVE ALLEN's political philosophy therefore, would have no reason to accuse him of being a Communist. She also stated that she did not know enough about communism to accuse anyother person of being a Communist.

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Los Angeles, California
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It is noted the name [redacted] 1218 North Marvin Drive, Los Angeles, California, appears on a handprinted letter dated October 7, 1960. This letter was contained in an envelope which was postmarked October 7, 1960, at Los Angeles, California. The envelope was addressed to Mr. STEVE ALLEN, 15445 Ventura Boulevard, Sherman Oaks, California. This name and address was handprinted on the envelope. The above envelope and letter were received by STEVE ALLEN on approximately October 8, 1960. b7C

Investigation has determined there is no such address as 1218 North Marvin Drive, Los Angeles. A check was made of the Los Angeles directory and with the Los Angeles Police Department and Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office as well as the Retail Merchants Credit Association in an attempt to identify [redacted] without developing any information which could be identifiable with him. b7C

The envelope, described above, in which the above letter was received as well as the one page handprinted letter were submitted to the FBI Laboratory on October 14, 1960.

The FBI Laboratory by report dated October 21, 1960, advised the envelope (which for identification purposes is known as Q3) was determined to be a white bond envelope which measures approximately 6.5" by 3.7" and has no watermark.

The letter contained in the above envelope (which for identification purposes is known as Q4) was determined to have been written on a white ruled three holed notebook paper which measures approximately 8.5" by 11.0" and bears no watermark.

Specimens Q3 and Q4 were searched through the appropriate section of the Anonymous Letter File without effecting an identification.

The FBI Laboratory advised by a report dated October 27, 1960, that three latent fingerprints of value for identification purposes were developed on specimen Q4.

Date October 20, 1960

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On October 14, 1960, [redacted] clerk-stenographer, Steve Allen's Office, Suite 25, 15445 Ventura Boulevard, Sherman Oaks, California, furnished an envelope received at the office on the morning delivery. This envelope was addressed in blue ink, hand printed to "STEVE ALLEN, 15445 Ventura Blvd., Sherman Oaks, California." date stamped October 13, 1960, 4:30 P.M. Los Angeles 25, California. In the envelope was a large piece of white paper. Attached to the paper was a newspaper clipping captioned "A Test Ban Drive Red Link Charged." In large bold letters written in black crayon was printed, "Go back to Russia, Communist. Filthy red rat, go back to Russia."

L7C This letter and envelope were initialed by [redacted] and SA [redacted] and were turned over to SA [redacted]

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 by SA [redacted] akw b7C Date dictated 10/14/60

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Mr. STEVE ALLEN, victim, the well-known television star, advised that he was in New York for a few days and that he would be leaving for an overnight stay in Chicago, on October 13, 1960. He further advised that from Chicago he was returning to Los Angeles, expecting to arrive at his home sometime in the evening of October 14, 1960.

Mr. ALLEN advised that he had been contacted by his secretary via long distance telephone on October 11, 1960, and was advised that Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Agents at Los Angeles were investigating a threatening letter sent to him by one HARRY GOREN.

Mr. ALLEN advised that his secretary was searching their office files in Los Angeles for any record of previous correspondence with the name HARRY GOREN. He advised that he has never heard of anyone using this name, but stated it is quite possible that this individual has had previous contact with him or his office.

Mr. ALLEN advised that he has frequently received letters of a threatening nature from individuals who have a dislike of him as a result of seeing him on television. He stated that he believed most of these individuals were in some way mentally ill and that he has never considered these individuals to be sincere in their threats.

Mr. ALLEN was alerted to the possible seriousness of a letter from a person of this type and he advised that he appreciated this concern and the interest of the FBI in these matters and that he would be cooperative and responsive to any future correspondence of this type.

Mr. ALLEN assumed that the reason this individual disliked him was because of his association with what he termed "liberal group", which was interested in a sane use of the new nuclear power.

Mr. ALLEN emphasized that he is by no means a Communist and in fact, "I hate the Communists".

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On 10/12/60 at 1009 Park Avenue New York City File # NY 9-3138
 by SAS [redacted] and [redacted] man b7C Date dictated 10/12/60

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Mr. ALLEN reiterated that because of his renown as an entertainment star he was a target for many complaints from a public who does not care for his personality or entertainment concepts.

Date October 28, 1960

On October 21, 1960, STEVE ALLEN, full true name - STEPHEN VALENTINE ALLEN, 16185 Woodvale Road, Encino, California, was interviewed. In regards to the source of the threatening letter, Mr. ALLEN was of the opinion that the writer was someone of above average intelligence, perhaps a writer by occupation. He could suggest no one specifically who might have written the letter. He mentioned the following three persons only in that they have attacked him in their writings or speeches in the past by accusing him of being a "Communist" because of his view point on the death penalty and his connection with SANE and his supporting SANE'S aims of preventing a nuclear war.

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Hollywood, California

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[REDACTED]
Los Angeles, California

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[REDACTED]
Los Angeles, California

Mr. ALLEN said that he did not believe these persons would have written such a letter, however, he felt that the writer of the letter was a person of their professional background.

Mr. ALLEN furnished a clipping from Hollywood Close-Up dated September 8, 1960, which attacked him by accusing him of being a "red". He also furnished a clipping from the publication "Human Events" dated September 8, 1960, which printed a letter sent by ALLEN to the publication in answer to an attack made by that publication on himself.

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by SA [REDACTED] :kfw b7C Date dictated 10/24/60

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Mr. ALLEN concluded by stating that he did not believe that there existed any personal danger to himself from the writer of the threatening letter, that it was a person trying, in his own way, to express his opinions and feelings. He promised to immediately advise the Los Angeles Office of any further information received by himself in this matter.

Mr. ALLEN furnished a photograph of himself and his wife and furnished the following physical description of himself:

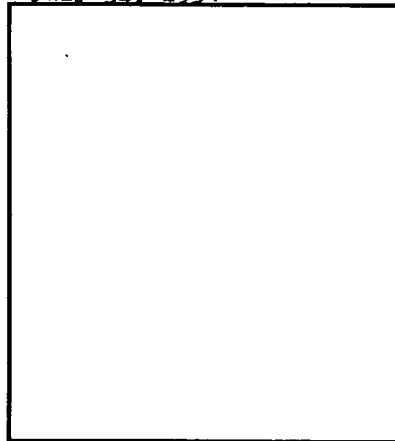
Sex	Male
Race	White
Date of birth	December 26, 1921
Place of birth	New York City, New York
Height	6 feet 2½ inches
Weight	185 pounds
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown, wears horn rim glasses
Education	Drake University Arizona State Teachers College
Military service	United States Army
Wife	JAYNE MEADOWS July 31, 1954

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Date October 28, 1960

On October 21, 1960, [redacted] Suite 25, 15445 Ventura Boulevard, Sherman Oaks, California, personal secretary and office manager for STEVE ALLEN, advised that she had received another suspicious letter sent to Mr. ALLEN in the morning mail. [redacted] initialed the letter and envelope. The envelope was a window type, address to STEVE ALLEN, 15445 Ventura Boulevard, Sherman Oaks, California. It had no return address. In red ink, small letters below the window was "private ----- private". It was post marked Los Angeles, California 17, October 24, 1960. The letter is as follows:

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"Mr. Steve Allen
15445 Ventura Blvd.
Cherman Oaks, Cal.

"Dear Steverino:

"'Lies are truth, violence is virtue, hate is love, tyranny is liberty, slavery is freedom, trickery is honesty, mass murders are peaceful co-existence, fraud and subterfuge is ethics, and world dictatorship is democracy.'"

"The above quotation, dear Steverino, is the logic of communism. It is the roots of communism. It is a sick, diseased philosophy that only twisted mind could possibly believe is the best way of life.

"You and [redacted] and [redacted] have been attempting to overthrow the United States with your phony communist front, the Hollywood for Sane, as well as the rest of your pseudo-traitorous activities, in order to help Russia, and that wonderful peace maker, Khrushchev, rule the world.

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"Such an arrogant, evil, sinister display from people like yourself who have made thousands and thousands of dollars in this country, in the U.S.A., and then decide that you're not quite pleased with the American way of life, so you attempt to work for the vicious overthrow of the U.S., is

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b7C "nefarious and sordid enough, yet when the group of you, [redacted] and Otto Preminger on down, haven't even got the courage to admit your political views, spew your Americanism, then continue to work against this country, there could be only one ending for such pieces of communist shit like yourself ---- a horrible death, murder if possible.

"I'd also like to tell you, you filthy communist liar, that there is a huge group being formed against you and the rest of the morbid, rotten commies in this country. We are still small, but we are growing larger every day, particularly when you appear of Tv and show just the kind of o, so sincere man you are, and then, of course, work with the rest of the hateful, mentally disturbed, two-bit communists in overthrowing the U.S.

"We have just begun to fight, you dirty traitor. Why don't you go back to Russia and save us the trouble. May God strike you dead.

"Mr. Steve Allen
15445 Ventura Blvd.
Sherman Oaks, Calif."

b7C In addition [redacted] furnished two typewritten letters which had been received by her office prior to the threatening letter. One letter dated August 16, 1960, was sent to the San Fernando Valley State College, Northridge, California, signed by [redacted] Parents for Better Education. This letter was in protest to the appointment of STEVE ALLEN to the College Advisory Board. The second letter also in protest to this appointment was sent to the college and was signed by [redacted] [redacted] Pacoima, California, and dated September 9, 1960. These letters are not being set out herein as it is not known whether or not they have any connection with instant matter.

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The open faced window type envelope which is marked "Private-Private" containing a letter directed to Mr. STEVE ALLEN, 15445 Ventura Boulevard, Sherman Oaks, California, which commenced "Dear Steve: Lies are truth..." and ending "May God strike you dead," was submitted to the FBI Laboratory on October 26, 1960.

The FBI Laboratory by report dated November 7, 1960, advised the above envelope (which for identification purposes is known as Q10) is a white bond window type envelope which measures approximately 6.5" by 3.6" and bears no watermark. It could not be definitely determined whether or not the typewriting on this specimen was prepared on the typewriter used to prepare other specimens in this case due to the limited amount of typewriting on the envelope.

The FBI Laboratory advised by the afore-mentioned report that the letter contained in the above envelope (which for identification purposes is known as Q11) was prepared on a sheet of white bond paper which approximately measures 7.2" by 10.5" and bears the watermark "Rising Parchment 100% Rag USA."

This watermark is registered for the Rising Paper Company, Housatonic, Massachusetts. It was concluded the typewriting on specimen Q11 was prepared on the typewriter used to prepare specimen Q1, Q2, Q5, Q6 and Q7 previously received.

The FBI Laboratory advised by report dated November 9, 1960, that specimens Q10 and Q11 were examined for latent fingerprints, but no latent impressions of value for identification purposes were developed.

Date October 28, 1960

[redacted] Secretary to STEVE ALLEN, with offices at 15445 Ventura Boulevard, advised that another letter of a defamatory nature had been received in STEVE ALLEN's office on this date. [redacted] made available the following described envelope and letter which she had identified with her initials and which were also initialed by SA [redacted]

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1. White envelope 3 9/8" by 7 1/2" bearing 30 cent Special Delivery stamp postmarked 6:00 p.m. October 25 at the Los Angeles, California Terminal Annex Post Office. This envelope is addressed to STEVE ALLEN, 15445 Ventura Boulevard, Sherman Oaks, California.
2. One page letter typed exclusively in capital letters on beige colored paper, size 8" by 10 3/8" bearing two punch holes. This letter read as follows:

"SHERMAN OAKS, CALIF.

"MR. STEVE ALLEN,

"JUST GOT THROUGH VIEWING THE TV SHOW YOU APPEARED ON LAST SUNDAY NIGHT (8 P.M., KTTV-TV) WITH A POISONOUS AMALGAM OF HOLLYWOOD COMMIES. SUCH AS ROBERT RYAN ON DOWN TO [redacted] AND I HAVE JUST THIS TO SAY:

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"YOU, STEVE ALLEN, ARE AS MUCH OF A TRAITOR AND A DISGRACE TO THIS COUNTRY AS ALGER HISS. YOU COULDN'T BE MORE OF A COMMUNIST IF YOU WERE THE RUSSIAN HAMMER AND SICKLE THROUGH YOUR NOSE.

"YOUR PSEUDO, QUEASY, FRAUDULENT RED FRONT, THE HOLLYWOOD FOR SANE, IS THE BIGGEST MENACE TO THIS COUNTRY TODAY. IT HAS ASSOCIATED ALL THE SHOW BUSINESS REDS TOGETHER IN ORDER TO WORK AGAINST THE U.S.A.

"OF COURSE, THERE'S SOME HONEST AND SINCERE PEOPLE IN THE SANE GROUP WHO HAVE BEEN DUPED AND MADE STOOGES OUT OF. BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN THAT

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THERE AREN'T ANY COMMIES IN IT.

"DO YOU KNOW [REDACTED] HERE IS AS MUCH OF A COMMIE AS YOU YOURSELF. WHAT ABOUT DORE SCHARY? A PHONEY, SICKENING "LIBERAL" WHO HAS HAD A RED BACKGROUND FOR YEARS. WHAT ABOUT ROBERT RYAN?

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[REDACTED] ECT. AND ECT.

"BUT PERHAPS THE WORST IS STEVE ALLEN.

"YOUR OWN ACTIONS AND TRAITOROUS DEPORTMENT REFLECTS THE LOW-POINT OF TREASON AND TREACHERY IN THE HISTORY OF THIS COUNTRY. YOUR FALSE SINCERITY AND HUMILITY IS SANCTIMONIOUSNESS AT IT'S FILTHIEST.

"WHY DON'T YOU GO TO YOUR BELOVED RUSSIA AND LIVE THERE? IF YOU'RE WILLING TO MAKE A TREASONABLE ATTEMPT OF OVERTHROWING YOUR OWN COUNTRY, YOU CERTAINLY MUST LOVE AND ADORE RUSSIA. SO, WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR? WHY DON'T YOU TAKE YOUR FAMILY AND GO TO RUSSIA? IF YOU REALLY FEEL THAT THE COMMUNIST WAY OF LIFE IS THE BEST WAY OF LIFE, WHY DON'T YOU GO OVER THERE AND LIVE? YOU MAD-DOG.

"HAS THERE EVER BEEN A LIAR AS BIG AS YOU. A CHEAT? A FRAUD? A HOAX?

" I WOULD ADVISE THAT YOU GO AND SEE A HEAD-SHRINKER. ANYBODY WHO LIES AS MUCH AS YOU NEEDS ONE.

"I'M NOT AFRAID TO GIVE MY NAME, TOO. WHY SHOULD I BE AFRAID OF A ROTTEN COMMUNIST BUM LIKE YOURSELF? THERE'S PLENTY YOU SHOULD BE AFRAID OF THOUGH. LIKE ALL OF THE COMMIE TURNCOATS IN THIS COUNTRY.

"GO TO RUSSIA, FIG.

/s/ [REDACTED] b7c
"LOS ANGELES"

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The envelope containing the [redacted] letter b7C as well as the letter itself was submitted to the FBI Laboratory on October 26, 1960, and became known for identification purposes as specimen Q8 and Q9 respectively.

The FBI Laboratory advised by report dated November 7, 1960, that Q8 is a white bond envelope which measures approximately 7.4" by 3.9" and bears no watermark. It was concluded that specimen Q9 is a sheet of white bond two-ring notebook paper which measures approximately 8.1" by 10.4". Specimen Q9 bears the watermark "Jewel" which is registered for the Western Tablet and Stationery Company, Dayton, Ohio.

The FBI Laboratory reported it could not definitely be determined whether or not the typewriting on specimen Q8 and Q9 was prepared on the typewriter used to prepare other specimens in this case due to the fact specimen Q8 and Q9 are prepared in upper-case typewriting which is not sufficient to compare with the lower-case typewriting for comparison purposes. Nothing of significance was noted in the limited comparable material, however, suggest any of these specimens were prepared on different typewriters.

The FBI Laboratory advised by report dated November 10, 1960, that specimens Q8 and Q9 were examined for latent fingerprints and one latent fingerprint of value for identification purposes was developed on Q9. This latent fingerprint has been compared, insofar as possible, with the previously developed latent fingerprints in this case without effecting an identification.

Date November 7, 1960

On November 1, 1960, [redacted] personal secretary to STEVE ALLEN, Suite 25, 15445 Ventura Boulevard, Sherman Oaks, California, furnished two additional letters which had been sent to STEVE ALLEN at this address. b7C

The first letter, the envelope of which is postmarked "Los Angeles, California, 3:00 P.M., Oct. 28, 1960, 26" and addressed to STEVE ALLEN at the above address, was received at the office on the morning of October 31, 1960. This envelope was written in blue ink in longhand, no return address given. The letter reads as follows:

"Steve Allen,

"Could there be anybody in this country who could be considered a bigger traitor than you?

"Your phony, left-wing activities give you a halo of being a small Alger Hiss. Is Alger your idol, Steve?

"You're such a filthy, cheating liar that one simply can't help but be frightened when you appear over TV and radio lying and lying on how you're such "an america," when you know damn well that you're a Communist turncoat."

"Go back to Khrushchev and the rest of your leaders, you dirty Communist.

"Your Communistic 'S.A.N.E.' group isn't fooling anybody. You and your S.A.N.E. filth are commie trash.

"Go back to Khrushchev, commie traitor. ----- from an honest person."

This letter was written in blue ink in longhand on 8½ by 11 inch notebook paper.

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The second letter, received on the morning of November 1, 1960, in the envelope of which is post marked "Los Angeles, Calif., Oct. 31, 1960, 3:30 pm, 5" and addressed to Mr. STEVE ALLEN, 15445 Ventura Boulevard, Sherman Oaks, California, contained a Special Delivery stamp and was marked "postage due 4 cents". The back of this envelope contained a post office stamp marked "Received Oct. 31 PM, So. Annex Sta., Van Nuys, Calif." No return address listed. The letter was typewritten on pink paper 8½ by 11 inches. The letter reads as follows:

"Dear Mr. Allen:

"Just recently I sent a letter to the Los Angeles Mirror's editorial department hoping that it would be printed. Of course, considering the amount of sarcasm in the letter, it wasn't published, but I'd like to recapitulate that letter to you. I think you'll find it quite interesting:

"To the Mirror:

"Dear Editor:

"I just got finished reading an article in your newspaper on the tv comic, Steve Allen, and I must say that I'm very disappointed that your writer went to such disgusting extremes to glamorize a man who is working viciously for the violent overthrow of this country.

"In the article, which appeared in your last week's edition, the writer hails Steve Allen as such a great, great man. This is just another in a long line of Hollywood Communists being hailed as heroes.

"Steve Allen is the biggest weapon the Commies have working for them in this country today.

"His phoney sincerity, in which he piously advocates for a 'better America' then continues his left-wing, pro-Red displays, hits the nadir of treason in this nation.

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"' Steve Allen is a liar and a traitor. His pseudo-activities, in which he blithely consorts with Hollywood Commies and works for the left-wing cause, is a nefarious, treacherous preoccupation of lies, hate, subterfuge, deceit, trickery, fraud, insidiousness and filth. It is a sick disease thinking this idea of Communism.

"'I have offered in the past, and I will offer in the future to sit down with Steve Allen, anytime and anyplace, and debate with him on the subject of Communism vs. capitalism. Allen, of course, who obviously adores Communism so much that he'll attempt to overthrow his own country for it, would be the advocater and defender for Communism.

"'Steverino Allen runs around town, making speeches several times a month for his various 'causes,' clearly demonstrates just what kind of a mentally sick man he really is, When he devotes a great portion of his life, day after day, just to work for the overthrow of his own country that he was born in, it plainly indicates not just how much he loves Communism, but just the kind of a vicious, evil, wicked, lying, sanctimonious bastard he really, really is.

"'So, dear Editor, I suggest that he check out the records of the ones who you write about in the future. When you start to write about monolithic Communists like Steve Allen, then we're in trouble.

"'By the way, one more thing: You'd better check the ones who write in to your Letters to the Editor department in the future, too. Mr. Communist Allen, as well as other filthy Commies, have been making a campaign of writing letters to all newspapers with Red progaganda or anything that is anti-American. Your paper has been one of their main targets. This Communist criminal conspiracy is indeed a barbarous, morbid thinking.'

"The letter was signed, 'Betty Stanley.
'211 South Normandie.
'Los Angeles 35, California.'"

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Mrs. BETTY STANLEY, 211 South Normandie Street, was interviewed after Agent identified himself and informed her why she was being contacted. She was told at the outset that she did not have to talk to Agent unless she so desired. She was also told any statement she might make during this interview could be used in a court of law against her. Mrs. STANLEY was advised she was entitled to have an attorney present during the interview.

Mrs. STANLEY after being apprised why she was being interviewed said she had resided at the above address for two years where she is presently managing the apartment building. Although Mrs. STANLEY did not divulge her exact age, she said she was receiving Social Security benefits, therefore, she would have to be over 62 years of age. She advised she had been a widow for 24 years and had no children and few friends. She stated for this reason she writes very few letters and certainly has never written a letter to STEVE ALLEN.

Mrs. STANLEY said she believes she has in the past watched one or two of STEVE ALLEN's television shows, however, she was not sure of this.

After Mrs. STANLEY was shown the letter addressed to Mr. ALLEN which bears her name and address typed at the bottom, she said she could offer no suggestion as to the identity of the writer of such a letter. Mrs. STANLEY stated she did not know who the writer of the letter might have obtained her name and address except that she is listed in the Los Angeles telephone directory. Mrs. STANLEY pointed out that she had never made a study of communism and did not know whether a statement made by a person was communistic or not. Therefore, she would be incapable of writing a letter in the terms used in the letter in question.

Mrs. STANLEY said she owned no typewriter, did not have access to a typewriter and in fact could not use a typewriter. She further said she was not a member of any group, club, etc. except she did attend the Christian Science Church on Normandie between Fourth and Fifth Streets.

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by SA BLR BVC Date dictated 11/10/60

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b7c Mrs. STANLEY was asked whether she had known or heard of anyone with the following names: HARRY GOREN, MARION LEECH and [redacted] and she replied that she had not.

The following is a physical description of Mrs. STANLEY:

Age	62 plus
Height	5'1"
Weight	105
Hair	Gray
Eyes	Blue, wears glasses
Marital Status	widow
Occupation	Apartment house manager

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The envelope which contained the BETTY STANLEY letter together with the letter itself was submitted to the FBI Laboratory on November 4, 1960. No results of the examination of this letter have been received to date.

Date 11/7/60

On November 4, 1960, [redacted] an ^{b7C} employee in STEVE ALLEN's office, 15455 Ventura Boulevard, Sherman Oaks, California, made available an envelope addressed to STEVE ALLEN, 15445 Ventura Boulevard, Sherman Oaks, California. This envelope bore the postmark of November 3, 1960, 4:30 p.m., Los Angeles, California. It bore the words "Intimate Please" in lower left corner and the return address "DAVID A. RANDOLPH, 3612 East 54th Street, Maywood, California" in the upper left corner. This envelope contained the following letter:

"Mr. STEVE ALLEN
15445 Ventura Blvd.
Sherman Oaks, California

"STEVE ALLEN:

"If a person could possibly describe the fantastic arrogance that you, dear STEVE, have displayed in the past two years with your communist manifestations and outbursts, I have not seen that person.

"I'm not quite certain just who you actually believe you're deceiving with your constant pseudo-activities that smell more of a Red hammer-and-sickle, as well as sordid acts of outright treason, but let me tell you this:

"You have palpably received impunity, time and again, as you run around this nation spewing left-wingism and pro-communism, but it is not going to last. You seem to forget that there are some, perhaps not many, but some people who love this country and despise vicious, monolithic communist traitors like yourself. Enough, in fact, where sometime, somewhere, some honest American is going to see you, or perhaps, one of the other sadistic commies in the Hollywood for Sane group, going too far, way too far, in your acts of treason against this country, and will do something to

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attempt to stop you.

"That person, dear STEVE, is me.

"In the name of God, and I mean God, if you continue your filthy, treasonable activities against this country, and if it gets worse (the communist criminal conspiracy), I'm going to do something about it.

"How does one try to stop the traitorous communist conspiracy in this country? Simple. You merely look around and attempt to find just where is the most treacherous, horrid, morbid, lying, cheating communist traitor in this country. And, when you find him, you take action, even if it means hurting yourself with the police, to see that the filthy traitor can commit treason no more.

"Well, my dear STEVE, I've found him. Yes, I have located the most rotten, lying, hypocritical communist turncoat in the history of the United States.

"This man has lied in the name of truth, cheated innocent people, fooled Hollywood celebrities, and, worst of all, committed every act of treason that an American traitor could possibly commit. He has vomited left-wingism over TV and radio, associated with Hollywood commies, and has demonstrated the most treacherous type of treason against this nation with his Hollywood for Sane.

"This man, of course, is STEVE ALLEN.

"In the name of God, my dear STEVE, I'm going to do something to stop your filthy treason. I'm only twenty-one years old, and I live by myself, yet I have a highly regarded gun collection. In other words, I'm going to put my country before

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myself. It is as simple as that.

"Call this 'corny' or 'laughable' if you like, and I'm certain that you've received many crank letters, but this letter isn't that. When I see you, sitting at a table with such commies as [redacted] and, even [redacted] (who must be quite a dupe), and associating with many other rotten, filthy commies, [redacted] on down to [redacted] ect., attempting to go as far as having something to do with the presidential election, and then vomiting your line for the Sane group, there has to be, when it goes that far, action taken against commies like you.

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"If your life should suddenly end, particularly if it were by some stark tragedy, not only would the Hollywood for Sane be hurt severely, but the other communist fronts and left-wing activities in this country would be ended up to a certain degree. Naturally, there'll still be treason in this country, but not as much.

"In other words, dear STEVE, you, and I'm talking about this sick commie monger, STEVE ALLEN, you are one of the most effective weapons the communists have working for them in this nation today. If you should die suddenly, it would be the biggest loss that the American commies have suffered since ALGER HISS was convicted, and I'm not kidding.

"To repeat, this is not a gag. I'm honestly convinced that this country would have received a major victory against internal communism if your ugly presence was no longer around working treacherously for Hollywood for Sane, against capitol punishment, always viciously, and all of your other commie activities.

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"When J. EDGAR HOOVER stated recently before the American Legion convention, that internal communism has never been as bad as it is now, was the time I decided that something has to be done, and, the main idea I came up with was to exterminate the most flagitious Red menace in this country. That menace, dear STEVE, is unquestionably you.

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"Even [redacted] or [redacted] or [redacted] or [redacted] ect. and ect., have not been as vicious as a traitor as you, despite the fact that they're commies, too.

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"Anytime and anyplace, dear STEVE, I am going to fight for my country. I am going to kill the biggest communist, the biggest fraud, liar, cheat, monger, hoax, and filth in this country.

"Laugh now, but wait and sec.

"I have your office address in Sherman Oaks, and I have your home address in Encino. Wait, just wait and see just what kind of a 'crank' this is."

/s/" DAVID A. RANDOLPH
/t/ DAVID A. RANDOLPH
3612 East 54th Street
Maywood, California"

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Mr. DAVID ALAN RANDOLPH, 3612 East 54th Street, Maywood, California, was interviewed after Agent identified himself and informed him why he was being contacted. Mr. RANDOLPH was told at the outset that he did not have to talk to Agent unless he so desired. He was also told any statement he might make during this interview could be used in a court of law against him. He was also advised that he was entitled to have an Attorney present during the interview.

After Agent identified himself and informed Mr. RANDOLPH why he was being interviewed, he said he had no hesitancy about talking with Agent concerning this letter, since he knew nothing about it. Mr. RANDOLPH was shown the letter which is signed "DAVID A. RANDOLPH, 3612 East 54th Street, Maywood, California," which he emphatically denied he had written. He further stated that he did not know of anyone who would write such a letter, and especially to compose a letter like this and affix his name thereto.

Mr. RANDOLPH said he was 76 years of age, having been born February 4, 1883, at Grand Island, Nebraska. He stated he had worked as a Conductor on the Southern Pacific Railroad for 30 years, having retired in 1939. He said he had been married for 54 years and had resided with his wife at the present address for 29 years. He stated his only daughter,

[redacted] also resides with he and his wife at this address.

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Mr. RANDOLPH said he was not a member of any club or group except he has been a member of the Brotherhood of Railway Conductors since 1932, and attends the Baptist Church in his neighborhood. Mr. RANDOLPH said neither he, his wife, nor his daughter own a typewriter, and he is positive neither he, his wife, nor daughter can operate a typewriter.

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Mr. RANDOLPH admitted in his conversation he knew STEVE ALLEN to be a television personality and has in the past watched some of his television programs. He could not at the time of this interview recall which program he watched or whether he liked it or not. Mr. RANDOLPH stated even if he were impressed with the television shows of STEVE ALLEN, he would not write such a letter as that exhibited to him.

Mr. RANDOLPH was asked whether or not he was acquainted with a HARRY GOREN, [REDACTED] MARION G. LEECH, [REDACTED] or BETTY STANLEY, at which time he stated he had never heard of these people, and to his knowledge had never belonged to any club or group where they might have been members. b7C

When Mr. RANDOLPH was given the letter to read, it was apparent he had difficulty in seeing, as he continuously adjusted his glasses and shifted his body in order to get more light on the letter. At the time he was attempting to read the letter, he was unable to pronounce many of the words and asked Agent's assistance in this regard. Since the letter concerned ALLEN's opinion regarding capital punishment and his support of "SANE", Mr. RANDOLPH commented that he had never expressed his opinion concerning capital punishment, and he had never heard of "SANE."

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The envelope addressed to STEVE ALLEN which was postmarked October 28, 1960, at Los Angeles, California, and the letter contained therein, which commences, "STEVE ALLEN: Could there be...." and ending, "...an honest person" was submitted to the FBI Laboratory on November 7, 1960. This letter was unsigned except as indicated above. The FBI Laboratory, by report dated November 21, 1960, advised the above envelope and letter, for identification purposes, are known as Specimens Q12 and Q13 respectively.

The envelope addressed to STEVE ALLEN which was postmarked October 31, 1960, and the letter contained therein, which commences, "Dear Mr. ALLEN: Just recently I...." and ending "....Los Angeles 35, California," was also submitted to the FBI Laboratory November 7, 1960. This is the BETTY STANLEY letter. The FBI Laboratory, by report dated November 21, 1960, advised this envelope and letter, for identification purposes, are known as Specimens Q14 and Q15 respectively.

The envelope addressed to "Mr. STEVE ALLEN...." which was postmarked November 3, 1960, at Los Angeles, and the three-page typed letter contained therein, the first page of which commences, "STEVE ALLEN: If a person could...." and ending, "...to find just where is"; the second page of which begins with "the most treacherous...." and ends with "...and this country would be"; and the third page of which commences with "ended up to a" and signed "DAVID A. RANDOLPH" were submitted to the FBI Laboratory on November 7, 1960. The FBI Laboratory, by report dated November 21, 1960, advised Specimens Q12 and Q13 were searched through the appropriate sections of the Anonymous Letter File, without affecting an identification.

It was concluded the typewriting on Specimens Q14 through Q19 was prepared on the typewriter used to

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prepare the specimens previously received, except Specimens Q8 and Q10, regarding which a definite conclusion could not be reached due to the limited nature of the typewriting or the fact that some of the typewriting is in upper-case letters, and, therefore, is not comparable with the typewriting on Specimens Q14 through Q19.

It could not definitely be determined whether or not the handwriting on Specimens Q12 and Q13 was prepared by the individual or individuals responsible for the handwriting on Specimens Q4 and Q19 and the hand printing on Specimens Q3 and Q4 because of the limited amount of comparable material available.

Specimen Q12 is a white bond envelope which measures approximately 6.5 by 3.6 inches and bears no watermark. Specimen Q13 is a sheet of white ruled, three hole, notebook paper with rounded corners. This specimen measures approximately 8.5 by 10.9 inches and bears no watermark. This specimen is similar to Specimen Q4 except that it is slightly smaller in size.

Specimen Q14 is a white envelope similar to Specimen Q1. Specimen Q15 is a sheet of pink bond paper which measures approximately 8.5 by 11.0 inches and bears no watermark.

Specimen Q16 is a white bond envelope with a printed return address form in the upper left-hand corner. This specimen measures approximately 6.5 by 3.7 inches and bears no watermark. Specimens Q17 through Q19 are sheets of yellow bond paper which measure approximately 8.4 by 10.4 inches and bear no watermarks.

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The FBI Laboratory, by a report dated November 23, 1960, advised the three envelopes and accompanying letters, Specimens Q12 through Q19, were examined for latent fingerprints. One latent fingerprint of value was developed on Q13.

This latent fingerprint is not identical with the comparable area of the latent fingerprints of value previously reported in this case.

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b7C [redacted] Secretary in the office of STEVE ALLEN, 15445 Ventura Boulevard, Sherman Oaks, California, advised that in the morning mail on November 16, 1960, she received and opened a letter postmarked Los Angeles, California, November 14, 1960, and bearing the return address of [redacted] Los Angeles, California. She stated that she was the only one who had handled this letter.

The letter reads as follows:

[redacted] b7C
Los Angeles, Calif.
November 13, 1960

"Mr. Steve Allen
15445 Ventura Blvd.
Sherman Oaks, Calif.

"Dear Mr. Allen:

"I simply cannot express in words my disgust and nausea for the constant, vicious, treasonable deportment that you're demonstrating day after day. Your insulting arrogance of attempting to decide what is best for one hundred and eighty million people by working for the communist cause (with many other communists), trying to slowly, but gradually, overthrow this nation with your communistic Hollywood for SANE, is indeed enough to make one feel like taking drastic action against this criminal conspiracy, this filthy fifth column.

"Who do you think you are? Where do you think you get the right of trying to destroy this country? If the United States falls to Russia, the rest of the world will fall. In other words, what you're doing now with your communist activities, such as the SANE (insane) group as well as the campaign against capital punishment, ect., is that you're deciding for the entire world, the entire human race, just how they should live under a communist tyranny after the U.S. is destroyed by the Soviets.

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"Oh, yes, you and the rest of the filthy, communist traitors are so, so clever. You each have different subversive activities. Dore Schary has his campaign against the House Committee on Un-American Activities (wouldn't you like to see this abolished, eh?); Robert Ryan is attempting to get certain people elected into Congress as well as his wicked actions with the SANE group, ect.;

[redacted] likewise; [redacted] hires dozens of commies and produces anti-American movies; [redacted] gets on the Negro problem in the South (Khrushchev has got on that, too); [redacted] hires commies; Otto Preminger and [redacted] likewise; [redacted] works for SANE; [redacted] gives you publicity; Dr. Linus Pauling does a little of each; Rod Serling goes against blacklists, ect. and ect. and ect., it is all a treacherous, rotten, evil criminal conspiracy which is working to overthrow this nation.

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"You, dear Steve, are the worst of the lot. You are a liar, a cheat, a hypocrite, and an American traitor. If you adore communism so, so much, if you honestly feel that the communist way of life is the best way of life (which you obviously do), why don't you take your family and go to the land of Khrushchev, the Soviet Union, and live there? Isn't it odd? You are willing to become the biggest communist traitor in this country, you are willing to work against this nation for the communist cause to help Russia, yet, you wouldn't even think of going to Russia and living there.

"There's no question that you're a perfect example of a communist. You lie and lie and you consider it as telling the truth. You cheat and believe that it's honesty. You work for the

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overthrow of this country, and you probably consider it as loyalty. You have committed the most treacherous, deceitful and vicious acts of treason and you consider yourself a patriot to this nation. Yes, indeed, you're a perfect example of a sadistic communist traitor.

"Who do you or [redacted]

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[redacted] or any of the other lying, cheating, sanctimonious, vulgar commies think you are? You're only fooling a small handful of people with your communist activities and Red front, the Hollywood for SANE. You're not superior to anybody else. You have no, and I mean no right to decide for anybody else how the world should be.

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"I've talked to several people myself about your activities, and nearly all of them not only become sick to their stomach when they think of you and [redacted] and your fellow traveler friends, but they actually become frightened when they think of such sinister, evil commie rats like yourself running around loose, spewing your left-wingism, committing acts of outright treason. And, if you don't think that you're an iniquitous, evil traitor to America, you'd better look into the mirror. Because, when you do, you'll be looking at a vicious, mentally sick, horrid, filthy communist turncoats who gets thrills out of being a traitor to this nation.

"Here's sincere hoping that you either die of a heart attack, or some fatal disease, or that you get killed in a car crash or meet with some tragedy. And devil take the hindmost.

"Respectfully,

"/s/
"/t/

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"FM/BO"

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[redacted] who resides at [redacted]
[redacted] Hollywood, California, and who has his
offices at [redacted] Los Angeles, was
interviewed at [redacted]

[redacted] After Agents identified them-
selves and informed [redacted] why he was being
contacted, he was told that he did not have to talk to
Agents unless he so desired. He was also told any
statements he might make during the interview would be
used in a court of law against him. [redacted]
was advised he was entitled to have an Attorney present
during the interview.

[redacted] after being apprised of the
above, said he had nothing to hide, as he knew nothing
about the letter in question, therefore, he was willing
to answer all questions to the best of his ability.

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[redacted] said he was born in [redacted]
obtained [redacted] in [redacted] in [redacted] and, [redacted]

[redacted] advised he had met STEVE ALLEN at a
meeting of the United Nations Education Scientific
and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in Los Angeles
during [redacted] [redacted] said he had only attended
this one meeting and has had no contact with STEVE
ALLEN or UNESCO since that time.

[redacted] was shown the letter dated
November 13, 1960, which is addressed to STEVE ALLEN
and purportedly bore his, [redacted] signature.
[redacted] upon viewing the signature on this
letter, stated it was definitely not his signature.
After reading this letter, [redacted] said that
he had not written the letter and could offer no sug-
gestion as to who might have done so.

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[redacted] said he is a member of very few clubs and groups. He said he is currently a member of the [redacted] in Palm Springs, both of which are resort type clubs, the Catholic Church, and the [redacted] and has not been a member of any other kind of club since coming to the Los Angeles area in [redacted]

[redacted] said after he arrived [redacted] in [redacted] he [redacted] in [redacted] from [redacted] to [redacted]. He said he visited in Europe in [redacted] and, upon his return to this country in [redacted] he came to Los Angeles. He said upon arriving in Los Angeles, he worked first at the [redacted] from about [redacted] to [redacted] after which he [redacted]

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[redacted] at [redacted] said in addition to [redacted] which is carried on at the above address, he devotes one day a week in [redacted]

[redacted] said he could not understand why anyone would sign his name to a letter addressed to STEVE ALLEN, nor what their motive could be. He was asked if he were acquainted with HARRY GOREN, [redacted] MARION G. LEECH, [redacted] BETTY STANLEY, or DAVID A. RANDOLPH, and he replied he had never heard of these people. [redacted] caused the records of his office to be searched, without locating any reference to these persons.

[redacted] telephonically advised November 17, 1960, that he had discussed the letter which bore his name with his wife, who wanted to see Agents, as

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she might be able to furnish some information as to the possible source of this letter. [REDACTED] b7C
at this time stated that after considerable discussion with his wife and thought about the matter, he could not come up with any suspect in this case.

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[redacted] Hollywood, California, advised she is the wife of [redacted]. She said she had been informed by [redacted] of the letter which had been written to STEVE ALLEN on which appeared what purported to be [redacted] signature. She said she and [redacted] were disturbed about the latter and had discussed every possible angle regarding the identity of the person who might have written it.

[redacted] stated that after discussing this matter at considerable length, she wished to furnish the following information, which may or may not have any significance:

[redacted] said there is a [redacted] who reside at [redacted]. She said the [redacted] have 11 children. According to [redacted] was at one time employed by [redacted] however, she was not sure whether he is still so employed.

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[redacted] said several months ago, the date could not be recalled by her, [redacted] invited her and other neighbors to a neighborhood meeting. [redacted] said she had not been fully informed what type of meeting this was to be, but since she was led to believe it was a neighborhood type of meeting, she attended. [redacted] said she learned after arriving at the meeting it was to be a meeting of the John Birch Society, which is supposed to be a highly conservative group, which follows Senator GOLDWATER's philosophy. She said a [redacted] (phonetic) spoke at this meeting and stated the aims of the society were to devote itself to the fighting of Communism. [redacted] said she gained the impression from [redacted] talk that everyone who is a "laborer" is a Communist. She said [redacted] urged everyone present to write letters to responsible people

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or people who were in the limelight, urging them to fight Communism. She said [redacted] gave her the impression that members of this club should select a person to whom they would write and deluge him with letters. She said she also got the impression these letters should or could be attributed to anyone, as it did not make any difference whose names were used as the author, so long as the letters were written and sent to the selected person. She recalled [redacted] urged that letters be sent to President EISENHOWER urging him not to attend the Summit Conference, which was about to take place at the time of this meeting.

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[redacted] said she attended the meeting of this club only once, but since then her husband, [redacted] has received at his office through the mail various booklets, one of which was called, "The Great Giveaway." [redacted] said she did not know whether the above group had anything to do with writing these letters to STEVE ALLEN, but offered the above information for what it may be worth.

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The envelope addressed to Mr. STEVE ALLEN, as well as the two-page typewritten letter signed by [redacted] were submitted to the FBI Laboratory on November 22, 1960, and became known, for identification purposes, as Specimens Q20, Q21, and Q22. b7c

The FBI Laboratory advised in a report dated December 6, 1960:

It was concluded the typewriting on Specimens Q20 through Q22 was prepared on the typewriter used to prepare the specimens previously received, except Specimens Q8 through Q10. Specimens Q8 through Q10 contain such a limited amount of typewriting or upper-case typewriting, which is not sufficiently comparable with instant specimens to determine definitely whether or not these specimens were prepared on the same typewriter.

Specimen Q20 is a white bond self-sealing envelope which measures approximately 6.5 by 3.6 inches and bears no watermark. This specimen bears the return address form in the upper left-hand corner, "After 5 days return to" followed by three lines. This envelope was manufactured by The United States Envelope Company. Specimen Q2 is a sheet of white bond paper which measures approximately 8.4 by 10.9 inches and bears no watermark. This specimen has two holes at the top of the page which appear to have been placed therein for filing purposes. Specimen Q22 is similar to Specimen Q21.

The FBI Laboratory advised in a report dated December 8, 1960:

One latent palm print and one latent fingerprint of value developed on outside surface of envelope, designated Q20 separate laboratory report. Fingerprint

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not identical fingerprints four individuals whose fingerprints were submitted for elimination purposes. Inked palm prints these persons not available. Latent fingerprint on Q20 also compared, insofar as comparable areas of the latents would permit, without effecting an identification with latent fingerprints previously reported this case. Latent fingerprint on Q20 searched single fingerprint file without effecting an identification. No latents of value developed on two-page letter, designated Q21 and Q22.

One latent fingerprint previously reported on Q13 identified as finger impression b7C
Seven other latent fingerprints previously reported also compared, insofar as possible, without effecting an identification with the submitted elimination fingerprints. Some of the inked finger impressions not clearly or fully recorded so as to permit complete and conclusive comparisons. In addition, the seven latent fingerprints were compared with each other with the following results:

Two fingerprints on Q4 identical each other.
Two fingerprints on Q7 identical each other.

DIRECTOR, FBI (9-37924)

12/20/60

SAC, LOS ANGELES (9-2498)

ATTENTION: FBI
LABORATORY

UNSUB; aka
HARRY GOREN, ET AL
STEVE ALLEN - VICTIM
EXTORTION

OO: Los Angeles

On 12/12/60, victim's secretary, [redacted] made available another letter which had been received by victim ALLEN. This letter is described as follows:

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Envelope is addressed by typewriter to Mr. STEVE ALLEN, 15445 Ventura Blvd., Sherman Oaks, California. It bears the postmark of 12/8/60, 9:00 p.m., Los Angeles, but there is no return address. This envelope contained a two-page typewritten letter. At the top of the first page is the name [redacted]

[redacted] Maywood, California. The letter commences, "Mr. STEVE ALLEN: One simply cannot express...." and ends on page two with ".... DEVIL TAKE THE HINDMOST." The typing and phraseology in the above letter appears to be very similar to that contained in the threatening letter previously submitted in this case. In view of this, the original envelope and letter described above, together with two photostats thereof, are being submitted herewith.

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The FBI Laboratory is requested to examine the envelope and letter for any latent fingerprints of value. It is further requested that in the event any latent fingerprints are developed, they be compared with other prints developed in this case.

The FBI Laboratory is also requested to compare the typing on the enclosed letter with that contained in the extortion letter in an effort to determine if it was prepared on the same typewriter.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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To: **FBI, Los Angeles (9-2498)**

Date: **January 10, 1961**

Re: **Unsub, aka
HARRY GOREN, et al.
STEVE ALLEN - VICTIM
EXTORTION**

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **9-37924**
Lab. No. **D-355087 DG**

Examination requested by: **Los Angeles**
Reference: **Letter 12/20/60**
Examination requested: **Document - Fingerprint**
Remarks:

**By separate communication, you will be advised
of the results of the latent fingerprint examination and
the disposition of the evidence.**

Deleted by Allen
by 12/1/60
Per FBI/ALB Mike

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Enclosures(2) (2 Lab report)

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REPORT
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

To: **FBI, Los Angeles**

Re: **Unsub, aka
HARRY GOREN, et al.
STEVE ALLEN - VICTIM
EXTORTION**

Date: **January 10, 1961**
FBI File No. **9-37924**
Lab. No. **D-355087 DG**

Specimens received **12/23/60**

- Q23** Envelope postmarked "LOS ANGELES CALIF. DEC 8 1960 9 PM" bearing the address "Mr. Steve Allen 15445 Ventura Blvd. Sherman Oaks, California"
- Q24** Accompanying first page of typewritten letter beginning "One simply cannot express..." and ending "...the word "truth" is "lie."
- Q25** Accompanying second page of typewritten letter beginning "Never in my life..." and ending "...DEVIL TAKE THE HINDMOST."

Result of examination:

It was concluded the typewriting on specimens Q23 through Q25 was prepared on the typewriter used to prepare specimen Q22 and the specimens previously identified with specimen Q22.

Due to the limited amount of handwriting on specimen Q25 and the fact that this material is not comparable with the previous handwriting, it was not definitely determined that the signature on specimen Q25 and any of the previous handwriting were prepared by the same individual.

Specimen Q23 is a white bond self-seal envelope bearing the trademark "A Westab Product." This is a trademark of the Western Tablet and Stationery Corporation, Eleventh Street and Mitchell Avenue, St. Joseph, Missouri. This envelope measures approximately 6.25 by 4.30 inches and bears no watermark. Specimens Q24 and Q25 are sheets of yellow bond paper which have been torn along perforations at the top. These sheets of paper measure approximately 8.4 by 10.5 inches and bear no watermarks.

Specimens Q23 through Q25 will be returned separately. Photographs are retained.

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McGuire _____
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W.C. Sullivan _____
Tele. Room _____
Ingram _____
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MAIL ROOM TELETYPE UNIT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (9-37924)

DATE: 1/10/61

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (9-2498) ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT, aka Harry Coren ; ET AL; STEVE ALLEN - VICTIM EXTORTION

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OO: LOS ANGELES

In connection with the above-captioned matter, there is enclosed herewith the original and photostatic copy of an envelope hand printed in blue ink addressed to the victim, postmarked 10/13/60 4:30 PM, Los Angeles 25, California, and a large piece of white paper containing a newspaper clipping captioned "A-Test Ban Drive Red Link Charged", which sheet of paper contains hand printing in black crayon.

It is requested that this envelope and letter be compared with the other letters and envelopes submitted in this case, particularly with Q3 and Q4 which are hand printed. The type of paper should also be compared with the paper utilized in the other letters and envelopes.

In connection with the above-captioned matter, it should also be noted that the victim has stated that he has had differences of opinion with [redacted] Hollywood, California. [redacted] is identical to the subject of Los Angeles file 80-407 and has FBI # [redacted]. It is noted that by letter dated 9/28/59 captioned [redacted] Hollywood, California" which the Bureau forwarded to the Los Angeles Office a copy of a letter dated 9/22/59 from [redacted] to the Bureau in which he complains about the possible misuse of an FBI Identification Record. If the 9/22/59 letter from [redacted] to the Bureau is typewritten, it is requested that the Laboratory compare the typewriting with the extortion letters and envelopes in this case. It is also requested that [redacted] fingerprints and any handwriting or hand printing of his on his fingerprint cards be compared with the latents and the handwriting appearing on the extortion letters and envelopes.

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There is also enclosed herewith an original letter dated 6/13/58 from [redacted] addressed to former SAC D. K. BROWN. While the typewriting on this letter does not appear identical with the extortion letters and envelopes and the letter is on the letterhead of the [redacted] it is noted from the watermark on this letter that it was made by the Rising Company and that one of the extortion letters was also manufactured by the Rising Company.

It is requested that this letter be compared with the extortion letters as to size and type of paper for any possible identification. It is requested that this letter be returned to the Los Angeles Office as no copies of it have been retained.

Recorded 1-16-61 FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
of UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Recorded 1/23/61 9:00 am omh
Laboratory Work Sheet

LC #28422
LAB FILE

Re: Unsub, aka
HARRY GOREN, et al.
STEVE ALLEN - VICTIM
EXTORTION

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File # 9-37924-18
Lab. # D-356530 DG

Examination requested by: FBI, LOS ANGELES (9-2498) 1-10-61

Examination requested: Document - *7 gr.* Date received: 1-12-61

Result of Examination: Examination by:

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Specimens submitted for examination

Q26 Envelope addressed to "STEVE ALLEN 15445 VENTURA BLVD.
SHERMAN OAKS, CALIF." postmarked "LOS ANGELES CALIF.
OCT 13 1960 4 30 PM"

Q27 Large piece of white paper containing a newspaper clipping
captioned "A-Test Ban Drive Red Link Charged" which sheet of
paper contains hp. in black crayon

b7C K1 Letter dated 6-13-58, bearing purported kn. hw. of

RETURN K1, 426477

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No lots of value on Q26 & Q27 1-27
Lat. dev. developed Sat & prints of
[redacted] FBI # [redacted] 1-27
Specimens including FBI incl. 1-27 ansd 1-27-61
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Developed
1-27-61
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REPORT

of the

LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

Identification Division

YOUR FILE NO. **9-2498**
FBI FILE NO. **9-37924-18**
LATENT CASE NO. **28422**

January 27, 1961

TO: **SAC, Los Angeles**

RE: **UNKNOWN SUBJECT, AKA
HARRY GOREN, ET AL.;
STEVE ALLEN - VICTIM
EXTORTION**

Deleted by Allen
by Leg. Allen
Per FOIA request 1/27/81

REFERENCE: **Letter 1-10-61**
EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY: **Los Angeles**
SPECIMENS: **Q26, envelope
Q27, piece of white paper bearing a newspaper
clipping**

**No latent impressions of value found or developed
on Q26 and Q27.**

**Latents previously reported of value in this matter
not identical with fingerprints of Jaik Rosenstein, FBI
#857294B.**

Laboratory report separate.

**Specimens, including KI, handwriting specimens of
Jaik Rosenstein, enclosed.**

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Malone _____
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W.C. Sullivan _____
Tele. Room _____
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John Edgar Hoover, Director

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

To: **FBI, Los Angeles (9-2498)**

Date: **January 23, 1961**

Re: **Unsub, aka
HARRY SOREN, et al.
STEVE ALLEN - VICTIM
EXTORTION**

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **9-37924**
Lab. No. **D-356530 DG**

Examination requested by: **Los Angeles**
Reference: **Letter 1/10/61**
Examination requested: **Document - Fingerprint**

Remarks:

The case entitled
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING, has b7C
Bureau file 62-106255.

By separate communication you will be advised
of the results of the latent fingerprint examination and
the disposition of the evidence submitted.

Delivered by Allen
Per Forward Request mlb

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Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

- Tolson _____
- Mohr _____
- Parsons _____
- Belmont _____
- Callahan _____
- DeLoach _____
- Malone _____
- McGuire _____
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- Trotter _____
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- Ingram _____
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

To: **FBI, Los Angeles**

Date: **January 23, 1961**

FBI File No. **9-37924**

Re: **Unsub, aka
HARRY GOREN, et al.
STEVE ALLEN - VICTIM
EXTORTION**

Lab. No. **D-356530 DG**

Specimens received **1/12/61**

**Q26 Envelope addressed to "STEVE ALLEN 15445 VENTURA BLVD.
SHERMAN OAKS, CALIF." postmarked "LOS ANGELES CALIF.
OCT 13 1960 4 30 PM"**

**Q27 Large piece of white paper containing a newspaper clipping
captioned "A-Test Ban Drive Red Link Charged" which sheet
of paper contains hand printing in black crayon**

**K1 Letter dated 6/13/58, bearing purported known handwriting
of [redacted] b7C**

Result of examination:

It was concluded the hand printing on specimens Q26 and Q27 was prepared by the individual who prepared the hand printing on specimens Q3 and Q4. However, the remainder of the handwriting and the hand printing on portions of the evidence previously received is too limited to determine definitely whether or not this material was also prepared by the individual who prepared specimens Q3, Q4, Q26 and Q27.

It was concluded the typewriter used in the preparation of the letter dated September 22, 1959, from [redacted] to the Director and filed as serial 10 in the case entitled [redacted] MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING, was not used in the preparation of any of the typewriting in instant case. It was concluded the typewriter used to prepare specimen K1 was not used in the preparation of any of the typewritten material in instant case. b7C

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- Mohr _____
- Parsons _____
- Belmont _____
- Callahan _____
- DeLoach _____
- Malone _____
- McGuire _____
- Rosen _____
- Tamm _____
- Trotter _____
- W.C. Sullivan _____
- Tele. Room _____
- Ingram _____
- Gandy _____

There is insufficient comparable known handwriting and hand printing of [redacted] FBI# [redacted] available to form any opinion as to whether or not he prepared any of the handwriting or hand printing in instant case. b7C

W.C. Sullivan jpb (4)

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It was concluded the envelope, Q26, and the paper, Q27, and K1 are not identical to any of the envelopes and paper previously used in connection with instant case.

The evidence submitted will be returned separately. Specimens Q26 and Q27 have been photographed.



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Washington 25, D. C.

REPORT

of the

LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

Identification Division

YOUR FILE NO. 9-2488
FBI FILE NO. 9-37924 - 20
LATENT CASE NO. 28422

March 2, 1961

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TO: SAC, Los Angeles

RE: UNSUB., AKA HARRY
GOREN, ET AL.;
STEVE ALLEN - VICTIM
EXTORTION

Deleted Copy Sent *Allen*
by Letter *12-1-76*
Per *File*

REFERENCE: Letters 2/2/61 and 2/9/61

EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY: Los Angeles

SPECIMENS: Envelope, Q28
Four-page letter, Q29

Specimens examined. Two latent fingerprints and one latent palm print of value developed on envelope, Q28.

Latent fingerprints developed on envelope, Q28, and all previously developed latent fingerprints this case compared with fingerprints of the following and are not identical:

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[Redacted]	born [Redacted]
[Redacted]	born [Redacted]
[Redacted]	AFSN [Redacted]

No palm prints were developed for these individuals.

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J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

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- Callahan _____
- Conrad _____
- DeLoach _____
- Evans _____
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SAC, Los Angeles

March 2, 1961

Latents developed this submission compared, insofar as possible, with comparable areas of latents previously developed this case, and are not identical.

Envelope and letter enclosed.

Laboratory report and disposition of other submitted items separate.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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LAB FILE
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File # 9-37924 -23 ✓(80)
Lab. # D-359684 DG

Re: Unsub, aka
HARRY GOREN, et al;
STEVE ALLEN - VICTIM
EXTORTION

Examination requested by: FBI, Los Angeles (9-2498) 2-9-61

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Date received: 2-14-61

Result of Examination:

Examination by:

K 5 + K 6 not received in L.F.P.S. 2/24/61

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Specimens submitted for examination

K5 Five sheets of paper used by the Coast Federal Savings, Los Angeles, California

K6 Letter dated 10-7-60, bearing the known handwriting of and hand printing of

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Named suspect:

Air Force Serial #

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Latent fingerprints previously declared of value this case not identical with fingerprints of [redacted]

[redacted] AFSN [redacted]

No palm prints here b7c

for Sullivan. 2/28 JLD

Laboratory report separate JLD

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
Recorded 2/13/61
Recorded 2-24-61 1:00 pm sl

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LC#28422

Re: Unsub, aka
HARRY GOREN, et al.
STEVE ALLEN - VICTIM
EXTORTION

File # 9-37924-20 ✓
Lab. # D-359048 DG

LATENT

Examination requested by: FBI, Los Angeles (9-2498) 2/2/61

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint Date received: 2/7/61

Result of Examination: Examination by:



1001 not submitted for L.F.P.S. [unclear]

b7C

Specimens submitted for examination

Q28 Envelope postmarked "LOS ANGELES CALIF. JAN 19 1961
7 PM" bearing address [redacted]
[redacted] Los Angeles 53, Calif."

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Q29 Accompanying four-page ~~letter~~ typewritten letter dated
1/19/61, addressed to [redacted] beginning
"If ever a great country..." and ending on fourth page
..reason to be happy."

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Q2 Three sheets of paper bearing known typewriter samples
from a Royal upright typewriter serial number KEM 3752294

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2/13/61
2/13/61

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (9-37924)

FROM : *WS* SAC, LOS ANGELES (9-2498)

DATE: 2/2/61
ATTENTION: FBI Laboratory

SUBJECT: UNSUB aka
Harry Goren, Et Al;
STEVE ALLEN - VICTIM
EXTORTION

OO: Los Angeles

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Deleted Copy Sent
by Letter Allen
Per FOIA Request 12-1-76
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Recently, victim and his wife appeared on an interview television program conducted by [redacted] and as a result thereof [redacted] received a four-page typewritten letter dated 1/19/61, addressed to him at the "Mirror" newspaper, 145 South Spring Street, Los Angeles, California. b7C

The original envelope and letter received by [redacted] as well as a photostatic copy of each are enclosed. b7C It will be noted that the letter is very critical of [redacted] for having STEVE ALLEN on his program and is also critical of STEVE ALLEN. The letter was sent special delivery and has a postage due of four cents which is similar to a previous letter received by the victim, Q8 and Q9.

It is requested that the enclosed letter and envelope be examined; that the size and weight of the paper be determined; that it be determined if there are any watermarks on the paper; that it be determined if the paper is similar to any of the material previously submitted in this case and that it also be determined if the same typewriter was used in typing the letter to [redacted] as has been used in typing the various letters sent to victim. b7C

While the enclosed letter and envelope have been handled by numerous people, particularly at the newspaper office, the identity of which individuals is unknown, it is requested that the letter and envelope be processed for latent fingerprints and palm prints and that if any prints are developed, that they be compared with the previous latents developed.

COPY & SPECIMENS RETAINED IN LAS FOR LAB ACTION & REPORT

ENCLOSURE ATTACHED

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b7C It will be noted that the enclosed letter is signed [redacted] Los Angeles.

b7C [redacted] a male Negro, [redacted] years of age and his son, [redacted] a male Negro, [redacted] years of age, both advise that they did not write the letter to [redacted] and that they did not write any letters to the victim. [redacted] the son, has a Royal upright typewriter, Serial No. KMM3752294. There are enclosed here-with three sheets containing typewriting specimens from this typewriter and it is requested that they be compared with the enclosed letter and envelope as well as the previous letters and envelopes submitted in this case to determine if the questioned items were typed on [redacted] typewriter.

b7C It is requested that the original of the enclosed letter and envelope addressed to [redacted] be returned to the Los Angeles Office together with the results of your examination.

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Unsub; aka
Harry Goren, et al.
Steve Allen - Victim
Extortion

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Photos of latents

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ENCLOSURE

[REDACTED] b7C
Los Angeles 53, Calif.

January 19, 1961

[REDACTED] b7C
If ever a great country was led into a dead-end of despair, humiliation and helpless anger by the ignorance, inertia and perfidy of its own people, that country is the United States of America.

The disgusting, unpropitious display, [REDACTED] b7C that you gave on the night of Tuesday, January 17, when you had nothing but superlatives and pulchritudinous adjectives for Steve Allen, who has been proven by some of our most highly regarded investigating Red probes of the U.S. Congress as being involved in serious Communist activities, was a demonstration of disloyalty and stupidity in the first magnitude.

In your entire eulogizing performance, not once, repeat, not once did you ask Allen about Senator Thomas Dodd's (D.-Conn.) charges that the Hollywood For SANE was a Communist front. In a speech that Dodd made in the Senate on September 14, 1960, he stated that the SANE group was being seriously infiltrated by members of the United States Communist Party, and, in many cases, being controlled by Reds.

Not once in the entire "interview" did you ask Allen about Rep. Francis Walter's (D.-Penn.) arraignments that the SANE group, from top to bottom, was Communistic; that the SANE rallies

across the country are Communist arranged and are participated in by Communists; that many of the SANEites in Hollywood alone, have long loaned their names to pro-Red causes; and that the main intent of the members of SANE was to beguile the American public and turn them into activities against this nation and not even realize it.

Apparently, all of this was not germane enough for you.

Nor was it important enough, apparently, in your own opinion, to ask Allen about the list of names that were published in the right-wing (pro-American) publication, the National Review, that did show just a diminutive portion of the ones in SANE who have Communist gravitational tendencies.

Only a small part of the small list:

[redacted] formerly of the National Committee to Secure Justice for the Rosenbergs and Morton Sobell; [redacted] supporter of the Henry Wallace for President Committee; [redacted] national committee member of the Workers Defense League; [redacted] employer of such Red-ringed Fifth Amendment takers as Dalton Trumbo, [redacted] Albert Maltz, ect. and ect.: [redacted]

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[redacted] Bronxville, and supporter of the Committee of One Thousand (to extirpate the Un-American Activities Committee); [redacted] accused by two FBI agents as being a member of the Communist Party, and an admitted chairman of the National Committee to Abolish the House Un-American Activities Committee; Dr. Linus Pauling, the left-wing charlatan from Cal Tech U., who belongs to the latter committee and who has long been identified as a international Communist fellow traveler, ect. and ect.

This list, to be sure, to repeat, only scratches the surface of the SANE organization throughout the country.

But, again, it was still too much for you to have catechized Allen on this information.

This goes further than facile inept or brusque anarchy, even though those constituents you certainly consist. On December 6, 1960, the Kremlin released the text of the 20,000 word Manifesto unanimously adopted by the November plenum of the 81 existing Communist parties. This new Manifesto explains once more that the Communist objective is to bury the non-Communist world. Khrushchev has said it over and over. Operating as a disciplined, criminal unit of the world enterprise, the specific task of each Red party in the non-Communist world is to subvert the non-Communist government of it's own nation. Meaning, of course, that it is a war, cold or hot, between the Communist countries and the non-Communist countries. Therefore, within every non-Communist nation, Communism or Communist activities or Red fronts are tantamount to treason.

Naturally, when Steve Allen says, as he did on the Tuesday night "interview," that this nation "is over-playing the anti-Communism," is just like a crook saying that we should stop putting so much emphasis on anti-crime laws: both don't want to get caught; both want to perform the perfect crime.

The outrageous effrontery on your part, [redacted] when you glamorize Allen and his wife as a "good American family," and nearly upbraid the ones who picketed Allen's propaganda performance last Saturday morning, makes one honestly wonder about your own political tinctures. When a portion of the public is finally snapping out of it's state

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of prodigious spathy over the Communist activities in this country, and when many of our most renowned leaders, including President Eisenhower, have insisted that this country faces a supreme menace in the Communist conspiracy, and then you praise Allen and all of his sinister, treacherous, pseudo-activities and also berate anti-Red pickets, one would have to seriously wonder about your own patriotism (to what country).

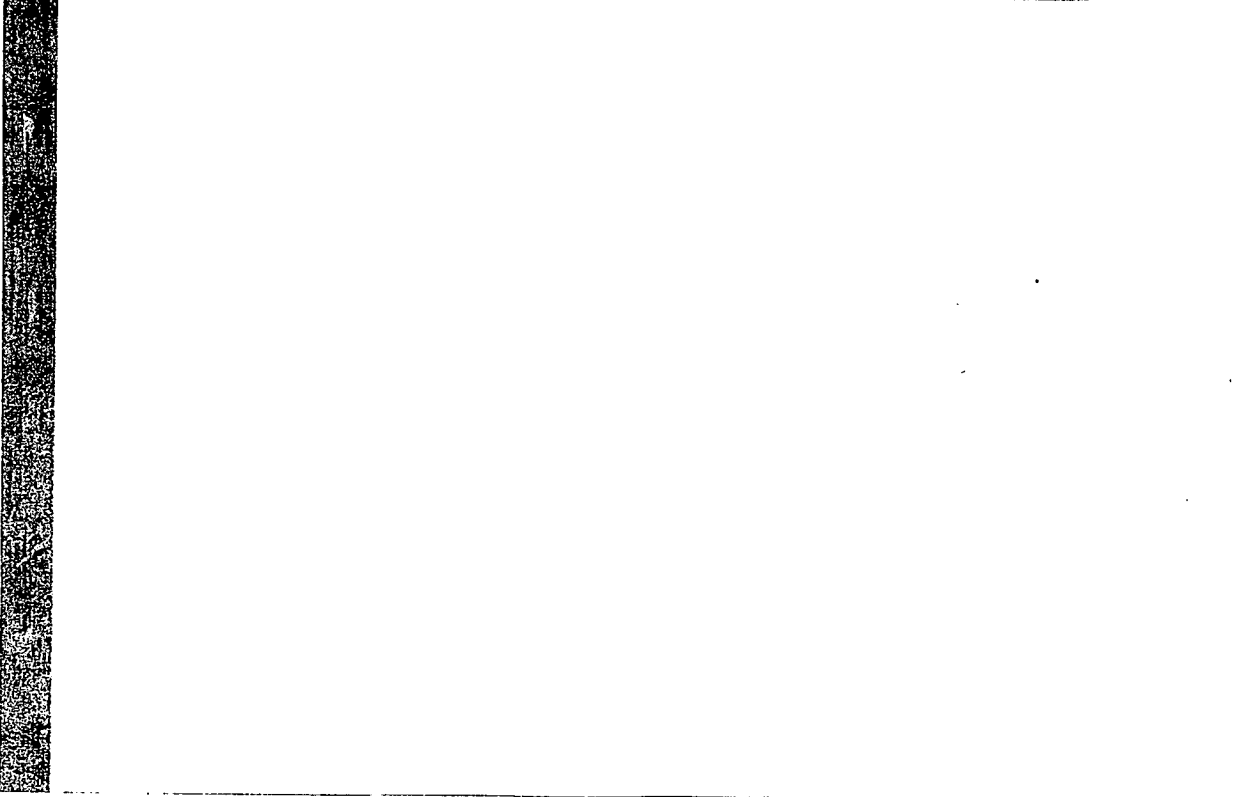
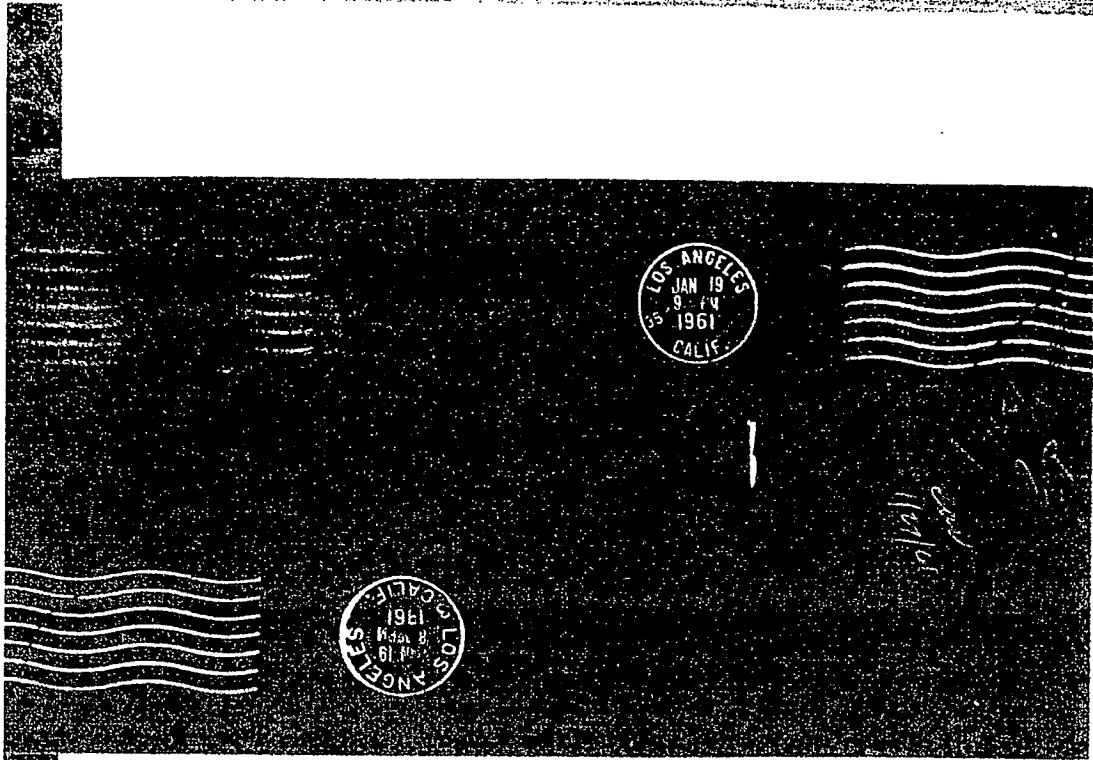
Not once, repeat, NOT ONCE, in the entire interview did you ask Allen or his wife of the American Legion's charges that the Hollywood For SANE is a subversive group working for the Communist cause in this country. On multifarious occasions, in fact, the Legion has demanded that Allen let a congressional investigating committee, particularly the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, which has also demanded the same, and has said the same verbatim about the SANE group as subversive, investigate the group to determine whether it is subversive enough to be eradicated or whether the charges of subversion are false and the group be proven innocent of it's charges. Of course, Allen has refused.

After a SANE rally in New York about four months ago, John Edgar Hoover issued a statement saying that the rally was conceived and controlled by two members of the Communist Party. He also said that the Red workers were simply jocund and exultant over the continued success of SANE and from the support it has received from the press, radio and TV and from the amount of exoneration it has received after committing constant treason. After witnessing the porcine stupidity that you demonstrated, [redacted] b7C [redacted] last Tuesday evening, I would say that the Commie has a mighty good reason to be happy.

Regards
[redacted]

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Los Angeles



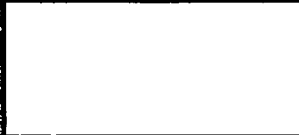
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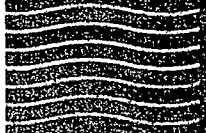


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Memorandum

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 2/9/61

FROM : *WJ* SAC, LOS ANGELES (9-2498)

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT, aka ATTN: FBI LABORATORY
 Harry Goren,
 ET AL; Deleted Copy Sent Allen
 STEVE ALLEN - VICTIM by Letter Dated 12-1-76
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In connection with the above captioned matter, the Los Angeles Police Department has suggested [redacted] b7C as a possible suspect because he, at the present time, professes to be anti-Communist and is a letterwriter.

On April 15, 1954, [redacted] advised SA [redacted] his full name is [redacted] was. [redacted] age [redacted] born [redacted] b7C at [redacted] height 5' 10", 155 pounds, sex, male, race white, Nationality, American, hair brown, eyes brown, residing [redacted] Los Angeles, and he is a self-employed salesman, [redacted] Los Angeles.

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On 3/5/52, [redacted] advised SAs [redacted] and [redacted] that he joined the Communist Party in Baltimore in the early 1930s under the name of [redacted] also that he suffered a nervous breakdown in 1942 and was confined to the John Hopkins Mental Hospital for psychiatric treatment, in 1949, went to the Norwalk State Hospital for further psychiatric treatment. b7C

There are enclosed herewith the following specimens of [redacted] handwriting" b7C

- (1) Letter dated April 24, 1955, addressed to the FBI.
- (2) Letter dated January 21, 1960, addressed Letters, Los Angeles Times.

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It is requested that the handwriting and paper be compared with the questioned items previously submitted in this case and the results be furnished the Los Angeles Office.

It is also requested that the enclosed material be returned to the Los Angeles Office upon completion of the examination.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

359687

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 2/9/61

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (9-2498)

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT, aka
Harry Goren,
ET AL;
STEVE ALLEN - VICTIM
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ATTN: FBI LABORATORY

In connection with the above captioned matter,
[redacted] of the [redacted] was suggested b7C
as a possible suspect because he is a professed anti-
Communist.

[redacted] has advised Agents of the Los Angeles Office b7C
that he is [redacted]
[redacted] Hollywood 46,
California.

There are enclosed herewith the following
specimens of FAGAN's handwriting"

- (1) Letter dated January 16, 1949, addressed to [redacted]
- (2) Letter dated January 22, 1949, addressed "Dear [redacted]"
- (3) Letter dated September 24, 1949, addressed "Dear [redacted]" b7C
- (4) Letter dated October 22, 1949, addressed "Dear [redacted]"
- (5) Letter dated 12/5/49, addressed "Dear [redacted]"

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There are also enclosed herewith the following items which are believed to contain typewriting for [redacted]

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- (1) Letter dated September 24, 1949,
addressed to [redacted] b7C
- (2) Letter dated September 24, 1949,
addressed to "The Editor, Palo
Alto Times".
- (3) Mimeographed letter dated
September 4, 1954, on letterhead
of Cinema Educational Guild, Inc.

It is requested that the enclosed items be compared with the questioned items previously submitted in this case and that the results and also the enclosed be forwarded to the Los Angeles Office.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

359684

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (9-37924)
Attention: FBI Laboratory

FROM : *JS* SAC, LOS ANGELES (9-2498)

DATE: 2/9/61

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT, aka Harry Goren;
ET AL; STEVE ALLEN - VICTIM
EXTORTION

OO: Los Angeles

There are enclosed herewith five pieces of plain stationery used by the Coast Federal Savings, Los Angeles, California. There are three large sheets of white paper, one of which bears the watermark "Parker & Co., Lawyer's Bond" and two large sheets of yellow paper. There are also enclosed herewith two sheets of paper, one containing handprinting specimens of [redacted] Los Angeles, Calif. and the other sheet containing handwriting specimens of [redacted] is employed by the Coast Federal Savings and is very much opposed to STEVE ALLEN'S views on different subject matters and has picketed affairs ALLEN has attended.

It is requested that the five pieces of plain stationery be compared with the questioned items previously submitted in this case to see if any of the questioned items were written on stationery of the Coast Federal Savings.

It is also requested that the handwriting and handprinting of [redacted] be compared with the questioned items previously submitted in this case, particularly Q3, Q4, Q12, Q13, Q26 and Q27 as well as the signatures on other items.

[redacted] who was born [redacted] at [redacted]

It is requested that [redacted] fingerprints be located in the Identification Division and that his prints be compared with the various latent fingerprints developed in this case.

The results of your examination together with the material submitted should be returned to the Los Angeles Office.

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Memorandum

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 2/9/61

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (9-2498)

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT, aka ATTN: FBI LABORATORY
Harry Goren,
ET AL,
STEVE ALLEN - VICTIM
EXTORTION

In connection with above captioned matter, [redacted] California, b7C was suggested as a possible aspect inasmuch as he professes to be very anti-Communist and has also picketed the victim.

[redacted] was contacted on 12/2/60, at his residence in [redacted] California, by SAs [redacted] and [redacted] in connection with another matter. b7C [redacted] at that time, advised that he is employed as a [redacted]

[redacted] California. At that time, he advised he has been very out-spoken against Communism. He indicated a familiarity with the John Birch Society and advised that he had friends in that society.

The Bureau's attention is directed to Bureau airtel dated 11/25/60, captioned: [redacted] b7C [redacted] California, Research (Correspondence and Tours)", by which the Bureau forwarded to the Los Angeles Office copies of a letter dated 11/15/60, [redacted] had written to the Director.

It is requested that the Laboratory obtain the original of this letter which is typewritten and also contains handwriting and that the typewriting and handwriting and the paper be compared with the questioned items previously submitted in this case.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

To: **FBI, Los Angeles (9-2498)**

Date: **February 27, 1961**

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Re: **UNSUB, AKA.,
HARRY GOREN, ET AL.,
STEVE ALLEN - VICTIM;
EXTORTION**

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director
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Lab. No. **D-359048 DG
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D-359685 DG
D-359684 DG
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D-359687 DG**

Examination requested by: **FBI, Los Angeles**
Reference: **Letters 2/2/61; 2/10/61;
2/9/61**
Examination requested: **Document - Fingerprint**

Remarks:

The letter referred to in the attached Laboratory report is the letter addressed to the Director dated November 15, 1960, signed and is filed as serial 1730 in Bureau file 62-104277. b7C

Nothing of particular significance was noted in the questioned material and the known handwriting and hand printing on specimens K3, K7, K8 and the letter that suggests the desirability of obtaining additional known specimens for further comparison. b7C

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By a separate communication you will be advised of the results of the latent fingerprint examinations requested and the disposition of specimens Q28 and Q29.

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 - Mohr _____
 - Parsons _____
 - Belmont _____
 - Callahan _____
 - DeLoach _____
 - Malone _____
 - McGuire _____
 - Rosen _____
 - Tamm _____
 - Trotter _____
 - W.C. Sullivan _____
 - Tele. Room _____
 - Ingram _____
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

To: **FBI, Los Angeles**

Date: **February 27, 1961**

Re: **UNSUB, AKA.,
HARRY GOREN, ET AL.;
STEVE ALLEN - VICTIM;
EXTORTION**

FBI File No. **9-37924**
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Specimens received **2/7/61; 2/14/61**

- Q28** Envelope postmarked "LOS ANGELES CALIF. JAN 19 1961 7 PM" bearing address [redacted] Los Angeles 53, Calif." b7C
- Q29** Accompanying four-page typewritten letter dated 1/19/61, addressed to [redacted] beginning "If ever a great country..." and ending on fourth page ...reason to be happy." b7C
- K2** Three sheets of paper bearing known typewriter samples from a Royal upright typewriter serial number KMM 3752294
- K3** Letter dated 11/9/54, letter dated 4/3/55, both addressed to [redacted] and letter dated 10/15/59, all bearing the known handwriting of LESLIE M. ABERCROMBIE b7C
- K4** Postal card and letter dated 11/23/53, bearing the purported known typewriting of LESLIE M. ABERCROMBIE
- K5** Five sheets of paper used by the Coast Federal Savings, Los Angeles, California
- K6** Letter dated 10/7/60, bearing the known handwriting and hand printing of [redacted] b7C
- K7** Letter dated 4/24/55, addressed to "F.B.I.", letter dated 1/21/60, addressed to "Letters L. A. Times" all bearing the known handwriting of [redacted] b7C
- K8** Handwritten letters dated 1/16/49, 1/22/49, 9/24/49, 10/22/49, and 12/5/49 bearing the known handwriting of [redacted] b7C
- K9** Typewritten letters dated 9/24/49 and 9/4/49, bearing the typewriting of [redacted] b7C

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Request comparison of letter dated 11/15/60, written to the Director signed [redacted] with questioned material in instant case b7C

Result of examination:

It was concluded the typewriting on specimens Q28 and Q29 was prepared on the typewriter used to prepare specimens Q23 through Q25 and specimens previously identified with those specimens. It was further concluded the typewriting on specimens Q1 through Q29 was not prepared on the typewriters used to prepare specimens K2, K4 and K9 and the [redacted] letter. b7C

The handwriting and hand printing on specimens Q28 and Q29 was too limited to determine definitely whether or not it was prepared by the individual or individuals responsible for the previous handwriting and hand printing.

It was concluded the paper and envelope constituting specimens Q28 and Q29 are not identical to any of the stationery previously used in connection with this case.

It was concluded the handwriting and hand printing on specimens Q1 through Q29 were not prepared by the individual who prepared specimen K6. However, it could not definitely be determined whether or not the questioned material was prepared by the individuals responsible for the handwriting and hand printing on specimens K3, K7, K8 and the [redacted] material due to the limited amount of comparable handwriting and hand printing available. b7C

Nothing of particular significance was noted as a result of the comparison of the questioned paper with specimens K3 through K5 and K7.

Specimen Q28 is a white bond envelope which measures approximately 7.5 by 3.9 inches and bears no watermark. Specimen Q29 consists of four sheets of laid white social correspondence type paper which measure approximately 5.8 by 7.8 inches and bear no watermark.

Specimens Q28 and Q29 will be returned separately. These specimens have been photographed. Specimens K2 through K9 are returned herewith. These specimens have not been photographed.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

359683

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 2/10/61

FROM : *WS* SAC, LOS ANGELES (9-2498)

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT, aka
Harry Goren, ET AL;
STEVE ALLEN - VICTIM
EXTORTION

ATTN: FBI LABORATORY

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In connection with the above captioned matter, the Los Angeles Police Department has suggested as a possible suspect LESLIE MACKENZIE ABERCROMBIE because he professes to be anti-Communist and is a chronic letterwriter.

On 8/10/55, LESLIE M. ABERCROMBIE contacted the San Diego Office advising he was the organizer and chairman of the "Anti-Communist Association, Group Number 2", Los Angeles, California. He stated that he was born March 29, 1898, at Bridgeport, Connecticut, was 5' 7" tall, weighed 145 pounds, had gray hair, brown eyes, had an honorable discharge from World War I and II, and at that time was residing at the Warren Hotel, 108 F Street, San Diego, California. He stated that he was relief hotel clerk, that he had formerly been a baseball umpire, that he was receiving 72 per cent service-connected disability, that he had a small scar on the knuckle of left index finger, and that he had served six months on a felony charge in Florida and stated he "got mixed up with a bunch of queers".

ABERCROMBIE has at various times been in contact with the Los Angeles Office and there are enclosed herewith the following specimens of his handwriting:

- b7C (1) Letter dated 11/9/54, addressed to
- b7C (2) Letter dated April 3, 1955, addressed to
- (3) Letter dated October 15, 1959.

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There is also enclosed herewith the following material which possibly contains typewriting specimens of ABERCROMBIE:

- (1) Postal card concerning a meeting of the Anti-Communist Association of Los Angeles on June 4.
- (2) Letter dated November 23, 1953, addressed to b7c

It is requested that the enclosed handwriting and typewriting as well as the paper be compared with the questioned items in this case and results furnished the Los Angeles Office.

The enclosed material should be returned to the Los Angeles Office upon completion of the examination.

(7) enclosures to BUREAU
to go with Los Angeles ~~report~~, letter
dated 2-2-61, described as:

Re: UNSUB AKA HARRY COREN; STEVE ALLEN
Los Angeles file number 9-249P
BUREAU file number 9-37924

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office LOS ANGELES	Office of Origin LOS ANGELES	Date 2/16/61	Investigative Period 11/18/60 - 2/10/61
TITLE OF CASE CHANGED b7C UNKNOWN SUBJECT; aka., Harry Goren, Marion G. Deech, Betty Stanley, David A. Randolph, STEVE ALLEN - VICTIM		Report made by SA [redacted] b7C	Typed By: els
		CHARACTER OF CASE EXTORTION <i>cc</i>	

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The title of this report has been marked changed in order to add the aka. of [redacted] and to set forth the correct spelling of the aka. as [redacted] rather than [redacted]; and [redacted] rather than [redacted].

REFERENCE: Report of SA [redacted] dated 12/20/60 at Los Angeles. b7C

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Considerable correspondence has been had with the Bureau in the submission of letters and handwriting, hand printing, and typewriting specimens and no attempt is being made to list all these letters. *P*

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Approved: <i>US</i> Special Agent in Charge Copies made: ① Bureau (9-37924) 1-USA, Los Angeles 4-Los Angeles (9-2498) Deleted Copy Sent <i>Allen</i> by Letter Dated <i>12-1-76</i> Per FOIPA Request <i>nlk</i>	Do not write in spaces below <div style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; margin-bottom: 10px;">9-37924-26</div> <div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-weight: bold; margin-bottom: 10px;">MCT-24</div> <div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-weight: bold; margin-bottom: 10px;">REC-51</div> <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-weight: bold; margin-bottom: 10px;">5 FEB 20 1961</div> <div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-weight: bold; margin-bottom: 10px;">NOT RECORDED</div>
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AT SUNLAND, CALIFORNIA Will interview [redacted] b7C
[redacted] to determine if he wrote any of
the letters to victim.

AT VAN NUYS, CALIFORNIA Will contact [redacted] b7C
[redacted]
and ascertain the reason for their inquiry at the office
of STEVE ALLEN and determine whether or not they had any-
thing to do with the mailing of the threatening letters to
victim.

AT SHERMAN OAKS, CALIFORNIA Will obtain major
case prints and palm prints of [redacted] b7C
[redacted]
employees at the victim's office.

AT HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA Will, in the event
investigation being conducted does not produce a logical
suspect in this case, consider the advisability of contacting
[redacted] who may be able b7C
to furnish information concerning persons who write letters
similar to those received by victim.

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA Will consider
contacting [redacted]
[redacted] in Los Angeles, since victim has said he felt a person b7C
with [redacted] background may have written the letters in
question. Precautions should be exercised in contacting
[redacted] inasmuch as he may seek publicity.

Will, in the event the San Francisco Office submits
typewriting specimens of [redacted] report Laboratory b7C
results of the same. It should be noted that [redacted] an alleged
foe of Communism, recently attempted to murder Professor THOMAS
F. PARKINSON, an alleged critic of the House Committee on Un-
American Activities, and in the attempt killed a student,
STEPHEN M. THOMAS.

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Will report results of the Laboratory comparison of the typewriting and handwriting specimens of [redacted] [redacted] the handwriting and typing specimens of LESLIE MACKENZIE ABERCROMBIE; the handwriting and typing specimens of [redacted] and the handwriting specimens of [redacted] b7C

Will also report results of inquiry made of other offices concerning contacts made with the sources of paper utilized in previous letters submitted to the victim.

Will report results of Laboratory examination of paper specimens obtained from Coast Federal Savings.

Will report results of the typewriting comparison of specimens obtained from the typewriter of [redacted] b7C

Will report the results of the examination of the handwriting and handprinting specimens received from [redacted] b7C

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1-USA, Los Angeles 20

Report of: b7C SA [redacted] /els Office: LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA
Date: February 16, 1961

Field Office File No.: 9-2498 Bureau File No.: 9-37924

Title: UNKNOWN SUBJECT; aka., Harry Goren,
[redacted] Marion G. Leech,
b7C [redacted] Betty Stanley,
David A. Randolph, [redacted]
Character: [redacted]; STEVE ALLEN - VICTIM
EXTORTION

Synopsis:

Victim in receipt of another abusive letter dated December 8, 1960, signed [redacted] [redacted] Maywood, California. [redacted] upon interview, states did not write letter and has no knowledge of same. FBI Laboratory advises [redacted] letter typed on same typewriter as other letters. No latents of value developed. No correspondence located in victim's file similar in phraseology to previous letters. Laboratory advises handprinting on envelope of letter postmarked October 13, 1960, identical with letter and envelope postmarked October 7, 1960. Typewriting on letters of June 13, 1959 and September 22, 1959 from [redacted] not identical with letters. Victim picketed when giving speech January 14, 1961 at Los Angeles High School. [redacted] age [redacted] Los Angeles, California, who was active in this picketing, admits he is very anti-ALLEN, but denies writing letters or any knowledge of same. On January 11, 1961, victim also picketed at Encino, California, where he gave speech, [redacted] age [redacted] Sunland, California,

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reportedly was one of the picket leaders. On January 17, 1961, victim and wife appeared on [redacted] television program, after which [redacted] received typewritten letter signed [redacted] Los Angeles, b7C criticizing [redacted] for having ALLEN on program. [redacted] and son advised did not write letter to [redacted] or any letters to victim.

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DETAILS:

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 12/19/60

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On December 12, 1960, [redacted] personal secretary to STEVE ALLEN, Suite 25, 15445 Ventura Boulevard, Sherman Oaks, California, advised that another letter had been received at the office on the morning of December 9, 1960, at approximately 10:30 a.m. The envelope for this letter was postmarked "Dec. 8, 1960, 9:00 p.m., Los Angeles 7, California". The address, "STEVE ALLEN, 15445 Ventura Blvd., Sherman Oaks, California" was type-written. The contents of this letter are as follows:

[redacted]

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Maywood, California

"December 8, 1960

"Mr. Steve Allen
15445 Ventura Blvd.
Sherman Oaks, California

"Mr. Steve Allen:

"One simply cannot express one's disgust over the type of ungratefulness that such hard-core communist fellow travelers like yourself are displaying. You've earned thousands of dollars under the American way of life, live in luxury (when you choose to), and then commit violent acts of outright treason with your phony communist front, the Hollywood for Sane.

"And, let me assure you, the kind of subversive activities that you're involved in is the worst type of treason. But then, I suppose, under the communist philosophy, you probably feel that what you're doing against this country with all of your activities, is 'patriotism.' At least, that is the way such diseased thinking works --- insanity.

"HOW CAN YOU VALUE THE AMERICAN DOLLAR SO MUCH, YET HAVE SO LITTLE VALUE IN AMERICA?

"Why don't you just come right out and say that you're a communist, and that you actually believe in the communist cause, rather than telling lie after lie after lie, vomiting communist

On 12/12/60 at Sherman Oaks, California File # Los Angeles 9-2498

by SA [redacted] /slm b7C Date dictated 12/15/60

propaganda over the airwaves?

"You, Mr. Allen, would be known as a mammoth coward. You are the worst type of human life. You lie, to help the communist conspiracy in overthrowing this nation, you cheat, to help the same cause, you disgorge the most amazing amount of hypocrisy and trickery, etc., yet you haven't got the gumption to candidly admit your real purpose or to lay your cards on the table and make your position clear and to show your real political colors.

"I see now that you've continued your filthy hate campaign (in insidious propaganda tactics and subterfuge) over an FM radio station (KRHM), in which you spew Hollywood for Sane propaganda.

"Why don't you stop acting like a colossal coward and lay your cards on the table, and stop demonstrating such vicious, sinister acts behind everyone's back? Why don't you admit that you're nothing but a treacherous, morbid anti-American communist traitor?

"Oh, yet, that's right, in dealing with a communist bastard like yourself, there's simply no sense of reasoning. It is impossible to possibly talk logic with a monger like you, Mr. Allen, because you live in an entirely different world than I. You simply do not know the meaning in the word 'truth.' Your meaning of the word 'truth' is 'lie'.

"Never in my life have I been as outraged as I am over such rotten, tempestuous treason that you have been displaying. Never in my life have I seen such a bitter, vicious anti-American as yourself, where you have the effrontery to state that you 'love' America, and then work in some of the most ruthless communist treason that one could possibly conceive.

"There is no question that you, Mr. Allen, are a monolithic bastard. There is little doubt that you are a liar, a cheat, a coward, a hypocrite, a fraud, a propagandist, a traitor, and, most of all, a devoted communist, who, apparently, has made up his mind to work to the very end in a fight against the country and the public which has given him thousands of dollars.

"I strongly suggest, Mr. Allen, that you go and see, at once, a psychiatrist. Anyone who lies as much as you, who deceives as much as you, who attempts to work for the overthrow

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of his own birth place as much as you, and who uses as much sanctimonious double-talk as much as you, must, and I mean must, be a mentally sick person. I don't say this to downgrade you. You are a rotten communist bastard, but, not to your fault, you are a mentally sick man in need of a doctor's care. If you feel that this is 'silly' then I suggest that you look into the mirror one of these days and see just how you twist one side of your mouth around one side of your lip just like a lunatic commie bastard.

"YOUR A FILTHY LIAR, STEVE ALLEN, AND YOU'RE SUCH A HYPOCRITICAL COWARD THAT YOU WON'T EVEN ADMIT YOUR REAL BELIEFS IN COMMUNISM.

"You're just a latter day Alger Hiss. In fact, even Hiss finally admitted that he was a communist. But you, Steve Allen, are such a filthy, sordid, sadistic, lying piece of communist trash, such a piece of communist garbage, that you don't even admit it.

"TO REPEAT, I ASK YOU (IF THERE'S ANY SORT OF REASONING LEFT IN YOU), IS THERE ANYBODY WHO'S A BIGGER HUMBUG THAN YOU? YOU ARE A LIAR, A HYPOCRITE, A TRAITOR, A CHEAT, A COWARD, A FRAUD, AND A COMMUNIST. AND DEVIL TAKE THE HINDMOST.

"Regards,

"/s/ [REDACTED]

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[redacted]
[redacted] od, California, advised that [redacted]
[redacted] was not at home at that time. She
stated that he is employed in [redacted]
[redacted] Maywood, Maywood, California.

[redacted] stated that [redacted] does not own a
typewriter and that she did not believe he did any typing
at work as he is employed [redacted] She said he had
studied typing in high school.

[redacted] also advised that her [redacted]
did not have a gun collection.

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On 12/30/60 at Maywood, California File # Los Angeles 9-2498

by SA [redacted] /rnf b7C Date dictated 1/2/61

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On January 3, 1961 [redacted] [redacted] Maywood, California, was interviewed at his home in the presence of [redacted] was advised that he did not have to talk to Agents and that anything he stated must be voluntary and that no threats or promises would be made to him. He was advised that anything he stated might be used against him in a court of law and that he had a right to an attorney if he so desired.

[redacted] was exhibited a photostatic copy of a letter dated December 8, 1960, addressed to Mr. STEVE ALLEN, which letter is typewritten and bears the name [redacted] Maywood, California. [redacted]

[redacted] stated that the signature on the letter was definitely not his, that he did not mail the letter, that he knew nothing concerning the letter and that he did not know of any one who would send such a letter and use his name and address. He stated that he has seen STEVE ALLEN on television but that he is not personally acquainted with him. He stated he did not know how anyone would obtain his name and address except possibly from the telephone directory where his full name is listed. b7C

[redacted] stated that his telephone number is [redacted] and that he has resided at his current address since [redacted]. He stated that he is a white, male, American, was born [redacted] at [redacted] is 6'1", weighs 145 pounds, has hazel eyes and dark brown hair and is presently employed as an [redacted] at the [redacted] and has been employed there since [redacted].

[redacted] stated that he [redacted] attended high school in [redacted]. He stated that he does not own a typewriter but had studied typing and does not consider himself a good typist. He stated that he has never been fingerprinted, that he has not had any military service and that he is presently registered with Local Board [redacted].

[redacted] California, Selective Service Number [redacted] stated that his father's name is [redacted] that his mother's name is [redacted] that he has a [redacted] year old brother, [redacted] who resides at home [redacted].

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[redacted] year old sister, [redacted] He stated that he has
[redacted] married sisters residing in the Los Angeles area.

[redacted] stated that he has a [redacted]
[redacted] bearing California license TAG [redacted] which
car has been registered under his name for the past two months.

[redacted] stated that he does not have a gun collection
and has never had one. He stated that he is not a member of
any clubs or organizations, is not a member of any church, has
no girlfriends or close acquaintances and does not hang out at
any particular place. He stated that most of his free time
is spent at home. He stated that he did not know of anyone
at his place of employment or otherwise who was inclined to
play a practical joke and might have signed his name to such a
letter.

[redacted] stated that the names HARRY GOREN, [redacted]
[redacted] MARION G. LEECH, [redacted]
BETTY STANLEY and DAVID A. RANDOLPH were not familiar to him.
It was pointed out to him that RANDOLPH resided at 3612 East
54th Street, Maywood, California, which was just a few blocks
[redacted] and [redacted] stated that he was not
acquainted with RANDOLPH and did not know anyone who resided
on East 54th Street.

He also stated that the name of the John Birch
Society was unfamiliar to him and that the names Hollywood
for SANE, [redacted] and [redacted]
did not mean anything to him.

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On January 10, 1960 the FBI Laboratory advised as follows:

- Q23 Envelope postmarked "LOS ANGELES CALIF. DEC 8 1960 9 PM" bearing the address "Mr. Steve Allen 15445 Ventura Blvd. Sherman Oaks, California".
- Q24 Accompanying first page of typewritten letter beginning "One simply cannot express..." and ending "...the word 'truth' is 'lie'".
- Q25 Accompanying second page of typewritten letter beginning "Never in my life..." and ending "...DEVIL TAKE THE HINDMOST."

Result of examination:

It was concluded the typewriting on specimens Q23 through Q25 was prepared on the typewriter used to prepare specimen Q22 and the specimens previously identified with specimen Q22.

Due to the limited amount of handwriting on specimen Q25 and the fact that this material is not comparable with the previous handwriting, it was not definitely determined that the signature on specimen Q25 and any of the previous handwriting were prepared by the same individual.

Specimen Q23 is a white bond self-seal envelope bearing the trademark "A Westab Product". This is a trademark of the Western Tablet and Stationery Corporation, Eleventh Street and Mitchell Avenue, St. Joseph, Missouri. This envelope measures approximately 6.25 by 4.30 inches and bears no watermark. Specimens Q24 and Q25 are sheets of yellow bond paper which have been torn along perforations at the top. These sheets of paper measure approximately 8.4 by 10.5 inches and bear no watermarks.

On January 10, 1961 the Latent Fingerprint Section of the FBI Identification Division advised that no latent impressions of value had been developed on Q23, Q24 and Q25.

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On January 17, 1961 a review of correspondence in the business office of STEVE ALLEN, Suite 25, 15445 Ventura Boulevard, Sherman Oaks, California was made, with the assistance of [redacted] Personal Secretary. No correspondence similar in typing or phraseology to the threatening letters were found.

On January 17, 1961 a similar review of correspondence and of the personal library of STEVE ALLEN at 16185 Woodvale Road, Encino, California, was made with the assistance of [redacted] librarian, employed by ALLEN. Nothing of value to this investigation was found, with the following exception: a letter dated February 25, 1959, typewritten on the letterhead of [redacted] sent to STEVE ALLEN and signed [redacted]. It was noted the typing thereon is not similar, however, the paper has the watermark, "RISING LINE MARQUE, Rag Content, USA". A letter in reply dated March 3, 1959 from the office of STEVE ALLEN to [redacted] is attached.

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[redacted] advised that she is familiar with the typing and phraseology contained in the threatening letter and would be alert for similarities in future correspondence to Mr. ALLEN and in her day to day review of various items in the personal library of Mr. ALLEN's.

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On January 10, 1961 there was forwarded to the FBI Laboratory an envelope handprinted in blue ink addressed to STEVE ALLEN, postmarked October 13, 1960 and a large piece of white paper containing a newspaper clipping and containing handprinting in black crayon.

b7C There was also forwarded to the FBI Laboratory a letter dated June 13, 1958 from [redacted] addressed to SAC D. K. BROWN of the Los Angeles Office.

On January 23, 1961 the FBI Laboratory advised as follows:

- Q26 Envelope addressed to "STEVE ALLEN 15445 VENTURA BLVD. SHERMAN OAKS, CALIF." postmarked "LOS ANGELES, CALIF. OCT 13 1960 4 30 PM"
- Q27 Large piece of white paper containing a newspaper clipping captioned "A-Test Ban Drive Red Link Charged" which sheet of paper contains hand printing in black crayon.
- b7C K1 Letter dated 6/13/58, bearing purported known handwriting of [redacted]

Result of examination:

It was concluded the hand printing on specimens Q26 and Q27 was prepared by the individual who prepared the hand printing on specimens Q3 and Q4. However, the remainder of the handwriting and the hand printing on portions of the evidence previously received is too limited to determine definitely whether or not this material was also prepared by the individual who prepared specimens Q3, Q4, Q26 and Q27.

b7C It was concluded the typewriter used in the preparation of the letter dated September 22, 1959, from [redacted] to the Director and filed in a case entitled [redacted] MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING, was not used in the preparation of any of the typewriting in instant case. It was concluded the typewriter used to prepare specimen K1 was not used in

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the preparation of any of the typewritten material in instant case.

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It was concluded the envelope, Q26, and the paper, Q27, and K1 are not identical to any of the envelopes and paper previously used in connection with instant case.

b7C On January 27, 1961 the Latent Fingerprint Section of the Identification Division advised that no latent impressions of value had been found or developed on Q26 and Q27. The Latent Fingerprint Section also advised that the latents previously reported of value in this case are not identical with the fingerprints of [redacted] FBI No. [redacted]

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