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Mr. Nease
Miss Gandy

*Cap...*

HANS EISLER, ISRA. REURTEL JAN TWENTYSIX. IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES  
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Date: February 19, 1948

To: Director  
Central Intelligence Agency  
2430 E Street, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

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From: John Edgar Hoover, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

M.R. & M.C.  
Subject: JOHANNES EISLER, with aliases  
Hanns Eisler, Hanns Eisler, Harry Eisler  
LUISE EISLER  
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

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For your information, a warrant of deportation was issued February 12, 1948, against subject Hanns Eisler by the Immigration and Naturalization Service, Philadelphia, after he was afforded a deportation hearing in New York February 6, 1948, following allegations that he was a member of an organization advocating the overthrow of this government by force and violence. The allegations arose out of Eisler's testimony before the House of Representatives Un-American Activities Committee on September 25-27, 1947. At this hearing he admitted he had made application in 1926 for membership in the Communist Party of Germany.

"The New York Times" of February 13, 1948, on page 12, contained an article stating that Hanns Eisler and his wife have obtained accommodations on a plane leaving La Guardia Field, New York, for France on February 25 (1948). According to Miss Carol King, their attorney, Hanns Eisler's work will take him to Paris, Rome and later possibly to Vienna. According to Miss King, Eisler, as far back as last November, signed a contract with Union General Cinematographique 56 Rue de Bassano, Paris, to complete the score for a French film version of Alice in Wonderland. Then he is to do the music for Galileo and Christ in Concrete, two Italian motion pictures to be produced by Rod E. Geiger Productions, Inc., in Rome. After that he may go to Austria, the country of his birth, for concerts in Vienna, according to Miss King.

A summary memorandum on Hanns Eisler dated July 30, 1948 was furnished to the State Department on August 4, 1948. There follows additional data on him and his wife, Luise Eisler.

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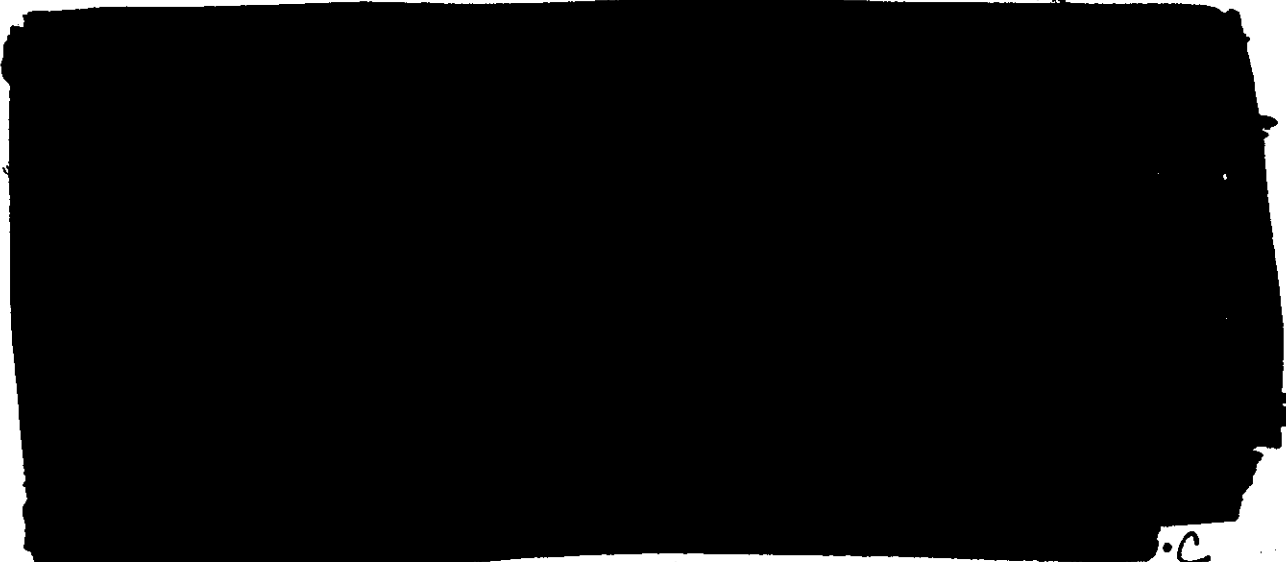
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The subject, Hanns Kialer, is described as follows:

Race	White
Born	July 6, 1898, Leipzig, Germany
Height	5 feet, 5 inches
Weight	175 pounds
Build	Heavy, prominent stomach
Hair	Light brown, bald
Eyes	Blue

Two photographs of Hanns Kialer are attached for your possible use.

This information is being furnished should you desire to follow the activities of the subjects in Europe.

*JPH*  
Enclosure

cc - Legal Attache (Confidential - Air Pouch)  
Paris, France

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# Office Memorandum

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : *[Signature]* GUY HOTTEL, SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD

SUBJECT: HANS EISLER  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

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- Mr. Nease.....

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A copy of this letter is being forwarded to the New York Office as a matter of information.

cc - New York

cc - WFO 65-3683

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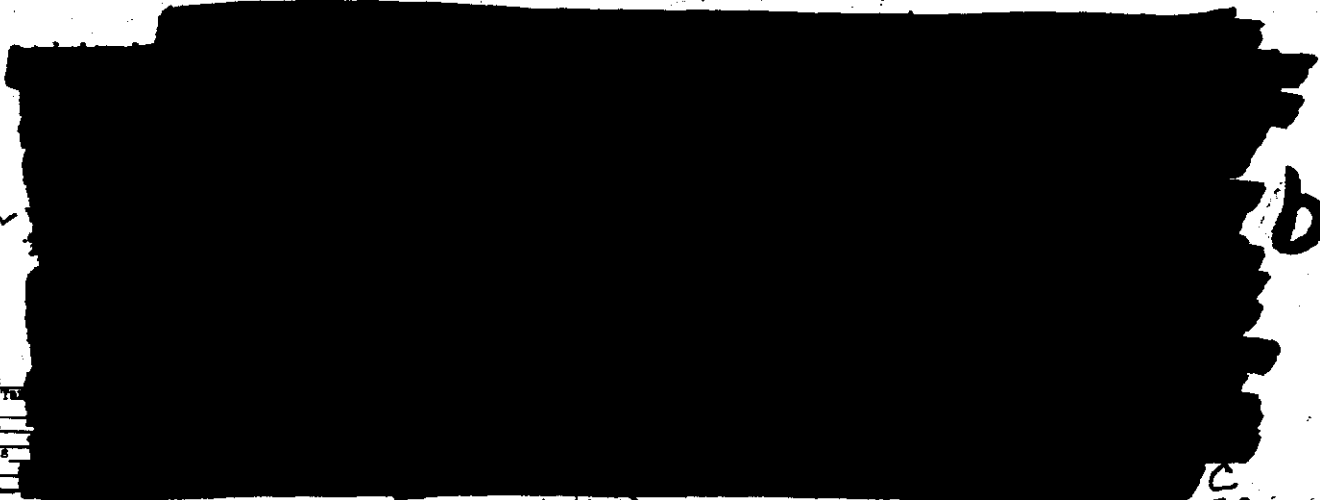
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A photostatic copy of a summary memorandum on Hanns Eisler is attached. In addition, you may be interested in the following on him and his wife, Luise.



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- Nichols
- Rosen
- Tracy
- Harbo
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Date:

To:

Director  
Central Intelligence Agency  
2450 E. Street, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

Attention:

John Edgar Hoover, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation  
From: **[REDACTED]**  
Subject: JOHANNES EISLER, was;  
LUISE EISLER  
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Please refer to my memorandum of February 19, 1948.  
This is to confirm information furnished you by telephone on  
February 24 and 25, 1948, to the effect that Eisler and his wife, Luise,  
had one-way reservations to Rome, Italy, by TWA, Flight 904, departing  
at 11:50 P.M., February 25, 1948, and canceled  
these reservations on the day of their scheduled departure. As you were  
informed, their present plans to leave the United States are unknown.

- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. E. A. Tamm
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
- Mr. Egan
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~~MR. HANNS EISLER~~

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TO ROME, ITALY, VIA TWA FLIGHT NINE TWO TWO DEPARTING LAGUARDIA  
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WASHINGTON FROM NEW YORK

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HANNS EISLER, IS R. TWA ADVISES EISLER-S RESERVATIONS FOR TONIGHT  
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To: Director  
Central Intelligence Agency  
2430 E Street, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

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BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

From: J. Edgar Hoover, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: JOHANNES EISLER, was;  
LOUISE EISLER  
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

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The subject, commonly known as Hanns Eisler, and his wife, Luise, had one way reservations to Rome, Italy, via TWA, departing New York, 11:30 pm, February 25, 1948. These reservations were cancelled the day of their scheduled departure. Subsequently, they obtained reservations for Rome, Italy, via TWA for 11:30 pm, March 1, 1948. These reservations were cancelled also on the day of their scheduled departure, March 1, 1948.

G.I.R. 4

The above information was furnished to you by telephone February 24, 25, 28, and March 2, 1948. The purpose of this memorandum is to confirm these calls.

It is not presently known when Eisler and his wife plan to leave the United States. You will be advised when this information is received.

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- Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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WASHINGTON FROM NEW YORK 1624 3-28PM

DIRECTOR ROUTINE

HANS EISLER, IS REINQUIRY OF I&NS, NYC, DISCLOSES HANNS EISLER AND WIFE SCHEDULED TO DEPART FOR VIENNA VIA LONDON ABOARD PAN AMERICAN PLANE FROM LA GUARDIA AIRPORT MARCH TWENTYSIX NEXT AT FOUR PM.

*Mrs*

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# INCOMING AIRGRAM

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This Embassy has received numerous letters from various organizations of leftists and fellow traveler organizations in the United States to the Hans Richter case. These letters frequently transmit revelations in minute form which give evidence that some central agency is managing the campaign in this country. Leadership seems to be by the Society for Cultural Freedom (SCF) - the netting procedure of the SCF is to be used in the Hans Richter case unless direct contact of the SCF is made.

The following was from the Society for Cultural Freedom of Jan. 14, 1948. It is a new and additional interesting item in this campaign:

### APPEAL FOR HANS RICHTER

A telegram has been sent to President Truman by members of the Western Music Association, asking that Hans Richter, the Austrian composer, should be allowed to enter France if deported from the United States. The signatories include Dr. R. Vaughan Williams, Lennox Berkeley, Benjamin Britten, Alan Bush, Constant Lambert, Louis Untch, and Michael Tippett.

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Richter, who left INDEXED in 1937 to secure the basis, is to be tried at Los Angeles for a charge of illegal entry into the U.S. He has for the last five years lived in Hollywood, composing music for films. He was described as a Communist by the House Committee on Un-American Activities in September, 1947. The telegram says: "The French Government has granted a visa to Hans Richter, and he expressed a desire to compose the music for the film 'Alice in Wonderland'. We demand nothing more for him and his wife than that they be allowed to enter this country."

G.I.R. 4

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CHAS. ...

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March 25, 1948

SAC, Los Angeles

Director, FBI

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HANS EISLER, with aliases  
INTERNAL SECURITY - R  
Your file 100-18124

For the completion of your file in this case, there is attached a copy of a pamphlet containing the results of hearings held before the Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, 80th Congress, September 24, 25, and 26, 1947, regarding the subject.

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Note: This is a copy which the Bureau does not need.

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HANNS EISLER, IS R. HANNS EISLER AND WIFE DEPARTED FOR VIENNA  
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TO : DIRECTOR

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES

SUBJECT: HANS EISLER, WAS.  
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Inasmuch as the above captioned Subject departed from the United States voluntarily on March 25, 1948, from New York, and is not expected to return to this country, he is being removed from the Key Figure list maintained by this Office.

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To: Director  
Central Intelligence Agency  
2430 E Street, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.  
From: John Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Subject: JOHANNES EISLER, was.; LUISE EISLER  
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Please refer to my memorandum of March 11, 1948 which had reference to efforts being made by Eisler and his wife Luise to leave the United States.

On March 25, 1948 you were advised by telephone of their plans to depart from New York for Vienna, Austria, by way of London, England aboard a Pan-American plane scheduled to leave New York March 26, 1948 at 4 p.m.

It has now been learned that Eisler and his wife actually did depart per schedule. An Associated Press dispatch datelined March 28 at Prague, which appeared in the Washington "Times Herald" March 29, 1948 revealed that Eisler arrived in Czechoslovakia on March 28, 1948.

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NEW YORK.—EISLERS LEAVE FOR LONDON—Hanns Eisler (second from right), Hollywood composer, yesterday embraced his brother Gerhart, described by a congressional committee as the No. 1 Communist in the United States, shortly before Hanns and his wife, Louise Ann (right) left by clipper for London. At left is Mrs. Gerhart Eisler. —AP Wirephoto.

## Hanns Eisler, Accused As Alien Communist, Leaves for England

By the Associated Press

NEW YORK, Mar. 27.—Hanns Eisler, former Hollywood composer, left by plane for London yesterday under a deportation agreement allowing him to go to any country except Mexico and Canada.

Eisler had appeared before the House un-American Activities Committee and was accused of being an alien Communist. He said he was anti-Fascist and not a member of the Communist Party. "But I have respect and sympathy for them." Declaring that "this is my second exile—the first exile was by the government of Adolf Hitler," he added, "Mr. Truman's Government wants me to go. I make a differ-

ence between the authorities and government and the American people."

Gerhard Eisler, alleged No. 1 Communist in the United States, also being threatened with deportation, accompanied his brother and sister-in-law to the airport.

"I hate reaction and fascism in every form," the departing composer told newsmen, "and I see in the activities of the House Un-American Activities Committee a very dangerous sign of such development. I hope the American people will place these men where they belong—on the garbage heap of history."

He said "American democracy is wonderful if it works" and added, "In my case it didn't work."

Eisler had made several unsuccessful attempts to leave the country during the last two months. Mrs. Eisler's departure from the United States was voluntary.

Both are citizens of Austria and they plan to go from London to Prague and Vienna.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE: 3-29-48

FROM : MR. D. M. LADD *DL*

SUBJECT: HANS EISLER, was.,  
INTERNAL SECURITY - R.  
(Bureau File 100-195220) *EAT*

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Below a clipping which appeared in the Washington Post dated 3-26-48, and which stated that Eisler was to leave the United States for Vienna, Austria, on that date, you penned the question "Is he going voluntarily and if so doesn't that give him a 'break' so he can apply for return sometime in future?"

Liaison today learned from Mr. Mackey, Chief of the Exclusion and Expulsion Section, INS, Philadelphia, that:

- (1) Eisler left voluntarily but under an order of deportation. The voluntary departure was by stipulation, to any country except those contiguous to the United States, and subject to verification by INS.
- (2) He actually was deported in spite of stipulations agreed upon.
- (3) He can not be re-admitted into the United States except with the consent of the Attorney General. He is excluded under Section 3, Immigration Act of 1917. If he re-applies and is admitted by mistake without the consent of the Attorney General, he is subject to exclusion and/or expulsion. A new deportation order and warrant would have to be issued at that time.

For your information, the Associated Press reported today that Eisler arrived in Czechoslovakia 3-28-48, and said upon arrival he was glad to be able "to breath the air of a friendly and enlightened country."

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**Hanns Eisler  
 To Leave U.S.  
 For Vienna Today**

New York, March 25 (AP).—Hanns Eisler, brother of Gerhart, whom a congressional committee described as No. 1 Communist in this country, will leave for Vienna, Austria, tomorrow.

The German-born Hollywood composer will be accompanied by his wife, Louise, an immigration official announced today.

Eisler agreed to leave the United States voluntarily after the Government began deportation proceedings against him. He was not permitted to go to Mexico or Canada.

Gerhart Eisler was released on \$20,000 bail yesterday in Washington pending an appeal from a sentence of one to three years for concealing his Communist links when he applied for a permit to leave this country in 1945.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : The Director

DATE: April 2, 1948

FROM : D. M. Ladd

SUBJECT: HANS EISLER, was  
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(Bureau file 100-195220)

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My memorandum to you of March 29, 1948, explained that Eisler even though he had been allowed to leave the United States voluntarily was actually deported. He was, as you know, allowed to go to any country where he would be accepted except Canada or Mexico. He chose Austria. You inquired in a footnote: "Do we know why he was handled differently than the ordinary deportees?"

Specifically we do not know but statements of INS officials as carried by the newspapers and as made to us indicate that Eisler was allowed to leave without trial in order to speed his departure and to save the government the expense of the trial, the outcome of which would have been doubtful. While Eisler admitted to the House Un-American Activities Committee making application for membership in the Communist Party of Germany in 1926, he denied having been an active member. We know of no definite proof of such membership and believe INS has none. Possibly considered also was the fact that if deported, Eisler's citizenship would have had to be determined and the country decided upon might deny him entrance which then might necessitate his remaining in the United States.

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FROM : Praha  
TO : Secretary of State  
NO : 504, March 31.

Praha press reports Hans Eisler, "now a Czechoslovak citizen", arrived here by air March 27 to stay one or two weeks en route to Vienna to teach in music academy. RUDE PRAVO reports further that Eisler was recently deprived of American citizenship. Interviewed, he is supposed to have said "they sentenced me with deportation, and those who worked with me in Hollywood were threatened with dismissal \*\*\* French and Italian Governments refused me a visa but the Czechoslovaks gave me one at once. My brother Gerhard Eisler was condemned to four years in prison. In the prison he went on a hunger strike, is very weak, and will probably die." RUDE PRAVO writes "after ten years Eisler is again in a friendly, progressive official atmosphere. He compares his reception in Czechoslovakia with that in London where he was treated as a criminal. Eisler will write for RUDE PRAVO three reports, on the Committee for Investigation of Un-American Activities, on the oppression of cultural and artistic freedom in the US, and on the development and prospects of the progressive movement in the US."

Soviet Ambassador Bilin has arrived. Press declares Benton at Geneva Conference on Freedom of Press "launched a vulgar attack against Czechoslovak characteristic of aggressive campaign by the US against Czechoslovakia in international sphere."

RUDE PRAVO writes Italian elections "no longer internal matter; it is a fight between the US Government and the peoples democratic front \*\*\* the Americans are ready for armed intervention."

New Czechoslovak bank merger said to make bank of Bohemia and Moravia one of largest institutions in Europe

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Re: JOHANNES EISLER, was  
LUISE EISLER  
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

April 2, 1948

Please refer to my memorandum of February 19, 1948 in which you were furnished information on the subject, commonly known as Hanns Eisler, and his wife Luise.

Eisler and his wife departed from New York via Pan-American Airways March 26, 1948 at 4 p.m., with an announced destination of Vienna, Austria. He was to proceed by way of England. An Associated Press dispatch datelined Prague, March 28, which appeared in the Washington "Times Herald" on March 29, 1948 revealed that Eisler arrived in Czechoslovakia on March 28.

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cc: Mr. Ladd  
cc: Foreign Service Desk  
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The American Embassy  
London, England

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TO : Director, FBI  
 FROM : SAC, New York  
 SUBJECT: HANNS EISLER  
 INTERNAL SECURITY - R

DATE: April 12, 1948

A report is in preparation in the above case and will be submitted in the near future.

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Mr. J. E. Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
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Dear Sir:

The following is additional record in a case on which fingerprints have  
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*Agent [redacted] of New York  
office of FBI, has record of this  
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FBI Number

Name, Aliases and Number JOHANNES or HANNS EISLER

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Date of Arrest, or Received

Charge Violation of Immigration Laws

Date of Disposition March 26, 1948

Disposition Dep arted voluntarily 3/26/48 via plane from port NY 3/26/48 Pan American Airways-Plane  
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If apprehended in the United States by other than  
Immigration officers, please notify by telephone the  
Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization,  
Department of Immigration and Expulsion Station, and

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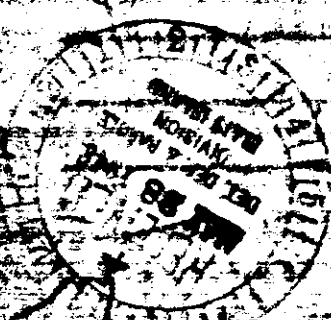
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FROM : SAC, Los Angeles

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

May 17, 1948

To: SAC, Los Angeles

There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination of evidence received from your office on May 5, 1948.

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*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

Re: HANNS KISLER,  
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INFO FROM [unclear]

Subject: Transmittal press interview and article  
Hans Eislner.

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The Secretary of State,

Washington.

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The article in question, which was published in the New York Times on March 31, 1948, and published by the New York Times, is a translation of an article published in the United States.

The article also contains a translation of the proceedings of the trial of Hans Eislner, which was held in the Federal Court of New York on March 31, 1948.

Very respectfully yours,

Laurence A. Steinhardt

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Enclosure:

1. "Hans Eislner about America - Police has great hopes," ALBA FRONTA, March 31, 1948.
2. "His career with Gerhard Eislner," RUSA PRIMO, March 31, 1948.

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Enclosure No. 1  
Despatch No. 20  
Embassy, Praha

Hans Eisler about America  
Wallace has great hopes

Truman's pre-election tricks - What is  
the "Committee" for un-American activities?

BLADA PRONTA - March 31, 1948.

Immediately upon his arrival at Praha from America, from where he had been expelled on account of his progressive ideas, we asked the well-known composer of film music, Hans Eisler, several questions.

Eisler is above all an artist, which he confirmed when answering our questions. Though he is well informed, he would prefer his brother Gerhart to reply to the questions; the latter is interested in politics and has been persecuted in the U.S. Senate for his so-called "un-American activities" and had publicly denounced the Taft-Hartley anti-strike bill. He got a four-year term but has now been released after a hunger strike and is under bail for \$4,000. Had brother Eisler who had been defending him for one and a half years, not been expelled from the United States.

We also asked Hans Eisler what the prospects were for Henry Wallace's victory in the forthcoming November election. Eisler said that it is hard to say. It is certain that every honest human being in the United States wants Wallace to win. Even if Wallace wouldn't win, his new party will constitute a permanent established force which will not vanish after the elections. The great press concern owned by Loos and editing LIT, ILL, etc., wanted to prove to its readers that Wallace is doomed to political decline. Twice the concern asked investigation of public opinion. It has come out that out of 45 million votes, about 18 million people would vote for Wallace. The concern did not try to do so for a third time.

To the question what was the reaction of the American people to the imperialist policy of the U.S. Government, Eisler said that we were right in making a division between the people and Government; the people want something different from what the Government wants. Mainly, progressive and liberal Americans are very unhappy because of this policy. Naturally, the rich people, monopolists, press kings, millionaires, etc., do all in their power to drive the U.S. into some imperialist adventure.

The next question concerned Truman's declaration claiming equality of rights for negroes in the Southern States and the resulting confusion. This chaos was enhanced by the revolt of slave dealers in the Southern States who are members of the Democratic Party. Is this declaration another pre-election maneuver?

Eisler's answer

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Eisler's answer was "yes." The revolt of the Southern Democrats was somehow funny like an opera. It's just a trick with the help of which Truman wants to win the votes of Negroes (about 2 million). If Truman is so much concerned with human rights, why doesn't he interfere with the Fascist activities of the Committee for un-American activity? Why doesn't he support the civil servants who had been discharged because of their political conviction? Why is he silent when progressive trade unionists, artists and scientists are being persecuted?

Asked about his opinion about the trade union organizations CIO and AFL and whom they will support at the next elections, Eisler said that neither of them stated its point of view. A great majority of workers organized in the CIO will vote for Wallace.

We referred to the widespread war hysteria in the United States. It seems as if the United States would like to wage a new war or is it not yet fully prepared for a war?

Eisler replied that the average American does not want war. The Government, however, composed of bankers and generals trumpet through Truman that its preparations for war are of a serious nature. Now the bill on universal military training is being dealt with. It is questionable if it will get through as smoothly as it was expected. It is not a popular bill, specifically not before the elections.

We then remarked that there are 7,200,000 unemployed in the United States today; how quickly can there be an economic crisis in the United States?

Eisler said then that signs of the threatening crisis are apparent everywhere, in the press, speeches and on the stock exchange. It would be possible to prevent it by starting re-armament. This is, however, a very expensive way of meeting the situation irrespective of the fact that such measures would be of a temporary nature.

"What is your opinion about the Committee for un-American activities" was our next question.

Eisler said that it was openly Fascist. One of its members, the former Committee Chairman Rankin, proved by his speeches that he was 100 percent Fascist. His attitude toward negroes and Jews could be described as childish & provocative orientalism.

As to our question, "What was the procedure of investigation before the Committee for un-American activity," Eisler replied that the examining magistrate, or rather the inquisitor Stripling, in his own case, started with the perusal of some articles published in 1929 and 1931 and dealing with music and other topics with which he had argued. After about one-hour perusal of articles Eisler asked Thomas-Hessene why these articles had been read. Thomas answered: "He said to prove that you are a Karl Marx in music."



"All I could say," remarked Lister, "was that I told the gentlemen they were over-estimating my capability."

All this proves the ignorance of these people, how much they are supporting Fascism, but also how stupid they are.

It began with Gerhart Eisler

By Hans Eisler

RUEB PRAYO, March 31, 1948

The case of Gerhart Eisler was the outset in 1941 for an unheard of slandering campaign of American press magnates and committees for persecution of un-American activities against all those who in the U.S. fight for social progress, against war-sneakers and the tremendously-mounting reaction, that against trade unionists, scientists and artists. I want to describe objectively Gerhart Eisler's case without speaking about the persecution of American authorities, maybe because he is my brother. On his way to Mexico, arriving from a French concentration camp in Vichy, he arrived at New York harbor in 1941, since there was no direct boat. At this time there was a law providing Germans and Austrians must not leave the country. He was thus brought to Ellis Island as an undesirable foreigner. After nine weeks of waiting and payment of bail, he was released and hospitalized. From 1941 to 1945 he had tried in vain to get to Mexico but did not get the exit permit; he then lived in New York and edited the German-American newspaper written for Americans of German descent, carrying out editorial program.

When the first German war prisoners came to the United States, Gerhart's newspaper contributed to their demoralization by displaying the crimes of the Hitler bandits. After the war, Gerhart wanted to go to Germany and cooperate in its demoralization. He got the clearance after one year's waiting. Before leaving America and through his luggage was already on board a Soviet boat, Gerhart was told upon his inquiry at American authorities if everything was all right, that he is not permitted to leave. It was contemplated by American authorities to arrest him and his wife when he would board the Soviet boat. These authorities intended to tell the public that "Gerhart Eisler intended to flee in a Soviet boat."

Though G. Eisler's cunningness prevented such a prosecution, American newspapers headlined their articles with "his agent seeks to flee on board a Soviet boat," "the atom spy caught," "American Communist No. 1 prevented from fleeing." Why was an anti-fascist compelled to live in the United States and why was he made such a mysterious figure?

Gerhart Eisler's case was the beginning of slanders against the USSR, all progressive elements in the U.S., striving for social progress, peace and understanding among nations. Would Eisler not exist, another similar figure would have to be created. It would have to be a foreigner since foreigners induce U.S. people to fight for their rights. This was also the starting point for the Cold-Warrior bill.

Until now

Enclosure  
Bernard M. ...  
Embassy, ...

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Until now my brother got only a year term for protesting  
the Congress for his protest before the Committee on Un-  
American Activities. In the second case he was sentenced to  
three years in jail because he admitted in the court for con-  
fession to state that he was a member of the German Communist  
Party. Since he protested in public speeches against such  
treatment, he was arrested. Together with four other unionists  
and trade unionists he started a hunger strike and was re-  
leased. In the United States there exists a strong movement  
in favor of a progressive movement represented by the  
prominent American, Henry Wallace.

This is the case of my brother, Herbert ...  
without guilt has been sentenced to four years of hard  
convict prison.

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TITLE <b>HANNS EISLER, with aliases</b>	CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - R</b> <b>FOI/PA # 258,667</b>		

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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Deportation hearing for EISLER transferred to New York from Los Angeles. Subject ordered deported by Immigration and Naturalization Service February 12, 1948. His bank account and personal property attached by Bureau of Internal Revenue February 26, 1948. [REDACTED] furnished old address books of Subject and wife. Transportation for LOUISE EISLER from Los Angeles to New York provided by LION FEUCHTWANGER. Subject and wife left United States March 26, 1948, for Vienna.

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REFERENCE: Bureau File 100-195220  
 Report of SA [REDACTED] dated January 7, 1948, at Los Angeles.

DETAILS: The title is being marked changed to reflect the correct spelling of HANNS EISLER as spelled by the Subject before the House Un-American Affairs Committee.

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At Los Angeles, California:

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On January 10, 1948, the Los Angeles Daily News carried an item which stated that Mrs. CAROL KING, the attorney for the Subject and his wife, stated that the composer and his wife were being detained against their wills because EISLER had made commitments to be in Europe by March 1, 1948.

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Mrs. KING stated that the immigration and naturalization Service had postponed a deportation hearing which had been set for January 15, 1948, without explanation.

[redacted] on January 14, 1948, stated that the deportation proceeding had been postponed indefinitely and that the January 15 date had been set merely as a working deadline.

On January 14, [redacted] furnished this office a copy of a leaflet entitled, "Keep America Free." This leaflet dealt with HANNS EISLER and the deportation charges against him. Among the statements in the leaflet were: "DOES THE THOMAS-RANKIN COMMITTEE ASSERT THAT FIGHTING FOR THE OVERTHROW OF HITLER IS SYNONYMOUS WITH FIGHTING FOR THE OVERTHROW OF THE AMERICAN FORM OF GOVERNMENT? Mr. EISLER disagrees with them." There was no identifying data on the leaflet which was transmitted through the mails. The copy furnished by [redacted] is being retained in the files of this office.

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[redacted] furnished the information that HANNS EISLER had been issued a passport by the Czech Consul at San Francisco, BOHUS BENES.

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EISLER had made reservations on a Polish vessel which was scheduled to depart from New York on January 22 or 23, 1948. This, however, had not been verified and, from the information at hand, [redacted] did not believe that the Subject was going to embark on this ship.

Declar. per INS letter  
dat. 6/3/93  
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reported that with regard to EISLER's Communist Party activities, he had been informed that the Subject had attended a meeting at the United States CP headquarters in New York in 1946. EISLER's function at the meeting was to instill new life into the group attending the meeting and add fervor to their Party spirit. [redacted] said that EISLER was mentioned in a conversation overheard by a former Soviet government employee, who had been in Mexico City in 1945. This conversation overheard by the former Soviet employee was that his superior had just had a very interesting conversation with HANNS EISLER.

By letter dated February 2, 1948, the Bureau advised that a former Soviet employee who had been attached to the Embassy of the U.S.S.R. in Mexico City, one KIRILL M. ALEXKIEV, had furnished the information that he was present at the Soviet Embassy in Mexico City when a conversation took place between a Soviet military attache and another member of the Embassy staff, GREGORY KASPAROV. KASPAROV remarked that he had received a communication from EISLER which had to be answered immediately, and further stated that EISLER was "our best friend and one of our own." (S) (u) b7c

On February 3, 1948, [redacted] furnished to SA [redacted] a letter from BOHUS BENES to HANNS EISLER which was dated November 28, 1947, and written on the letterhead of the Czechoslovak Consulate, 690 Market Street, San Francisco 4, California. This letter was sent via registered air mail to Mr. HANNS EISLER, 23868 W. Pacific Coast Highway, Malibu, California. In this letter BENES stated that he had received the letter from EISLER, together with the documents and application forms concerning a passport and the check for six dollars. BENES stated that when he had talked by telephone with Mrs. EISLER, he had informed her about the possibility of issuing a Czechoslovak passport to both the Subject and his wife for a period of six months. BENES based his authority to do this on a report from the Ministry of Interior in Prague, which stated that they had no objection to issuing a passport to EISLER and his wife if the Subject had come to

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the United States on a Czechoslovak provisional document and if the EISLERS had not become American citizens. BENES went on to say that since he had talked with the Ministry of Interior he had received a more authoritative opinion from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, which stated that the Czechoslovak Consulate in San Francisco could not issue a Czechoslovak passport to the EISLERS (X)(u)

BENES continued that he had written immediately to Prague, informing the Ministry of Foreign Affairs that he had already promised a passport to the EISLERS and asking them to change their decision. BENES regretted deeply that it was necessary for him to change the assurance given to Mrs. EISLER that their passport problems had been settled and that he was now forced by his superiors to change his promise (X)(u)

This document is being transmitted to the Bureau under separate cover, a copy being retained in the files of this office.

On January 23, 1948, the Bureau and the New York and Kansas City Offices were advised by teletype that the subject was to depart from Los Angeles via Trans-World Airlines, Flight 12, for New York City, leaving Los Angeles at 5:55 p.m., January 26, and arriving in New York City at 6:50 a.m., January 27. One stop at Kansas City was to be made at 1:15 a.m. Kansas City was requested to verify the departure of the Subject. The above information relative to EISLER's reservations was furnished by [redacted] Passenger Service, Trans-World Airlines, Los Angeles. b7c

The Kansas City Office advised by teletype dated January 27, 1948, that the Subject descended from the plane at Kansas City, went to the airport cafe, where he spent the entire layover in Kansas City. EISLER made no contacts or telephone calls while in Kansas City.

On January 26, [redacted] advised that EISLER was departing on that date for New York with a Czech passport in his possession and that EISLER intended to stay in New York with KURT ADLER, 1 W. 89th Street, New York City. KURT ADLER is known to be the [redacted]

[redacted] This information was furnished to the Bureau and New York by teletype dated January 26, 1948. (S)(u) Rev JMS letter 1/30/48

A surveillance by SAs [redacted] and [redacted] on the afternoon of January 26 disclosed that the EISLER residence was visited by SALKA VIERTTEL, who was driving a 1941 black Packard convertible coupe, 1947 California license 9 N 9368. This car arrived at 2:05 p.m. and the woman driving it, identified as SALKA VIERTTEL, departed at 3:45 p.m., that date. SALKA VIERTTEL has been reported previously in this investigation. b7c

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At 3:55 p.m. an automobile with 1947 California license 5 T 5070 departed from the EISLER residence. This car is registered to [REDACTED]. There is no record of this individual in the indices of this office.

At 4:15 p.m. the Subject and his wife and an unknown woman, believed to be GERDA GOEDHART, previously referred to in this investigation, were observed leaving the EISLER residence in the EISLER automobile. This party went directly to the Los Angeles Municipal Airport, where EISLER boarded his plane at 5:55 p.m.

By teletype dated January 27, 1948, New York advised that Immigration authorities in New York City stated that the Subject's deportation hearing had been transferred to New York City and was to be held some time in the future.

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[REDACTED] furnished the information on February 16, 1948, that [REDACTED] had told Mrs. EISLER on February 12, 1948, that she could leave voluntarily from the United States and that there would be no deportation charges. [REDACTED] also said that HARRIS could go to any country of his choice and that LUISE EISLER should come to New York as soon as possible. (u)

With reference to the deportation hearing to be held in New York, the New York Office advised by copy of a teletype sent to the Bureau dated February 4, 1948, that EISLER had indicated his willingness to execute a stipulation admitting his CP membership for the purpose of expediting deportation proceedings.

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On February 10, 1948, [REDACTED] furnished the information that LUISE EISLER and her husband had reservations to leave New York for Rome, Italy, on February 18, Flight 904. LUISE had reservations to leave Los Angeles via T.W.A. for New York on February 16 via Flight 12. With reference to LUISE EISLER's passage to New York, investigation in another case disclosed that [REDACTED] had visited the EISLER residence on February 12, 1948, and, not finding Mrs. EISLER at home, had left a message for her which stated that [REDACTED] had brought LUISE's ticket. The note also said that F. (undoubtedly referring to FEUCHTWANGER) wanted to see her before she left for New York and that the following Saturday afternoon would be the best available day.

A surveillance of the FEUCHTWANGER residence on the afternoon of Saturday, February 14, 1948, failed to disclose that Mrs. EISLER arrived to keep her appointment.

The Los Angeles Times dated February 13, 1948, carried an article datelined New York News, New York, February 12, which stated that HENNS EISLER

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was ordered today to leave the country. The article went on to state that both HANNNS and his wife, LUISE, were given a chance to "leave voluntarily," provided they did not go to Canada or Mexico.

On February 18, 1948, Mr. HOGAN of the Internal Revenue Bureau, Los Angeles, called SAC HOOD and stated that his office in New York had called him advising that they were checking the income tax of the EISLERS prior to their departure and learned that they owed the government over a thousand dollars in back taxes.

On February 20, 1948, the New York Office advised the Bureau by teletype and Los Angeles with a copy thereof of the information that the Subject and his wife had one-way reservations to Rome, Italy, via T.W.A., Flight 904, departing from New York on February 25. This information was subsequently changed according to New York teletype dated February 27, 1948. Their new departure date was to be March 1, 1948, on T. W. A. Flight 922.

The Los Angeles Times dated February 28, 1948, carried the information that the bank account, bonds and furniture belonging to the Subject and his wife had been attached under a lien filed by the Federal government to satisfy an income tax claim. This fact was verified by [REDACTED] 670

The New York Office advised the Bureau and Los Angeles by teletype dated March 26, 1948, that EISLER and his wife departed for Vienna, Austria, via Pan American Airways at 4:00 p.m., that date.

Inasmuch as no further investigation remains to be conducted and in view of the fact that EISLER has departed from the United States, this case is being closed.

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[REDACTED] Immigration and Naturalization Service, Los Angeles, who requested specifically that his name be kept confidential.

[REDACTED] who requested that her name be kept confidential in view of her employment.

[REDACTED] Bank of America, West Los Angeles, who requested that his name be kept confidential in view of his position.

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Thursday, April 1, 1948.

STRIPPING CHARGE: "IT'S A LIE", SAYS LONDON AIRPORT

London Airport officials yesterday denied the allegations made by Hans Eisler, former Austrian composer, who, according to Reuters, stated on arrival at Prague that he had been "stripped naked and treated like a criminal" at the airport.

A Customs officer with 31 years' experience of shipping and aircraft said: "It is an absolute lie to claim that Eisler was treated improperly. In all my experience I have never known anybody to be stripped when passing through the Customs".

Airport police stated: "We consider this a most unlikely story, especially since Eisler was leaving the country. His examination would have been even more cursory than if he had been entering."

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Eisler was "technically deported" from the United States following a recommendation by the House of Representatives' "Un-American Activities" Committee, who claimed that he was a Communist.

An appeal against the deportation was made to President Truman by British musicians, artists and actors, including Benjamin Britten, Augustus John, Constant Lambert, Dame Sybil Thorndike, Hedy Wood, Jacob Epstein, Sean Connery and Dr. Vaughan Williams.

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**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

*MRS*  
**HANS KISLER** arrived NYC from Los Angeles 2/27/48. Deportation hearing held by INS, NYC, and voluntary departure of KISLER in lieu of deportation ordered 2/12/48. **LOUISE KISLER**, wife of HANS, arrived NYC from Los Angeles 2/17/48. Concert of HANS KISLER'S musical works held by sympathizers at Town Hall, NYC, on 2/28/48. HANS KISLER and wife departed by air for Vienna, Austria on 3/26/48 after several delays caused by alleged visa difficulties.

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 Report of SA [REDACTED] Los Angeles, 10/16/46. *u*

**DETAILS:**

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**At New York:**  
 By teletype dated January 23, 1948, the Los Angeles Office advised that HANS KISLER was scheduled to arrive at New York City by air on January 27, 1948. *u*  
 On January 26, 1948, the Los Angeles Office advised by teletype that KISLER was departing from Los Angeles as planned and that he expected to stay *u*

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Confidential Informant T-1 reported on February 4, 1948 that HANS KISLER had been in contact with the New York Office of the Immigration and Naturalization Service in connection with deportation proceedings against him instituted by that organization.

T-1 further advised that HANS KISLER had indicated to the Immigration and Naturalization Service his willingness to execute a stipulation admitting most of what the Government was charging for the purpose of expediting the deportation proceedings.

On February 6, 1948, according to the same informant, HANS KISLER appeared at a deportation hearing held before Inspector GILBERT ZIMMERMAN of the Immigration and Naturalization Service. At this time KISLER stipulated, for the record, all of the testimony regarding his previous Communist activity which had been given to the Committee on Un-American Activities of the House of Representatives.

HANS KISLER was represented at this deportation hearing by his attorney, ~~CAROL KING~~.

According to the informant, the hearing was brief inasmuch as Mrs. KING offered no new evidence in rebuttal to the Government's charges nor did she object to the stipulation entered by HANS KISLER.

In connection with the same hearing, Confidential Informant T-1 reported that HANS KISLER had indicated to officials of the Immigration and Naturalization Service that he would like to go to Paris, France. It was the informant's belief that HANS KISLER was willing to leave the United States and had no desire to resist the deportation proceedings.

Information was received on February 12, 1948 from Confidential Informant T-2, to the effect that the Immigration and Naturalization Service on that day had ordered the voluntary departure of HANS KISLER in lieu of deportation.

By teletype dated February 19, 1948, the Los Angeles Office reported that LOUISE KISLER, wife of HANS KISLER, was expected to arrive at New York U

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City by air from Los Angeles on February 17, 1948. It was subsequently ascertained that Mrs. KISLER did, in fact, arrive in New York on the scheduled date at which time she registered for a single room at the Hotel Great Northern, 128 West 57th Street. HANS KISLER did not register at this hotel during the period of this report nor, according to HENRY W. BUSENER, Manager of the hotel, was he seen on the premises while his wife was stopping there. u

It was likewise ascertained that HANS KISLER was not registered at the Barbizon Plaza Hotel, 58th Street and 6th Avenue, where, according to newspaper reports, he had been stopping while in New York City. Most of the other hotels in the neighborhood were also checked with negative results, tending to the conclusion that HANS KISLER resided at the apartment of ~~KURT ALFRED ADLER~~, 1 West 89th Street, as reported by the Los Angeles Office. u

~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ furnished on February 17, 1948, a copy of a form letter distributed on February 11, 1948 by the "COMMITTEE FOR JUSTICE FOR HANS KISLER." The form letter bore the return address of Mrs. ~~KURT ALFRED ADLER~~, 1 West 89th Street, and solicited the contributions of the addressees to the committee. With the letter was a printed program of a concert of HANS KISLER music which was scheduled to be held at the Town Hall, New York City, on February 28, 1948. The form letter was signed "Mrs. ~~KURT ALFRED ADLER~~" and requested that contributions be forwarded to her at her home address together with orders for tickets to the HANS KISLER concert. u

The following individuals were listed in the circular letter as members of the "COMMITTEE FOR JUSTICE FOR HANS KISLER": u

National Chairman:	<del>MARON COPLAND</del>
Co-Chairmen:	<del>LEONARD BERNSTEIN</del> <del>ROGER SESSIONS</del>
East Coast Committee:	<del>Mrs. KURT ALFRED ADLER</del> <del>STELLA ADLER</del> <del>BETTY BEAN</del> <del>HAROLD CLUBMAN</del> <del>Mrs. PAUL DRAFER</del> <del>MARTHA FOLEY</del> <del>Mrs. ROBBE WARFIELD</del> <del>Mrs. YIP WARBURG</del>

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East Coast Committee (Cont'd):

Mrs. BARRY RYAMS  
ELEANOR LYNN  
Mrs. EMMIE RADO  
Mrs. IRWIN SHAW  
Mrs. INGEBORG STEPHENS

West Coast Committee:

Mrs. JUNE BROWN  
Mrs. WILLIAM DIETERLE  
Mrs. PAUL HENFEID  
Mrs. HILDA LANTZ  
Mrs. CLIFFORD ODETS  
Mrs. MARY ROLFE  
SALKA VIERTEL

[REDACTED]

The original circular letter of the "COMMITTEE FOR JUSTICE FOR HANNS EISLER", together with the enclosure, is being retained in the New York Office.

According to reports in the New York newspapers, the concert of HANS EISLER music on February 28, 1948 was well attended. No information is available as to the amount of money raised by the concert for the benefit of HANS EISLER.

Inquiry of [REDACTED] TWA Airlines, 521 Fifth Avenue, revealed that HANS EISLER and his wife had one-way reservations to Rome, Italy on the airline and was scheduled to depart from New York City on February 25, 1948. [REDACTED] records showed that a telephone given by the EISLERS to the airlines as a point at which they could be reached was Schuyler 4-6513, which is the apartment of KURT ALFRED ADLER, 1 West 89th Street. [REDACTED] advised on February 25, 1948 that the EISLERS had cancelled their reservations for that date and that their departure plans were then unknown.

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On February 27, 1948, inquiry of [redacted] revealed that HANS EISLER and his wife had scheduled new reservations to depart for Rome, Italy on March 1, 1948. These reservations likewise were cancelled, according to [redacted] shortly before the EISLERS were scheduled to depart. At this time, [redacted] said he had been advised by the person who called in behalf of the EISLERS, that the reservations had to be cancelled because of the inability of the EISLERS to secure a visa from the Italian authorities. U

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It was learned on March 24, 1948, from the Immigration and Naturalization Service, that HANS EISLER and his wife had advised that service that they were planning to depart for Vienna, Austria by Pan American Airlines on March 26, 1948.

On the latter date the departure of HANS and LOUISE EISLER was verified by reference to the Passenger Manifest of Pan American Airlines at LaGuardia Airport aboard an aircraft which departed at 4 P. M. that day. It was observed that HANS and LOUISE EISLER were escorted to the airport and seen off by GERHART EISLER, brother of HANS. Also present was BRUNHILDE EISLER, wife of GERHART EISLER. The departure of HANS and LOUISE EISLER was covered by newspaper and newsreel photographers. U

Subsequent newspaper reports revealed that HANS and LOUISE EISLER arrived, in due course, at Prague, Czechoslovakia and subsequently proceeded to Vienna, Austria. U

The following list of telephone numbers, representing calls made from the room of LOUISE EISLER from the Hotel Great Northern, were secured from [redacted] Where no comment appears relative to a particular subscriber, the indices of the New York Office were found to be negative:

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<u>Date of First Call</u>	<u>Number of Calls</u>	<u>Phone Number</u>	<u>Subscriber</u>
2/18	11	CI 7-8000	Park Central Hotel, 56th Street and 6th Avenue. (The identity of the person at this hotel called by LOUISE EISLER is unknown; however, it was ascertained that HANS EISLER was never registered at this hotel during the period of instant report).

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<u>Date of First Call</u>	<u>Number of Calls</u>	<u>Phone Number</u>	<u>Subscriber</u>
2/18	4	PL 3-5846	Elizabeth Arden, 691 5th Avenue. (This is a well known beauty salon).
2/19	25	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED] [REDACTED] about whom information is set forth on Pages 35 and 36 of the referenced report).
2/19	10	MU 6-3810	Sutherland International Despatch, 370 Lexington Avenue.
2/19	1	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
2/20	1	WA 5-8175	Fordham Associates, Inc., 22 Leonard Street.
2/20	64	SC 4-6513	KURT ALFRED APLER, 1 West 89th Street. (It is probable that the numerous phone calls made to this telephone by LOUISE EISLER were directed to her friend, [REDACTED] who has been reported handling most of the arrangements for the benefit concert of HANS EISLER'S works).
2/20	11	UN 4-3200	[REDACTED] (It is probable that the telephone calls to this number were directed to [REDACTED] who is mentioned on Page 41 of the referenced report as being [REDACTED])

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Elizabeth Arden, 691 5th Avenue.  
(This is a well known beauty salon).

[REDACTED] about whom information is set forth on Pages 35 and 36 of the referenced report).

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[REDACTED]  
(It is probable that the telephone calls to this number were directed to [REDACTED] who is mentioned on Page 41 of the referenced report as being [REDACTED])

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<u>Date of First Call</u>	<u>Number of Calls</u>	<u>Phone Number</u>	<u>Subscriber</u>
2/20	1	WH 4-9054	Pan-Atlantic Corporation, 59 Pearl St
2/21	4	CI 7-2364	Consulate General of France 610 5th Avenue.
2/24	1	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
2/29	2	FO 7-2690	Turner Tred Shoes, 11 East Burnside Avenue, Bronx.
2/28	3	LE 2-7100	Trans World Airlines, 521 Fifth Avenue
2/28	3	[REDACTED]	Apartment House, [REDACTED] (The person with whom LOUISE EISLER communicated at this telephone is unknown although it is noted from Page 5 of the report of SA [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Los Angeles, June 21, 1947, in the instant case, that a corres- pondent of the EISLERS known as [REDACTED] at that time resided at [REDACTED])
2/27	4	CO 5-1914	Czechoslovak Consulate General 1790 Broadway.
3/1	1	TR 4-0156	H. G. Glendorf, Inc., movers 239 West 68th Street.
3/2	1	* CI 5-9574	Pre-View Theatre, Inc., 1600 Broadway.
3/2	1	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

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<u>Date of First Call</u>	<u>Number of Calls</u>	<u>Phone Number</u>	<u>Subscriber</u>
3/2	2	LO 4-5290	New World Trading Company 235 West 42nd Street.
3/2	1	WI 7-4896	Victory Gift Parcel Company, Inc. 55 West 42nd Street.
			[REDACTED]
			[REDACTED]
			[REDACTED]
3/4	5	PL 7-8167	Calou, Incorporated, 34 West 56th Street. (This is a beauty salon).
3/5	1	BE 3-6030	Ostraco Overseas Service & Trading Corporation, 198 Broadway.
3/6	1	WH 4-1900	Holland-America Line, 29 Broadway.
3/6	2	CO 7-3318	CAROL KING, lawyer, 220 Broadway.
3/6	2	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
3/7	1	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

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<u>Date of First Call</u>	<u>Number of Calls</u>	<u>Phone Number</u>	<u>Subscriber</u>
3/8	1	ST 4-2514	HILDA EISLER, 43-46 47th Street, Woodside. (This is the telephone of HANS EISLER'S brother, GERHART EISLER).
3/8	1	UN 4-5280	Parnassus Club, 612 & 605 West 115th Street.
3/9	1	EV 7-9330	W. C. Fairway, Incorporated, 16 Rush Street, Queens.
3/10	1	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
3/10	1	CI 6-9400	Hotel Abbey, 149 West 51st Street. (The person to whom the call was directed at this telephone number is unknown).
3/10	2	EN 2-4900	Endicott Express Company 412 Columbus Avenue.
3/13	1	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

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<u>Date of First Call</u>	<u>Number of Calls</u>	<u>Phone Number</u>	<u>Subscriber</u>
3/14	3	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED] (It is believed that the telephone calls directed to this number were intended for [REDACTED] friend, [REDACTED] who appears on Page 66 of the referenced report as a correspondent or acquaintance of the EISLERS.)
3/14	1	PL 3-1740	Hotel Plaza, 5th Avenue and 59th Street. (The person to whom this call was directed is unknown).
3/15	3	LO 4-5576	/International Literary Bureau, Incorporated, 11 West 42nd Street. (It is noted that according to Page 66 of the referenced report, one LEON FRESCHAUER of the International Literary Bureau is an acquaintance of the EISLERS.)
3/15	1	* [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
3/17	1	* [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
3/17	1	* LO 4-7621	Credit Factors Corporation 370 7th Avenue.
3/17	8	LO 4-5540	Embassy Tours, 147 West 42nd Street.
3/17	1	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
3/18	1	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED] (It is noted that telephone number [REDACTED] was prev-

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3/18	1	CI 5-9431	listed to one [REDACTED] who, as reported on Page 64 of the referenced report, was an acquaintance of the EISLERS.)
3/18	3	PL 5-0947	Western Union, 132 West 58th Street.
3/18	4	HA 2-2821	RUTH MERLAU, 124 East 57th Street (This individual is a known acquaintance of the EISLERS and an associate of HANS EISLER'S collaborator, BERTHOLD BRECHT).
3/20	2	LO 5-9601	International Sea and Air Shipping Corporation, 79 Wall St
3/20	1	MU 3-9163	Clark's Men's Shoes, Inc. 117 West 42nd Street.
3/20	1	MU 4-8872	Universal Discount Corporation 276 5th Avenue.
3/22	1	MU 6-3115	Balkan-Armenian Restaurant, Inc., 129 East 27th Street.
3/22	1	CO 5-7528	Eastern Airlines, 79 East 45th Street.
3/23	1	BO 9-0615	Consulate General of Czechoslovakia, 1790 Broadway.
3/23	1	CO 7-2225	Ostraco Overseas Service & Trading Corporation, 40 Whiteland Street.
3/23	1	CO 7-2225	Goldsmith & Goldsmith, insurance, 108 Broadway.

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<u>Date of First Call</u>	<u>Number of Calls</u>	<u>Phone Number</u>	<u>Subscriber</u>
3/23	1	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
3/23	1	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
3/23	1	TR 3-2773	No such number.
3/23	1	EL 5-7652	Fred Eldean Organization, public relations, 670 Fifth Avenue.
3/24	1	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
3/24	1	LC 4-5548	Embassy Tours.
3/24	2	WI 7-4228	Embassy Tours.
3/25	1	EL 5-6800	Bonwit Teller, 721 Fifth Avenue. (Bonwit Teller is a department store).

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

The Confidential Informants mentioned in the report of SA [redacted] dated May 28, 1948, at New York, New York, are as follows:

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Immigration and Naturalization Service  
70 Columbus Avenue  
New York City.

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[redacted]  
Immigration and Naturalization Service  
70 Columbus Avenue  
New York City.

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Director, FBI  
SAC, Los Angeles

July 8, 1948

BERTHOLD BRECHT;  
HANS EISLER;  
LION FEUCHTWANGER;

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Reference is made to Burlet, dated January 7, 1948, in which it was requested that an attempt be made to identify one [redacted] and another [redacted] mentioned in an anonymous letter as having been Communists in Europe.

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The indices of this office were searched with reference to [redacted] with the following results:

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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: July 26, 1948

FROM : SAC, New York

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SUBJECT: HANNS EISLER, was;  
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Confidential Informant [redacted] reported on July 9, 1948 that

[redacted] received a letter from HANNS and LOU (presumably HANNS and LOUISE EISLER) and that the Government had seized their small bank account of \$300. [redacted] is in touch with [redacted] and that the bank sends all HANNS and LOU's mail to her, but that she has heard nothing regarding a seizure of funds belonging to HANNS and LOUISE. *u*

Both [redacted] agreed that LOU exaggerates. [redacted] said that HANNS had written to her that he would be happy if only the United States authorities would leave him alone. *u*

The foregoing is for the Bureau's information. It is possible that income tax proceedings are pending against HANNS EISLER, although no specific information in that regard has been received here. *u*

cc Los Angeles  
cc NY 100-12376  
cc NY 100-90722

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FROM: American Legation  
Vienna, Austria

DATE: August 17, 1948

MAILED: August 19, 1948

REC'D: August 24, 1948  
11:14 A.M.

Received from the State Department

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Secretary of State,  
Washington.

A-339, August 17, 1948

With reference to Rome's telegram No. 929 of March 4, 1948, 6 P.M., to the Department,            advises that Hans LISLER is reported to be living near Prague at present but is expected to come to Austria at the end of August, probably visiting Salzburg before coming to Vienna.

Information received from several sources indicates that Hans LISLER is to assume the position of musical director of the BOAMA Theater, in the Russian Zone of Vienna, at the beginning of this autumn's stage season.

The Austrian Government is reported not to favor Lislser's presence in Austria, but at the same time to have no legitimate grounds for forbidding his entry. The Legation has made no inquiry of the Austrian Government in this regard.

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cc: Embassy, Rome  
Embassy, Prague  
Embassy, Moscow.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

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DATE: January 14, 1949

FROM : SAC, Los Angeles

SUBJECT: HANNS EISLER, with aliases  
INTERNAL SECURITY - R  
Bureau File 100-195220

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On January 5, 1949, [redacted] advised during the course of interview that HANNS EISLER and BERT BRECHT are presently in the Russian Sector of Berlin living at the Hotel Adlon on the Unter der Linden. *Ku*

Informant had no knowledge of the activities of BRECHT and EISLER, but concluded from their mere presence there "eating scarce food" in the Russian Sector that they must be there for some purpose of the Russian authorities. Otherwise, according to informant, they simply would not be there. Informant pointed out that several months ago BRECHT had been unable to get into Germany, although he was trying at the time. Informant stated that she was endeavoring to obtain information concerning the activities of EISLER and BRECHT and will report it to this office if successful. *Ku*

This is merely for information.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

Oct 19, 1948

The following is the record of FBI number 64 320

J. E. Hoover  
Director.

CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
AR. Wash., D. C.	Johannes Eisler #1859126	alien reg. 9-18-40		

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**United States Department of Justice**  
 Washington, D. C.

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*J. E. Hoover*  
 Director.

CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
	<p>The following is the description of this individual appearing on print #1859226, RR, Wash., D. C.:</p>			
	<p>Nationality, former Austrian; color, white; sex, male; residence, Clear View Farm, RFD #3, Quakertown, Pa; date of birth, 7-6-08; birthplace, Leipzig, Saxonia, Germany; citizenship, none - former Austrian; height, 5 feet 4 inches; weight, 274 pounds; hair, blond; eyes, blue; complexion, fair; build, stocky; scars and marks, small scar on left cheek; person to be notified in case of emergency, Mrs. Louise Eisler, Clear View Farm, RFD Box #3, Quakertown, Pa.</p>			
	<p>Alias: Hanns Eisler.</p>			
	<p>The following is the fingerprint classification of the above subject:</p>			
	<p align="center">8 1 U 44 Ref. 37        1 02a 2</p>			
	<p>A search of the files of the Bureau fails to disclose a photograph of the above subject.</p>			
	<p>This individual may be identical with Bureau file #100-195220.</p>			

# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. H. B. FLETCHER *HBF*

FROM : MR. E. R. CLAYTON

SUBJECT: ASSOCIATED PRESS INQUIRY  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

DATE: May 18, 1949

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*KIS-1*

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Glavin	_____
Mr. Ladd	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tracy	_____
Mr. Egan	_____
Mr. Gurnea	_____
Mr. Harbo	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Pennington	_____
Mr. Quinn Tamm	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Mr. Nease	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

Mr. Jim Donovan of the A. P. called at 6:00 A.M. today. He said he was trying to refresh his memory concerning Hans Eisler. He wanted to know if Eisler was charged with belonging to an organization whose purpose was the overthrow of the U. S. Government at the time of his deportation hearing.

I told Mr. Donovan that I did not have that information readily available. He said that was O.K. and to forget about it, that he could find it in their files as quickly as we could. He thanked me anyway and hung up.

ACTION:

It is suggested that this memorandum be forwarded to Mr. Nichols for his information.

ERC:mer

*G. I. R. - 7*

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES

DATE: March 9, 1950

SUBJECT: HANS HESLER, WAS.  
INTERNAL SECURITY - R  
(Bureau File 100-198220)

CANCELLED

Reference is made to Los Angeles letter dated March 8, 1950, in the above captioned matter.

Inasmuch as HESLER is in Europe, it is requested that the Security Index card be cancelled.

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*Full advised  
8:29:50 PM*

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April 3, 1950

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HANS KISLER, was.  
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You are requested to advise the Bureau whether appropriate stop notices have been placed in connection with this case in order that the Bureau will be immediately advised of any attempt on the part of Kialer at a later date to reenter the United States.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI  
FROM : SAC, Los Angeles

DATE: April 21, 1950

SUBJECT: HANS EISLER, alias  
Hanns Eisler, Johannes Eisler  
INTERNAL SECURITY - R  
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The Washington Field Office is requested to place appropriate stop notices with United States Customs and INS in order that the Bureau and this office be advised immediately should EISLER attempt to reenter the United States.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DATE: June 27, 1950

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field Office

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SUBJECT: HANS EISLER, was.  
INTERNAL SECURITY - R  
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Re Los Angeles letter to the Director dated April 21, 1950, and Los Angeles letter to the Washington Field Office dated May 24, 1950.

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By unnumbered circular letters dated June 19, 1950, the Collectors of Customs throughout the United States were requested to notify the Los Angeles office in the event HANS EISLER or his wife, LOUISE ANNA EISLER should attempt to re-enter into the United States. MYS

By letter dated June 12, 1950, a lookout notice was placed with the Immigration and Naturalization Service against the subject and his wife. RUC

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New York 7, New York

June 19, 1950

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MEMO:

Hanns Eisler  
Hanns EISLER  
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RE:

The attached clipping is from page 241 of the book "Men Without Faces" by LOUIS FRANCIS BUDENZ.

HPL:LJR

EDWARD SCHEIDT  
SAC NEW YORK, N.Y.

CAPTURE OF THE INNOCENTS

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The man involved was Hanns Eisler, composer brother of Gerhart Eisler. The Rockefeller Foundation officials, of course, were innocent victims of Communist wirepulling. Certainly they were not informed that Hanns has served since 1935 as head of the International Music Bureau, connected with the Communist International, the purpose of which was to spread pro-Soviet allegiance among musicians, musical critics and composers the world over. He came directly from that position in the Soviet capital to his labors here.

Shortly after his arrival, Comrade Hanns introduced his "new musical forms" to a secret session of 300 leading Communists and fellow travelers. When a chorus under his direction broke into one of his best-known Red songs, "We Are Ready to Take Over," composed for the Communist International, the audience exploded with enthusiasm. It is an item that assuredly did not appear in his Rockefeller Foundation thesis.

Hanns Eisler was quickly introduced to Hollywood. There he got remunerative assignments and simultaneously took over the political direction of the Reds in professional fields. That was his real goal when he landed on our shores; it had been said for some time (and Gerhart Eisler had emphasized it on more than one occasion) that a comrade who could command the political respect of the Hollywood comrades was needed there. The chief arena of activity of the Red International Music Bureau, at that time, also happened to be America. Under Hanns Eisler's direction, many new fronts blossomed in Hollywood and increased sums of money flowed into the Red coffers.

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MEMO:

RE: Hanns<sup>Ⓢ</sup> Eisler  
HANNIS EISLER  
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The attached clipping is from page 222 of the book "Men Without Faces" by LOUIS FRANCIS BUDENZ.

HPL:LJR

EDWARD SCHEIDT  
SAC NEW YORK, N.Y.

Through all the years I was in the party, similar organizations fairly tumbled out of the Communist machine, and new ones are still being formed today. Again and again, with noteworthy regularity, the same people appear as members or sponsors. Among the artists, for instance, Hanns Eisler was particularly helpful to Moscow in getting a number of committees started. One of the best known was the Theatre Arts Committee, on which Eisler and Lionel Berman joined hands with Hester Sondergaard, Mrs. Donald Ogden Stewart, Lillian Hellman and Herman Shumlin. Robert Reid, in charge of infiltration among the actors, was a comember with Philip Loeb of the same committee. Its legal adviser was Harry Sacher, known for his professional services to the Communist leaders.

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New York 7, New York

June 19, 1950

MEMO:

RE:

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Hann Eisler  
Hanns Eisler  
Hann Eisler  
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The attached clipping is from page 222 of the book "Men Without Faces" by LOUIS FRANCIS BUDENZ.

HPL:LJR

EDWARD SCHEIDT  
SAC NEW YORK, N.Y.

Many of the same people appear again as sponsors of other Communist fronts. Recently there was formed the Committee for Eastern Democratic Policy, to help Red China. On that committee we find Herman Shumlin; Donald Ogden Stewart is mentioned as a sponsor, along with Ben Gold, Paul Robeson, Muriel Draper, Howard Fast, Paul Draper, the dancer, and Congressman Adam Clayton Powell.

Back in the days when the Communists wanted to win the war, a number of the same names were associated with the Artists Front to Win The War. There we discover Muriel Draper again and Hanns Eisler, the main agent in the creation of the committee. With them were associated Charles Chaplin, Boekwell Kent, Paul Robeson, Larry Adler, and such others as Albert Maltz, John Howard Lawson, and Dalton Trumbo. It will be recalled that the last three refused to state under oath whether or not they were members of the Soviet fifth column.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-195220)  
 ATTN: Inspector [REDACTED]  
 FROM : SAC, New York (100-26548)  
 SUBJECT: HANS EISLER, was.  
 INTERNAL SECURITY - C

DATE: September 26, 1952

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Re phone call from Inspector [REDACTED] 9/25/52 wherein he advised that the Attorney General had received a letter dated 9/22/52 from [REDACTED] to which letter the Attorney General responded to the effect that he was asking the F.B.I. to interview [REDACTED]

On 9/25/52 [REDACTED] was interviewed by SAS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Shortly after this association he met HANS EISLER [REDACTED] EISLER'S home on Malibu Beach and [REDACTED] stated that he actually visited EISLER at his home on three occasions, which visits encompassed an approximate period of six weeks. [REDACTED] could not recall the exact period of time of the visits but did recall that it was at about the time that there was publicity concerning GERHART EISLER, the brother of HANS EISLER, and as a result HANS EISLER and his wife both feared arrest and were desperate to get out of the United States.

[REDACTED] stated, however, that the barriers to the EISLERS' getting out of the United States were threefold, namely; the obtaining of a visa to a country that would accept them, the clearing up of taxes owed to the Government in the approximate amount of \$2,600, and the obtaining of money to pay for the cost of transportation.

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The aforementioned visits to the EISLER home, according to [REDACTED] could be described as social although the above-indicated plight of the EISLERS was discussed as well as the possible means of assisting them. It was his recollection that in addition to himself, HANS EISLER and his wife, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] as well as the nephew of EDWARD BENES, then Premier of Czechoslovakia, were present at the aforementioned visits to the EISLER home on Malibu Beach.

[REDACTED] stated that in the discussions that ensued as to the means of effecting EISLER'S departure from the United States, BENES, whose first name he could not recall but who was the Czechoslovak Consul General in San Francisco at the time, indicated that he was sympathetic to the idea of assisting EISLER in getting into Czechoslovakia but that it would be necessary for him to gain passage through Italy which would necessitate his also obtaining a visa from the latter country.

[REDACTED] recalled BENES stating "If you can get him to Italy, I am pretty sure I can get him to Czechoslovakia." [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] had a plan to overcome this latter obstacle and this was to engage EISLER for the musical score of a motion picture that was to be produced in Italy by the Rod Geiger Productions. This would furnish an apparently legitimate reason for requesting a visa from the Italian authorities for HANS EISLER. However, this plan eventually fell through because the Italian Consul General in Los Angeles refused to issue a visa to EISLER.

[REDACTED] could not recall that during the visits at the EISLER home any discussions were had concerning GERHART EISLER, the brother of HANS EISLER.

Letter to Director  
NY 100-26648

[REDACTED] also recalled that HANS EISLER had confided to him that CHARLES CHAPLIN was very friendly with him and had been at his home on a number of occasions. In addition EISLER indicated that CHAPLIN was aware of his plight insofar as getting out of the United States and subsequently EISLER told [REDACTED] that CHAPLIN had given, or was to give, him financial assistance. He could not recall at the present time whether it was past or present, or whether the financial assistance was or had been in connection with the liquidation of taxes for EISLER, or toward the cost of his transportation, or both. Upon reflection [REDACTED] stated that CHAPLIN evidently did not furnish any financial assistance toward the cost of transportation for EISLER because BERYL WERNER, who had invested in the Rod Geiger Productions and had been associated with ROD GEIGER in that organization, had arranged for the payment of the cost of air transportation out of the country for EISLER.

[REDACTED] commented that apparently CHAPLIN had not furnished any financial assistance to EISLER in the early stages of his attempts in this regard [REDACTED] b7c

[REDACTED] recalled in retrospect that he himself had been surprised that CHAPLIN had not furnished such assistance especially since EISLER had indicated that they were on friendly terms.

[REDACTED] stated that he had no recollection of CHAPLIN having been present at the time of his three visits to the Malibu Beach home of HANS EISLER. [REDACTED] actually only met CHAPLIN on one occasion; this being at the Uplifters Club in Santa Monica, California. At the time [REDACTED] was also present as well as Mrs. CHAPLIN. He had no recollection of HANS EISLER having been there nor had he any recollection of there having ensued any discussion concerning the plight of the EISLERS. The only conversation that he recalled concerned the projected appearance of CHAPLIN before the House Committee on Un-American Activities. There was no political discussion at all and [REDACTED] stated that he had no information concerning any Communist connections on the part of CHAPLIN other than his association with HANS EISLER and what he has read in the press.

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Concerning AYN RAND who was also mentioned in the above indicated letter from [REDACTED] it is noted that the New York files reflect a letter from the Los Angeles Office to the Bureau dated 3/1/48 under the caption "COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE LITERARY FIELD; INTERNAL SECURITY - C" wherein it was indicated that AYN RAND was a well known novelist who had testified before the House Committee in Washington in October, 1947 [REDACTED]

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In addition the New York files contain information concerning the deportation of HANS EISLER and in this regard it is noted that the report of SA [REDACTED] dated 5/28/48 at New York in instant case indicated on page 5 that HANS EISLER and his wife, LOUISE EISLER, departed from the United States via Pan American Airlines on 3/26/48 and that according to the INS, they were destined to Vienna, Austria. The referenced report further reflected that subsequent newspaper reports revealed that HANS and LOUISE EISLER arrived in due course at Prague, Czechoslovakia, and subsequently proceeded to Vienna, Austria. Page 2 of the referenced report also indicated information received from the INS to the effect that INS on February 12, 1948 had ordered the voluntary departure of HANS EISLER from the United States in lieu of deportation. )

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The New York files also reflect information concerning the association between CHARLES CHAPLIN and HANS EISLER and in this regard it is noted that the report of SA [REDACTED] dated November 12, 1947 at Los Angeles in instant case indicated on page 7 thereof that on 8/28/47 a large photograph of CHARLES CHAPLIN was observed in the HANS EISLER residence and page 10 reflects that on 10/2/47 the residence of CHARLES CHAPLIN was called for HANS EISLER five times between the hours of 5:55 PM and 8:30 PM. In addition it was indicated that numerous messages had been transmitted from CHAPLIN to the EISLER residence during the time that the EISLERS resided at Malibu Beach. )

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In addition the report of SA [REDACTED] dated 1/14/48 at New York in instant case reflected on page 2 a newspaper article of 12/10/47 to the effect that the Communist newspaper, "L'Humanite" of Paris, France, carried a letter in its issue of 12/9/47 which it claimed was from CHARLES CHAPLIN to PABLO PICASSO, Spanish painter, asking him to protest the proposal to expel HANS EISLER from the United States.

[REDACTED] the New York files reflect that the above indicated report of SA [REDACTED] dated 5/28/48 indicated on page 3 that a form letter distributed on 2/11/48 by the Committee for Justice for HANS EISLER reflected the name of Mrs. PAUL HENREID as one of the members of this committee. Page four of this report indicated that Mrs. HENREID was among those members of the committee whom the New York indices indicated to be active in varying degrees in Communist front organizations in the cultural field.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Two copies of this letter are being furnished to the Los Angeles Office for its information and because of the fact that Los Angeles was Office of Origin in the instant case.

The Attorney General

October 3, 1952

Director, FBI

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HANNS EISLER, was.  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

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Reference is made to your memorandum dated September 24, 1952, attaching copy of a letter from [redacted] in which he offered to furnish information regarding Hanns Eisler, Charles Chaplin, and others.

[redacted] was interviewed on September 25, 1952.

[redacted] Shortly after this association, he met Hanns Eisler [redacted] Eisler's home on Malibu Beach and [redacted] stated that he actually visited Eisler at his home on three occasions, which visits encompassed an approximate period of six weeks. [redacted] could not recall the exact period of time of the visits but did recall that it was at about the time that there was publicity concerning Gerhart Eisler, the brother of Hanns Eisler, and as a result, Hanns Eisler and his wife both feared arrest and were desperate to get out of the United States.

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He said that the visits to Eisler's Malibu Beach home were social, although the plight of the Eislers and means of assisting them were discussed. He recalled that Mr. and Mrs. Hanns Eisler [redacted]

[redacted] the nephew of Edward Benes, then Premier of Czechoslovakia, [redacted] were present.

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As you will recall, Hanns Eisler voluntarily left the United States on March 26, 1948, but under an order of deportation. The voluntary departure was by stipulation. FBI files indicate that he was in the Soviet Sector of Berlin in April, 1952.

The report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated May 16, 1952, at New York City, in the case entitled "Ganis Productions, Internal Security - C," a copy of which was furnished to the Records Administration Branch, contains background information on [REDACTED]. This report indicates that [REDACTED]

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indicates [REDACTED] was in contact with Hanns Eisler prior to his departure from the United States in 1948.

With regard to Charles Chaplin, you will recall that considerable newspaper publicity has been afforded Chaplin's recent departure from the United States. A summary memorandum regarding Chaplin dated September 18, 1952, was transmitted to you.

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6-21-47 LOS ANGELES, CAPTIONED QUOTE HANNS EISLER, WAS. HANS  
EISLER, JOHANNES EISLER, HARRY EISLER, IS - R CLOSE QUOTE, URLET  
6-29-46 AND BULET 11-5-46, CAPTIONED QUOTE HANS EISLER, WAS.;  
IS - R CLOSE QUOTE. PAGE THREE OF REREP STATES THAT ONE

[REDACTED] WROTE CERTAIN LETTERS.  
THIS INFO APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN TAKEN FROM A TRANSLATION OF CERTAIN  
PHOTOGRAPHIC REPRODUCTIONS OF GERMAN LANGUAGE LETTERS OBTAINED  
THROUGH A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE FROM EISLER'S HOME. BUFILES REFLECT  
THAT THE TRANSLATION OF THE LETTERS FURNISHED LOS ANGELES BY BUREAU  
STATES ON PAGE THREE, PARAGRAPH NINE OF THE TRANSLATION, THAT  
LETTERS WERE WRITTEN TO HANS EISLER, BUT MOSTLY TO MRS. EISLER,  
BY ONE [REDACTED] WHOSE FULL NAME IS GIVEN  
IN THE SAME PARAGRAPH AS [REDACTED] THIS PARAGRAPH ALSO  
REFERS TO QUOTE THESE TWO CLOSE QUOTE INDIVIDUALS, INDICATING THAT  
TWO PERSONS WROTE THE LETTERS REFERRED TO AND NOT ONE PERSON WHO  
USES AN ALIAS, AS INDICATED IN REREP. [REDACTED]

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- Rosen
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- Gearty
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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson ✓

DATE: July 1, 1953

FROM : L. P. Nichols

SUBJECT:

- Tolson
- Ladd
- Nichols
- Belmont
- Clegg
- Glavin
- Harbo
- Rosen
- Tracy
- Gearty
- Belmont
- Winterrowd
- Tele. Room
- Holloman
- Gandy

For record purposes, Fred Blumenthal of Drew Pearson's staff advised Mr. McGuire 6:00 p.m., tonight that he, Blumenthal, and Jack Anderson (also on Pearson's staff) do a 1-page column each week for the magazine Tempo which replaces Quick magazine. Blumenthal stated that the editors of Tempo asked Blumenthal to check as to whether the Government seen would make an announcement that Hans Eisler had written the music for Charlie Chaplin's film "Limelight."

McGuire told Blumenthal that we knew of no way in which we could be of any help to him and suggested that he might want to check with some of the investigating committees on the Hill.

cc - Mr. Ladd

cc - Mr. Belmont

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TO  
FROM  
SUBJECT

Mr. [redacted]  
I. D. [redacted]

GERHART EISLER  
INTERNAL SECURITY

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A check with the Service Unit reflected that the sub-  
ject of Bureau file 100-32520 is Gerhart Eisler, and at 5:55  
a.m. Mr. J. E. Dunn was notified of [redacted] call. The last  
four sections of the Eisler file were called and will be given  
to Mr. Dunn upon his arrival.

It should be noted that the telephone connection was  
very poor, that the call lasted from 5:21 a.m. until 5:28 a.m.,  
with several interruptions by the New York operator to change  
connections in order to make [redacted] voice more audible. A  
check with the New York operator reflected that the Bureau is  
being charged for a three-minute call.

ADDENDUM

July 17, 1953

Subject's only brother, Hans Eisler, subject of Bufile 100-191220,  
voluntarily departed from United States in line of deportation on 2-26-51.  
Hans Eisler entered the United States as permanent immigrant on 10-22-40  
and was active in the motion picture and artists groups on behalf of  
Communist front and fund raising organizations. Attached for approval is  
a radio message to the Bureau's Liaison Representative in Heidelberg.  
Attachment

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100-195220

VIA ARMY COURIER

Date: July 22, 1953  
To: Liaison Representative  
Heidelberg, Germany  
From: Director, FBI  
Subject: HANNS FISLER, was.  
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Reur telephone call to the Bureau on 7-17-53 advising that subject had been arrested in the British sector of Berlin and requesting information concerning him. It is noted that a Washington, D. C., press release reported the release of subject on 7-17-53, and that subject immediately returned to the Soviet sector of Berlin.

Subject was born 7-6-28, in Leipzig, Germany. He entered the United States as a visitor four times between 1935 and 1940. He entered the United States as a nonquota immigrant on 10-22-40, at Calexico, California, at which time he was in possession of a passport issued by the Consulate General of Czechoslovakia at New York, New York, which listed subject's nationality as "uncertain."

(100-195220)

An investigation was conducted of subject from March, 1945, to May, 1948. This investigation disclosed that subject, with his wife, Louise, was active in Communist front organizations and Communist money raising enterprises in and about Los Angeles, California. As you are aware, subject is the brother of Gerhart Eisler. A summary report in the investigation entitled Gerhart Eisler, was., Internal Security - R, was forwarded to you on 3-29-52. Subject voluntarily departed from the United States in lieu of deportation which was ordered by the Immigration and Naturalization Service on 2-12-48. Subject and his wife departed New York, New York, on 3-28-48, en route to Vienna, Austria. There is no process outstanding against subject as in the case of his brother, Gerhart, and the only interest of the Bureau would be in subject's proffer of information concerning his knowledge of Communist activities.

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cc - Foreign Service Desk  
cc - [unclear]  
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April 6, 1956

HANNS KISLER Summary  
Born: July 6, 1898  
Leipzig, Germany

The FBI conducted an extensive investigation of Kisler from March, 1943, to May, 1948. A Warrant of Deportation was issued February 12, 1948, against Hanns Kisler by the Immigration and Naturalization Service, Philadelphia, after he was afforded a deportation hearing in New York, February 6, 1948, following allegations that he was a member of an organization advocating the overthrow of this Government by force and violence. The allegations arose out of Kisler's testimony before the House of Representatives Un-American Activities Committee on September 25-27, 1947. At this hearing, he admitted he had made application in 1926 for membership in the Communist Party of Germany. (100-195220)

A copy of a summary memorandum prepared in 1948 on Hanns Kisler is attached.

It is noted that Kisler voluntarily departed from the United States in lieu of deportation on March 26, 1948, en route to Vienna, Austria.

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

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- Belmont \_\_\_\_\_
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- Mohr \_\_\_\_\_
- Parsons \_\_\_\_\_
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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

*my* TO : MR. MC *WIRE*  
 FROM : L. E. *SPORT*  
 SUBJECT: HANS EISLER  
 INTERNAL SECURITY - R

DATE: MAR 25 1959

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 Boardman \_\_\_\_\_  
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 W.C. Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
 Holloman \_\_\_\_\_  
 Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

Bulky Exhibit File Number: 100-195220-108

We are in the process of reviewing all bulky exhibits in order that we may dispose of those which serve no further purpose. Inasmuch as many of the bulky exhibits pertain to inactive cases and are occupying badly needed space, it is requested that the appropriate substantive supervisor review the above-listed bulky exhibit and render a decision as to its retention or disposition. A notation as to the decision reached may be placed on this memorandum. The memorandum should be returned to the Filing Unit of the Records Branch, Room 1113, Identification Building, for filing in the case file.

RECOMMENDATION:

That captioned bulky exhibit be reviewed and a decision rendered as to the retention or disposition of the material.

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*Memo Return to Donahoe  
 3-30-59  
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. S. B. Donahoe *JD* 1 - Mr. Donahoe  
 1 - Mr. Short  
 1 - Mr. McGuire  
 1 - Mr. Dunn

DATE: 3-30-59

FROM : Mr. J. J. Dunn, Jr. *JJD*SUBJECT: HANS EISLER  
IS - R

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
 Boardman \_\_\_\_\_  
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Re memorandum Mr. Short to Mr. McGuire 3-25-59 which recommended that bulky exhibit 100-195220-108 be reviewed and a decision rendered as to the retention or disposition of the material contained in the above bulky exhibit.

Bulky exhibit is phonograph record, one side of which indicates that it contains a selection entitled "In Praise of Learning," with music by Hanns Eisler. The opposite side contains a recording of "Rise Up," with music by Hanns Eisler. The record indicates that it was put out by Timely Recording Company, 235 Fifth Avenue, New York City. New York letter 11-12-47 indicates that the record was received from one [redacted] of New York City on 10-31-47. [redacted] advised that the above record was one of a stack of records which he had taken from an unknown individual's apartment located in vicinity of 116th Street and 3rd Avenue, New York City, approximately 12-45. [redacted] advised that at that time he was working for a secondhand furniture buyer.

Bufile on Eisler indicates that Mr. H. Graham Morison, Executive Assistant to the Attorney General, was advised via letter 11-29-47 of Bureau's receipt of the above-mentioned record and was further advised what each side of the record contained. This letter sets forth the lyrics of "Rise Up" and indicates that the musical score and lyrics of "In Praise of Learning" appear as exhibit Number 30 in the appendix of the pamphlet issued by the House Committee on Un-American Activities containing the testimony on the Eisler case.

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Bufile in this matter reflects subject investigated by Bureau from 3-43 to 5-48. This investigation disclosed that subject and his wife were active in communist-front organizations and communist money-raising enterprises in and about Los Angeles, California. Subject is brother of Gerhart Eisler. Bufile reflects subject Eisler voluntarily departed from U.S. in lieu of deportation on 3-26-48 en route Vienna, Austria.

As subject no longer residing in U.S., as Department has

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Memorandum to Mr. Donahoe  
Re: Hans Eisler  
100-195220

been advised of receipt of record and information contained thereon and as there is no indication in file that we have any obligation to return it, it is believed that the record can be destroyed.

RECOMMENDATION:

That bulky exhibit 100-195220-108 be destroyed.

Done 9-29  
H-9  
pwa

MJ