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TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, New Haven

SUBJECT: THOMAS I. EMERSON

DATE: March 17, 1949

FEBRUARY, 1949 ISSUE OF "THE YALE LAW JOURNAL" -
 DIRECTOR HOOVER'S REPLIES TO ARTICLE, "LOYALTY AMONG
 GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES" BY PROFESSOR THOMAS I.
 EMERSON AND DAVID M. HELFELD

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ATTENTION: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR L. B. NICHOLS

Reference is made to telephonic communications of Assistant Director NICHOLS and myself today.

For the information of the Bureau, there are being transmitted herewith fourteen copies of the February, 1949 issue of "The Yale Law Journal" which contains Director HOOVER's comments on the article "Loyalty Among Government Employees" as contained in his letter to BAYLESS A. MANNING, Editor in Chief, Yale Law Journal, dated February 7, 1949, reply by Authors THOMAS I. EMERSON and DAVID M. HELFELD to the Director's comments, and rejoinder by Director HOOVER. The Bureau's attention is specifically directed to Page 400, which contains a statement of policy on the part of the Yale Law Journal.

There are likewise being transmitted herewith five copies of the report of SA ARTHUR R. STEVENS made at New Haven, Connecticut, March 16, 1949, entitled "THOMAS I. EMERSON - SECURITY MATTER - C."

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Director, FBI

THOMAS IRWIN EMERSON
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Reurlet dated March 17, 1949, wherein you recommended the preparation of a Security Index card.

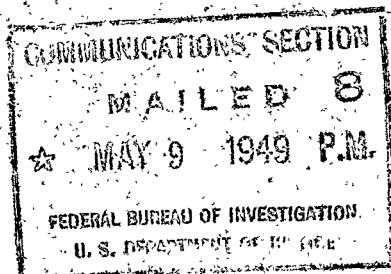
As you are undoubtedly aware, Emerson was investigated by the Bureau under the Hatch Act and on another occasion was investigated as a Departmental Applicant. It appears that the report of Special Agent Arthur R. Stevens, New Haven, Connecticut, dated March 16, 1949, compiles in part the information which was developed during the course of the two previous inquiries. The Bureau has closely examined the information set forth in Special Agent Stevens' report as well as that set forth in reports which have been submitted previously. There is no question but what Emerson sympathizes very strongly with the Communist Party and its satellite groups. He has participated in the activities of many of the satellite groups. There is, however, very little tangible evidence indicating that he is a member of the Communist Party at this time or that he has ever been a member of that group. While membership in the Communist Party is not a condition precedent to the preparation of a Security Index card, if that factor is present, it lends considerable weight to the matter.

The Bureau is of the opinion that the subject's activities as developed up to this time are not such that he can be considered a threat to the internal security of this country at least to the extent that he should be apprehended in the event of the outbreak of hostilities. Of course, if, during the course of your inquiries, you develop additional information indicating that the subject does constitute a threat to the internal security, then you may at that time submit your recommendations again for the preparation of a Security Index card.

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Director, FBI

RE: SECURITY MATTER

Dear Sir:

It is recommended that a Security Index card be prepared relative to the individual named below:

Name: THOMAS ^① EMERSON,
Aliases: *Dwin*

Residence Address: State and Bishop Streets, North Haven, Conn.

Business Address: Full Professor, Yale Law School, New Haven, Conn.

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Date of Birth July 12, 1907
Place of Birth Passaic, New Jersey
Entered U. S. _____ at _____
Naturalized (date) _____
Naturalized (place and Court) _____

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J. W. Gleason
J. W. GLEASON
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March 22, 1949

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LADD

RE: THOMAS I. EMERSON

This has reference to the pink memorandum from Mr. Nichols to Mr. Tolson indicating an effort to identify the brother of Thomas I. Emerson and on which the Director has the note indicating this may be the matter in which a man who is in charge of investigations at OPA had a brother who was involved in some Federal case in California.

It is suggested that the Director's recollection refers to George Moncharsh, Chief Deputy Administrator for Enforcement, OPA, who was the representative of OPA on the Interdepartmental Committee, in connection with the black market special in which I represented the Bureau.

You will recall Moncharsh had a brother, Abraham Moncharsh, who was indicted by the Federal Grand Jury at San Francisco in April, 1945, on six counts under Section 80, Title 18, USC, for making false claims to the Government, and on one count, Section 88, Title 18, which is the Conspiracy Statute. On April 6, 1946, Abraham Moncharsh was convicted and given two years and a total of \$35,000 fine. Just before the trial, George Moncharsh of OPA had endeavored to bring pressure to prevent prosecution, but had not been successful. Abraham Moncharsh was ordered to jail immediately after sentence was imposed, but subsequently was released under \$25,000 bond pending determination of appeal. The most recent letter from San Francisco in the file indicates that the Supreme Court has not as yet ruled on the appeal.

Respectfully,

J. K. Mumford, Jr.
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Emerson, had
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 but Dept would not approve.
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 returns.

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February 18, 1949

MEMORANDUM FOR Mr. Tolson

I have had SAC Hood check the files at Los Angeles to see if we could identify the brother of Thomas I. Emerson, who it is recalled was the subject of some case wherein an appeal was made to Biddle by Emerson with the result that nothing happened. Hood has advised me that they have checked all their files with negative results, and the information we have here reflects that Emerson does not have a brother but has a step-brother whom we have not been able to identify in this case.

Respectfully,

L. B. Nichols
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REPORT MADE AT WASHINGTON, D. C.	DATE WHEN MADE 4-27-49	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 4/1, 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, 18/49.	REPORT MADE BY STANLEY T. BLASZEK:emp
TITLE THOMAS I. EMERSON			CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Information concerning associates and contacts of EMERSON in Washington, D. C., set out. These associates include alleged Communists and persons allegedly engaged in pro-Soviet activities including MARTIN POPPER, NATHAN WITT, ALLAN R. ROSENBERG and HAROLD W. STEIN. Informants revealed that EMERSON is frequently called upon by the National Lawyers Guild for various services. Information re DAVID GINSBURG, BEN W. HEINEMAN and HENRY M. HART, JR., obtained.

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REFERENCE: Bureau File #101-3315.
Report of Special Agent ARTHUR R. STEVENS, dated March 16, 1949 at New Haven, Connecticut.

DETAILS: (CLD) AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

The records of Confidential Informant Washington T-1, an agency which conducts personnel and intelligence investigations revealed that in 1942, ALLAN R. ROSENBERG in applying for a position with the Board of Economic Warfare, listed THOMAS EMERSON, OPA, as a Reference.

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Informant of known reliability of Confidential Informant T-1, reported to T-1 that ALLAN R. ROSENBERG, while employed by the National Labor Relations Board, was a close associate of NATHAN WITT and THOMAS EMERSON. T-2 is a former employee of the National Labor Relations Board. T-2 related that when WITT and EMERSON left the National Labor Relations Board in 1940, a party in their honor was given by ALLAN R. ROSENBERG at his residence.

According to testimony before the House Committee on Un-American Activities during 1948 by ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY, self-confessed Soviet Espionage Agent, ALLAN R. ROSENBERG was involved in a Soviet Espionage Conspiracy during the latter 1930's and early 1940's.

According to testimony before the House Committee on Un-American Activities, during 1948, by WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, self-confessed Soviet Espionage Courier, NATHAN WITT was a leader of a group of Government Employees, who were members of an elite group of the Communists Underground in Washington, D. C.

DAVID GINSBURG, former General Counsel, OPA, at the present time is employed as an Economic Consultant for the Israeli Mission. In this capacity he has been active in arranging appointments and conferences for ELIAHU EPSTEIN, Israeli Ambassador to the United States with high Government and White House officials. No information is available concerning the background of GINSBURG.

HENRY M. HART, JR., is apparently identical with Professor HENRY M. HART of the Harvard Law School, Cambridge, Massachusetts. The Report of Special Agent FREDERICK M. CONNORS, dated February 4, 1949 at Boston entitled: "JAHAM, With Aliases, ETAL; PERJURY; ESPIONAGE-R; INTERNAL SECURITY - R," reflects that HART was interviewed

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by Agent CONNORS at which time he admitted that he had visited at the home of ALGER HISS on two or three occasions and that HISS had visited him at his home on two or three occasions.

According to Confidential Informant Washington T-3 of known reliability, the name of BEN W. HEINEMAN, 1 North La Salle Street, Chicago, Illinois was contained on a membership list of the National Lawyers Guild in 1940. The files of this office reflect that during 1942 HEINEMAN was the Subject of an OEM Special Inquiry in which the Bureau request for an investigation set out the following information regarding HEINEMAN: He was born on February 10, 1914 at Wausau, Wisconsin. He attended the University of Michigan between September, 1930 and June, 1933, Northwestern University between September, 1933 and June, 1936, receiving an LL.B Degree. He was admitted to the Chicago Bar in October, 1936 and subsequently was employed by the Law Firm of LEVINSON, BECKER, PEEBLES and SWIREN, 1 North La Salle Street, Chicago between June, 1936 and November, 1941.

The indices of this office concerning one MAPES were reviewed and the only MAPES located which might be identical was one ROBERT W. MAPES, 2818 Connecticut Avenue, Northwest, who, in 1938 was a member of the National Lawyers Guild.

During 1946, in connection with investigation conducted by this office in the case entitled: "GREGORY, WITH ALIASES, ETAL; ESPIONAGE-R," it was ascertained by agents of this office that EMERSON was frequently in contact and was observed with BYRON S. MILLER, HAROLD W. STEIN and JAMES R. NEWMAN. NEWMAN and STEIN were employees of the OWMR and rode to and from work with EMERSON.

Confidential Informant Washington T-4 of known reliability, who was acquainted with the activities

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