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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

USE CARE IN HANDLING THIS FILE

Transfer-Call 3421
Date: February 7, 1952

To: Director
National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics
1724 P Street, Northwest
Washington, D. C.

Attention: Mr. Robert L. Bell
Security Officer

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: WILLIAM PERL, aka:
WILLIAM MUTTERPERL
ESPIionage - R
PERJURY

There is being transmitted herewith for your information a copy of the report of Special Agent John B. O'Donoghue dated at Cleveland, July 20, 1951, in the above-captioned matter. 

Your immediate attention to this matter will be appreciated.
REPORT of the
FBI LABORATORY
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON D.C.

January 23, 1952

To: SAC, New York

There follows the report of the FBI laboratory on the examination requested by your office in letter received on January 11, 1952.

Examination requested by: New York
Reference: Letter 1/11/52
Examination requested: Miscellaneous
Specimen: [illegible]

Request concerning time required to photograph documents received for by MILLIN PERL during April and May of 1953 and on July 3, 1953.

RESULT OF EXAMINATION:

It is estimated that four skilled or semi-skilled photographers using two leica cameras would be able to photograph the pages included with the reports received for by PERL on July 3, 1953 and also the reports received for by PERL during April and May of 1953 within seventeen hours without difficulty. The actual time required would, of course, depend on the proficiency of the photographer and whether or not the technical setup required for the photographic project had been arranged in advance.

It is noted that the items received for by PERL on July 3, 1953 consist of an aggregate of approximately 500 pages. Twenty-eight of the reports received for by PERL during April and May of 1953 were included with the items submitted by the Washington Field Office with its letter dated November 30, 1951. These reports consist of an aggregate of approximately 1,035 pages. One item identified as "(103) BAL1262" on page 23 of the report of SA John P. Buscher dated September 21, 1953 at Washington Field Office was not included with the items submitted to the Laboratory by the Washington Field Office with its letter dated November 30, 1951. Therefore, the number of pages contained in this document could not be determined.

1- Washington Field (65-5343) 65-5983/2 - 652

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TO: Director, FBI  (#65-59312)  
FROM: SAC, Chicago  (#65-3451)  
SUBJECT: WILLIAM PERL  
ESPIONAGE—R  
PERJURY  

DATE: February 7, 1952  

Re New York letter, 2-5-52.

The bonds of MAX SOLOMAN and Mrs. SARAH SALTZER were redeemed on June 11, 1945 and not on July 11, 1945 as set out in Chicago letter to the Bureau, 10-30-51. RUC.

WRP:OC  
cc - New York  (#65-15387)  AIR MAIL  

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EX 947
Office Memorandum  •  UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO
DIRECTOR, FBI (65-59312)

FROM
SAC, WFO (65-5543)

SUBJECT
WILLIAM PERL, aka.
ESPIONAGE - R
PERJURY

DATE:  February 13, 1952

Re letter from WFO to Bureau dated February 11, 1952.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau and the Los Angeles and New York Divisions is one photostatic copy each of letter dated November 16, 1950, with twenty page attachment, from PATRULPHANT to Mrs. MARIE RODDENBERRY, Administrative Assistant, Scientific Advisory Board, Office of the Chief of Staff, Hq. USAF, Washington, D.C.

It will be noted the above letter and attachment lists the NACA reports in Dr. VON KARMAN's Pasadena, California, office as of November 16, 1950.

MHS/mmd

CC - NEW YORK (65-15387) Encl.
CC - LOS ANGELES (65-5075) Encl.

INDEXED - 40
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Re: WPO letter 2/13/52 enclosing a Photostat of a list of NACA (National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics) reports and documents reportedly located in the Pasadena, California, office of Dr. Theodore Von Karman as of November 16, 1950.

In this connection your attention is invited to Bulletin of October 27, 1951, which furnished for your information Photostats of the various lists of documents and receipts known to have been furnished to Dr. Von Karman, according to the records of NACA. You will also recall that in the report of S. H. Sovel dated December 28, 1951, at Washington, D.C., there is set forth a list of NACA reports and documents which were available in the office of Dr. Von Karman, which is located in the Pentagon Building, Washington, D.C.

It is desired that your office make a careful examination of the aforementioned lists in an effort to determine whether all of the NACA reports and documents reported to have been furnished to Dr. Von Karman during the pertinent period are accounted for on the lists of such documents presently located in his offices at Pasadena, California, and Washington, D.C.

cc - Washington Field (65-5543)
Los Angeles (65-5075)

EFE: fa1
TO: MR. BELMONT
FROM: MR. BRANIGAN
SUBJECT: WILLIAM PERL, aka ESPIONAGE - R
        PERJURY

PURPOSE

On February 1, 1952, Mr. Blankenbaker, Assistant Security Officer, NACA, turned over the attached wind tunnel reports which he had received from Langley Memorial Laboratory of NACA for the same purpose.

RECOMMENDATION

Attachments

EFE: hc

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EX: 99
FEB 19 1952
Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: Director, FBI (65-59312)
FROM: SAC, New York (65-15387)
SUBJECT: WILLIAM PERL, wa.
       ESPIONAGE - R;
       PERJURY

DATE: February 12, 1952

Re WFO letter to Director, 12/12/51 and Denver letter to Director, 1/29/52.

For the information of the Kansas City Office, the subject was indicted 3/13/51 having been charged with perjury committed before the Federal Grand Jury, SDNY, in that he denied acquaintance with MORTON SORRELL, HELENE BLITCHER, JULIUS ROSENBERG, ANNE and MICHAEL Sidorovich. The Bureau has conducted extensive investigation concerning JULIUS ROSENBERG, the subject, and other persons believed to have been members of the ROSENBERG espionage network. JULIUS ROSENBERG was tried and convicted of espionage and received a death sentence. He is presently incarcerated in Sing Sing Prison, Ossining, NY.

During the investigation of WILLIAM PERL the following information was developed concerning MORRIS BIRNBAUM:

Mrs. SARAH WUTTERPERL, mother of WILLIAM and SAMUEL WUTTERPERL, when interviewed at her home, 936 Tiffany St., NYC, on 8/1/50, advised agents in part as follows:

MORRIS BIRNBAUM, who formerly resided at 1414 Second Avenue, NYC, was a friend of her son, SAMUEL. BIRNBAUM obtained a position in Washington through the efforts of her son WILLIAM and was then residing at 1630 R Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.

Investigation has disclosed that SAMUEL B. PERL and MORRIS M. BIRNBAUM had opened a joint savings account on 6/26/49 at the Bank for Savings in the City of New York. SAMUEL E. PERL advised the Bank that his residence was 936 Tiffany St., NYC; occupation, Structural Engineer; business address - 1860 Broadway, NYC. MORRIS M. BIRNBAUM furnished the bank the following information:

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The initial deposit to this savings account was a $500.00 check drawn on the Century Federal Savings and Loan Association, NYC.

RECORD NO: 58 165-39312-658

cc: Kansas City (Encs 39) AIR MAIL FEB 15 1952

EJC: JP

4 FEB 21 1952
Dear Dir.
NY. 65-15387

by SAMUEL B. PERL. This savings account was closed 1/13/50 and
the balance of $4,565.49 was paid to MORRIS M. BIRNBAUM, 1414
Second Avenue, NYC.

The Cleveland Office, in a report dated 9/27/50,
sets forth data obtained during an authorized search of the
apartment at 666 East 103rd St., Cleveland, Ohio, which apartment
was occupied by WILLIAM PERL. During this search a letter
addressed to WILLIAM PERL from MORRIS BIRNBAUM, dated 2/8/50,
was found. In this letter BIRNBAUM wrote PERL in part as
follows:

"I am just writing a few words to say hello to
you. Since last seeing you, I have held two jobs and am now
working for the Government in Washington, D.C.

"As time goes by, I am starting to see, more and
more, many of the points you brought up when I saw you at Columbia".

In view of SARAH MUTTERPERL'S statement that
MORRIS BIRNBAUM was a friend of SAMUEL PERL and had secured a
Government position in Washington, D.C., through the assistance
of WILLIAM PERL, the Kansas City Office is requested to contact
MORRIS BIRNBAUM, who is a student at Kansas University, Lawrence,
Kansas, and interview him for all information he has concerning
WILLIAM PERL, SAMUEL PERL and other persons who were in contact
with the PERLS. During this interview of BIRNBAUM, Kansas City
is requested to question him concerning the following specific
items:

1. When and where did BIRNBAUM first meet SAMUEL and WILLIAM
PERL, together with complete details concerning the circum-
stances surrounding the meetings.

2. Did BIRNBAUM ever visit PERL in Cleveland, Ohio, and, if so,
secure details concerning all persons BIRNBAUM may have met,
places visited, etc.

3. Does BIRNBAUM recall details of any visits WILLIAM PERL made
to NY. If so, the details concerning these visits together
with the circumstances surrounding PERL'S visit. Did BIRNBAUM
ever meet WILLIAM PERL at 65 Morton St., NYC. For the infor-
mation of the Kansas City Office, ALFRED SARAH and PERL occupied
Apt. 6-I at this address and, through investigation, it has
Let to Dir.  
NY 69-15387

Deep determined the apartment was used as a conspiratorial meeting place by the JULIUS ROSENBERG Soviet espionage apparatus during parts of the period from October, 1943 to 1/29/50, inclusive. JULIUS ROSENBERG has confided to Confidential Informant **that this apartment was used for micro-filming as a stop over for agents and for Soviet espionage contacts. Therefore, if BIRNBAUM has knowledge of this apartment, complete details of persons present, dates, etc., desired. (b) 7(d)

4. Information should be secured concerning any other apartment or rooms BIRNBAUM recalls in which PERL may have resided, particularly concerning any residence in the lower East side of NYC during the year 1946.

5. Attempts should be made to develop information concerning all other persons BIRNBAUM met through WILLIAM and SAMUEL PERL. Did he ever meet JULIUS ROSENBERG.


7. Attention is directed to the first sentence in the second paragraph of BIRNBAUM'S letter of 2/8/50 to PERL, mentioned above, and he should be questioned for further details concerning this meeting together with dates and place and reason.

8. Examine any letters, diaries, or pictures he may have concerning the PERLS or any other members of the ROSENBERG ring and secure, if possible, a picture and background information of BIRNBAUM.

9. Details should be secured concerning the joint savings account together with an explanation of BIRNBAUM'S connection with PERL in this matter, together with the reason for terminating this account. Information concerning any other bank accounts PERL may have had should be secured. The information concerning the above bank account was obtained by the NYO on the usual confidential basis and, therefore, the details of this bank information should not be revealed to BIRNBAUM. Also, secure information regarding the 1860 Broadway address listed by PERL with the Savings Bank.
10. Reason BIRNBAUM returned to the College of the City of New York in 1946. Was he employed while going to school.

11. Information concerning all of BIRNBAUM'S residences in the past 12 years particularly for the period in 1946 when he resumed his studies at the College of the City of New York, and if, during this period, he occupied quarters on the lower East side of NY or at 65 Morton Street.

12. While stationed at Ft. Monmouth, New Jersey, in 1943, did he ever meet JOEY FARR, ALFRED SARANT or JULIJS ROSENBERG.

There is also being enclosed for the use of the Kansas City Office pictures of various persons concerned with this investigation. These pictures should be exhibited to BIRNBAUM and in the event he is able to identify any person, complete details are desired.

The Kansas City Office is requested to contact BIRNBAUM as soon as possible and interview him for all the information he has concerning the above mentioned individuals. The Bureau desires that this investigation be handled expeditiously.

Indices of the NYO negative concerning BIRNBAUM.
WILLIAM FREL, "AKA; ESP-B; PERJURY

IMMEDIATELY DISCUSS THIS CASE WITH USA LAKE RE HIS PLANS AS TO DATE
TRIAL, POINTING OUT POSSIBILITY UNDUE DELAY MIGHT RESULT IN
UNAVAILABILITY WITNESSES AND WEAKENED TESTIMONY THROUGH DIMINISHED
MEMORY AND RECOLLECTION. ALSO MAKE SURE TRIAL NOT BEING DELAYED
ON BASIS BURSAU'S ESPIONAGE INVESTIGATION. SUTEK RESULTS YOUR
DISCUSSION AND APPROXIMATE DATE TRIAL EXPECTED.
Re Albany letter January 30, 1952, requesting the Bureau's views as to the advisability of opening an espionage investigation on Kantrowitz.

In this connection, your attention is invited to Bulletin of December 27, 1951, which furnished your office with the results of a check of Bureau files concerning Kantrowitz. It will be noted that no information was developed therefrom indicating that Kantrowitz was engaged in espionage activities. It is not felt that the mere fact of his admitted acquaintance and association with William Perl, both at Langley Field National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics Laboratory and later at Cornell University, is sufficient to warrant the opening of an espionage investigation. Further, there is no information available which might tend to indicate that Kantrowitz is responsible or even under suspicion for the leak of any confidential information from the Langley Field Laboratory.

In view of the foregoing and in the absence of a specific allegation of espionage, it is desired that this investigation be continued under the Security Matter - C classification.

cc: SAC, New York
     SAC, Norfolk

EFE: sml fml
WILLIAM PERL, WAS., ESP. DASH R, PERJURY. REURTEL, FEBRUARY TWELVE, LAST. USA MYLES J. LANE, SDNY, ADVISED TODAY THAT TRIAL DATE INSTANT CASE INDEFINITE AT THIS TIME. IT WAS POINTED OUT TO HIM THAT UNDUE DELAY IN PROSECUTION OF PERJURY CASE MIGHT RESULT IN UNAVAILABILITY OF WITNESSES AND WEAKENED TESTIMONY THROUGH DIMINISHED MEMORY AND RECOLLECTION. ALSO THAT BUREAU DOES NOT DESIRE PERJURY CASE BE DELAYED ON BASIS OF BUREAU'S ESP INVESTIGATION. LANE STATED HE DID NOT BELIEVE DELAY WOULD RESULT IN UNAVAILABILITY OR DIMINISHED MEMORY AND RECOLLECTION OF WITNESSES. STATED AGAIN AS SET FORTH IN NYTEL, NOVEMBER TWO, LAST, THAT HE STILL DOES NOT DESIRE TO PROCEED AGAINST PERL UNDER PERJURY INDICTMENT UNTIL RECEIPT OF CIRCUIT COURT DECISION IN ROSENBERG APPEAL. HE REPEATED THE POSSIBILITY THAT CIRCUIT COURT AFFIRMATION IN THAT CASE MAY RESULT IN ROSENBERG'S TALKING WHICH WOULD PROBABLY RESULT IN ESP INDICTMENT AGAINST PERL AND OTHERS. LANE FURTHER STATED THAT REVIEW OF PERL CASE REPORTS REFLECTED ADDITIONAL POSSIBILITY OF ESP CHARGE IN XERCISED FINGERPRINTS FOUND ON VON KARMAN.
DOCUMENTS AND THAT HE DESIRES TO AWAIT RESULTS OF LABORATORY EXAMINATION. AT TIME ROSENBERG APPEAL DECISION AND RESULTS OF VON KARMAN EXAMINATION IS GIVEN LANE STATED HE WILL THEN DEFER ACTION IN INSTANT CASE FOR SHORT PERIOD TO DETERMINE STATE OF MIND OF JULIUS AND ETHEL ROSENBERG AS TO POSSIBLE COOPERATION. THEREAFTER, HE INTENDS TO PROCEED WITH PERJURY TRIAL IF NO OTHER POSSIBILITY AVAILABLE. BUREAU IS AGAIN ADVISED NYO HAS NOT HAD ANY TIME REQUESTED ADJOURNMENT OF PERJURY TRIAL. BUREAU WILL BE ADVISED IMMEDIATELY OF FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS.

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HOLD

65-59312-660
A recent discussion was had with United States Attorney Myles J. Lane, Southern District of New York, with the view of determining his intentions as to the trial of the above-named individual who, as you recall, was indicted by a Federal Grand Jury in the Southern District of New York on March 13, 1951. Mr. Lane advised that the trial date in instant matter was still indefinite at this time. He stated that he still does not desire to proceed against Perl under the perjury indictment until such time as the Circuit Court of Appeals has handed down its decision in the Rosenberg case. He mentioned that in the event of an affirmation of the convictions in the Rosenberg case there is a possibility of the Rosenbergs talking, which would probably result in an espionage indictment against Perl and others.

Mr. Lane further stated that a review of the various reports submitted in this case reflected the additional possibility of an espionage charge against Perl in the event fingerprints of Rosenberg and others might be found on various documents which were known to have been in the possession of Dr. Theodore Von Karman. As you are aware, subject Perl served as an assistant to Dr. Von Karman at the Pupin Physics Laboratory, Columbia University, between 1946 and 1948, and is known to have received some of these classified documents in behalf of Dr. Von Karman. In view of this possibility Mr. Lane stated he likewise desires to await the results of the Bureau's Laboratory examination of these documents.

In summary, Mr. Lane advised that after the return of the Circuit Court decision on the Rosenberg appeal and the receipt of the results of the fingerprint examination on the Von Karman documents he will defer action in instant case for a short period to determine the state of mind of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg as to possible cooperation. Thereafter he stated he intends to proceed with the perjury trial if no other possibilities of an espionage prosecution of Perl are foreseeable.

The above is for your information.
Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO
DIRECTOR, FBI (65-59312)

FROM
SAC, WFO (65-55143)

SUBJECT
WILLIAM PERL, aka., Espionage - R
Perjury

DATE: February 21, 1952

In view of the fact all outstanding leads in this case have been covered instant case is being placed in an RUC status.

RUC

MHS/nnmd

CC - NEW YORK (65-15387)

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TO: Director, FBI (65-59312)

FROM: SAC Kansas City (65-1339)

SUBJECT: WILLIAM PERL, aka ESPIONAGE - R, PERJURY.

Rebulet to KC 2-15-52, copy to New York office requesting that MORRIS MELVIN BIRNBAUM, a student at the University of Kansas, be immediately interviewed concerning the subject. It is requested that New York office furnish necessary background information of WILLIAM PERL for assistance during the interview of BIRNBAUM.

CMH:DED
cc - New York (65-15387) AMSD
Director, FBI (65-59312)

FROM: SAC, New York (65-15387)

SUBJECT: WILLIAM PERL, aka

ESPIONAGE - R

PERJURY

DATE: February 28, 1952

To: Director, FBI (65-59312)

From: SAC, New York (65-15387)

Subject: WILLIAM PERL, aka

ESPIONAGE - R

PERJURY

Re: Kansas City letter to Bureau, 2/20/52.

The following background information of WILLIAM PERL is being furnished to the Kansas City Office for their assistance during the interview of MORRIS MELVIN BIRNBAUM.

WILLIAM PERL, wa., WILLIAM MUTTERPERL, was born 10/1/18, NYC; presently residing Apt. 7A, 104 E. 38th St., NYC. He was married 10/21/50, at NYC to HENRIETTA BOYD/SAVIDGE. The following are subject's past residences:

1934 to February, 1939 - 834 Beck St., Bronx, NY.
February, 1939 to April, 1939 - 14 River Rd., Hampton, Va.
April 1939 to November, 1939 - 240 Newport News Ave.,
Hampton, Va.
January, 1942 to February, 1942 - 1258 Ferguson Ave.,
Hampton, Va.
February, 1942 to December, 1943 - 451 Chapel St., Hampton, Va.
November, 1944 to February, 1946 - Apt. No. 2, 1516 East 120th St., Cleveland, Ohio.
February, 1946 - 750 North Madison, Pasadena, California.
February, 1946 to June, 1946 - 375 South San Rafael,
Pasadena, California.
June, 1946 to June, 1948 - Apt. 6-I, 65 Morton St., NY, NY,
and 936 Tiffany St., Bronx, NY.
June, 1948 to August, 1948 - YMCA, 3200 Franklin Blvd.,
Cleveland, Ohio.
August, 1948 to December, 1948 - 1257 Brockley Ave.,
Lakewood, Ohio.
December, 1948 to June, 1950 - 16802 Larchwood Ave.,
Cleveland, Ohio.
June, 1950 to September, 1950 - 666 East 103d St.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

cc: Kansas City (65-1339)(Air Mail)

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Letter to Director, FBI
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September, 1950 to October, 1950 - 936 Tiffany St.
 Bronx, NY.
October, 1950 - Room PH-5, 610 W. 110th St., NY, NY.
October, 1950 to present - Apt. 7-A, 104 E. 38th St.,
NY, NY.

The following is a listing of subject's past employments:

February, 1939 to December, 1943 - National Advisory
Committee for Aeronautics, Langley Field, Va.

December, 1943 to February, 1946 - National Advisory
Committee for Aeronautics, Cleveland Airport, Cleveland,
Ohio.

February, 1946 to June, 1946 - Student, California Insti-
tute of Technology, Pasadena, California.

June, 1946 to June, 1948 - Student, Columbia University,
NY, NY, and Assistant to Dr. THEODORE VON KARMAN, c/o
EVERDRUP and PARCEL, Consulting Engineers, 570 Lexington
Ave., NYC.

June, 1948 to September, 1950 - National Advisory
Committee for Aeronautics, Cleveland Airport, Cleveland,
Ohio.

September, 1950 to March, 1951 - Instructor, Physics
Dept., Columbia University, NY, NY.

March, 1951 to August, 1951 - Unemployed.

The following is a listing of schools subject attended:

1934 to 1939 - College of the City of NY, NY, Bachelor
of Electrical Engineering degree 1938; Master of
Science in Electrical Engineering, 1939.

February, 1946 to June, 1946 - California Institute of
Technology, Pasadena, California.

June, 1946 to June, 1948 - Columbia University, NY, NY.
PhD degree in Physics, February 1950.

WILLIAM PERL has been active in the JULIUS ROSENBERG
espionage ring. He became acquainted with ROSENBERG, MORTON
ASSHETT, MAX ETLIGHTHER and JOEL BARR while attending College of the
City of NY from 1934 to 1939. Since 1939 he has been employed as
an aeronautical research scientist by the National Advisory Committee
for Aeronautics at Langley Field, Va., and Cleveland, Ohio. He was
engaged for the most part as a mathematical theoretician, working
out various problems in aerodynamics. In this position he had
access to considerable confidential information concerning the
progress, experiments and development of war-time aircraft.

65-59312-665
Letter to Director, FBI
NY 65-15387.

Reliable informants have advised that PERL made available to the Soviets a great deal of the information which was available to him in the above position. In 1949 he was scheduled to be sent on a loan basis from National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics to the Atomic Energy Commission, Oakridge, Tennessee to assist in various aeronautical phases of the work of that facility. However, this transfer did not materialize.

During the Fall of 1950 he was subpoenaed to testify before the Federal Grand Jury, SDNY, which was inquiring into the ROSENBERG ring and was later indicted for perjury by that Grand Jury. He was arrested on this charge in March, 1951 and is now awaiting trial.

For the information of the Kansas City Office, PERL returned to NYC in 1946 from California to undertake studies at Columbia University and during a portion of the next two years resided in the apartment of ALFRED SARANT, 65 Morton St.
TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (65-59312)  
From: SAC, KNOXVILLE (65-488)  
SUBJECT: WILLIAM J. ALA  
        William Litteral  
        ESPIONAGE - R  
        PERJURY  

REBULET February 11, 1952, wherein the Knoxville Office is authorized  
to interview J. LAWRENCE LEE at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, pursuant to  
a request from Knoxville by letter to the Director dated January 22,  
1952, wherein certain pertinent information was set forth which  
information was obtained as a result of a polygraph examination  
of J. LEE.  

It has been ascertained that J. LAWRENCE LEE is identical with  
JAMES LAWRENCE LEE, JR. A review of the files of this office  
reflect that this individual has previously been interviewed concern-  
ing his knowledge of and association with WILLIAM J. ALA. The  
result of this interview was set forth in the report of Special  
Agent HENRY A. QUILL, Jr., Knoxville, 3/21/51. In view of this  
fact, LEE will not be reinterviewed UACB. - MSG -  

TAS: CD  

cc: New York (65-15337)  
    Cleveland (65-2750)
January 1, 1942

Cleveland, Ohio

I have just received a report that the subject, a resident of Cleveland, has been interviewed concerning the relationship of his family to the military. The report stated that the subject was a naturalized citizen of the United States and had served in the military.

The subject is married and has two children. He is employed as a mechanic and has been in the company for ten years. The report also stated that he has no political affiliations.

I have requested that the subject be interviewed by a member of the National Advisory Committee on Displaced Persons (NACDP) and that he be provided with all necessary assistance. The subject has been cooperative and has been available for interview.

I have also requested that the subject be provided with a copy of the report and that he be informed of his rights under the Displaced Persons Act.

I am confident that the subject will cooperate fully with the NACDP in the investigation of his case.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
Memorandum for the Campaign, ADAC Headquarters.

October 25, 1951

Message from Mr. Charles Barnett to ADAC Headquarters.

In connection with the missing report of Mr. De la Maza, who is designated as number 59 in the report of personnel.

Memorandum from Mr. H. Burton, ADAC Headquarters.

November 15, 1951.

The San Francisco Division during its investigation of the case has failed to locate any information concerning the missing person. A detailed investigation has been conducted, but no information has been obtained.

The missing report has been referred to the proper authorities in the person's home state. It is believed that the missing report will be handled by the proper authorities in the state of residence.

In the event that any information concerning the missing person is obtained, please contact the headquarters immediately.

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ADAC Headquarters.
TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-9312)

FROM : SAC, KANSAS CITY (65-1339)

SUBJECT : WILLIAM PERL, Aka 
ESPIONAGE - R. PERJURY

REBULET TO KANSAS CITY 2/15/52.

Mrs. MARY H. DUNLAP, landlady, 201 ½ Maine Street, Lawrence, Kansas, advised that MORRIS MELVIN BIRNBAUM has returned to the residence of his wife at 3540 K. Grand Boulevard, St. Louis, Missouri, and will be gone from his Lawrence, Kansas residence for about three weeks. BIRNBAUM also plans to visit his mother, Mrs. PAUL BIRNBAUM, 1130 Colorado Boulevard, Denver, Colorado.

The St. Louis Office is requested to immediately locate and interview MORRIS MELVIN BIRNBAUM as requested in referenced Bureau letter, which is enclosed; and also interview him as requested in New York letter to the Bureau dated 2/12/52, which is enclosed. There is also enclosed a Washington Field letter to the Director dated 12/12/51, giving background information on BIRNBAUM, and there are enclosed photographs furnished by the New York Office which should be exhibited to BIRNBAUM.

This case is being RUD'd by the Kansas City Office.

CMH: mjl

C.C. : New York (65-15337)
       St. Louis (Enclosures - SPECIAL DELIVERY)

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65 MAR 11 1952
INVENTORY OF PROPERTY ACQUIRED AS EVIDENCE

Cleveland Field Division

March 1, 1952 (Date)

Title and Character of Case

WILLIAM PEPL

Espionage - R

Field Division File Number

65-2730

Bureau File Number

65-59312

Description of Property Being Held

Conference minutes, Lewis Flight Laboratory.

Date Property Acquired and Authority for Acquisition

7/21/51

Source from Which Property Acquired

NACA, Cleveland, Ohio.

Location of Property

Exhibit Room.

Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Which Have Been Made to Dispose of It Evidence. None.

NOT RECORDED

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57 APR 17 1952.
INVENTORY OF PROPERTY ACQUIRED AS EVIDENCE

Field Division
Cleveland (Date)
March 1, 1952

Title and Character of Case
WILLIAM PERL
ESPIONAGE - R

Field Division File Number

Bureau File Number 65-2730

Description of Property Being Held
2 sets photos of documents secured in search of subject's apartment.

Date Property Acquired and Authority for Acquisition
8/11/50

Source from which Property Acquired
SAs, Cleveland.

Location of Property

Exhibit Room

Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Which Have Been Made to Dispose of It
Evidence. None.

65 59312
NOT RECORDED
105 APR 11 1952
INVENTORY OF PROPERTY ACQUIRED AS EVIDENCE

Cleveland Field Division
March 1, 1952 (Date)

Title and Character of Case: WILLIAM ET AL.

Field Division File Number: 65-2720
Bureau File Number: 65-59312

Description of Property Being Held:
Photostatic copies Selective Service records.

Date Property Acquired and Authority for Acquisition:
11/10/51

Source from Which Property Acquired:
Richmond Field.

Location of Property:
Exhibit Room.

Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Which Have Been Made to Dispose of It:
Reference: None.

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INVENTORY OF PROPERTY ACQUIRED AS EVIDENCE

Cleveland Field Division
March 1, 1952 (Date)

Title and Character of Case
WILLIAM P. M.
DEPARTMENT E

Field Division File Number 65-7939
Bureau File Number 65-59312
Description of Property Being Held
100 ft. 16 mm motion picture film of subject.

Date Property Acquired and Authority for Acquisition
9/20/50

Source from Which Property Acquired
SLS, Cleveland.

Location of Property
Film Cabinet.

Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Which Have Been Made to Dispose of It
Identification. More.

50 APR 16 1952
TO: Director, FBI (65-59312)
FROM: SAC, New York (65-15387)
SUBJECT: WILLIAM PERL, WA
ESP-R
PERJURY

DATE: March 5, 1952

A review of instant file reveals Bureau authority to disseminate the following reports to the U.S. Attorney's Office, Southern District of New York, has not been received:

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Bureau authority is requested to deliver one copy each of the above listed reports to the U.S. Attorney.
MARCH 5, 1952.

You are authorized to make available to the U.S. Attorney, SDNY, one copy of each of the investigative reports submitted in this matter which were listed in relet.
Director, FBI (65-59312)

DATE: 3/6/52

SAC, Kansas City (65-1339)

SUBJECT: WILLIAM PERL, aka

ESPIONAGE - PERJURY

Re Kansas City letter dated 2/28/52.

In response to referenced Kansas City letter to Bureau, cc New York, requesting latter office to furnish background information of WILLIAM PERL, there are enclosed for the St. Louis Office two copies of New York letter to Director, cc to Kansas City dated Feb. 28, 1952 for assistance in the interview of MORRIS MELVIN BIRNBAUM.

Since New York furnished only one copy to Kansas City, two copies have been made for St. Louis and one copy for Kansas City in the event MORRIS MELVIN BIRNBAUM returns to Lawrence, Kansas, and the need arises in the future that he be reinterviewed.

RUC.

cc - St. Louis (AIR MAIL)

(enclosure - 1)

cc - New York (65-15387)

NEW/HEG

RECORDED-110 65-59312-674

EX-130 3/1
Laboratory Work Sheet

Recorded 1-8-52 3:00 PM

Re: WILLIAM PERL, aka. Espionage - R

Examination requested by: Washington Field 65-5543

Date of reference communication: 11/30/51, 12/12/51

Date received: 12/17/51

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Result of Examination:

Examination by: Dahlgren BURKE

Specimens submitted for examination

Submitted with Washington Field letter dated 11/30/51

Q29 - Q364 336 items consisting of NACA reports and other material removed from the office of Dr. Theodore Von Karman at Columbia University in June 1951 by Major Mark P. Maier, Deputy Secretary, Scientific Advisory Board, Office of Chief of Staff, Pentagon.

Submitted with Washington Field letter dated 12/12/51 additional material removed from office of Dr. Von Karman.


Q379 Brown notebook containing 5 graphs bound with "acco" type fastener. Specimens removed.

8 latent fingerprints

8 latent fingerprints. Mark covered.

Mark elimination. Pic 2-25-52
SAC, Washington Field Office (65-5543)

February 26, 1952

Director, FBI (65-59312)

WILLIAM PERL, aka,

ESPIONAGE - PERJURY

Re WFO Jets November 30, 1951, and December 12, 1951, and New York let January 4, 1952, submitting the following described items for laboratory and latent fingerprint examination:

Q29 - Q364 336 items consisting of NACA reports and other material removed from the office of Dr. Theodore Von Kármán at Columbia University in June, 1951, by Major Mark P. Maier, Deputy Secretary, Scientific Advisory Board, Office of Chief of Staff, Pentagon.


Q379 Brown notebook containing five graphs bound with "acco" type fastener.

Specimens examined and eight latent fingerprints developed. All latent fingerprints eliminated as being the fingerprints of Mark Powers Maier. The evidence is being retained in the Single Fingerprint Section until called for by a representative of your office.

Laboratory report separate:

ac - SAC, Los Angeles (65-5075)
SAC, New York (65-15387)

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WASHINGTON FROM SFAN 523
3-6-52
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MACA, LANGLEY FIELD, VA. JONES AND WIFE DESCRIBED BY FELLOW EMPLOYEES
AND A NEIGHBOR AS SUPPORTERS OF IPP IN CALIF. ALSO REPORTED AS
FRIENDS OF HARRY GREENBERG, EMPLOYEE AT AMES LABORATORY, SUBJECT OF
INVESTIGATION UNDER PROVISIONS EXECUTIVE ORDER NINE EIGHT THREE FIVE.
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IDENTIFICATION TAG FOR HIS CAR WHICH ALLOWED NAVAL AUTHORITIES TO
SEARCH THE CAR ON THE GROUNDS IT WAS A VIOLATION OF HIS CIVIL RIGHTS.
The TAG WAS LATER OBTAINED. DORIS JONES PERSONNEL FILE AT AMES LAB
REFLECTS WILLIAM MUTTERPERL, AKA WILLIAM PERL, WAS LISTED BY HER AS A
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IT IS BELIEVED JONES AND WIFE SHOULD BE INTERVIEWED, AND AUTHORITY FOR
SUCH INTERVIEW IS REQUESTED.

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TRANSMIT THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO: 3-7-52

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EXPERIMENTAL AUTHORITY GRANTED INTERVIEW

ROBERT AND DORIS JONES IN ACCORDANCE INSTRUCTIONS BULLET FEBRUARY NINETEEN.

cc - New York (65-14843) (By mail)

65-59312

KFR: GAS

(Note: Bufiles fail to reflect Joneses engaged in CP or espionage activities. Interviews to obtain information re their association with William Perl and to determine whether Robert Jones may be found eligible for employment on loyalty by LRB.)
Office Memorandum - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: Director, FBI (65-59312)  
FROM: SAC, Boston (65-3393)  
DATE: March 11, 1952  

SUBJECT: WILLIAM PERL, aka ESPIONAGE-R- PERJURY

Re Bulletin to New York dated February 25, 1952 which requested the Boston Office to interview Dr. WALTER G. WHITMAN, Head of the Department of Chemical Engineering at Massachusetts Institute of Technology and former head of the Lexington project.

Inquiry at M.I.T. reveals that Dr. WHITMAN is on leave of absence from M.I.T. until July 1952. He is at present Chairman of the Research Development Board and can be reached at Room 3-E-1000 Pentagon Building, Washington, D. C.

WFO is requested to interview Dr. WHITMAN along the lines set out in referenced Bulletin.

cc: WFO

cc: New York

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Date: March 13, 1952

To: Legal Attache
   London, England

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
       Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: WILLIAM PERL, aka
       ESPIONAGE - R; PERJURY
It is noted with regard to the foregoing request that NACA has indicated it might be possible to identify some of their secret projects from information appearing in these publications and thus determine the type and nature of the secret aeronautical information which was being obtained by the Soviets through their espionage setup in this country.

It is desired that this matter be given your prompt attention.
TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (65-59312)
FROM: SAC, CINCINNATI (65-1743)
SUBJECT: WILLIAM PERL, Aka. ESPIONAGE-R, PERJURY

Rebult dated 1/4/52.

Mr. ARTHUR H. TIFFORD was contacted on March 4, 1952, and as did not remember any definite information concerning activities at the C.C.N.Y. Campus, New York City, regarding PERL, STANLEY ROBERT RICH, JULIUS ROSENBERG or MORTON SITELL. TIFFORD recalled that at the time of his attendance at C.C.N.Y. there were some young Communist groups operating, but that he did not pay any attention to them, and became in no way involved, in this activity, and for this reason, was unable to identify members of his class who may have attended these meetings. Mr. TIFFORD said that he has checked a class book for his graduating class very closely, but has stated that only approximately 40% of the students have pictures appearing in this book. He said that he could not recognize from photographs appearing in the book any individuals who may have been engaged in Communist Party activities at that time.

Mr. TIFFORD said that should anything come to his mind concerning the identity of any persons who may have been involved in such activities, he would contact Bureau personnel without delay. RUC.

CC: 1 New York

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SAO, Cleveland (65-2730)

Director, FBI (65-59318)

WILLIAM PERL, aka.
ESPIONAGE - R
PERJURY

Reference is made to the report of SA John B.
O'Donaghue dated March 3, 1958, at Cleveland in the
above-captioned case.

It will be noted that on the Administrative Page
it is indicated that a review of the file of the Cleveland
Office failed to reflect the results of any interview with
J. Lawrence Neen, with whom Perl is known to have travelled
to Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

For the information of the Cleveland Office,
James L. Neen, Jr., a former employee of NACA, was in-
terviewed by an agent of the Knoxville Division on
March 21, 1951, concerning his association with and
knowledge of the activities of subject Perl. For the
completion of your file, a copy of the report of SA Henry
A. Quinn, Jr. dated March 21, 1951, at Knoxville, is
being enclosed herewith.

Enclosure

oc - New York (65-15387)

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Mr. Robert Bell, Security Officer of the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics (NACA) has advised that during the course of certain inquiries which he had made in behalf of the Bureau concerning Perl he learned that one Pearl Young, a former employee of NACA, both at the Langley Field and the Lewis Flight Propulsion Laboratories, was known to have been friendly with subject Perl. He stated that Miss Young had held a rather responsible position with NACA and had been closely associated with Nessar. Bothrock and Silvarstein during the period of her employment in Cleveland.

According to Mr. Bell, Pearl Young resigned from NACA two or three years ago and made the statement that she had become quite disturbed over the trend of events and particularly by reason of the large number of employees of "Jewish extraction" who were being hired by NACA. It was stated to Mr. Bell that if anyone might know the inside story concerning subject Perl it is possible that Miss Young would know same.

Mr. Bell was unable to advise Miss Young's present address but indicated that he understood she was presently teaching school some place in Pennsylvania. A check of Bureau files under the name Pearl Young failed to develop any identifiable information concerning her. It is, therefore, desired that the Cleveland Office make an immediate effort through NACA, Cleveland, to determine her present whereabouts and thereafter request the appropriate office to have her interviewed in connection with this matter.

cc - New York (65-15387)
ReBu!et 4-1-52.

The last known address for PEARL YOUNG available at NACA is 16 South 12th Street, Pottsville, Pennsylvania.

For the information of the Philadelphia Office, ROBERT BELL, Security Officer, NACA, has advised that he has learned that one PEARL YOUNG, a former NACA employee at both Langley Field, Virginia and the Lewis Flight Propulsion Laboratory in Cleveland, was allegedly friendly with the subject. It was also stated that YOUNG was closely associated with ABE SILVERSTEIN, Chief of Research, LFPL, NACA, and ADDISON ROTHROCK, formerly at LFPL and now a top executive at NACA's Washington headquarters.

According to BELL, YOUNG resigned from NACA two or three years ago and made the statement that she had become quite disturbed over the trend of events and particularly by reason of the large number of employees of "Jewish" extraction who were being hired by NACA. BELL indicated that it may well be that YOUNG may have information of value concerning PERL.

Philadelphia is requested to interview Miss YOUNG concerning her complete knowledge of PERL; his association with MISS YOUNG as well as his association with other NACA employees, including ROTHROCK and SILVERSTEIN; and her knowledge of PERL's activities and associates away from the NACA reservation. Please display photographs of members of the ROSEHERS parallel and furnish the results of this interview to the Cleveland Office as well as the Bureau and New York.

In the event Miss YOUNG is no longer within the territory of the Philadelphia Division it is desired that her present whereabouts be determined and the appropriate office requested to follow this lead.  

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CC: New York (65-15387)  
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Sac, Los Angeles (65-5075)

R. F. I. (65-59312) - 691

William Perl, aka
FREEDOM - RJ. FENJURY

Neural April 11, 1952, in the above-captioned matter.

It is noted that you request Bureau advice with
respect to the forwarding of the various MACA documents obtained
from Von Karman's residence to the FBI Laboratory for appropriate
examination.

A review of the information appearing in relation
indicates that a large percentage of these documents are un-
classified and therefore the transmission of same to the Soviets,
even if established, would not constitute a violation of the Federal
Espionage Statute.

It is desired, however, that pursuant to previous
Bureau instructions, all of the MACA reports or documents of a
classified nature be promptly submitted to the Laboratory for
an examination along the lines as afforded to the previous
documents obtained from Von Karman's office in the Pentagon
Building.

This matter should receive your immediate attention.

cc - New York (65-5307)
Washington Field (65-5543)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: Director, FBI (65-5-312)
FROM: SAC, St. Louis (65-1571)

DATE: April 16, 1952

SUBJECT: WILLIAM PERL, aka ESPIONAGE - R
PERJURY

Re Kansas City letters dated 3-6-52 and 2-25-52.

Inquiry at 3450 North Grand Boulevard revealed that the BIRNBAUMs had moved.

A confidential source of known reliability, advised that a removal in the name of MORRIS BIRNBAUM from the above address dated 3-1-52, gave the new address as 305 West 98th Street, NYC 25. It is suggested that New York locate and interview MORRIS BIRNBAUM.

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2 cc New York (AMSD)
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Office MemoEndum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: Director, FBI (65-59312)
FROM: SAC, New York (65-15387)

DATE: March 29, 1952

SUBJECT: WILLIAM PERL, M.D.
ESPIONAGE - R
PERJURY

Attached hereto are five copies of the report of SAA, EDWARD J. CAHILL dated 9/10/51 NY.

It is suggested that the information in this report be utilized in conjunction with the information set forth in the report of SAA CAHILL dated 9/10/51 since it supplements and summarizes information previously set forth therein.

As set forth on page 4 of the attached report, the identity of specific confidential informants within the various banking institutions and other sources from whom certain information has been obtained, has not been repeated in this report since their identities are readily available in the report dated 9/10/51.

Bureau authority is requested to disseminate one copy of attached report to the USA, SDNY, for his use in formulating questions for proposed testimony of ABRAHAM and SARAH KUTTERERI, before the Federal Grand Jury, SDNY. It is suggested that subject's parents may testify that they received certain cash monies from subject and to shed some light upon the source to subject of the unidentified cash deposits in their accounts as well as the unidentified cash deposits in the subject's own accounts.

Further investigation concerning financial transactions of the subject and his parents is continuing in this office.

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EJC: AMF
Reurlet March 29, 1952.

You are authorized to furnish a copy of the report of SA Edward J. Cahill dated March 29, 1952, at New York to the U. S. Attorney, SDNY, for his use in questioning Abraham and Sarah Mottersfield, parents of the subject, at the time of their appearance before a Federal Grand Jury in that district. It is suggested that you specifically caution the U. S. Attorney against the use of the bank data set forth in this report without the usual issuance of appropriate subpoenas to the bank whose records he desires to utilize in connection with the testimony.
To: DIRECTOR, FBI (65-59312)
From: SAC, WFO (65-5543)
Subject: WILLIAM PERL

DATE: April 28, 1952

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DATE: April 28, 1952

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (65-59312)

FROM: SAC, WFO (65-5543)

SUBJECT: WILLIAM PERL

ESPIONAGE - R

PERJURY

Re Bulet February 25 and March 19, 1952.

Investigation in this matter is receiving continuous attention at WFO. The John Hopkins Applied Science Laboratory is presently conducting a thorough investigation of its records regarding the missing copy number 44 of the "Ruark report", and for available information regarding the dissemination of this report by APL under the confidential and secret classifications.

It is expected that the interview will be completed on or about April 25, 1952, after which a report will be expedited.

There has been no information developed to date showing whether or not WILLIAM PERL may have had access to the "Ruark report."

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HNB: bjr


April 28, 1952.
June 23, 1952

WILLIAM PERL, aka,
EBIONAGE — R$ PERJURY

Reurlet May 7, 1952, submitting numerous books for laboratory and latent fingerprint examination.

The evidence, which was set forth in the laboratory report as Q360 through Q418, has been examined but no latent impressions were developed thereon. The evidence is being returned to you under separate cover.

cc: New York (65-15387)
Washington Field Office (65-5543)
Inquiry fails to definitely determine whether "Ruark Reports" furnished Jet Propulsion Laboratory and Guggenheim Aeronautical Laboratory of California Institute of Technology and also the Aerojet Engineering Corporation in 1947 were made available to Dr. THEODORE VON KARMAN. Latter, then active consultant with U.S. Air Force, not recalled as having been in this area at that time.

DETAILS: Dr. LOUIS G. DUNN, Director of Jet Propulsion Laboratory, California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, California, advised that his records reflect that a copy of the so-called "Ruark Report" (entitled "Nuclear Powered Flight") had been received about June 20, 1947. Upon a request by the Applied Physics Laboratory at Johns Hopkins University, it had been returned to them on
September 16, 1947. Thereafter it was not again received from Johns Hopkins. Library records failed to reflect that this report had been checked out by anyone, though DUNN explained that this could have conceivably been done and its card misplaced.

As to the availability of this report to Dr. THEODORE VON KARMAN, through whom WILLIAM PERL might have had access to it, DUNN explained that VON KARMAN at that time was no longer officially connected with the Jet Propulsion Laboratory. VON KARMAN has merely visited that laboratory on three or four occasions during the past several years. DUNN is definitely of the opinion that VON KARMAN would have had no occasion to have had this report while it was in his possession. DUNN added, however, that it is conceivable, of course, that VON KARMAN by reason of his clearance as a top consultant to the United States Air Force would have been allowed access to this report if he had so requested, but he has no recollection of any such request from VON KARMAN. As to PERL, DUNN stated that he is not personally acquainted with him, has no recollection that he may have ever visited the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, and that he has no information concerning him.

DUNN explained further that the records of the Jet Propulsion Laboratory also reflect that the Guggenheim Aeronautical Laboratory of California Institute of Technology had also been furnished a copy of the "Ruark Report" as reflected in a copy of a letter dated September 29, 1947, signed by CLARK B. MILLIKAN, then Acting Director, also returning his copy to the Johns Hopkins University.

Dr. CLARK B. MILLIKAN, Director of the Guggenheim Aeronautical Laboratory and the Cooperative Wind Tunnel, California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, California, advised that he recalls the "Ruark Report" but has no other records than the above-mentioned letter indicating its return. Library records of the laboratory also failed to reflect any card therein which indicates to him that it must have remained in his personal possession.
As to VON KARMAN's having access to this report while in his possession, MILLIKAN stated that he had no personal recollection of any such occasion. VON KARMAN had long since been on a leave of absence from California Institute of Technology, but continued to reside in Pasadena, returning infrequently from Washington and abroad. During 1947 particularly, he believes that VON KARMAN was away most of the time. MILLIKAN explained, however, that had VON KARMAN visited his laboratory during that time and requested this report, it would undoubtedly have been made available to him by reason of his security clearance.

As to PERL himself, MILLIKAN stated that he is certain that the report was never directly made available to him while it was in his custody.

T. E. BEAHAN, Secretary-Treasurer and Chief of Security, Aerojet Engineering Corporation, 6352 North Irwindale Avenue, Azusa, California, advised that his company records reflect that copy #73 of the "Ruark Report" furnished that company had been upgraded by letter during April, 1947, and thereafter in September, 1947 returned to Johns Hopkins University at their specific request. It had never been returned to them by that institution.

As to VON KARMAN's access to this report, BEAHAN explained that although VON KARMAN was then a part-time consultant to the company, he only visited the plant on very infrequent occasions as a result of his Air Force consulting work which kept him in Washington, D. C. and abroad. Furthermore, VON KARMAN left the country on July 2, 1947 and was believed to have been away for an extended period of time. Prior thereto, from January to June, 1947, he is believed to have been mostly in Washington, D. C. and New York.

BEAHAN explained, however, that as top consultant to the Aerojet Engineering Corporation, it would have been most logical for VON KARMAN to have been consulted regarding this "Ruark Report", if he had been in this area, since consideration was then being given to participating in a Government contract later awarded to the Fairchild Aircraft
Company. BEAHAN stated that company library records
failed to reflect the report as having been listed therein as is now the custom.

BEAHAN added that Dr. FRITZ ZWICKY, Professor of
Astrophysics, California Institute of Technology, Pasadena,
California, who is currently under doctor's care as the
result of a severe heart attack, was Director of Research
of the company at that time. Upon being contacted
currently by BEAHAN, ZWICKY informed him that he clearly
recalled the "Ruark Report" but is unable to remember
whether VON KARMAN may have had occasion to use it or to
be consulted about it.

KENNETH MUNDT, Director of Manufacturing, Aerojet
Engineering Corporation, advised that he does not personally
recall the "Ruark Report," but that it was probably sent
to him merely in his capacity then as chief engineer of the
company. He knew that consideration was being given at
that time to the company's participation in the NEPA
Project, but that Dr. ZWICKY above had decided against it.

As to VON KARMAN, MUNDT stated that as top con-

tultant to the company, he would logically have been


concerned with this matter and would have had access to this
report if he had been here, but that he very rarely, if
at all, had been at the company during that 1947 period.

MUNDT added that DAN KIMBALL, present Secretary of
the Navy, was then Managing Director of the company and in
this capacity may also have been aware of the "Ruark
Report" and the company's consideration of this matter.

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REFERENCE: Bureau letter to New York, 2/25/52
Bureau letter to Washington Field, 3/19/52
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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Inquiry fails to definitely determine whether "Ruark Reports" furnished Jet Propulsion Laboratory and Guggenheim Aeronautical Laboratory of California Institute of Technology and also the Aerojet Engineering Corporation in 1947 were made available to Dr. THEODORE VON KARMAN. Latter, then active consultant with U.S. Air Force, not recalled as having been in this area at that time.

DETAILS: Dr. LOUIS G. DUNN, Director of Jet Propulsion Laboratory, California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, California, advised that his records reflect that a copy of the so-called "Ruark Report" (entitled "Nuclear Powered Flight") had been received about June 20, 1947. Upon a request by the Applied Physics Laboratory at Johns Hopkins University, it had been returned to them on

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SUBJECT: WILLIAM PERL, aka. ESPIONAGE - R; PERJURY


Enclosed herewith for the New York Office are photostatic copies of 61 pieces of correspondence relating to WILLIAM PERL found among the material shipped last summer from DR. THEODORE VON-KARMAN's office at Columbia University to his residence at Pasadena, California.

Items numbered 1 to 46 inclusive consist of correspondence that was maintained in a separate folder apparently for or by WILLIAM PERL. Items numbered 47 to 61 inclusive are copies of correspondence maintained among the regular office correspondence.

No evaluation of this material has been made by this office, and it is being furnished to New York only for possible assistance in the pursuance of this investigation. The originals of this material have been returned to MRS. MARIE RODDENBERRY, Personal Secretary to VON KARMAN.

Investigation in this matter is still receiving attention at WFO; however, the Johns Hopkins Applied Science Laboratory has not completed its investigation regarding the missing copy Number 44 of the "Ruark Report." Frequent contact is being made with Mr. ARTHUR G. NORRIS of APL concerning the progress of their investigation and he has advised that he would like to make available the records concerning dissemination of the "Ruark Report" by APL but that "his hands are tied," in view of instructions by Dr. GIBSON, Director of APL, to complete the search for the missing copy Number 44. He has indicated that Dr. GIBSON feels embarrassed about the fact that APL did not have better control over the reports and the fact that copy 44 has turned up missing.

There has been no information developed to date showing whether or not WILLIAM PERL may have had access to the "Ruark Report." Investigation at the Bureau of Ordnance, Navy Department, fails to reveal a record of their having received copy Number 44 of the "Ruark Report."

Contact will be continued with Mr. NORRIS in order that immediately upon the completion of the investigation by APL and its search of all records concerning copy Number 44 a report can be submitted to the Bureau in this matter. P.

HWW:cbs
2 New York (65-15387)
Director, FBI

FROM: SAC, New York (65-15387)

SUBJECT: WILLIAM PERL, was ESP-R

Remptel 5/27/52.

Enclosed is one photostatic copy of each of the pleadings filed to date concerning subject's motion for a reduction in bail:

1. Notice of Motion, dated May 20, 1952
2. Affidavit in Support of Motion, dated May 22, 1952
3. Government Affidavit in Opposition to Motion to Reduce Bail, dated May 26, 1952
4. Affidavit in Reply, dated May 27, 1952

As stated in ref tel, the Bureau will be advised of further developments.

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WILLIAM PERL, WAS., ESP R. PERJURY. REURTEL MAY TWENTY TWO LAST.
DATE OF PROSECUTION INSTANT CASE STILL INDEFINITE. USA, SDNY, AVIDED HE IS CONSIDERING PROCEEDING WITH PROSECUTION OF PERJURY
INDICTMENT ALTHOUGH EXACT DATE NOT YET DETERMINED. FURTHER DISCUSSIONS
WITH USA ANTICIPATED NEXT WEEK AFTER WHICH BUREAU WILL BE ADVISED.
SUBJECT STILL RESIDING ONE NAUGHT FOUR E THIRTY EIGHT ST, NYC, NOT
GAINFULLY EMPLOYED, ALTHOUGH INFO OBTAINED THAT HE IS SPENDING
CONSIDERABLE TIME IN APARTMENT WORKING OUT MATHEMATICAL CALCULATIONS
ON AN EXPERIMENT BEING CONDUCTED AT COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY BY DR. I.I.
RABI, DR. VERNON HUGHES, AND OTHERS, QUOTE TO DETERMINE THE MAGNETIC
MOMENT OF THE HELIUM ATOM UNQUOTE. ACCORDING TO DR. HUGHES THIS IS
PURELY AN EXTRA CURRICULAR ACADEMIC RESEARCH PROBLEM UNDERTAKEN BY
THESE MEN DURING PERIOD PERL WAS EMPLOYED AS INSTRUCTOR AT COLUMBIA,
AND PERL HAS CONTINUED MATHEMATICS AS FAVOR TO HIS ASSOCIATES WITHOUT
RECOMPENSE. HUGHES STATED THE EXPERIMENT HAS NO CONNECTION WITH
ANY GOVERNMENT OR PRIVATE INDUSTRY CONTRACTS AND IS PURE SCIENTIFIC
RESEARCH. REPORT WILL BE SUBMITTED JUNE SIXTEEN NEXT.

W. PERL

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JUN 3 1952
WILLIAM PERL, WA, ES - R, PERJURY. REMYTEL MAY TWENTY EIGHT, FIFTY TWO, RE SUBJECT'S MOTION FOR REDUCTION OF BAIL. MOTION DENIED LATE THIS AFTERNOON BY JUDGE NOONAN.

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16 JUN 13 1952
TO: Director, FBI

FROM: SAC, New York (65-15387)

SUBJECT: WILLIAM PERL, US ESP-R
FERJURY

Renytel 6/5/52.

Attached are one photostatic copy each of Order to Show Cause executed 6/3/52 by Judge Thomas F. Murphy, SDNY, and related papers filed by Defense in instant case and Affidavit in Opposition to Motion for Immediate Trial, or in the Alternative, to Dismiss the Indictment filed by the Government.

As stated in my teletype of instant date, decision was reserved by Judge John F. X. McGeehey on 6/9/52.

Bureau will be further advised as to developments.

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EX-26 13 JUN 10 1952
In Reply, Please Refer to File No. [redacted]

Date: May 27, 1952
To: Director, FBI
From: Legal Attache
London, England

Subject: ALLU PPO, aka ESPIC AGE - R & PERJURY

File No. [redacted]

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RE: AIR COURIER

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FREDERICK J. WATERS, CO-COUNSEL FOR DEFENSE, INDICATED DURING ARGUMENT POSSIBILITY OF CALLING JULIUS ROSENBERG AS DEFENSE WITNESS. JUDGE MC GHEY STATED HE BELIEVED TRIAL CALENDAR FOR JUNE ALLOWED NO FURTHER SCHEDULING FOR TRIAL CASES. BUREAU WILL BE FURTHER ADVISED.

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9 JUN 20192

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WILLIAM PERL, W.A. ESPIONAGE - R. PERJURY. AUSA ROBERT MARTIN, SDNY, ADVISED TODAY ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE SIGNED IN INSTANT CASE BY JUDGE THOMAS F. MURPHY JUNE THREE RETURNABLE JUNE NINE, REQUIRING GOVT. TO SHOW CAUSE WHY ORDER SHOULD NOT BE GRANTED REQUIRING GOVT. FIRST TO FURNISH FURTHER BILL OF PARTICULARS SECOND TO GRANT DEFENDANT ACCESS TO MINUTES OF OWN TESTIMONY BEFORE GJ AND THIRD TO SET DEFINITE DATE FOR TRIAL DURING MONTH OF JUNE FIFTY-TWO. AFFIDAVITS FILED BY WILLIAM PERL AND FREDERICK J. WATERS, ATTORNEY, ON JUNE THREE LAST, REQUESTING ABOVE RELIEF AND SUPPORTING ARGUMENT, COPIES OF WHICH WILL BE FORWARDED TO BUREAU AS SOON AS AVAILABLE. AUSA MARTIN PREPARING AFFIDAVIT IN OPPOSITION WHICH WILL OPPOSE ADDITIONAL BILL OF PARTICULARS AND SETTING TRIAL DATE, BUT WILL NOT OPPOSE APPLICATION FOR ACCESS TO GJ MINUTES IN VIEW OF RECENT USCC DECISION OF REMINGTON CASE RE ACCESS TO MINUTES. BUREAU WILL BE ADVISED OF DEVELOPMENTS.

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Office Memo

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (65-59312)
FROM: SAC, PHILADELPHIA (65-43264)
SUBJECT: WILLIAM PERL, WA.

ESPIONAGE - R; PERJURY


Enclosed herewith is corrected Page 1 of reference report. Five copies of this page are being forwarded to the Bureau and four copies to New York.

You are requested to destroy the original pages and replace them with these corrected pages.

cc: 1 - New York (65-15307) (Encl. 4)

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EX-32
PEARL YOUNG, 1212 Howard Street, Pottsville, Pa., former co-employee of WILLIAM PERL interviewed. She knew subject as WILLIAM MUTTERPERL and as WILLIAM PERL. She first met PERL at NACA, Langley Field, Va., and was also a co-employee at NACA, Cleveland, Ohio. Miss YOUNG knew of no particularly close associates of PERL. She advised ABE SILVERSTEIN pushed PERL for promotions because of PERL's ability. ADDISON ROTHROCK did not know PERL personally, according to Miss YOUNG. She had no knowledge of extensive trips taken by PERL. Photographs of associates of JULIUS ROSENBERG shown to Miss YOUNG with negative results.

On June 4, 1952, Miss PEARL YOUNG, 1212 Howard Street, was interviewed by SA CARLOS KIRBY and the writer.

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months after first coming to Langley Field. She believed PERL's transfer was for purely personal reasons, in that opportunities for advancement were greater in the aerodynamics field. It was her opinion that PERL while employed as an electrical engineer at NACA, Langley Field, Va., had no access to secret classified data. Whether PERL had access to classified data or not while in the aerodynamics field at Langley Field Miss YOUNG did not know.

Miss YOUNG said she left NACA at Langley Field, Va., and went to Cleveland, Ohio, when NACA opened there. PERL did not come to Cleveland until some time after NACA had opened there. She did not believe that PERL knew many of the people in Cleveland, with the exception of those who had transferred from Langley Field, Va.

She considered PERL always to be somewhat of a "lone wolf," in that no one seemed to know too much of his close associates or friends. She said she was very surprised when PERL married. She has no recollection of ever meeting his wife.

Her personal contacts with PERL beyond employment were only at group affairs such as picnics and gatherings of other NACA members. Miss YOUNG said it was quite common for many NACA members to gather at the bachelor apartment of ABE SILVERSTEIN, a fellow employee at NACA, both at Langley Field, Va., and at Cleveland, Ohio.

Miss YOUNG believed that SILVERSTEIN used PERL for much of the theoretical material that was developed at NACA. She stated SILVERSTEIN may have pushed PERL for promotions because of PERL's ability. It was her opinion that SILVERSTEIN was sincere in his dealings with PERL. By this Miss YOUNG said she meant SILVERSTEIN recognized the true ability of PERL and assisted his career because of this innate ability. It was her opinion that there was absolutely no question as to the loyalty of ABE SILVERSTEIN.

In connection with ADDISON ROTHROCK, Miss YOUNG said she believed ROTHROCK to be the supervising official who initiated the recommended efficiency and promotion reports concerning PERL. She did not believe ROTHROCK knew PERL on other than an official basis. ROTHROCK's loyalty was also beyond reproach, according to Miss YOUNG.

Relative to any particularly close associates of PERL, Miss YOUNG said she knew of only one. This person was LOUISE MOSS, now located in Beckley, West Virginia. Miss YOUNG said she had seen Miss MOSS on one occasion since the arrest of PERL. It was her recollection that Miss MOSS indicated strong disbelief in the idea that PERL was involved in espionage. Miss YOUNG also stated she did not believe Miss MOSS would be cooperative in discussing PERL.
Miss YOUNG stated that many employees at NACA, both at Langley Field and at Cleveland, Ohio, would leave the installations for the week ends. As a result, she knew little of any unusual trips that may have been taken by PERL. She recalled that PERL while at the California Institute of Technology, shortly after World War II, did return to the East Coast. The purpose or reason for this trip she did not know, however, she stated PERL did enroll at Columbia University in New York City shortly thereafter, and his trip may have been for this reason. Miss YOUNG said she left NACA in Cleveland, Ohio, approximately five years ago and has seen PERL but once since then. This was on the occasion of PERL's trip from California to the East Coast.

Miss YOUNG was shown photographs of the following associates of JULIUS ROSENBERG.

1. JULIUS ROSENBERG
2. ETHEL ROSENBERG
3. RUTH GREENGLASS
4. DAVID GREENGLASS
5. HELENE ELITCHER
6. MAX ELITCHER
7. MORTON SOBEll
8. HELEN SOBEll
9. ALFRED SARANT
10. LOUISE SARANT
11. MICHAEL SIDOROVICH
12. ANN SIDOROVICH
13. JOEL BARR

She advised that she had never seen any of the foregoing people in contact with WILLIAM PERL at any time.

- REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN -
The advisability of contacting LOUISE MOSS is being left to the discretion of the office of origin. Accordingly, no leads are being set out.

Miss YOUNG during the interview said there was a group at NACA in Cleveland consisting of ROBERT JONES, DORIS COHEN JONES, ARTHUR KANTROWICZ, HERMAN T. EPSTEIN, CELIA EPSTEIN, and EASTMAN JACOBS. She stated that she knew nothing that would reflect unfavorably upon any members of this group. She did not believe NACA was in any way connected with this group.

Miss YOUNG during the interview explained some dissatisfaction over NACA, at Langley Field, Va., and also in Cleveland, Ohio.

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July 14, 1952

EAC, Los Angeles (CS-5075)

Director, FBI (CS-59312) - 717

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Rebuttal June 2, 1952, and Cleveland letter dated July 9, 1952, in the above-captioned case. As noted in referenced Cleveland letter, it is suggested that consideration be given to the desirability of having {last name} N. Jacobs, an aeronautical engineer employed by NACA from 1935 to 1945, interviewed concerning his knowledge of Perl.

A check of Bureau references reflects that the Los Angeles Office is in possession of all pertinent information on Jacobs. According to the Los Angeles report of Special Agent John F. Andrews, dated January 9, 1952, in the case entitled, "Herman L. Iapetan, Captagona - R", (Los Angeles file 65-5407) Jacobs is a partner in the East West Engineering Company, Post. (U) Office Box 17, Bolinas, California.

The Los Angeles Office is authorized to conduct an appropriate interview with Jacobs concerning Perl, unless information appears in its files which would make such interview undesirable at this time. This interview should develop fully his acquaintances with and knowledge of the activities of Perl in connection with the Pan Jet Conference in November, 1946, as well as any other activities of Perl he may be cognizant of, such as Perl's access to material and research conducted at NACA.

This matter should be given prompt attention. (U)

CC-E-New York (65-15307)
2-Washington Field (65-5543)
2-Cleveland (65-1730)
2-Cincinnati (65-1748)
7-San Francisco
WASH FROM NEW YORK DIRECTOR URGENT G.I.R.-6.

WILLIAM PERL, WA., ESP-R, PERJURY. REMYTEL JUNE NINTH LAST. AUSA, SDNY, ADVISED DECISION OF JUDGE JOHN F. X. MC GOHEY CONCERNING DEFENDANT'S MOTION WHICH WAS ARGUED JUNE NINTH LAST FILED TODAY. DECISION DENIED MOTION FOR IMMEDIATE TRAIL AND FOR FURTHER BILL OF PARTICULARS AND ALLOWED DEFENSE INSPECTION OF PERL-S GJ MINUTES.

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60 JUL 1 1952
TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (65-59312)

FROM: SAC, WFO (65-5543)

DATE: July 10, 1952

SUBJECT: WILLIAM PERL, aka., ESPIONAGE - PERJURY

Re WFO letter dated May 23, 1952.

Contact was had by WFO on July 1, 1952, with Mr. ARTHUR G. NORRIS of Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory, who advised that a search is still being made of the records of the Applied Physics Laboratory and at the same time they are making arrangements for the future safeguarding of classified reports, data, etc. As previously stated Mr. NORRIS cannot make available the distribution list of the "Ruark Reports" until the Applied Physics Laboratory records are searched and rearranged as directed by Dr. GIBSON, Director of APL.

This phase of the captioned investigation will be followed and a report submitted as soon as the APL distribution list is obtained.
Information received that on 7/7/52 subject received a piece of mail at his home address, 103 East 33th Street, New York City, from one J. BENNETT, 2522 Buffalo Road North East, Knoxville, Tenn.

Knoxville requested to identify BENNETT, search indices and forward available background info.
Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

To: Director, FBI (65-59312)  
Attention: 

From: SAC, Cleveland (65-2730)  

Subject: WILLIAM PERL, aka. ESPIONAGE - PERJURY

Enclosed herewith is one roll of Micro-File containing exposures of various documents located in the files of the Chief of Research and Executive Engineer of the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics, Cleveland.

It is requested that the roll be developed and one print of each frame be furnished this Division.

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Syr., Cleveland (65-2730)

WILLIAM PERL, Jr.
Employer - R

Perjury

Reference is made to your letter dated July 9, 1952, transmitting one roll of Micro-File film pertaining to the above-captioned matter.

In accordance with your request, the film has been developed and prints have been made. The prints together with the film are being forwarded to your office herewith.

Inclosure
Date: August 18, 1952

To: Director of Special Investigations
   The Inspector General
   Department of the Air Force
   The Pentagon
   Washington 25, D. C.

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
   Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: WILLIAM PERL, aka.
   ESPIONAGE - PERJURY

Reference is made to your letter of June 6, 1952, in the above-captioned matter to which there was attached a general description sheet of the ten (10)- and twenty (20)-foot Wind Tunnels of Wright-Patterson Air Force Base.

The above is being furnished for your confidential information and no dissemination should be made outside of your organization.

Attachment

APLICRMC.