



August 19, 2020

MR. JOHN GREENEWALD JR.
SUITE 1203
27305 WEST LIVE OAK ROAD
CASTAIC, CA 91384

FOIPA Request No.: 1387622-000
Subject: VON NEUMANN, JOHN

Dear Mr. Greenewald:

The enclosed documents were reviewed under the Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts (FOIPA), Title 5, United States Code, Section 552/552a. Below you will find check boxes under the appropriate statute headings which indicate the types of exemptions asserted to protect information which is exempt from disclosure. The appropriate exemptions are noted on the enclosed pages next to redacted information. In addition, a deleted page information sheet was inserted to indicate where pages were withheld entirely and identify which exemptions were applied. The checked exemption boxes used to withhold information are further explained in the enclosed Explanation of Exemptions.

Section 552		Section 552a	
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118 page(s) were reviewed and 104 page(s) are being released.

Please refer to the enclosed FBI FOIPA Addendum for additional standard responses applicable to your request. **“Part 1”** of the Addendum includes standard responses that apply to all requests. **“Part 2”** includes additional standard responses that apply to all requests for records about yourself or any third party individuals. **“Part 3”** includes general information about FBI records that you may find useful. Also enclosed is our Explanation of Exemptions.

For questions regarding our determinations, visit the www.fbi.gov/foia website under “Contact Us.” The FOIPA Request Number listed above has been assigned to your request. Please use this number in all correspondence concerning your request.

If you are not satisfied with the Federal Bureau of Investigation's determination in response to this request, you may administratively appeal by writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy (OIP), United States Department of Justice, 441 G Street, NW, 6th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20530, or you may submit an appeal through OIP's FOIA STAR portal by creating an account following the instructions on OIP's website: <https://www.justice.gov/oip/submit-and-track-request-or-appeal>. Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within ninety (90) days of the date of my response to your request. If you submit your appeal by mail, both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal." Please cite the FOIPA Request Number assigned to your request so it may be easily identified.

You may seek dispute resolution services by contacting the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS). The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769. Alternatively, you may contact the FBI's FOIA Public Liaison by emailing foipaquestions@fbi.gov. If you submit your dispute resolution correspondence by email, the subject heading should clearly state "Dispute Resolution Services." Please also cite the FOIPA Request Number assigned to your request so it may be easily identified.



See additional information which follows.

The enclosed documents represent the final release of information responsive to your Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts (FOIPA) request.

This material is being provided to you at no charge.

Duplicate copies of the same document were not processed.

Records which may have been responsive to your request were destroyed. Since this material could not be reviewed, it is not known if it was responsive to your request. Record retention and disposal is carried out under supervision of the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), Title 44, United States Code, Section 3301 as implemented by Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 1228; Title 44, United States Code, Section 3310 as implemented by Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 1229.10.

For your additional information, a record that may be responsive to your Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts (FOIPA) request has been transferred to the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). If you wish to review these records, submit a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to NARA, Special Access and FOIA, 8601 Adelphi Road, Room 5500, College Park, MD 20740-6001. Please reference file numbers 100-HQ-344686 and 77-HQ-64804.

Sincerely,



Michael G. Seidel
Acting Section Chief
Record/Information
Dissemination Section
Information Management Division

Enclosure(s)

FBI FOIPA Addendum

As referenced in our letter responding to your Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts (FOIPA) request, the FBI FOIPA Addendum provides information applicable to your request. Part 1 of the Addendum includes standard responses that apply to all requests. Part 2 includes standard responses that apply to requests for records about individuals to the extent your request seeks the listed information. Part 3 includes general information about FBI records, searches, and programs.

Part 1: The standard responses below apply to all requests:

- (i) **5 U.S.C. § 552(c).** Congress excluded three categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIPA [5 U.S.C. § 552(c)]. FBI responses are limited to those records subject to the requirements of the FOIPA. Additional information about the FBI and the FOIPA can be found on the www.fbi.gov/foia website.
- (ii) **Intelligence Records.** To the extent your request seeks records of intelligence sources, methods, or activities, the FBI can neither confirm nor deny the existence of records pursuant to FOIA exemptions (b)(1), (b)(3), and as applicable to requests for records about individuals, PA exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C. §§ 552/552a (b)(1), (b)(3), and (j)(2)]. The mere acknowledgment of the existence or nonexistence of such records is itself a classified fact protected by FOIA exemption (b)(1) and/or would reveal intelligence sources, methods, or activities protected by exemption (b)(3) [50 USC § 3024(i)(1)]. This is a standard response and should not be read to indicate that any such records do or do not exist.

Part 2: The standard responses below apply to all requests for records on individuals:

- (i) **Requests for Records about any Individual—Watch Lists.** The FBI can neither confirm nor deny the existence of any individual's name on a watch list pursuant to FOIA exemption (b)(7)(E) and PA exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C. §§ 552/552a (b)(7)(E), (j)(2)]. This is a standard response and should not be read to indicate that watch list records do or do not exist.
- (ii) **Requests for Records about any Individual—Witness Security Program Records.** The FBI can neither confirm nor deny the existence of records which could identify any participant in the Witness Security Program pursuant to FOIA exemption (b)(3) and PA exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C. §§ 552/552a (b)(3), 18 U.S.C. 3521, and (j)(2)]. This is a standard response and should not be read to indicate that such records do or do not exist.
- (iii) **Requests for Records for Incarcerated Individuals.** The FBI can neither confirm nor deny the existence of records which could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any incarcerated individual pursuant to FOIA exemptions (b)(7)(E), (b)(7)(F), and PA exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C. §§ 552/552a (b)(7)(E), (b)(7)(F), and (j)(2)]. This is a standard response and should not be read to indicate that such records do or do not exist.

Part 3: General Information:

- (i) **Record Searches.** The Record/Information Dissemination Section (RIDS) searches for reasonably described records by searching systems or locations where responsive records would reasonably be found. A standard search normally consists of a search for main files in the Central Records System (CRS), an extensive system of records consisting of applicant, investigative, intelligence, personnel, administrative, and general files compiled by the FBI per its law enforcement, intelligence, and administrative functions. The CRS spans the entire FBI organization, comprising records of FBI Headquarters, FBI Field Offices, and FBI Legal Attaché Offices (Legats) worldwide; Electronic Surveillance (ELSUR) records are included in the CRS. Unless specifically requested, a standard search does not include references, administrative records of previous FOIPA requests, or civil litigation files. For additional information about our record searches, visit www.fbi.gov/services/information-management/foipa/requesting-fbi-records.
- (ii) **FBI Records.** Founded in 1908, the FBI carries out a dual law enforcement and national security mission. As part of this dual mission, the FBI creates and maintains records on various subjects; however, the FBI does not maintain records on every person, subject, or entity.
- (iii) **Requests for Criminal History Records or Rap Sheets.** The Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) Division provides Identity History Summary Checks – often referred to as a criminal history record or rap sheet. These criminal history records are not the same as material in an investigative “FBI file.” An Identity History Summary Check is a listing of information taken from fingerprint cards and documents submitted to the FBI in connection with arrests, federal employment, naturalization, or military service. For a fee, individuals can request a copy of their Identity History Summary Check. Forms and directions can be accessed at www.fbi.gov/about-us/cjis/identity-history-summary-checks. Additionally, requests can be submitted electronically at www.edo.cjis.gov. For additional information, please contact CJIS directly at (304) 625-5590.
- (iv) **National Name Check Program (NNCP).** The mission of NNCP is to analyze and report information in response to name check requests received from federal agencies, for the purpose of protecting the United States from foreign and domestic threats to national security. Please be advised that this is a service provided to other federal agencies. Private Citizens cannot request a name check.

EXPLANATION OF EXEMPTIONS

SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552

- (b)(1) (A) specifically authorized under criteria established by an Executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy and (B) are in fact properly classified to such Executive order;
- (b)(2) related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency;
- (b)(3) specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than section 552b of this title), provided that such statute (A) requires that the matters be withheld from the public in such a manner as to leave no discretion on issue, or (B) establishes particular criteria for withholding or refers to particular types of matters to be withheld;
- (b)(4) trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential;
- (b)(5) inter-agency or intra-agency memorandums or letters which would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with the agency;
- (b)(6) personnel and medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy;
- (b)(7) records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, but only to the extent that the production of such law enforcement records or information (A) could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings, (B) would deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication, (C) could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, (D) could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of confidential source, including a State, local, or foreign agency or authority or any private institution which furnished information on a confidential basis, and, in the case of record or information compiled by a criminal law enforcement authority in the course of a criminal investigation, or by an agency conducting a lawful national security intelligence investigation, information furnished by a confidential source, (E) would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions if such disclosure could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law, or (F) could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual;
- (b)(8) contained in or related to examination, operating, or condition reports prepared by, on behalf of, or for the use of an agency responsible for the regulation or supervision of financial institutions; or
- (b)(9) geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells.

SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552a

- (d)(5) information compiled in reasonable anticipation of a civil action proceeding;
- (j)(2) material reporting investigative efforts pertaining to the enforcement of criminal law including efforts to prevent, control, or reduce crime or apprehend criminals;
- (k)(1) information which is currently and properly classified pursuant to an Executive order in the interest of the national defense or foreign policy, for example, information involving intelligence sources or methods;
- (k)(2) investigatory material compiled for law enforcement purposes, other than criminal, which did not result in loss of a right, benefit or privilege under Federal programs, or which would identify a source who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k)(3) material maintained in connection with providing protective services to the President of the United States or any other individual pursuant to the authority of Title 18, United States Code, Section 3056;
- (k)(4) required by statute to be maintained and used solely as statistical records;
- (k)(5) investigatory material compiled solely for the purpose of determining suitability, eligibility, or qualifications for Federal civilian employment or for access to classified information, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k)(6) testing or examination material used to determine individual qualifications for appointment or promotion in Federal Government service the release of which would compromise the testing or examination process;
- (k)(7) material used to determine potential for promotion in the armed services, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished the material pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence.

This document is made available through the declassification efforts
and research of John Greenewald, Jr., creator of:

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PERSONNEL SECURITY QUESTIONNAIRE

INSTRUCTIONS - All sections must be completed - Write none when applicable - Type or print all answers. If space not adequate for complete answers, attach a supplemental sheet to this form.

1. NAME (Last, First, Middle)
Von Neumann, John

2. OTHER NAMES (Include maiden name, if married woman)
None

3. NORMAL HOME ADDRESS OR PRINCIPAL RESIDENCE FOR PAST 15 YEARS
26 Westcott Road, Princeton, N.J.

4. ALL OTHER PERMANENT ADDRESSES FOR PAST 15 YEARS -
(Apt. of R.F.D. No., Street, City, State, and dates there)
All in Princeton, New Jersey:
1931-1932 Kingston Road
1932-1933 6 Boudinot St.
1933-1935 162 Library Place
1935-1936 Cleveland Lane and Elm Rd.
1936-1937 Library Place and Stockton St.
1937-1938 10 Bayard Lane
1938-1939 85 Stockton St.
1939-date 26 Westcott Rd.

5. DESCRIPTION (Check which) MALE FEMALE
RACE HEIGHT WEIGHT COLOR EYES COLOR HAIR
White 5'8" 180 Brown Brown

6. (Check which) SINGLE DIVORCED MARRIED WIDOW(ER)
7. BIRTH DATE
DAY MONTH YEAR
08 10 1903

8. BIRTHPLACE (City, County, State or County)
Budapest, Hungary

9. CITIZENSHIP U.S.A. (Naturalized)
IF NATURALIZED: DATE

CERTIFICATE NUMBER Jan. 8, 1937
PLACE 4196342

IF ALIEN: PORT OF ENTRY
Princeton, New Jersey

DATE

ALIEN REGISTRATION NUMBER

10. DRAFT CLASSIFICATION F-1
AS A RESULT OF INVESTIGATION CONTAINING

BOARD NO. AND ADDRESS
No. 1, Princeton, N.J.

11. SOCIAL SECURITY NO.

12. MILITARY SERVICE
SERIAL NUMBER None BRANCH None FROM TO (Yr.)

LEGAL RESIDENCE WHEN DISCHARGED
None 11/16 - 1914
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13. EDUCATION (All schools above elementary) 40

NAME OF SCHOOL	ADDRESS	FROM	TO (Yr.)	DEGREES
Univ. of Budapest	Budapest, Hungary	1925	1926	Ph.D.
Federal Inst. of Poly-technics	Zurich, Switzerland	1923	1925	Engineer of Chem.
Univ. of Berlin	Berlin, Germany	1921	1923	

14. EMPLOYMENT (List all employment and dates)

DATE	TYPE OF WORK	NAME OF EMPLOYER (COMPANY OR ORGANIZATION)	ADDRESS (where employed)
1933	Research Inst.	Institute for Advanced Study	Princeton, N.J.
1941	Consultant	U.S. War Dept.	Aberdeen, Md.
1942	Consultant	U.S. Navy Dept.	Washington, D.C.
1941	Member	N.D.R.C. Division 8	" "
1944	Member	N.D.R.C. Division 2	" "
1943	Consultant	University of California	Los Alamos, N. Mex.

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- "Spec to AEC 5/2-47" (written vertically)
- "John Von Neumann" (written diagonally)
- "1931-1932" (written vertically)
- "1933-1935" (written vertically)
- "1936-1937" (written vertically)
- "1938-1939" (written vertically)
- "RWK" (written at bottom)
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- "40" written in a box

14. EMPLOYMENT (Cont'd.)

DATE	TYPE OF WORK	NAME OF EMPLOYER (COMPANY OR ORGANIZATION)	ADDRESS (where employed)
<p>RECORDED ATOMIC ENERGY SECTION MAR 11 9 23 AM '47 F. B. I. U. S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE</p>			

15: FOREIGN COUNTRIES VISITED (Since 1930) (Exclusive of military service)

COUNTRY	DATE LEFT U.S.A.	DATE RET'D U.S.A.	PURPOSE
Hungary, Germany	1930	1931	Vacation trips
Italy, France	1931	1931	
England	1932	1932	
	1933	1933	
	1934	1934	
	1935	1935	
	1936	1936	Scientific lectures in Paris (1936) and Cambridge (1937)
	1937	1937	
	1938	1938	Family Business
England	1943	1943	Government business (Navy Dept.)
Bermuda	1947	1947	Vacation Trip

16.

ALL ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIP

NAME, ADDRESS, TYPE (Inclusive dates and any office held)

Nassau Club	Princeton, N.J. (Social)	1934 to date
Comets Club	Washington, D.C. (Social)	1942 to date
Officers Club	Aberdeen, Md. (Social)	1943 to date

Various scientific societies, including the National Academy of Sciences, Washington, D.C., and the American Philosophical Society, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

17. RELATIVES (parents, spouse, children, brothers and sisters, living or dead)

RELATION	NAME IN FULL	ADDRESS	COUNTRY OF BIRTH	PRESENT CITIZENSHIP
Father	Max Von Neumann	Deceased	Hungary	Hungarian
Mother	Margaret Von Neumann	1719 Spruce St. Phila. Pa.	Hungary	Hungarian
Spouse	Klara D. Von Neumann	26 Westcott Rd. Princeton, N.J.	Hungary	U.S.A.
Child	[Redacted]	" "	U.S.A.	U.S.A.
Brothers	[Redacted]	U. of Illinois (U.S. Army)	Hungary	Hungarian
			Hungary	U.S.A.

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18. REFERENCES (Name three persons, not relatives or employers, who are well acquainted with you)

NAME	ADDRESS	YEARS KNOWN
O. Veblen X	57 Battle Rd. Princeton, N.J.	15
L. E. Simon X	Aberdeen Proving Ground Aberdeen, Md.	5
K. T. Compton X	M.I.T. Cambridge, Mass.	12

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19. ARRESTS (Include all arrests and fines other than ~~minor~~ traffic violations)

CHARGE	DATE	PLACE WHERE ARRESTED	DISPOSITION
None			

The undersigned certifies that the Personnel Department of the University of California, Contract W-7405-eng-36, has in its possession an application signed by the applicant and containing all information required herein.

Margaret E. Miller
~~Authorized Representative, Personnel Dept~~

CERTIFICATION

I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION CONTAINED ABOVE IS CORRECT AND COMPLETE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF. I UNDERSTAND THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES WILL INVESTIGATE THE INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN, AND THAT ANY FALSE STATEMENT IS SUFFICIENT CAUSE FOR REJECTION OF THE APPLICATION OR DISMISSAL AFTER APPOINTMENT.

DATE

USUAL SIGNATURE OR MARK OF EMPLOYEE (Sign Original Only)

TO BE FILLED OUT BY AGENCY OR FIRM EMPLOYING

AGENCY OR FIRM TO EMPLOY APPLICANT	ADDRESS
University of California, Contractor to AEC	P.O. Box 1663, Santa Fe, N. Mex.
BRIEF JOB DESCRIPTION (Job Title, Duties and Location - Description should not reveal classified information)	WILL APPLICANT HAVE ACCESS TO RESTRICTED DATA? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO (Check the one block applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> FINGERPRINT CARD ATTACHED <input type="checkbox"/> T - 1 ATTACHED (RESULTS OF FBI FINGERPRINT FILE CHECK) <input type="checkbox"/> FBI IDENTIFICATION NUMBER
Consultant for Group A 10 (Health) Class I	DO NOT COMPLETE SPACE BELOW
	REFERRED TO F.B.I.
	RECEIVED FROM F.B.I.
Margaret E. Miller Authorized Representative, Personnel Dept SIGNATURE OF APPROVING AUTHORITY OFFICIAL OF EMPLOYING COMPANY CERTIFYING AUTHORITY OF EMPLOYMENT	U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE APR 2 12 39 PM '47 FILES DIVISION

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March 26, 1947

AIR MAIL
SPECIAL DELIVERY

SAC, Newark

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Re: ^① ^① John Van Neumann - ~~is~~ APPLICANT ()
ATOMIC ENERGY ACT OF 1946 - EMPLOYEE ()

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 1/4/01 BY SP2 ALM/EHL

r.e.
1-12-47
G.T.R.

Dear Sir:

You are instructed to conduct an immediate, thorough, discreet investigation concerning the character, associations, and loyalty of the above-named individual in accordance with the provisions of the Atomic Energy Act of 1946. The original and four copies of the report are to be transmitted to the Bureau by special delivery, and by air mail unless ordinary mail is equally speedy, so as to reach the Bureau not later than **April 10, 1947.**

Present address: **22 Westcott Road, Princeton, New Jersey**
Birthdate and birthplace: **December 23, 1903, Budapest, Hungary**
Position involved: **Consultant, University of California, P.O. Box 1663, Santa Barbara, Cal.**
Record from Manhattan Engineer District or Atomic Energy Commission:

Record from Identification Division: None () Attached ()
Record from Bureau files: None () Attached ()
None () Attached ()

A review of the MEO file reflects that a previous investigation of this applicant was conducted in 1945 by the MIO. This investigation revealed that the applicant in 1943 engaged in considerable cable traffic with individuals in Switzerland. This cable traffic was at first considered to be suspicious but later was determined to be harmless in nature. During this investigation the following associates of the applicant at Princeton University were interviewed with favorable results:

- R. S. Allison, Assistant Dean of Faculty, Princeton University
- L. E. Eisenhart, Head of Mathematics Department, Princeton University
- P. Kline, Head of the Department of Civil Engineering, Princeton University
- Frank Lydell, Director of the Institute of Advanced Study, Princeton, New Jersey
- Professor Barton Luroe, School of Mathematics, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, N.J.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover
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John Edgar Hoover
SI Director

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
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WASHINGTON FIELD
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

- Tolson
- E. A. Tamm
- Clegg
- Glavin
- Ladd
- Nichols
- Rosen
- Tracy
- Carson
- Egan
- Gurnea
- Harbo
- Hendon
- Pennington
- Quinn Tamm
- Nease
- rs. Gandy

Attachment
cc - *Callahan*
Washington Field
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H. D. Smythe, Head of Physics Department, Princeton University
H. P. Roberts, Head of Mathematics Department, Princeton University

WASHINGTON FIELD DIVISION: Applicant was a member of the U.S.A.C., Division 3 in 1941 and Division 2 in 1944; applicant was consultant for the Navy Department in 1942 and consultant for the War Department in 1941 at Aberdeen, Maryland.

EL PASO FIELD DIVISION: Applicant employed as consultant, University of California, Los Alamos, N.M. in 1943.

BOSTON FIELD DIVISION: Applicant listed as a reference E. T. Compton, M.I.T., Cambridge, Massachusetts.

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ENCLOSURE

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

APRIL 4, 1947

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Transmit the following message to: SAC, BALTIMORE
EL PASO

TELETYPE - URGENT

JOHN VON NEUMANN DASH THREE, AKA APPLICANT. REBULET MARCH TWENTY-FOUR, NINETEEN FORTY-SEVEN. FOR YOUR INFORMATION BOSTON FIELD DIVISION ADVISED TODAY THAT ON MARCH SEVENTEEN, NINETEEN FORTY-SEVEN, ISRAEL HALPERIN, WHO WAS APPREHENDED BY THE ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE IN FEBRUARY NINETEEN FORTY-SIX, AS A SOVIET AGENT, HAD ATTEMPTED TO CONTACT APPLICANT AT PRINCETON UNIVERSITY BY TELEPHONE UNSUCCESSFULLY. APPLICANT WAS INTERVIEWED BY NEWARK BUREAU AGENTS OCTOBER FOUR, NINETEEN FORTY-SIX, AT WHICH TIME APPLICANT ADVISED HALPERIN WORKED AS A STUDENT UNDER HIS DIRECTION AT PRINCETON UNIVERSITY IN NINETEEN THIRTY-SIX, AND THAT THEY BECAME GOOD FRIENDS AND HAD CONSIDERABLE SOCIAL CONTACT.

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Handwritten initials

- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. E. A. Tamm
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
- Mr. Carson
- Mr. Egan
- Mr. Gurnea
- Mr. Harbo
- Mr. Hendon
- Mr. Pennington
- Mr. Quinn Tamm
- Mr. Nease
- Miss Gandy

Handwritten notes: C-11, 10-3

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Per _____

APRIL 22, 1947

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TELETYPE

SAC, BOSTON

JOHN VON NEWMAN DASH THREE, AEA APPLICANT, REURTEL APRIL NINE
NINETEEN FORTYSEVEN. OMIT INTERVIEW WITH DR. CARL T. COMPTON UNLESS
INDICATES HE POSSESSES DEROGATORY INFORMATION CONCERNING APPLICANT.
SUBMIT REPORT IMMEDIATELY.

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EX - 88

- Mr. Tolson _____
- Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
- Mr. Clegg _____
- Mr. Glavin _____
- Mr. Ladd _____
- Mr. Nichols _____
- Mr. Rosen _____
- Mr. Tracy _____
- Mr. Carson _____
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- Mr. Hendon _____
- Mr. Pennington _____
- Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
- Mr. Nease _____
- Miss Gandy _____

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT BUREAU

FILE NO. 116-213

REPORT MADE AT BALTIMORE, MARYLAND	DATE WHEN MADE 4-8-47	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3-31; 4-5-47	REPORT MADE BY JOHN R. THAYER dep
TITLE JOHN VON NEUMANN - 3			CHARACTER OF CASE ATOMIC ENERGY ACT - APPLICANT

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Professor JOHN VON NEUMANN was appointed as a consultant for the Ballistics Laboratory, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Aberdeen, Md., on August 18, 1942. Applicant has been employed intermittently at Aberdeen from that date to present. By his associates, applicant is regarded to be loyal and patriotic, having fine personal habits and good character. Credit and criminal records negative.

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DETAILS:

Captain B. ROBBINS, Military Intelligence Office, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Aberdeen, Md., furnished the employment record of JOHN VON NEUMANN which disclosed his appointment to Aberdeen Proving Ground was made under Section 8 of the Military Appropriations Act for services when required. Professor VON NEUMANN was first notified of his appointment on Aug. 18, 1942.

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His rate of pay was \$25 per diem ungraded, Ordnance Department at Large, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland. At present, Professor VON NEUMANN is authorized to work at Aberdeen Proving Ground not exceeding 30 days per year. When first appointed, Professor VON NEUMANN was authorized to work not exceeding 180 days per year intermittently or 90 days per year continuously. Approval for Professor VON NEUMANN's employment at Aberdeen Proving Ground has been granted each fiscal year and his present appointment expires June 30, 1947.

Professor VON NEUMANN's file indicates that under date of July 13, 1943 his designation was changed from consultant to technical expert.

On July 9, 1943, a room was set aside for Professor VON NEUMANN at the Officers' Club, Annex #2, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md.

Professor VON NEUMANN's file indicates that on August 16, 1946, he signed a no strike pledge for the War Department at the Aberdeen Proving Ground.

Applicant's personnel file contains no derogatory information, and Captain ROBBINS advised that no complaint of any nature whatever had been received concerning the applicant.

Mr. H. R. FALPAUGH, Security Office, Ballistics Laboratory, Aberdeen Proving Ground, advised that he has known the applicant slightly during the past five years inasmuch as Professor VON NEUMANN was working almost entirely in the Ballistics Laboratory. Mr. FALPAUGH advised that he can furnish no derogatory information of any kind regarding the applicant and states that so far as he knows, the applicant is highly regarded at the Ballistics Laboratory and has displayed no anti-American attitudes of any kind.

Dr. THEODORE STERN, Chief of the Terminal Ballistics Section, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., advised that he has known Professor VON NEUMANN for 15 years both on a social and on a business basis. Dr. STERN advised that he considered Professor VON NEUMANN to be one of the outstanding mathematicians and physicists of the world. Dr. STERN stated that he could definitely assert that the applicant is anti-Nazi and has never been known to exhibit any anti-American or pro-Communist views. Dr. STERN advised that Professor VON NEUMANN is a man of excellent personal habits, good character, and fine morals. According to Dr. STERN, although Professor VON NEUMANN occasionally will take a drink, he has never seen the applicant under the influence of liquor. Dr. STERN also advised that Professor

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VON NEUMANN is regarded very highly by the scientific circles in which he travels. Dr. SIERN advised that he would have no hesitation in recommending the applicant to any job in the United States Government requiring the confidential handling of restricted data.

Mr. L. S. DIEDERICH, Associate Director, Ballistics Laboratory, advised that he has known Professor VON NEUMANN for 4 years. In connection with the applicant's employment at Aberdeen Proving Ground, DIEDERICH advised that the applicant has been closely associated in the designing and operating of computing devices in the Ballistics field and stated that during that time Professor VON NEUMANN has made no anti-American remarks of any kind. DIEDERICH regards the applicant to be a loyal and patriotic American citizen and a man of good character and fine morals. According to DIEDERICH, while Professor VON NEUMANN was working at the Aberdeen Proving Ground he lived at the Officers' Club Annex which is set aside for individuals of scientific grade at Aberdeen Proving Ground. Mr. DIEDERICH advised that he believes the applicant is an associate member of the officers club, and has an excellent reputation, and has never been censured for any unbecoming activities.

Dr. R. H. KENT, Associate Director, Ballistics Laboratory, advised that he has known Professor VON NEUMANN as a scientist for 4 years, and that he regards him to be a patriotic and loyal American citizen as well as a man of excellent personal habits, good character, and fine morals.

COLONEL LEONARD E. SIMON, Director of the Ballistics Laboratory, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Aberdeen, Md., advised that he has known Professor VON NEUMANN since 1939 and regards him to be "the world's greatest living mathematician." Colonel SIMON advised that since 1942 Professor VON NEUMANN has been employed intermittently by the Ballistics Laboratory at Aberdeen Proving Ground in the capacity of consultant and technical expert. Colonel SIMON stated that the applicant's work has been chiefly that of designing computing instruments and setting up experiments in the field of Ballistics. Colonel SIMON advised that Professor VON NEUMANN has often served without pay at Aberdeen Proving Ground and that he is regarded by his scientific associates as being a man of splendid personal habits, good reputation, and fine character. Colonel SIMON advised that he has no reason to question the loyalty and patriotism of the applicant to the American government. According to Colonel SIMON,

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While Professor VON NEUMANN has been at Aberdeen Proving Ground, he lives at the Officers' Club on the Post, and he is an associate member of that club. Colonel SIMON explained that this is a designation given to employees of a scientific rank at Aberdeen Proving Ground. Colonel SIMON advised that the applicant has already handled restricted data in connection with his work at Aberdeen and further advised that he would have no hesitation in trusting Professor VON NEUMANN with top secret information. Colonel SIMON said that he would have no hesitation in recommending the applicant for any position in the United States Government which requires confidential handling of secret or restricted information. X

Dr. R. H. FRAZER, Chief, Internal Ballistics Division, Aberdeen Proving Ground, advised that he has known Professor VON NEUMANN for 4 years both as an associate member of the Aberdeen Proving Ground Officers' Club and as a scientist. Dr. FRAZER advised that Professor VON NEUMANN is regarded as a brilliant mathematician and a man of unqualified loyalty and patriotism toward the United States Government as well as having good personal habits and good moral character.

The records of the Retail Merchants Credit Bureau, Baltimore, Md., were negative concerning the applicant.

Chief BENJAMIN RAY, Aberdeen, Md., searched his records against the name of the applicant with negative results.

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REPORT MADE AT NEWARK, NEW JERSEY	DATE WHEN MADE 4/9/47	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3/28, 31; 4/2, 3, 5/47	REPORT MADE BY JAMES F. MULLEN
TITLE JOHN VON NEUMANN - 3		CHARACTER OF CASE ATOMIC ENERGY ACT - APPLICANT	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Applicant member of faculty of Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, New Jersey since 1933 and presently engaged in research in Mathematics and Physics at Institute. Applicant previously closely associated with the Los Alamos DSM Project, Los Alamos, New Mexico. Stated applicant is one of the greatest geniuses in mathematical physics in the world today. Applicant's name appeared in address book of ISRAEL HALPERIN who was recently acquitted in Canadian spy trial. Investigation reveals applicant became acquainted with HALPERIN at Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton University in 1936 when HALPERIN was studying under applicant in Mathematics Department and association apparently strictly for mutual interest in that subject. In previous interview applicant had stated that technical knowledge of the manufacture of the atomic bomb should not be released. Naturalization records Trenton, New Jersey reflect applicant born December 28, 1903 at Budapest, Hungary and naturalized January 8, 1937 at Trenton, New Jersey. Applicant's second wife, KLARA D. VON NEUMANN, also naturalized at Trenton, New Jersey on December 26, 1942. Reference, acquaintances, neighbors and associates of applicant at Princeton, New Jersey hold applicant and family in high regard. They consider applicant trustworthy, honest, of high moral character and reputation, one who could keep confidence and undoubtedly a loyal, patriotic American citizen. Credit rating satisfactory. No criminal record Princeton. Search of applicant's fingerprints in files of Identification Division of FBI failed to reflect any prior criminal data.

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REFERENCE: Bureau file 116-1914.
Bureau letter dated March 24, 1947.

DETAILS: AT PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

Employment

The records of the Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, New Jersey, reflected that the applicant came to Princeton University in 1930 as a professor of Mathematics and that he was made a member of the faculty at the Institute for Advanced Study in 1933. He is presently engaged in research work at the Institute in Mathematics and Physics.

Reference, Acquaintances and Associates

Dr. FRANK AYDELOTTE, Dean of the Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, New Jersey, advised that he has known the applicant for a period of about 15 years and that applicant had been previously employed as an instructor in the University of Berlin and the University of Zurich, Switzerland, prior to coming to Princeton, New Jersey. According to Dr. AYDELOTTE, applicant came to Princeton in 1930 as a professor of Mathematics at the University and that he was made a member of the faculty at the Institute for Advanced Study in the year 1933.

Dr. AYDELOTTE characterized applicant as being one of the most brilliant mathematicians in the world today, placing him in the category of ALBERT EINSTEIN. According to Dr. AYDELOTTE, applicant is an expert on shock waves and that he has done considerable research work in Mathematics and Physics. He also mentioned that the applicant was closely associated during the war in the atomic bomb project and that he had spent considerable time on this project at Oak Ridge, Tennessee and Los Alamos, New Mexico. Dr. AYDELOTTE stated that the applicant was primarily a scientist and that he had never evidenced any great interest in politics or social problems.

Dr. AYDELOTTE went on to say that he held the applicant and his family in high regard and that he considered the applicant as being trustworthy, honest, one who could undoubtedly keep confidence and that he is of fine moral character and reputation and that there was absolutely no question in his mind concerning the applicant's loyalty. He said that he could vouch for applicant in every possible respect.

Dr. AYDELOTTE further advised that the applicant was divorced from his first wife, MANETTE, in 1937 and that he married his present wife, KLARA VON NEUMANN in Hungary in 1938. Dr. AYDELOTTE mentioned that applicant's first wife was definitely not applicant's type and that he believed she was presently residing somewhere in New York City operating a dress shop. Dr. AYDELOTTE described applicant's present wife, KLARA, as a loyal person who comes from a very prominent family in Hungary. Dr. AYDELOTTE concluded by stating that he could furnish absolutely no derogatory information whatsoever concerning the applicant and his wife and that he would recommend applicant unqualifiedly.

Dr. OSWALD VEBLEN, Mathematics Department, Institute for Advanced Study, and a reference of applicant, stated that he has known the applicant ever since the applicant has been in this country. Dr. VEBLEN went on to say that he himself was partly responsible for the applicant coming to the United States and that the applicant first became known to him through his reputation and his reading about him as a mathematician and physicist in Europe. Dr. VEBLEN recalled that he might have even met applicant at the boat in New York when he first entered the United States. Dr. VEBLEN mentioned that he was a witness for the applicant when he filed petition for naturalization in Trenton, New Jersey quite sometime ago. Dr. VEBLEN was very high in his praise for applicant and he described applicant as being a great genius in mathematical physics and that he ranked with EINSTEIN in ability and intelligence.

Dr. VEBLEN considered applicant honest, trustworthy, and of fine moral character and reputation and one who could undoubtedly keep confidence. Dr. VEBLEN said that there was absolutely no question in his mind about applicant's loyalty to the United States and that he would have no hesitation in recommending applicant.

Dr. H. H. TAYLOR, Dean of the Graduate School and Head of the Chemistry Department, Princeton University, advised that the applicant was first associated with the Mathematics Department at the University in 1930 and that he transferred to the Institute for Advanced Study at Princeton approximately three years later. Dr. TAYLOR was very high in his praise for applicant and mentioned that it was absolutely ridiculous for any person to doubt the loyalty, patriotism and integrity of applicant. Dr. TAYLOR

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characterized applicant as being the greatest genius of mathematical physics in this country today.

Dr. L. P. EISENKART, Mathematics Department, Princeton University, was interviewed and he stated that he has known the applicant for quite some time. He mentioned that the applicant was born in Hungary; that he served as a professor at the University of Berlin, Germany and as a professor at the University of Zurich, Switzerland before coming to the United States. Dr. EISENKART said that the applicant had worked on different phases of the atomic bomb during the war and that there was absolutely no question in his mind concerning applicant's loyalty and his ability to keep confidence.

Dr. EISENKART went on to say that applicant, from his experience with him, was completely trustworthy and that he knew of no derogatory information about him. Dr. EISENKART stated that the applicant was primarily interested in Mathematics and Physics and that to his knowledge he had never heard the applicant evidence any interest in politics or social problems.

Dr. ALBERT EINSTEIN, Professor Emeritus of the Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, advised that he knew applicant, having become closely associated with him at the Institute. Dr. EINSTEIN spoke very highly of applicant and he considered the applicant as a person who could be thoroughly trusted with secretive information and one who was undoubtedly loyal and a patriotic American citizen.

Dr. M. H. NICHOLS, Department of Physics, Palmer Laboratories, Princeton, New Jersey, advised that he had been acquainted with applicant since 1940. He stated that he had worked with the applicant on a project which was not connected with Princeton. He stated that he classed applicant as one of the world's best mathematicians and advised that he considered him a loyal American. He stated that he had no knowledge of the applicant's political beliefs.

Dr. HENRY D. SMYTHE, Department of Physics, Palmer Physical Laboratory, Princeton, New Jersey, was interviewed and stated that he had known the applicant approximately 15 years and that he has known him very well for a period of seven or eight years. Dr. SMYTHE stated that he knew applicant's wife very well also and he classed her as the most passionately loyal American that he knew. Dr. SMYTHE further stated that he considered the applicant's loyalty of such a nature that no foreign power would even

consider contacting him for information. He stated that he knew the applicant lived up to the letter his loyalty with respect to his confidential work and did not even talk to him, Dr. SMYTHE, on the Manhattan Engineering Project which was closely associated until it was approved by the War Department.

Dr. SMYTHE stated that he did not consider the applicant a likely prospect for any foreign government to contact and that he further did not consider the applicant a likely contact for any of the American Communists.

Neighborhood

Mrs. G. P. TSCHIBOTARIOFF, 21 Westcott Road, who resides directly across the street from the applicant, advised that she has known the applicant and his wife and small child slightly for a period of four to five years. She said that applicant made a very good neighbor; that to her knowledge he has never caused any trouble whatsoever in the neighborhood and that from what she knew of him he was of fine moral character and reputation and a reliable, trustworthy person. She had no reason to doubt applicant's loyalty or patriotism to the United States.

Mrs. KATE MORGAN, 10 Westcott Road, Princeton, advised that she has known the applicant and his family for a period of two or three years. She mentioned that she very seldom saw the family but her associations with applicant and his family have been of the best and she could furnish no derogatory information concerning them.

Mrs. JOHN C. DIELHENN of 34 Westcott Road, Princeton, advised that she has known the applicant and his wife for a period of four years and mentioned that they made very good neighbors; kept to themselves most of the time and that she had no reason to doubt their integrity and loyalty.

Reference letter from the Bureau sets out other previous residences of applicant in Princeton, New Jersey. However, investigation at and in the neighborhood of these residences disclosed that no one was sufficiently familiar with applicant or his family to furnish information concerning them.

Reference letter from the Bureau also sets out that applicant has been a member of the Nassau Club, Princeton University since 1934. Miss HOUSTON SCOTT, Secretary to the Dean of the Graduate School, Princeton University, stated that the Nassau Club in Princeton is a social club whose members consist of various professors at the University and various businessmen in the town of Princeton. She stated that this club meets once a week

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in Princeton and that usually a prominent speaker talks to its members.

Background

Reference Bureau letter sets out that a review of the Manhattan Engineering District file reflects that a previous investigation of this applicant was conducted in 1943 by the Military Intelligence Division. This investigation revealed that the applicant in 1942 engaged in considerable cable traffic with individuals in Switzerland. This cable traffic was at first considered to be suspicious but later was determined to be harmless in nature. During this investigation the following associates of the applicant at Princeton University were interviewed with favorable results.

E. C. ALBION, Assistant Dean of Faculty, Princeton University

L. P. EISENKANT, Head of the Mathematics Department, Princeton University

P. KISSANE, Head of the Department of Civil Engineering, Princeton University

FRANK AYDELOTTE, Director of the Institute of Advanced Study, Princeton University

Professor MARSTON MORSE, School of Mathematics, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, New Jersey

H. D. SMYTHE, Head of the Physics Department, Princeton University

H. P. ROBERTS, Head of the Mathematics Department, Princeton University

A review of the indices of this office reflects the following concerning the applicant. Applicant's name was contained in an address book found by the [redacted] among the personal effects of ISRAEL HALPERIN at the time of HALPERIN's original apprehension in February, 1946 in the Canadian spy trial case. It is to be noted that ISRAEL HALPERIN has been identified as an important Soviet espionage agent who was furnishing the most highly confidential and important information to representatives of Red Army intelligence. On the basis of the above applicant was interviewed by Agents of this office on October 4, 1946 for the purpose of determining the basis of his association with ISRAEL HALPERIN.

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At this time applicant mentioned that he had known ISRAEL HALPERIN very well while HALPERIN was working under him in the Institute for Advanced Study at Princeton University in 1936. Applicant had mentioned that the association between himself and HALPERIN was similar to that of a student working under a professor for a Ph. D. degree, and in addition to that applicant stated that he became a good friend of HALPERIN and had considerable social contact with him.

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During the interview applicant stated that HALPERIN was considerably to the left politically, being very enthusiastic over the Marxist philosophy. Applicant stated, however, that Marxism was definitely a secondary interest for HALPERIN and that he, HALPERIN, became much more excited about a mathematical problem than he did about Marxism.

During this interview applicant further advised that HALPERIN corresponded with him when he, applicant, made one of his yearly trips to Hungary which ended in 1938. According to applicant, the correspondence that he had with HALPERIN at that time concerned a mathematical problem that HALPERIN was working on at the time. The address which was mentioned in HALPERIN's address book was that of the summer home of applicant's family in Budapest, Hungary. Applicant went on to say that he did not see HALPERIN after he left Princeton University until 1940 when he, the applicant, was lecturing at the University of Washington in Seattle.

According to applicant, HALPERIN came to the University of Washington as a student and spent considerable time with the applicant during the six weeks summer session. The applicant explained that he and HALPERIN had much in common because of their mutual interest in a certain phase of mathematics. Applicant further mentioned that no further contact with HALPERIN was had by him until he accidentally met him in June 1945 in Montreal, Canada. The applicant was in Montreal for a Mathematics Congress and he met HALPERIN there at which time HALPERIN was in the uniform of a Canadian Army officer. According to applicant, they talked for about one hour about old times and applicant stated that no mention was made of his connection with the atomic bomb project.

Concerning his own background, applicant at this time stated that from 1930 to 1938 he took yearly trips to Europe during which he lectured at the universities at Europe and also visited his family in Budapest, Hungary. He stated that he went to England in 1943 on a mission for the Navy and that he has not been abroad since. After his return applicant stated that he became acquainted with the Los Alamos Project at Los Alamos, New Mexico and that he remains a consultant on the Los Alamos Project having just recently returned from Santa Fe, New Mexico.

During this interview applicant was asked for his opinion regarding keeping confidential the secret of the atomic bomb and he stated without qualification that he believes that all of the information should not be made public. He stated, however, that there are certain physical

principles that he believes could well be made public and that their release would create good will. He further mentioned that he believed some of these principles would be discovered within a year or so by most nations anyway and that the release of these principles would only be for the advancement of science and that their release would not endanger the secret of the atomic bomb itself. He stated definitely, however, that the technical knowledge of the manufacture of the bomb should not be released.

Miss MARTHA STONE, Deputy Clerk, U. S. District Court Clerk's Office, Trenton, New Jersey, produced a declaration of intention number 859 which was filed by applicant then residing at Princeton, New Jersey. This declaration of intention reflected that applicant was of Hungarian nationality, the Magyar race. He was born in Budapest, Hungary on December 28, 1903 and was married to MANETTE VON NEUMANN on January 1, 1930 at Budapest, Hungary. It was revealed that MANETTE was born at Budapest, Hungary on September 7, 1909 and that she entered the United States At New York City on January 28, 1930.

It is to be noted that applicant is presently divorced from MANETTE and that he is now married to KLARA D. VON NEUMANN.

The records also reflected that the last foreign address of applicant was Berlin, Germany and that he immigrated to the U. S. from Bremen, Germany on the SS BREMEN on January 28, 1930.

Petition for Naturalization number 1778 was filed by applicant then residing at 20 Bayard Lane, Princeton, New Jersey. He listed his wife as MANETTE and one child, [redacted] in New York City. Information was also furnished that the child lived with him. References on this petition were H. P. ROBERTSON of 180 Prospect Avenue, Princeton, New Jersey and Professor OSWALD VEBLEEN of 58 Battle Road, Princeton, New Jersey. Certificate of Naturalization number 4196342 was issued to applicant on January 8, 1937.

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The records of Local Draft Board 1, Princeton, New Jersey, reflected that the applicant furnished information that he was employed at the Institute for Advanced Study at Princeton. He also furnished information to the effect that he was also employed as a member of the Scientific Advisory Committee of the U. S. Department of War. His family was listed as himself, KLARA VON NEUMANN, his wife, age 30, and his child [redacted] [redacted] It was indicated that [redacted] his child, spent part of her time with applicant and part of her time with his first wife.

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There is a letter on file at the Draft Board from the Bureau of Ordnance in the Department of Navy, Washington, D. C. dated September 14, 1942 advising that applicant was engaged in primary offensive and defensive marine warfare and in the protection of ships and that his work was confidential. He entered on duty with this Bureau of the Navy on July 15, 1942 and was paid \$25 a day for his work as a contract physicist and mathematician. It was indicated that the applicant was one of the best qualified mathematical physicists in the country.

In a report dated October 9, 1945 at the Trenton Credit Association, Trenton, New Jersey it was revealed that applicant derives an income of approximately \$20,000 annually in his position; that he owns property at his present address, 26 Westcott Road, Princeton, New Jersey, valued at approximately \$30,000. There was a mortgage on this home dated May 6, 1939 in the amount of \$26,528 and that the mortgagee was the Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton. The records further reflected that applicant maintained a very satisfactory account with the Institute and that his credit rating in Princeton and vicinity is satisfactory.

It was revealed through the records of the Trenton Credit Association that the applicant's first wife, Mrs. MANETTE VON NEUMANN, filed suit for divorce against the applicant on November 3, 1937 charging cruelty.

The following information was on file at the U. S. District Court, Clerk's Office, Trenton, New Jersey for applicant's present wife, KLARA VON NEUMANN. In Certificate of Arrival number 3225742 it was indicated that she arrived in New York City on December 15, 1938 on the SS QUEEN MARY. Petition for Naturalization number 5444 was filed under the name of KLARA VON NEUMANN, 26 Westcott Road, Princeton in the District Court of the U. S. at Trenton, New Jersey. Occupation was listed as housewife and that she was born on August 18, 1911 in Budapest, Hungary; that she was married to applicant on November 18, 1938 in Budapest, Hungary; that she immigrated to the United States from Southampton, England and landed in New York. References on this petition were HAROLD P. ROBERTSON, 175 Prospect Avenue, Trenton, New Jersey and HENRY DE W. SMYTHE, Lafayette Road, Princeton, New Jersey. Both of these individuals are professors at Princeton. Certificate of Naturalization number 5760792 was issued to KLARA VON NEUMANN on December 26, 1942.

Chief of Police EDWARD MAHAN, Princeton Police Department, Princeton, New Jersey, advised that there was no record of applicant ever

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having been arrested there.

A search of the applicant's fingerprints in the files of the Identification Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington, D. C. failed to reflect any prior criminal data in reference to applicant.

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TITLE JOHN VON NEUMANN - 3 aka, John R. Von Neumann		CHARACTER OF CASE ATOMIC ENERGY ACT - APPLICANT	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS <i>100-284616 11201 1/19/54 1/20/54 1/21/54</i>	VON NEUMANN employed by University of California at Los Alamos, New Mexico, Project, as consultant in applied mathematics and thermo-dynamics, intermittently since October, 1943. Services rendered by him considered extremely valuable. Director of that Project, recommends applicant highly in all respects. No credit or criminal record Los Alamos or Santa Fe, New Mexico. - RUC - <i>add to A7SWP by memo of 4/11/54 amb</i>		
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<p><u>At Los Alamos, New Mexico</u></p> <p>The file maintained by the Personnel Office of the University of California, Los Alamos, New Mexico, regarding the applicant was made available by Miss DOROTHY CARTER of that office. An examination of this file reflected that JOHN R. VON NEUMANN had first been employed by the University of California at the Los Alamos Project on October 2, 1943, in the capacity of a consultant and has made periodic visits to that Project, in the same capacity. The file otherwise contained no information of pertinence. It consisted largely of administrative correspondence in regard to compensation and travelling arrangements in connection with VON NEUMANN's visits to Los Alamos. Miss CARTER informed that the applicant's stays at Los Alamos were generally of three or four weeks duration and that he occupied temporary living quarters while there. Other than the data that was contained in his file and the above, she could furnish no information</p>			
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about the applicant. She recommended Dr. BRADBURY, Director of the Project, as being the person best able to furnish information concerning the applicant.

Dr. W. E. BRADBURY, Director of the Los Alamos Project, advised that VON NEUBAUER has been regularly utilized as a consultant at Los Alamos in the fields of applied mathematics and thermo-dynamics in connection with the development of the Atomic Energy Project since 1943. He stated that he personally has only been associated with the applicant in this connection since 1944 but he is aware that VON NEUBAUER was active in this respect during 1943.

The services rendered by the applicant, Dr. BRADBURY stated, have been extremely valuable and in fact, at the present time, he is attempting to complete arrangements whereby VON NEUBAUER's services can be obtained more frequently than heretofore. Dr. BRADBURY advised that he has a high personal regard for the applicant, whom he regards as a completely loyal citizen and of whom he has never heard or observed anything of a derogatory nature. He informed that VON NEUBAUER's associates are the highest type of individuals and that he has never known, or heard, of the applicant showing any subservitive tendencies or associating with persons having such a reputation. He also advised that VON NEUBAUER rendered exceptional service to the Navy Department in connection with some of their wartime experimental work.

CREDIT AND CRIMINAL RECORDS

At Los Alamos, New Mexico

Captain H. D. WISE, Provost Marshal, caused a search to be made of the files of his office for a possible record relating to the applicant and subsequently advised that the search had been made with negative results.

At Santa Fe, New Mexico

The files of the Merchant's Credit Association were reported by BERT BROWN, Manager of that service, to contain no record of the applicant.

The records of the Santa Fe Police Department and of the New Mexico State Police, Santa Fe, New Mexico, were searched by Sergeant TOM GONZALES and Officer ARCHIE WHITE, respectively, but no record of the applicant was on file.

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For the information of the Bureau, the data contained in Bureau teletype to the El Paso and Baltimore Field Divisions dated April 4, 1947, are not being included in this report, inasmuch as it appears that this information will be reported properly by other offices. No information relative to this data was disclosed in the El Paso Field Division.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **BUREAU**

FILE NO. **116-875**

REPORT MADE AT WASHINGTON, D. C.	DATE WHEN MADE 4-9-47	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3/26-29; 4/1-5, 7-8/47.	REPORT MADE BY GUY HOTTEL	FDB:MAH
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TITLE JOHN VON NEUMANN - 3	CHARACTER OF CASE A. E. A. APPLICANT
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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Applicant member of N. D. R. C. February 26, 1941 to September 4, 1942, and April 1, 1944 to May 17, 1946, without compensation. Was contract employee, Consultant for Navy Bureau of Ordnance September 7, 1942 to August 31, 1945. Is "Expert" for War Department, Aberdeen, Md., as of September 20, 1940. ONI cleared him for Navy employment in 1942.

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- REFERENCE:**
1. Bureau file #116-1914
 2. Bureau letter March 24, 1947.
 3. WFO teletype to Director, SAC's, Newark and Baltimore.

DETAILS AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

This investigation was conducted by Special Employee Frederick D. Baker, Jr.

Information obtained from the records of the Office of Scientific Research and Development reflect that John Von Neumann was appointed a Consultant, Sec. A-1, Div. B, February 26, 1941, in the National Defense Research

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Committee as an expert on explosives, on a part-time voluntary basis without compensation. He resigned effective September 4, 1942, in view of contemplated work for the Navy Department.

He was reappointed in the N. D. R. Co., Div. 2, as Consultant, April 1, 1944, which appointment terminated May 17, 1946.

The records of the Bureau of Ordnance, Navy Department show that the applicant was employed by that bureau September 7, 1942, for intermittent duty at twenty-five dollars per diem as a consultant on research and explosives. Personnel services contracts were executed for each period of employment, the last one terminating on August 31, 1945. The Office of Naval Intelligence cleared him for this employment in 1942. The CNI file revealed that the applicant had been an associate of Oscar Morganstern, Professor of Economics at Princeton, N. J., who was described as a "dangerous German alien"; K. A. SCHLESSEN, Vice President of Wilmington Chemical Association; and one DR. VELLA WILSON.

War Department records reflect that the applicant is presently on active appointment, as of September 20, 1940, as an "Expert", employed by the War Department Bureau of Ordnance, Aberdeen, Md., at \$25.00 per diem, for not more than 90 days continuous service or 180 days intermittent service for any one fiscal year. Employment authority has been granted each year.

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By teletype dated April 9, 1947, the Newark and Baltimore F. O.'s were advised of the applicant's associates for their information and possible assistance in conducting their phases of this investigation.

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JOHN VON NEUMANN, DASH THREE, AEA APPLICANT. DR. CARL T. COMPTON LISTED AS REFERENCE BY APPLICANT WILL NOT RETURN TO HIS HOME UNTIL AROUND APRIL EIGHTEENTH. HE IS PRESENTLY ON A BUSINESS TRIP THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES MAKING ONLY ONE DAY STOPS. HE WILL BE INTERVIEWED IMMEDIATELY UPON HIS RETURN. BUREAU DEADLINE WAS SET FOR APRIL TEN.

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JOHN VON NEUMANN DASH THREE, AEA APPLICANT. BUREAU LETTER DATED MARCH TWENTYFOUR, FORTYSEVEN TO NEWARK, COPY TO BOSTON; BUREAU FILE ONE SIXTEEN DASH NINETEEN FOURTEEN, SETS OUT LEAD FOR BOSTON TO INTERVIEW K. T. COMPTON, M. I. T., CAMBRIDGE, MASS. COMPTON NOW STOPPING AT HALEKULANI HOTEL, HONOLULU, HAWAII UNTIL APRIL NINETEEN, NINETEEN FORTYSEVEN. BUREAU LETTER AND FOLLOWING INFORMATION FROM BOSTON. FILES BEING FORWARDED AMSD TO HONOLULU IN ORDER TO COVER THIS LEAD AS BUREAU DEADLINE IS APRIL TEN, NINETEEN FORTYSEVEN. REFERENCE BOSTON FILES TO APPLICANT SETS OUT IN REPORT OF SPECIAL AGENT JOHN B. DAVIDSON DATED BOSTON OCTOBER ELEVEN, NINETEEN FORTYSIX, THAT ~~ISRAEL HALPERIN~~ ISRAEL HALPERIN, WHO WAS APPREHENDED BY THE [REDACTED] IN FEBRUARY NINETEEN FORTYSIX, AS A SOVIET ESPIONAGE AGENT, HAD WORKED WITH APPLICANT AT PRINCETON UNIVERSITY. LETTER DATED FEBRUARY FIFTEEN, NINETEEN FORTYSIX FROM EL PASO TO DIRECTOR STATED THAT APPLICANT WAS ONE OF THE SCIENTISTS FORMERLY ASSOCIATED WITH THE LOS ALAMOS DSM PROJECT, LOS ALAMOS, NEW MEXICO. ND BOS TS TWO ONE FOUR, ADVISED ON MARCH SEVENTEEN, NINETEEN FORTYSEVEN, THAT ISRAEL HALPERIN ~~WAS TO~~ CONTACT APPLICANT AT PRINCETON, N. J., AT TELEPHONE PRINCETON TWO ONE EIGHT SIX BUT WAS UNSUCCESSFUL.

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JOHN VON NEUMANN, THREE, AEA APPLICANT. REURTEL APRIL TWENTYTWO, FORTY-SEVEN. DR. KARL T. COMPTON POSSESSES NO DEROGATORY INFORMATION CONCERNING APPLICANT. REPORT FOLLOWS.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **BUREAU**

FILE NO. 116-183

REPORT MADE AT BOSTON, MASS.	DATE WHEN MADE 4/29/47	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 4/4, 9, 28/47	REPORT MADE BY WILLIAM D. CRONIN
TITLE JOHN VON NEUMANN-3		CHARACTER OF CASE ATOMIC ENERGY ACT APPLICANT	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p>Dr. KARL T. COMPTON of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, advised through his Secretary, that Applicant is 100 per cent American and thoroughly patriotic. He knows of nothing detrimental concerning the Applicant.</p>			
REFERENCE <p>Bureau File 116-1914 Bureau letter to Newark dated 3/24/47</p>			
DETAILS: <p><u>Reference</u></p> <p>Dr. KARL T. COMPTON of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Massachusetts, upon his return from Honolulu reported, through his Secretary, Miss ANN LEADY, the following:</p> <p>Although he had not had any close contact with the Applicant for the past few years, he has heard of him from other mutual acquaintances from time to time. Dr. COMPTON explained that he considered NEUMANN to be 100 per cent American and that he never had any reason to question his patriotism. He said that he considered him to be thoroughly patriotic and would recommend him highly for a confidential position. Dr. COMPTON made it known that he has never heard anything detrimental concerning the Applicant.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN</p>			
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The investigation of this case in the Boston area was primarily handled by Special Agent Daniel J. Griffin who encountered difficulty in contacting Dr. COMPTON, Applicant's reference, because of his absence from the country.

In view of Bureau teletype dated April 22, 1947 to omit interview with Dr. COMPTON unless he indicated that he possessed derogatory information concerning the Applicant, arrangements were made by Special Agent Daniel J. Griffin to have Miss LEAHY, Dr. COMPTON's Secretary, contact him in this matter. Miss LEAHY was telephonically contacted by the writer on April 28, 1947 and the information set forth in the details was obtained. The personal interview with Dr. COMPTON was therefore omitted.

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116-1914-16
Atomic Energy Commission
Building T-3
16th and Constitution Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Attention: Mr. Francis R. Hammack
Acting Director
Division of Security

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

Subject: JOHN VON NEUMANN
ATOMIC ENERGY ACT - EMPLOYEE *
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~~RECEIVED BY SP 2 ALM/PHC~~
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Reference is made to your letter dated April 18, 1950, requesting advice as to whether this Bureau has received any information which might indicate association or communication between Dr. Von Neumann and Halperin other than set forth in the report previously furnished or any other information which might have derogatory implications.

The files of this Bureau fail to reflect the receipt of any additional information pertinent to your inquiry.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (File 116-1914) DATE: 9/18/53

FROM : ^{DAH}~~SA~~ SAC, NEWARK (File 116-119)SUBJECT: JOHN VON NEUMANN-SF-10806-NY
AEA E# 38448
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DATE 4/4/01 BY SP3 ALM/EHC

This case will be delinquent.

Date of Bureau deadline: 9/18/53

Reason for the delinquency: ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION

Date the report or necessary communication
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, ALBUQUERQUE (Your file) DATE: October 16, 1953

FROM : ~~Director~~, FBI 116-1914SUBJECT: JOHN VON NEWMANN - SF - 10806 - NY
AEAE#384148
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- (X) The deadline in this case has passed and the Bureau has not received a report. You are instructed to immediately submit a report. In the event a report has been submitted, you should make a notation of the date on which it was submitted on this letter and return it to the Bureau.

Report submitted _____

Report will be submitted JAN 15 1954

Reason for delay _____

- () Advise Bureau re status of this case.
- () Advise Bureau when report may be expected.
- (X) Surep immediately.

(Place your reply on this form and return to the Bureau. Note on the top serial in the case file the receipt and acknowledgment of this communication.)

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York (Your file

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FROM : Director, FBI 116 1914

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SUBJECT: John Von Newmann — SF 10806-NY
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Report submitted 9/25/53 ✓

Report will be submitted _____

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC *Knottville* (Your file) *116 48882*FROM : Director, FBI *116 1914*SUBJECT: *JOHN VON NEWMANN — SF-10806-NY*
*AEA — Ended 9/18/53*DATE: *9/25/53*
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Report submitted _____

Report will be submitted *11/25/53* _____Reason for delay *Volume of investigative matters with prior Bureau.* _____

- () Advise Bureau re status of this case.
- () Advise Bureau when report may be expected.
- () Surep immediately.

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NINETEEN THIRTYFIVE TO FORTYONE; PHYSICIST, COLUMBIA UNIV., NYC, APRIL, FORTYONE
TO JUNE, FORTYTWO; PHYSICIST, METALLURGICAL LAB., CHICAGO, FORTYTWO TO FORTYTWO;
JUN. SEVEN, APRIL FORTYTHREE TO FORTYSIX; UNIV. OF CHICAGO, FORTYSIX TO FORTYTWO;
FOR SEVERAL MONTHS TO DATE. TELLER, IN PAST, HAS BEEN ASSOCIATE OF SEVERAL
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BETHLEHEM AS MENTIONED. DR. NEUBAUER, PRESENTLY ASSOCIATED WITH INSTITUTE OF ADVANCED
STUDIES, PRINCETON UNIV., REPORTEDLY PLANS SOUTH AMERICAN VACATION IN NEAR FUTURE.
SAC, NEWARK REQUESTED TO INTERVIEW VON NEUBAUER AS TO KNOWLEDGE OF TELLER, NEWARK
ALSO REQUESTED TO INTERVIEW DR. WILHELM, FORMER HUMANITARIAN SCIENTIST, ALSO AT
PRINCETON, AND REPORTEDLY AN ACQUAINTANCE OF TELLER. ALBUQUERQUE ORIGIN.

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Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM : SAC, ALBUQUERQUE (117-0)
SUBJECT: JOHN VON NEUMANN-3
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DATE: 8/5/52

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The AEC Security Office at Los Alamos, New Mexico, has advised that the subject and his wife will leave the United States about August 10, 1952, on a trip to Europe and will return to the United States about September 6, 1952. The purpose of this trip is primarily for the subject to attend the 8th International Congress of Applied and Theoretical Mechanics to be held at Istanbul from August 20 to August 28, 1952.

The approximate itinerary of the subject contemplates he will leave New York by airplane for Milan, Italy, about August 10 or if Government transportation is provided, he will leave from Westover Field, Massachusetts, and go to Frankfort, Germany. In either event, he plans to go on to Venice, Italy, where he will stay from August 12 to 15. He will leave Venice on the motorship, M. S. Barletta of the Adriatic Line for Istanbul on August 15 arriving there about August 19. Enroute, this ship will stop at Bari, Patias, and Piracus. From August 20 to 28 he will attend the 8th International Congress of Applied and Theoretical Mechanics in Istanbul.

Subject will leave Istanbul by airplane for Athens, Greece, on August 28. He will then travel for pleasure in Greece, returning to the United States by airplane on September 4, 1952.

The above is furnished for the Bureau's information and no action is contemplated by this office.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

SAC,

AIR MAIL

RE:

ATOMIC ENERGY ACT - EMPLOYEE

FOI # 384148

REINVESTIGATION

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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DATE 1/5/01 BY SP2 AKA/ELC

Dear Sir:

You are instructed to conduct an immediate, thorough, discreet investigation concerning the character, associates, and loyalty of the above-named individual in accordance with the provisions of the Atomic Energy Act of 1946.

Reports and correspondence in this case should reflect the character as AEAE.

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- Present address:
- Birthdate and birthplace:
- Social Security Number:
- Firm to employ and position involved:

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

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LEW:wjt

116-1044

RE: JOHN VON NEUMANN - SF - 10806 - NY

A R A E

Conduct full investigation.

BALTIMORE - 1940 to date, Sci. Advisory Comm., B. N. L., Aberdeen, Maryland.

ALBUQUERQUE - 1943 to date, Los Alamos, Sci. Lab., Los Alamos, New Mexico.

KNOXVILLE - 1947 to date, Oak Ridge National Lab., Oak Ridge, Tenn.

SAN FRANCISCO - 1950 to date, Univ. of Calif. Radiation Lab., Berkeley, Calif.

NEW YORK - Mother, Margaret von Neumann, 167 Hicks St., Brooklyn, New York.

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EL PASO - Forward your file 115-21 to Albuquerque.

MEMPHIS - See NK teletype dated 8-3-50 captioned Dr. Edward Teller AUSA, SM-C which reflects association with Teller and Emil Klaus Fuchs. (116-2713-50).

See NK file [REDACTED] & report dated 4-2-51 and NK letter dated 10-26-50 reflects association with Dr. Leopold Infeld. [REDACTED]

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Refer to your letter dated 7-3-47 captioned Committee for Foreign Correspondence. IS-R (NK 100-31612), which reflects that one Baumman was a research assistant to von Neumann and possibly identical with one Baumman who was a member of the CP. Identify Baumman and report pertinent information. (100-31612-100)

Include following paragraph in your report:

The personnel files of the University of California reflect that Garrett Binkhoff was recommended to the University of California by Dr. John von Neumann of Princeton University. Investigative reports concerning Garrett Binkhoff have been previously furnished to the Atomic Energy Commission. (100-31612-100)

ALL OFFICES - A Japanese subject, Kirosi Isaki, whose name appeared in notebook of Israel Halperin, advised that he had written to both Halperin and von Neumann in quest of scientific articles, etc. Isaki advised that Halperin in conjunction with von Neumann had put out a study on a topic dealing with "Percepting mappings."

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

8/3/53

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

SAC, NEWARK

AIR MAIL

RE: JOHN VON NEUMANN - SF - 10806

ATOMIC ENERGY ACT - EMPLOYEE

REINVESTIGATION

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Birthdate and birthplace:
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~~ATTACHMENT~~

LEW:mhb

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

8/3/53

SAC, NEWARK

RE: JOHN VON NEUMANN - SF - 10806

NEWARK: Refer your file 100-33479, Report of Raymond L. Faisst 4/14/50 at Springfield entitled Abraham Haskel Taub reflects association with Von Neumann and Neumann's association with Israel Halperin. (100-366605-15)

Refer your file 39-0, NK letter 12/21/42 captioned Klara Von Neuman-Naturalization Matter. The information appearing on page 3, paragraph 3 concerning German Library of Information was not previously reported. Include in your report. (100-171733)

Include pertinent information contained in NK airtel 5/19/53 concerning information from "Sed Neves Deutschland" in your report attributing information to Informant of Known reliability. For your information no copy of State Dept. Communication is located in Bureau files.

ROUTING SLIP

FD-4
(5-12-52)

Date 1/12/54, 1954

Memo To: DIRECTOR, FBI

SAC Title: JOHN VON NEUMANN
ASAC SF-10806-NY
Supervisor 384148 AEAE
Agent ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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Clerk DATE 1/4/01 BY SP2 ALM/BJL
Chief Clerk
Special Employee File No. NK 116-119

ACTION DESIRED

- Assign to Open Case
- Acknowledge Prepare Tickler
- Bring File Reassign to _____
- Call Me Recharge serials
- See Me Search and Return
- Correct Send serials _____
- Delinquent to _____
- Expedite Submit new charge-out
- File Submit report by _____
- Leads need attention Type
- Read, Initial and Return Serials
- Return
- Undeveloped leads in your district awaiting attention.

Re Bureau routing slip 1/11/54.

Please advise identity of Confidential Informant T-3, as reflected on corrected page 5a of report of SA WILLIAM R. RIGGS, 9/23/53, Newark.

*Wanted
by 1/29/54*

W. S. Hostetter
S.A.C. D. S. Hostetter
Office Newark

(In intra office use return this with notation as to action taken or explanation.)

PERSONNEL SECURITY QUESTIONNAIRE

INSTRUCTIONS.—All sections must be completed. Write "None" when applicable. Type or print all answers. If space not adequate for complete answers, attach a supplemental sheet to this form. All addresses must show street number, street, city, and State.

1. NAME (Last, first, middle)		5. DESCRIPTION: (Check which) <input type="checkbox"/> MALE <input type="checkbox"/> FEMALE			
von Neumann, John SF-10806 NY		RACE	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	COLOR EYES
2. OTHER NAMES (Include maiden name, if married woman)		6. (Check which)			
none		<input type="checkbox"/> SINGLE <input type="checkbox"/> DIVORCED		7. BIRTH DATE	
3. PRESENT ADDRESS		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MARRIED <input type="checkbox"/> WIDOW(ER)		DAY	MONTH
26 Westcott Road, Princeton, N. J.	DATE 1940 to present			28	Dec
4. ALL OTHER ADDRESSES FOR PAST 15 YEARS		8. BIRTHPLACE (City, county, State, and country)			
Peacock Inn, Bayard Lane, Princeton, N.J.	DATE 1938-1939	9. CITIZENSHIP: U.S. <input type="checkbox"/> ALIEN <input type="checkbox"/>			
84 Stockton St., Princeton, N.J.	DATE 1939-1940	IF U.S. CITIZEN, INDICATE WHETHER:			
		(A) BY BIRTH <input type="checkbox"/>		(C) BY NATURALIZATION <input type="checkbox"/>	
		(B) DERIVATIVE <input type="checkbox"/>		PETITION NO.	
		DATE		DATE	
		CERTIFICATE NO.		CERTIFICATE NO.	
		PLACE		PLACE	
		IF ALIEN, INDICATE		ALIEN REGISTRATION NO.	
		DATE			
		PORT OF ENTRY			
10. DRAFT BOARD NUMBER AND ADDRESS WITH WHICH REGISTERED					
11. SOCIAL SECURITY NO. 150-26-8831					
12. PERMANENT STATION, RANK, AND ADDRESS IF NOW IN MILITARY SERVICE					
12A. MILITARY SERVICE (Past or present)					
SERIAL NO.		BRANCH		FROM (Yr.)	TO (Yr.)
13. EDUCATION (All schools above elementary)					
NAME OF SCHOOL	ADDRESS	FROM (Yr.)	TO (Yr.)	DEGREES	
No change					

23. REFERENCES (Name three persons, not relatives or employers, who are well acquainted with you)

NAME	ADDRESS	YEARS KNOWN

24. HAVE YOU EVER BEEN ARRESTED, INDICTED, OR SUMMONED INTO COURT AS A DEFENDANT IN A CRIMINAL PROCEEDING, OR CONVICTED, FINED OR IMPRISONED OR PLACED ON PROBATION IN CONNECTION WITH SUCH A PROCEEDING, OR HAVE YOU EVER BEEN ARRESTED OR REQUIRED TO DEPOSIT BAIL OR COLLATERAL FOR THE VIOLATION OF ANY LAW, POLICE REGULATION OR ORDINANCE (EXCLUDING MINOR TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS)? No
Answer "Yes" or "No"
IF YOUR ANSWER IS "YES," LIST ALL SUCH CASES IN ITEM 25. IN EACH CASE GIVE: (1) THE CHARGE OR NATURE OF THE OFFENSE; (2) THE DATE; (3) THE PLACE WHERE ARRESTED; (4) DISPOSITION OR THE PENALTY IMPOSED, IF ANY.

25. ARRESTS (Include all arrests, and fines other than minor traffic violations)

CHARGE	DATE	PLACE WHERE ARRESTED	DISPOSITION

CERTIFICATION

I CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS CORRECT AND COMPLETE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF. I MAKE THIS STATEMENT TO THE U. S. ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION, WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT IT WILL BE USED BY THE COMMISSION IN CARRYING OUT ITS DUTY TO PROTECT THE SECURITY OF THE ATOMIC ENERGY PROJECT, AND WITH KNOWLEDGE THAT ANY FALSE STATEMENT OR OMISSION OF MATERIAL FACT MAY BE SUFFICIENT CAUSE FOR REJECTION OF MY APPLICATION OR DISMISSAL AFTER EMPLOYMENT; FURTHER, THAT ANY FALSE STATEMENT HEREIN MAY BE PUNISHED AS A FELONY UNDER SECTION 1001, TITLE 18, U. S. CODE.

April 17, 1953
(DATE)

John V. ...
(USUAL SIGNATURE OF PERSON FILLING OUT QUESTIONNAIRE)
(Sign original only)

TO BE FILLED OUT BY AGENCY OR FIRM EMPLOYING

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DUTIES (Description should not reveal classified information)

Consultant to K-25 Engineering Div.
Subcontract No. 186, under W-7405-eng-26

Elmer F. ...
SUBCONTRACT DEPARTMENT
(SIGNATURE AND TITLE OF OFFICIAL REQUESTING CLEARANCE)

NAME OF AGENCY OR FIRM
Carbide and Carbon Chemicals Co.
Union Carbide and Carbon Corp.

ADDRESS
P. O. Box P., Oak Ridge, Tenn.

WILL PERSON HAVE ACCESS TO RESTRICTED DATA?
 YES NO

WILL PERSON HAVE ACCESS TO AN EXCLUSION AREA?
 YES NO

(Check the one block applicable)

FINGERPRINT CARD ATTACHED
 T-1 ATTACHED (RESULTS OF F. B. I. FINGERPRINT FILE CHECK)
 T-2 ATTACHED

Supplemental

14. EMPLOYMENT (List ALL employment dates including present employment and ALL dates and addresses when unemployed. If any of employments required AEC security clearance ("Q"), indicate the company or organization which requested the clearance.) Give name or names under which employed if different from name now used.

DATE FROM-TO	NAME OF EMPLOYER (COMPANY OR ORGANIZATION)	TYPE OF WORK	ADDRESS (Where employed)	REASON FOR LEAVING
1933-date 1945-51	Inst. for Advanced Study " " " "	Res. Prof. of Math.	Princeton, N.J.	
	Member and Consultant:	Const. and completion of high-speed electronic computer		
1940-date	Sci. Advisory Comm., B.R.L.		Aberdeen, Md.	
1941-46	Navy Bureau of Ordnance			
1943-date	Los Alamos Sci. Lab.		Los Alamos, N.M.	
1947- "	Naval Ordnance Lab.		Silver Spring, Md.	
1949- "	Oak Ridge Nat'l. Lab.		Oak Ridge, Tenn.	
" "	Research and Dev. Bd.		Washington, D.C.	
1950- "	Armed Forces Special Weapons Proj.		" "	
1950- "	Weapons Systems Evaluation Group		" "	
1952- "	General Advisory Comm (AEC)		" "	
" "	U. of Calif. Radiation Lab.		Berkeley, Calif.	

15. FOREIGN COUNTRIES VISITED (Since 1950) (Exclude of military service)

COUNTRY	DATE LEFT U. S. A.	DATE RETURNED U. S. A.	PURPOSE

16. ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIP (Include all present membership and all past membership during the last 18 years in all organizations, except labor unions and religious organizations not covered by Question 17 below.)

NAME	AD	TYPE	FROM	TO	OFFICE HELD
Nassau Club	Princeton, NJ		1930	Date	
Cosmos Club,	Wash., DC		1942	"	
Am. Math. Society	Providence, RI		1930	"	President (1951-53)
Econometric Society	Chicago, Ill.		1945 (about)	"	
Nat'l Academy of Sci.	Wash., DC		1937	"	
Am. Philosophical Soc.	Phila., Pa.		1938	"	
Am. Academy Arts and Sci.	Boston, Mass.		1945 (about)	"	
Royal Dutch Acad. Sci.	The Hague, Netherlands		1950	"	
Academie de Sciences	Lima, Peru		1944	"	
Hungarian Math and Phys. Soc.,	Budapest, Hungary		1919 (about)	"	
Istituto Lombardo di Scienze e Lettere,	Milano, Italy		1951	"	

17. ARE YOU NOW OR HAVE YOU EVER BEEN A MEMBER OF ANY ORGANIZATION WHICH HAS BEEN DESIGNATED BY THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY GENERAL AS REQUIRED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF EXECUTIVE ORDER 9835? (For your convenience, there is attached to this questionnaire as Appendix A, the current list of such organizations. Appendix A is hereby made an integral part of this Personnel Security Questionnaire.)

No
Answer "Yes" or "No"

18. ARE YOU NOW, OR HAVE YOU EVER BEEN, A MEMBER OF ANY COMMUNIST ORGANIZATION?

No
Answer "Yes" or "No"

19. ARE YOU NOW, OR HAVE YOU EVER BEEN, A MEMBER OF A FASCIST ORGANIZATION?

No
Answer "Yes" or "No"

20. ARE YOU NOW, OR HAVE YOU EVER BEEN, A MEMBER OF ANY ORGANIZATION, ASSOCIATION, MOVEMENT, GROUP, OR COMBINATION OF PERSONS WHICH ADVOCATES THE OVERTHROW OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL FORM OF GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES, OR OF ANY ORGANIZATION, ASSOCIATION, MOVEMENT, GROUP, OR COMBINATION OF PERSONS WHICH HAS ADOPTED A POLICY OF ADVOCATING OR APPROVING THE COMMISSION OF ACTS OF FORCE OR VIOLENCE TO DENY OTHER PERSONS THEIR RIGHTS UNDER THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES OR OF SEEKING TO ALTER THE FORM OF GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES BY UNCONSTITUTIONAL MEANS?

No
Answer "Yes" or "No"

21. IF YOUR ANSWER TO QUESTIONS 17, 18, 19, OR 20 IS "YES," STATE THE NAME OF THE ORGANIZATION, DATES OF MEMBERSHIP, AND EXTENT OF PARTICIPATION. AN EXPLANATION REGARDING MEMBERSHIP IN ANY OF THESE ORGANIZATIONS MAY BE ATTACHED HERETO ON A SEPARATE SHEET OF PAPER, IF YOU DESIRE TO EXPLAIN THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF YOUR MEMBERSHIP.

NAME	ADDRESS	FROM	TO	OFFICE HELD

22. RELATIVES (Parents, spouse, divorced spouse, children, brothers, and sisters, living or dead. Name of spouse should include maiden name and any other names by previous marriage.)

RELATION	NAME IN FULL	AGE	ADDRESS	COUNTRY OF BIRTH	PRESENT CITIZENSHIP
	No change				

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5/15/53

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SAC: NEZARE (MAIL) (116-119)

JOHN VON NEUMAN DASH CP, AEAAL. REBULET APRIL 16, 1953 CAPTIONED RICHARD FREDERICK
 GLIPPINGER, SECURITY MATTER - C, NK FILE UNABLE TO LOCATE COMMUNICATION FROM
 STATE DEPT. MENTIONED IN PARAGRAPH 2, PAGE 5 OF URLET. SUAIRTEL CAPTIONED JOHN VON
 NEUMAN - SF, INDICATING FILE AND REPORT OR LETTER WHICH REFERS TO STATE DEPT.
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- Clegg _____
- Glavin _____
- Harbo _____
- Rosen _____
- Tracy _____
- Laughlin _____
- Mohr _____
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- Tele. Rm. _____
- Holloman _____
- Gandy _____

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
NEWARK, N. J.

5/19/53

Transmit the following Teletype message to:

AIR-TEL

DIRECTOR, FBI (116-1914)

JOHN VON NEUMAN - SF, ACAA. REBUAIR-TEL 5/15/53 AND NWK LET
TO BUREAU 4/16/53. COMMUNICATION FROM STATE DEPT. MENTIONED
IN PARAGRAPH 2, PAGE 5 OF REFERENCED NWK LET IS A PHOTOSTATIC
COPY OF AN INCOMING TELEGRAM. THIS COPY IS MARKED RESTRICTED
AND WAS RECEIVED FROM THE STATE DEPT. THROUGH LIAISON CHANNELS
ON 7/17/50. THIS TELEGRAM IS DATED 7/14/50 AND IS FROM BERLIN,
TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE. THE CONTENTS OF THIS MESSAGE IS AS
FOLLOWS:" SED NEUES DEUTSHLAND JULY 13, ANNOUNCED THAT COMMUNIST
DOMINATED GERMAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCE IN BERLIN SOVIET SECTOR,
HAD ELECTED TWO AMERICANS AS ASSOCIATE MEMBERS. AMERICANS ARE
JOHANN VON NEUMANN, PROFESSOR OF MATHEMATICS, AT PRINCETON
AND RICHARD V. MISES, PROFESSOR OF MATHEMATICS AT HARVARD.
ACCORDING DEUTSHLAND ELECTION TOOK PLACE JUNE 29. PARAGRAPH
WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S CONTACTING NEUMANN AND MISES
SOONEST TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER THEY AWARE OF ACADEMY'S ACTION AND
WHETHER THEY ARE WILLING TO ISSUE STATEMENTS REFUSING ELECTION.
IF NEUMANN AND MISES UNAWARE OF COMMUNIST FRONT NATURE OF
REG. MAIL

CC: NWK 116-119
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*1 cc dated 7/23/87
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Approved: D. S. H.
Special Agent in Charge

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Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. Boardman _____
Mr. Nichols _____
Mr. Belmont _____
Mr. Ladd _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Glavin _____
Mr. Harbo _____
Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Tracy _____
Mr. Egan _____
Mr. Gurnea _____
Mr. Hendon _____
Mr. Pennington _____
Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
Mr. Nease _____
Miss Gandy _____

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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ACADEMY, IT SHOULD BE POINTED OUT THAT ALFRED WEBER, MEINECKE, AND OTHER PROMINENTS RECENTLY RESIGNED FROM ACADEMY AFTER IT HAD SENT A FRIENDSHIP TELEGRAM TO STALIN USING THEIR NAMES WITHOUT THEIR KNOWLEDGE. PARAGRAPH. CELEBRATION OF 250TH ANNIVERSARY OF ACADEMY NOW TAKING PLACE IN BERLIN. COMPLETELY DOMINATED BY COMMUNIST PROPAGANDA AND PRESENCE OF SOVIET DELEGATES." THIS PHOTOSTAT IS LOCATED IN NWK FILE 100-30877 ENTITLED "JOHN R. VON NEWMAN", NO BUFILE LISTED. *RECEIVED BY ROUTING SLIP* .
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Approved: _____
Special Agent in Charge

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SAC, ALBUQUERQUE

7/22/53

SAC, EL PASO (116-204)

JOHN VON NEUMANN - SF - 10806 - NY
AEA-JE.

Buded: 9/18/53.

Rebulet to Newark dated 7/20/53.

Transmitted herewith is The El Paso file 116-204 in its entirety,
entitled JOHN VON NEUMANN - 3, Aka, John K. Von Neumann, ASAA.

EFE/slm

cc: Bureau (116-1914)

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

AIRTEL
BALTIMORE, MD.
SEPT. 17, 1953

Transmit the following Teletype message to:

DIRECTOR, FBI (116-1914)

CC: NEWARK (116-119)(100-30977)
WFO (116-875)
ALBUQUERQUE
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SAN FRANCISCO
NEW YORK
EL PASO

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JOHN VON NEUMANN - SF - 10806 NY, AEAE. REBULET 7/20/53. EMPLOYEE'S
NAME WAS INCORRECTLY SPELLED JOHN VON NEWMANN ON REBULET. UACB
BALTIMORE WILL TITLE ITS REPORT JOHN VON NEUMANN SF 10806 NY.

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FJW:RCK

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per*

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Approved: *[Signature]*
Special Agent in Charge

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Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

BUREAU

REPORT MADE AT Baltimore, Maryland	DATE WHEN MADE 9/17/53	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 7/24, 27; 8/3, 6, 10, 11, 13, 26; 9/16/53	REPORT MADE BY FRANCIS L. PEARTHREE /kss
TITLE JOHN VON NEUMANN, SF 10806 NY		CHARACTER OF CASE AEA E	

~~SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:~~

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Declassify on: OADR 4-10-89
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BY: [redacted]

REFERENCE:

Bulet to Newark dated July 20, 1953.

Report of Special Agent JOHN R. THAYER, Baltimore, Maryland, dated April 8, 1947.

Baltimore Airtel to Bureau dated September 17, 1953.

DETAILS:

AT ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND, MARYLAND

EMPLOYMENT

Mrs. THELMA GREENFIELD, Clerk, Civilian Personnel Division, made available the Civil Service 201 file for the appointee, which indicated that he was granted an excepted appointment on August 18, 1942, as a Consultant, for the Ordnance Department at Large, Aberdeen Proving Ground, under Section 8, of Military Appropriations Act of 1943, for services when required during fiscal year of 1943. His appointment has been extended every year, and his present appointment expires June 30, 1954. No derogatory information appeared in the file.

Dr. R. H. KENT, Associate Director, Ballistics Research Laboratories, advised that he has known the employee since he first came to the Proving Ground as a consultant, and that he considers the employee to be a loyal American citizen of good character and with reputable associates.

~~United Classification
Review Conducted
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Form 4-774~~

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: [Signature]	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE: [Signature]	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES
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Dr. LEWIS DEL SASSO and Dr. CURTIS LAMPSEN, Ballistic Research Laboratories, who have known the employee since 1937 and 1940 respectively, consider the employee and his wife to be persons of excellent morals and character, with reputable associates, and unquestionably loyal to the United States. LAMPSEN has known the employee and his wife on a professional basis only, and as a result of his appointment to the Scientific Advisory Committee, and as a consultant to the Laboratories. DEL SASSO has known the employee through the above contacts, and also was associated with him professionally and socially at Princeton, New Jersey.

Mrs. LOUISE A. DEL SASSO, Government Employee, Army Chemical Center, Maryland, a former employee of VON NEUMANN, who has known him since 1937, considers the employee and his wife to be loyal Americans, of excellent character and with reputable associates.

CREDIT AND CRIMINAL

Chief J. BEN RAY, Aberdeen, Maryland Police Department, and Deputy Sheriff WILLIAM CARR, Harford County, Bel Air, Maryland, advised that there is no record on file in their departments identifiable with the employee or his wife. It is noted that Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland, is in Harford County.

The files of the Credit Bureau of Baltimore, Inc., and of the Violations Section of the Maryland State Department of Motor Vehicles, both of Baltimore, Maryland, as caused to be searched by Special Employees JAMES R. COCHRAN and PHILLIP R. WANERUS, respectively, contained no record identifiable with the employee or his wife.

The files of the Maryland State Police, Headquarters, Pikesville, Maryland, as caused to be searched by Special Agent LEO J. GIANNACCHINI, contained no record identifiable with the employee or his wife.

MISCELLANEOUS:

BEN G. DENNEY, Jr., Assistant Post Intelligence Officer, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland, advised that no information reflecting adversely on the character, loyalty or associates of the employee, has been brought to the attention of the Post Intelligence Officer.

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Baltimore Confidential Informants, of known reliability, familiar with certain phases of Communist activity in the Baltimore, Maryland area, advised that the employee and his wife are unknown to them.

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ADMINISTRATIVE PAGE

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INFORMANTS

Baltimore Confidential Informants contacted during the current investigation are:

	contacted 8/11/53 by SA JOHN O. MONTGOMERY
	contacted 8/11/53 by SA MARTIN J. JONES
	contacted 8/13/53 by SA MARTIN J. JONES
	contacted 8/11/53 by SA ROBERT J. KIRKLAND, JR.
	contacted 8/10/53 by SA JAMES E. BARRETT

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Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **BUREAU**

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REPORT MADE AT SAN FRANCISCO	DATE WHEN MADE 9/18/53	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 8/3,4;9/9,10,11,14/53	REPORT MADE BY WILLIAM P. O'CONNELL
TITLE JOHN VON NEWMANN SF 10806 NY		CHARACTER OF CASE SECRET	

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AGENCY
 REQ. REC'D
 REP'D
 BY

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

REFERENCE: Bulet to Newark dated 7/20/53.

DETAILS: The following investigation was conducted by SA **NORMAN C. WERNER**:

AT BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA

MRS. MILDRED WILLIAMS, Personnel Office, University of California Radiation Laboratory, produced records reflecting JOHN VON NEWMANN, date of birth not shown, address listed as Institute of Advanced Study, New Jersey, was employed as a consultant September 15, 1952. MRS. WILLIAMS stated records reflected that on June 1, 1953 the employee had worked at Livermore, California for three weeks as a consultant. No further information relative to the employee appears in the files of the Radiation Laboratory at Berkeley, California.

The following investigation was conducted by the writer:

AT LIVERMORE, CALIFORNIA

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EMPLOYMENT

ROBERT C. BECKER, Security Officer, Radiation Laboratory, advised that his records do not reflect any unfavorable information concerning the employee. He stated that the employee was employed by the University of California, Berkeley, California, as a consultant on several occasions. He was at the Radiation Laboratory in Livermore in November, 1952 for several weeks and again in June, 1953 for three weeks.

ROBERT MAINHARDT, Radiation Laboratory, stated that he is acquainted with the employee and his wife, KLARA, and that he helped make the arrangements

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for the employee to be employed in the capacity of a consultant by the Radiation Laboratory. He stated that the employee impressed him considerably concerning his loyalty to the United States. He said that to the best of his knowledge, the employee and his wife are of good character, associates and loyal citizens.

DR. EDWARD TELLER, Consultant, Radiation Laboratory, advised that he has known JOHN VON NEWMANN since 1925. He said that VON NEWMANN was born in Budapest, Hungary, and that he knew him in Germany, England and the United States, and that he worked with him at Los Alamos, New Mexico in 1943. DR. TELLER related that VON NEWMANN is a genius of a scientist and that he has made some great contributions to science. He said that VON NEWMANN is acutely aware of the great danger of the Russian plans for world domination, and DR. TELLER proclaimed that VON NEWMANN is definitely "Anti-Russian."

DR. TELLER went on to relate that he considered VON NEWMANN to be a person of good character, and that his associates were of good choice. He added that in lieu of the fact that VON NEWMANN is such a brilliant person and scientist that his work brings him in contact with a wide variety of individuals and that undoubtedly he has had contact with some individuals who are sympathetic to Communist causes, but he felt that he was not closely associated with any such individuals. He reiterated that he believed that VON NEWMANN was positively loyal to the United States in all respects and that he is a person who can keep a secret and be discreet in his conversations relative to security matters.

DR. TELLER continued that he has been acquainted with VON NEWMANN's wife, KLARA, since approximately 1945, and although he is not well acquainted with her, she has never given him any reason to cause doubt concerning her character, loyalty, and associates.

CREDIT AND CRIMINAL

The files of the Livermore Police Department and the Credit Bureau of Livermore Valley did not contain any record or unfavorable information concerning the employee.

The files of the Berkeley Police Department and Credit Bureau of the Greater East Bay, as checked by SE DONALD A. CLOWARD, did not contain any record or unfavorable information concerning the employee.

Reliable confidential informants familiar with certain phases of Un-American activities in the San Francisco Bay Area have advised that VON NEWMANN is unknown to them and that they have no information concerning him.

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Reliable confidential informants referred to are:



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TITLE JOHN VON NEUMANN-SF-10806-NY		CHARACTER OF CASE AEA - E AGENCY	

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

REFERENCE: Bureau letter to Newark dated 7/20/53.

DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

EMPLOYMENTS:

The following investigation was conducted by **ROBERT W. FEUER**, at the Atomic Energy Commission:

H. KEITH REINECKER, Chief, Personnel Security Section, Washington Area Security Operations Office, United States AEC, advised that the employee's security file is located at the AEC, New York City.

Mrs. GOLDIE HIGGINS, Correspondent Clerk, Personnel Operations, U. S. AEC, made available the employee's official personnel file which reflected that he received a presidential appointment as a member of the General Advisory Committee to the AEC on February 27, 1952. This appointment will expire in August, 1954. The file contained no additional or pertinent derogatory information.

The following investigation was conducted by SA **HOWARD W. NASH**:

ANTHONY A. TOMEI, Administrative Assistant, General Advisory Committee to the AEC, advised that he has known the employee since February, 1951, and has had six or eight personal contacts per year with him during meetings of the

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General Advisory Committee, Washington, D. C. He stated that on the basis of acquaintanceship with the employee, he considers him to be of good character and reputation. Mr. TOMEI added that he has no reason to question the employee's loyalty or choice of associates. He further advised that he knows of no other persons, on the General Advisory Committee, who are located in Washington, D. C., that might know the employee.

The following investigation was conducted by SA ROBERT M. BASS, Jr., at the Naval Ordnance Laboratory, White Oak, Maryland:

Miss VIOLA MARCUS, Personnel Clerk, furnished the personnel file of the employee which reflected the following information:

He was appointed Consultant on Applied Mathematics, (Forty dollars per diem) on July 1, 1947, in the Mechanics Division Research Department, Naval Ordnance Laboratory. He was re-appointed to this position on July 1, 1948, and July 1, 1949. On July 1, 1950, he was re-appointed as a Consultant in the Aeroballistics Research Department. On July 1, 1951, he was re-appointed at Fifty dollars per diem. He received re-appointments to the same position July 1, 1952, and July 1, 1953. His birth data was reflected as December 28, 1903, Budapest, Hungary, and the file contained no additional pertinent or derogatory information.

DANIEL C. SHANKS, Acting Chief, Applied Mathematics Division, advised that the employee was an eminent Mathematician available for consultation, but who as a matter of practice, was seldom called. He stated that the only time he recalled the employee being at the Naval Ordnance Laboratory was two or three years ago, at which time he gave a lecture. He added that to the best of his knowledge, no one at the Laboratory was personally acquainted with the employee.

The following persons advised that they were not personally acquainted with the employee, and that they knew him by reputation only. They stated that they were aware of nothing derogatory concerning his reputation, associates or loyalty.

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BENJIMIN F. CHEYDLEUR, Applied Mathematics Division.

HUBERT H. EVINGER, Physics Research Department.

Dr. HERMANN H. KURZWEG, Chief, Aeroballistics Research Department.

The following investigation was conducted by SA RICHARD E. O'TOOLE:

ARDELLA HOLLOWAY, Civilian Personnel, Office Secretary of Defense produced the employee's personnel file which reflected:

February 28, 1949, Excepted appointment, thirty days not to exceed June 30, 1949, Expert, Research and Development Board, (hereafter referred to as R & DB) Committee on Atomic Energy (hereafter referred to as CAE).

July 1, 1949, Excepted appointment thirty days NTE June 30, 1950, Expert, R & DB, CAE.

July 1, 1950, Excepted appointment, thirty days NTE June 30, 1951, Expert, R & DB, CAE.

January 17, 1951, Excepted appointment, twenty days, NTE June 30, 1951, Consultant, Joint Chiefs of Staff, Weapons Systems Evaluation Group.

July 1, 1951, Excepted appointment thirty days NTE June 30, 1952, Consultant, JCS, WSEG.

July 1, 1951, Excepted appointment thirty days NTE June 30, 1952, Expert, R & DB, CAE.

July 1, 1952, Excepted appointment (Intermittent) NTE June 30, 1953, Expert, R & DB, CAE.

July 1, 1952, Excepted appointment (Intermittent) NTE June 30, 1953, Consultant, JCS, WSEG.

July 1, 1953, Excepted appointment (Intermittent) NTE June 30, 1954, Expert, Office Secretary of Defense, Project No. 1500.

July 1, 1953, Excepted appointment (Intermittent) NTE June 30, 1954, Consultant, Office Secretary of Defense, Project No. 1480.

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The file contained no additional pertinent or derogatory information. X

Miss GLORIA WISER, Civilian Personnel, AFSWP produced employee's personnel file which reflected:

February 13, 1950, Excepted appointment NTE June 30, 1950, (90 days).

July 1, 1950, Extension excepted appointment NTE June 30, 1951, (90 days) same capacity.

July 1, 1951, Extension NTE June 30, 1952, (90 days), same capacity.

July 1, 1952, Extension NTE June 30, 1953 (90 days), same capacity.

July 1, 1953, Extension NTE June 30, 1954 (90 days), same capacity

The file reflected no additional pertinent or derogatory information.

Major RICHARD SCHULER, CAE, Special Assistant Secretary on Research and Development, Office Secretary of Defense, (formerly the Research and Development Board), advised that he knows the employee as a Consultant with the CAE, but he feels he is not sufficiently acquainted with him to comment on his reputation, character, associates or loyalty.

He stated that Mr. J. C. STARKS, the head of the committee, has never to his knowledge met the employee and he could suggest no one with Research and Development who would know the employee other than by reputation.

Colonel BRUCE D. JONES, Armed Forces, Special Weapons Project, advised that the employee periodically headed a panel at the Armed Forces Special Weapons Project. He stated that he has had approximately four contacts with the employee in an official capacity and although he could not specifically comment regarding his reputation, character, loyalty or associates, nothing had ever come to his attention of a derogatory nature concerning him.

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Dr. GEORGE WELSH, Weapons Systems Evaluations Group, Joint Chiefs of Staff, advised that he knew the employee by reputation and to a very slight extent socially. He added that he did not feel qualified to give an opinion concerning the employee's reputation, character, associates or loyalty, on the basis of his knowledge of him. He commented, however, that nothing whatever of a derogatory nature, concerning the employee, had ever come to his attention.

CREDIT AND CRIMINAL

The following agencies contain no record of the employee or his wife:

D. C. Credit Bureau
Metropolitan Police Department
Montgomery County Police, Rockville, Maryland
Virginia Division of Police
United States Park Police

MISCELLANEOUS:

The records of the Investigations Division, Civil Service Commission, reflect that a record check and inquiry of the employee for the position of Professor of Mathematics, Department of Army, was processed under Executive Order No. 9835, on October 31, 1949. No question of loyalty or his suitability was disclosed and the investigations reflect no additional pertinent or derogatory information.

SE MELVIN L. MONTGOMERY determined that there was no record for the employee or his wife at the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

SE ROY F. RODMAN was advised that there was no record for the employee at the Office of Naval Intelligence.

SA ROBERT J. McKENNAN was advised that the records of the [REDACTED].

SE C. GILMORE SNOWDEN was advised that there was no record for the employee at the Passport Office, Department of State.

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JOHN VON NEUMANN, SP, 10806, N.Y. AEA. REBULET 7/20/53.

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TITLE JOHN VON NEUMANN - SF - 10806 - NY			CHARACTER OF CASE AEAE

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REFERENCE:

Bureau letter to Newark, 7/20/53.
Baltimore Airtel to Bureau, 9/17/53.

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Miscellaneous

SA AUGUST J. MICEK caused a check to be made of the records of the Bureau of Special Services and Investigation, New York City Police Department, which contained no information concerning the employee or his family.

A number of the reliable confidential informants who are acquainted with certain phases of Communist activities in the New York area advised that they did not know the employee or his family.

Credit

The records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York, as checked by SE RICHARD F. O'HARA, contained no information concerning the employee or his family.

Criminal

SA AUGUST J. MICEK caused a check to be made of the records of the New York City Police Department which contained no information concerning the employee or his family. Captain WILLIAM FOLEY, Nassau County Police Department, Mineola, New York, advised SA EDWARD F. HARTNETT that he has no record concerning the employee's daughter, [redacted]

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INFORMANTS

The confidential informants mentioned on page 1 of the report of SA MULDROW B. MILLS, 9/23/53, NY, are identified as follows:



Contacted 8/13/53 by SA RICHARD H. BLASSER b7D

Contacted 8/13/53 by SA RICHARD H. BLASSER

Contacted 8/5/53 by SA ALEXANDER C. BURLINSON

Contacted 8/5/53 by SA ALEXANDER C. BURLINSON

Contacted 8/13/53 by SA JOHN W. DOOLEY

Contacted 8/13/53 by SA JOHN W. DOOLEY

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FROM : SAC, ^{SVR}New York (116-103028) ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~
SUBJECT: JOHN VON NEUMANN - SF - 10806 - NY
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DATE: SEP 23 1953

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The records of the Board of Elections, Borough of Brooklyn, NY, checked by SE LAWRENCE CRONIN, show that in 1948 and 1952, MARGARET VON NEUMANN of 169 Hicks St., Brooklyn, NY, registered to vote for one of the two major political parties. These records show that in 1948 she voted for the first time. According to the records, MARGARET VON NEUMANN was 65 years old, a widow, born in Hungary and naturalized 7/2/46 in Federal Court in Pennsylvania, no city given. No record was found concerning the employee or other members of his family.

It is to be noted that investigation concerning the employee's brother was conducted in December, 1952 under caption "MICHAEL JOSEPH NEUMANN - RI - 8609, aka; AEAA", which investigation in NYC disclosed that employee's family had an excellent reputation.

It is to be noted that NY file [redacted] Bureau file [redacted]

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (116-1914)

FROM : SAC, NEWARK (116-119)

SUBJECT: JOHN VON NEUMANN - SF - 10806 - NY
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DATE: 9/23/53

Rerep of SA WILLIAM R. RIGGS dated 9/23/53 at Newark and bulets to Newark dated 7/20/53 and 8/3/53.

Rebulet of 8/3/53 refers to Newark File 39-0, Newark letter 12/21/42 captioned KLARA VON NEUMANN - Naturalization Matter. Rebulet requested that information contained in Newark letter concerning the German Library of Information be reported. A review of Newark files reflects that, the source material for this information was destroyed on 1/5/46.

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TITLE JOHN VON NEUMANN - SF - 10806 - NY			CHARACTER OF CASE AEAE

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

REFERENCE: Bureau letter to Newark, 7/20/53.
 Bureau letter to Newark, 8/3/53.

DETAILS: AGENCY / cc - *Plato OSI - Dist 4*

EMPLOYMENT: REC. NO. *11-26-51*
 REP. NO. *12-1-51*
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Institute for Advanced Study,
 Princeton, New Jersey

Mrs. ROSANNA JAFFIN, Secretary to the Director, advised that Dr. VON NEUMANN joined the faculty of the Institute for Advanced Study in 1933 and that he now enjoys permanent tenure at this institution. She said he is Director of their Electronic Computer Project and as such handles much confidential data. Mrs. JAFFIN added that VON NEUMANN presently resides at 26 Westcott Road, Princeton, N.J.

Dr. HERMAN H. GOLDSTINE, Assistant Director, Electronic Computer Project, Institute for Advanced Study, advised he has known VON NEUMANN for the past thirteen years and has been intimately associated with him since 1942. Dr. GOLDSTINE characterized VON NEUMANN as being one of the most brilliant mathematicians in the world today. He said VON NEUMANN has done considerable research in mathematics and physics at the Institute and that he has made many vital contributions toward the defense efforts of this country. GOLDSTINE said VON NEUMANN's interests are those primarily of a scientist and that he had never evidenced in his presence any great interest in political matters.

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Dr. GOLDSTONE described VON NEUMANN as conscientious, trustworthy, above reproach morally and professionally, and of unquestionable loyalty to this country. GOLDSTONE said he knew of no one he could recommend more highly for a position involving the security of this country.

Dr. ATLE SELBERG, Mathematics Department, Institute for Advanced Study, advised he has been acquainted with Dr. VON NEUMANN for the past six years and that his opinions of him are very favorable. SELBERG said VON NEUMANN impressed him as being extremely capable, conscientious, of good moral habits and associations, and undoubtedly a loyal American citizen. SELBERG said on the basis of his association with VON NEUMANN he would not hesitate to recommend him for a position of trust and confidence.

Dr. DEANE MONTGOMERY, Mathematics Department, Institute for Advanced Study, furnished substantially the same information regarding VON NEUMANN as did Dr. SELBERG.

Mrs. BETTY GORMAN, Secretary to Dr. VON NEUMANN, advised she has worked closely with him for the past three years and that all her contacts and dealings with him have been most satisfactory. She said Dr. VON NEUMANN has conducted himself in a manner above reproach and that she had absolutely no reason to question his character, loyalty, or associations.

NEIGHBORHOOD

26 Westcott Road
Princeton, New Jersey

Mrs. GEORGE S. HENDRY, 47 Westcott Road, advised that the VON NEUMANNs resided at the above listed address at the time she moved into this neighborhood approximately four years ago. She said she is not closely associated with them, explaining that nearly everyone residing on Westcott Road is connected with Princeton University and that most of the social contacts made by them are with their professional associates within the University.

Mrs. HENDRY said that insofar as she knows the VON NEUMANNs enjoy a fine reputation in the Princeton, N.J., area. Mrs. HENDRY said she felt she did not know them well enough to be in a position to recommend VON NEUMANN for a position of trust, however, she said that she has never heard anything that would make her question his loyalty to this country; she further stated that she did not believe the VON NEUMANNs were closely associated with anyone in the immediate neighborhood as most of their social contacts were with people connected with the Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, New Jersey.

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The following persons residing in this neighborhood, who have each known the VON NEUMANN family for the past two years, furnished substantially the same information regarding them as did Mrs. HENDRY.

Mrs. A. H. BILL, 21 Westcott Road
Mrs. GORDON LEY, 34 Westcott Road
Mrs. J. F. MULLER, 35 Westcott Road

CREDIT AND POLICE

Records of the Princeton, N.J., Police Department contain the following arrests for VON NEUMANN:

<u>Date of Arrest</u>	<u>Charge</u>	<u>Disposition</u>
2/27/30	Traffic Violation	suspended sentence
11/21/31	speeding	suspended sentence
3/18/35	traffic violation	suspended sentence
4/8/38	traffic violation	fined \$1.00
4/21/38	speeding	fined \$10. and court costs
9/14/39	traffic violation	fined \$1.00
10/16/51	motor vehicle violation	fined \$5. and court costs
1/16/53	reckless driving	fined \$2. and court costs

Records of the Trenton Credit Association, 551 Atlantic Avenue, Trenton, N.J., which covers Princeton, N.J., contain only favorable information concerning VON NEUMANN and members of his immediate family.

MISCELLANEOUS

During a previous applicant type investigation conducted in 1948, VON NEUMANN was interviewed concerning VALENTINE BARGMANN at which time he advised that BARGMANN had been his research assistant for about five years doing classified work in aerodynamics and that he had known BARGMANN for ten years.

It is noted that information concerning BARGMANN has been furnished to the Atomic Energy Commission under the caption "VALENTINE BARGMANN - 15- 76728".

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The personnel files of the University of California reflect that GARRETT BIRKHOFF was recommended to the University of California by Dr. JOHN VON NEUMANN of Princeton University. Investigative reports concerning GARRETT BIRKHOFF have been previously furnished to the Atomic Energy Commission.

During a previous investigation conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation in 1951, Dr. JOHN VON NEUMANN advised that Dr. LEOPOLD INFELD studied at the Institute for Advanced Studies in Princeton, N.J., for approximately one and one half to two years in about 1936 and 1937. He stated that he has not seen INFELD since he left the Institute.

The November, 1950, issue of "Poland Today" published by the Polish Research and Information Service, 250 West 57th St., New York City, a registered agent of the Polish Government, contained a part of a letter addressed to Dean BEATTY of the University of Toronto from LEOPOLD INFELD. The letter was dated 9/13/50 at Warsaw and in it INFELD expressed his appreciation for the generosity of the University which, he said, he tried to repay by doing volunteer work during the recent war against Fascism, and later by public lectures across Canada on the basic issues of war and peace. He complained that he was balked in his efforts to advise the Canadian people of the truth and that he was attacked with ignorant viciousness on a level to which he refused to descend even by way of reply. He complained that his motive for returning to visit Poland were slandered and that the campaign of persecution directed, not only against him, but also against his wife prevented him from carrying on any further work in Canada in the cause of peace.

According to the letter, he has now found relief from these distressing experiences in Poland and the Polish people have impressed him with their tremendous desire for peace and universal constructive activity. He concluded his letter by stating:

"Since, now, the University of Toronto forces me to make a choice, under threat of dismissal if I stay here for a year, my decision is to remain here in my native land, to contribute all I can to the research being done here in my field, and to do all I can for peace throughout the world. In so doing, I am convinced that I likewise continue to serve the people of Canada."

The letter continued:

"Please therefore consider this letter to be my resignation from the position of Professor of Applied Mathematics of the University of Toronto."

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Newark Confidential Informant T-2, of known reliability, advised in July, 1950, that the Sed News Deutschland of July 13 announced that the Communist dominated German Academy of Science in Berlin, Soviet Sector, had elected two Americans as associate members. Newark T-2 advised that one of these Americans was JOHANN VON NEUMANN, Professor of Mathematics at Princeton.

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Newark T-2 is a photostatic copy of an incoming telegram from Berlin to the Secretary of State dated 7/14/50. This copy was received from the State Department through liaison channels on 7/17/50.

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

REFERENCE: Bureau letter to Newark dated 7/20/53.
Washington Field air-tel to New York dated 9/22/53.

DETAILS:

ALVIN F. RYAN, Chief of Personnel Clearance
Branch Atomic Energy Commission, 70 Columbus Avenue, New York City, made available employees file which contained no additional pertinent information concerning employee.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **BUREAU**

REPORT MADE AT KNOXVILLE	DATE WHEN MADE 11-24-53	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 11-10,12,23/53	REPORT MADE BY FRANK M. IVEY aeb
TITLE JOHN VON NEUMANN - SF - 10806- NY			CHARACTER OF CASE ASAC AGENT

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

REFERENCE: Bureau letter to Newark dated 7-20-53.

DETAILS: AT OAK RIDGE, TENNESSEE:

ELVIN T. HENSON, contracts coordinator, Carbide and Carbon Chemicals Company, advised that **JOHN VON NEUMANN** has Consultant Subcontract Number 186 which commenced on January 1, 1949 and which runs to December 31, 1953. He said that **VON NEUMANN**'s subcontract provided for consultant services on High Speed Computational Methods, Methods of Generating Random Variables and the Monte Carlo Mathematical Method in general. In connection with **VON NEUMANN**'s services, Mr. **HENSON** stated that the employee provides consultant services to the Engineering Division of the K-25 Plant at Oak Ridge in the field of pure and applied mathematics as well as to the Oak Ridge National Laboratory Mathematics Panel. Mr. **HENSON** said that aside from the fact that he personally supervises the employee's consultant subcontract, he knows very little concerning him. He pointed out that **VON NEUMANN** has to his knowledge never spent much time in Oak Ridge and particularly during the past several years. In this respect Mr. **HENSON** stated that **VON NEUMANN** has not been in Oak Ridge for any period of time long enough to establish residence.

DR. ALVIN M. WEINBERG, Research Director, ORNL, advised that he has been professionally acquainted with the employee for about 3 or 4 years. He indicated that he was first introduced to **VON NEUMANN** approximately 10 years ago but did not really get to know him other than through reputation until a few years ago. He said that the employee has the reputation of being one of the most influential scientists in the United States from the standpoint of military technology adding that **VON NEUMANN** also has the general reputation of being the 20th century's greatest mathematician. Dr. **WEINBERG** pointed out that although he does not regard himself as a close associate of the employee, he has on one or more occasions discussed politics with **VON NEUMANN** resulting in his having

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the opinion that the employee is one of the most violently anti-Russians he knows. Dr. WEINBERG pointed out that nothing has ever come to his attention reflecting adversely on the employee from the standpoint of character, loyalty or associates adding that he believes VON NEUMANN a loyal American.

DR. ALSTON S. HOUSEHOLDER, in Charge of the Mathematics Panel, ORNL, advised that he has been professionally acquainted with the employee since about 1949. He pointed out that he has had very little social contact with the employee, therefore knows little concerning VON NEUMANN's ideological beliefs. Dr. HOUSEHOLDER indicated, however, that he considers VON NEUMANN a loyal American, and a person of unimpeachable character and associates in that he has never had information to the contrary come to his attention.

DR. JACK MOSHMAN, Senior Statistician, ORNL, stated that in connection with the employee's consultant services with the Laboratory, he has had occasion during the past 3 years to work with DR. VON NEUMANN. DR. MOSHMAN said that his contacts with the employee have been strictly limited to professional ones adding that nothing reflecting adversely on the employee's character, loyalty, or associates has come to his attention. He pointed out that DR. VON NEUMANN has a reputation in the highest order in his various scientific fields.

SYLVAN CROMER, Engineering Superintendent, K-25 Plant, advised that although his division has a consultant subcontract with VON NEUMANN, the contract responsibilities have been fulfilled or performed entirely in the employee's office at Princeton, New Jersey and not at the K-25 Plant. Mr. CROMER stated that it has been several years since he has seen the employee in Oak Ridge, adding that he does not know VON NEUMANN personally therefore can furnish no information about him from the standpoint of character, loyalty or associates.

The following investigation was conducted by SE LEWIS J. BLEDSOE:

Identification Officer L. C. WILSON, Oak Ridge Police Department stated that he has no arrest records in his files identifiable with either JOHN VON NEUMANN or his wife, KLARA DAN VON NEUMANN.

AT KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE:

Identification Officer, GEORGE IRELAND, Knoxville Police Department, stated that his records contain nothing concerning the employee or his wife.

ANCIL HALL, Knoxville Credit Bureau, advised that the employee and his wife are not known to that Bureau.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **BUREAU**

REPORT MADE AT ALBUQUERQUE	DATE WHEN MADE 12/8/53	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 9/28;10/7;11/12, 13,24,25/53	REPORT MADE BY ROY I. MISCHKE	CAR
TITLE JOHN VON NEUMANN - SF - 10806 - NY aka, John R. Von Neumann			CHARACTER OF CASE AEA E	

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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REFERENCE: Bureau letter to Newark dated July 20, 1953.
Report of SA DAMON W. PITCHER dated 4/7/47 at El Paso Agency

DETAILS:

The title of this case has been modified to include the name of JOHN R. VON NEUMANN as reflected by personnel records at Los Alamos, New Mexico.

Credit records at Santa Fe, New Mexico, were checked by SA DEXTER A. MADDOX.

EMPLOYMENT

At Los Alamos, New Mexico:

Personnel records of the University of California at Los Alamos, made available by Miss ADA ZABADIL, reflect that VON NEUMANN has been continually attached to the Staff of the Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory in the capacity of Consultant from November 2, 1943 to the present. The records indicate that he has been actively employed at Los Alamos in such capacity during numerous intermittent periods, of short duration, between 1943 and the present, and that he has also performed considerable work for the Laboratory at Princeton University and at the Aberdeen Proving Grounds within same period. Instant records do not contain any information unfavorable to him in any respect.

An application form executed by VON NEUMANN for the University of

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California under date of October 2, 1943, reflects that he was born on December 28, 1903, at Budapest, Hungary; that he entered the United States at New York City on September 25, 1931, and that he became a naturalized citizen of the United States on January 8, 1937, at Trenton, New Jersey. This application form reflects that his father, MAX VON NEUMANN, was deceased at that time, and that his mother, MARGARET VON NEUMANN, a naturalized citizen of the United States, was at that time residing in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Dr. JORDAN CARSON MARK, Division Leader, Theoretical Physics Division, University of California, advised that he first met VON NEUMANN and his wife about 1946 or 1947 and that he has worked rather closely with VON NEUMANN in his position as consultant since that time. He further advised that inasmuch as VON NEUMANN is administratively assigned as a consultant to the Theoretical Physics Division he has worked very closely with him whenever his services have been utilized by the Laboratory. He explained that Dr. VON NEUMANN usually spends a total of three or four weeks a year at Los Alamos, but has in the past performed considerable other work at his normal location of Princeton University and under various contracts with the University of California. Dr. MARK further advised that he has been a fairly close social acquaintance of the employee and his wife during a like period of time, and that they visit in each other's homes whenever convenient. He did not indicate, however, that he considered the VON NEUMANNs to be particularly intimate friends of he or his wife.

Dr. MARK stated that in his opinion Dr. VON NEUMANN and his wife are individuals of unimpeachable character, and are entirely loyal to the United States and the democratic form of government. He has never known either of them to entertain any sympathy for any foreign government or type of government. So far as he knows, the VON NEUMANNs do not have any close relative or particular contact still residing in continental Europe. He added that the employee and his wife have at various times appeared to be quite "disturbed" about the threat of communism or communist domination in both Europe and the United States. He stated that they have always appeared to be completely opposed to any such political philosophy.

Dr. MARK advised that the only organization that he has known VON NEUMANN to be affiliated with is the American mathematical society which he has served as president. He stated that other than himself, the VON NEUMANNs have particularly associated with Mr. and Mrs. STANISLAW ULAM and Mr. and Mrs. G. FOSTER EVANS at Los Alamos, and that to the best of his knowledge their social acquaintances at Princeton University have been limited to their professional colleagues.

Dr. MARK informed that he is cognizant of the fact that ISRAEL HALPERIN, a reputed Soviet espionage agent, was at one time a student of JOHN VON NEUMANN, but stated that VON NEUMANN has never indicated to him that he had any particularly close contact with HALPERIN, or that such association exceeded a normal professor-student relationship. He concluded

that he considers VON NEUMANN to be thoroughly trustworthy in regard to confidential information, and that he would give him his highest recommendation for any position of trust.

Mr. JAMES L. TUCK, Physicist and Group Leader, University of California, Los Alamos, recalls that he first met Dr. VON NEUMANN during the time that he was attending a scientific conference in England sometime in 1942, but that his contact with him there was very limited, and he has become much better acquainted with him through a working relationship at Los Alamos and Princeton University between 1944 and the present. He has had only a limited amount of social contact with him and is not acquainted with any of his relatives except his wife. He stated that Dr. VON NEUMANN and his wife are people of unimpeachable character, and that he has never had any reason to question their loyalty to the United States or the democratic form of government in any respect. He advised that they are both very intelligent individuals but that he has never known them to express more than a normal interest in political ideology or political questions. He has only known VON NEUMANN to be affiliated with professional organizations, and furthermore has only known him to associate with apparently responsible and loyal individuals.

Mr. TUCK definitely pointed out that VON NEUMANN is the actual originator of much classified data and confidential information relative to experimental weapons, but stated that to the best of his knowledge and belief VON NEUMANN has always been very careful in the handling and protection of such classified information. In this connection, he pointed out that VON NEUMANN and he were involved in an incident at Los Alamos, New Mexico, in August, 1953 which might be considered a procedural security violation, but stated that he does not consider that VON NEUMANN was actually responsible for this matter in any way. In describing the incident, he stated that Dr. T. H. JOHNSON, Director of the Division of Research, AEC, Washington, D. C., and a Mr. ROBERT R. WILSON of the Livermore, California, Laboratory, arrived at Los Alamos on a Sunday in the forepart of August, 1953, upon very short prior notice. These individuals desired to obtain the opinions of Dr. VON NEUMANN and Mr. TUCK relative to a matter in which Mr. WILSON was vitally concerned at that time. They explained however, that Mr. WILSON could only spend a matter of a few hours at Los Alamos and that it had not been possible to furnish the AEC Security Officials at Los Alamos sufficient data for them to furnish the appropriate clearances and passes for admission to the restricted or working areas at Los Alamos. Mr. TUCK advised that there was no question in the mind of either Dr. VON NEUMANN or himself, but that Dr. JOHNSON and Mr. WILSON were actually cleared for any information in connection with the AEC program, but that VON NEUMANN did voice an objection to discussing any such information on the Sunday at The Lodge, a public hotel at Los Alamos, and outside of the guarded or restricted areas where all confidential or classified work is normally performed. Mr. TUCK advised, however, that he and VON NEUMANN eventually acquiesced and did enter into a discussion of such a matter in a room at The Lodge because of the desires of Dr. JOHNSON and his insistence that Mr. WILSON could not remain at Los Alamos until the following Monday. Mr. TUCK stated, however, that this discussion was commenced over the

object of Dr. VON NEUMANN, who appeared fully cognizant of the fact that such a discussion should not have been commenced outside of an appropriately guarded or restricted area. He further stated that neither he nor VON NEUMANN discussed their work or anything that was being done at Los Alamos, and that actually, in his opinion, the data which were discussed was not of a highly classified nature. He added that he is quite certain that VON NEUMANN has never made a practice of discussing any possibly classified information in hotel rooms or public places, and that he is normally very discreet and careful in his conversations. He concluded that in his opinion VON NEUMANN can be completely trusted with confidential data.

Mr. NICHOLAS METROPOLIS, Group Leader, Theoretical Physics Division, University of California at Los Alamos, advised that he has known and worked with VON NEUMANN to a considerable extent between 1948 and the present. He has also had considerable social contact with VON NEUMANN and his wife, and advised specifically that he met YVONNE NEUMANN in Athens, Greece, in the Fall of 1952, and attended a Scientific Congress with them at Constantinople a few days later. At the conclusion of the Congress he returned to Athens with them, but YVONNE NEUMANN then went on to Rome and he did not have any further contact with them during that trip. He stated that neither during this trip, nor at any other time, has he ever known either Dr. or Mrs. VON NEUMANN to indicate that they presently have any close relative or particular contact at any place in continental Europe. He is cognizant of the fact that Mrs. VON NEUMANN has a sister residing in England, but is not acquainted with her in any way.

Mr. METROPOLIS stated that both VON NEUMANN and his wife are individuals of unimpeachable character, and that they are absolutely loyal to the United States and the democratic form of government. He added that he is sure that both Dr. and Mrs. VON NEUMANN are "definitely anti-communist" in their political philosophy or ideology. He has known VON NEUMANN to be an active member of the American Mathematical Society, and the American Physical Society, but has never known him to be affiliated with any other organization. He advised that the close associates of Dr. VON NEUMANN appeared to be limited almost entirely to individuals with whom they have professional connections and that at Los Alamos he has known them to particularly associate with Mr. and Mrs. STANISLAW ULAM and Mr. and Mrs. G. FOSTER EVANS. At Princeton University he has known the VON NEUMANNs to be very friendly with Professor H. D. SYMME and with OSCAR MORGANSTEIN, both members of the faculty there. He indicated that he considers all of these individuals to be loyal and reputable citizens.

Mr. METROPOLIS concluded that he has only known VON NEUMANN to be very careful and conscientious in the protection of any possibly classified information, and that he considers him to be entirely trustworthy with such information.

Mr. BENGT G. CARLSON, Group Leader, University of California at

Los Alamos, advised that he has worked with or for VON NEUMANN during occasional short periods between 1948 and the present, but that he has had only very casual outside or social contact with him. He stated that Dr. VON NEUMANN is a very capable and responsible individual of good character, and that he has never had any reason to question the loyalty of either he or his wife to the United States or the democratic form of government. He further advised that to the best of his knowledge neither Mr. or Mrs. VON NEUMANN have any current contacts or relatives outside of the United States, and that they only associate with the most reputable individuals. He concluded that to the best of his knowledge Dr. VON NEUMANN can be entirely trusted with confidential information.

Mr. GEORGE FOSTER EVANS and his wife, CERDA LOUISE EVANS, Mathematicians, University of California at Los Alamos, advised that they have known Dr. VAN NEUMANN and his wife since about 1948. They have worked with the VON NEUMANNs at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Princeton University, and Los Alamos, New Mexico, on several occasions since that time. They have also been quite close social friends and have frequently visited in each other's home. They do not believe that either Dr. VON NEUMANN or his wife has any close relative presently residing outside of the United States except one sister and at least one nephew of Mrs. VON NEUMANN who presently reside in England. They advised that Mrs. VON NEUMANN has indicated that she and her husband are acquainted with a few individuals that they believe to be still residing in Hungary, but that she has never indicated that they have had any recent contact with such individuals.

Mr. and Mrs. EVANS both stated that VON NEUMANN and his wife are entirely loyal to the United States and the democratic form of government, and that they are more pronounced in their statements indicating such loyalty than the average citizen. They further advised that to the best of their knowledge all of the relatives of employee and his wife residing in the United States are very respectable people and are loyal to the United States. They have known VON NEUMANN as a former president of the American Mathematical Society and to be affiliated with the American Physical Society, but they have never known either VON NEUMANN or his wife to be affiliated with any other organization. Mr. and Mrs. EVANS stated that to the best of their knowledge all associates of VON NEUMANN and his wife have been entirely responsible and loyal individuals. At Los Alamos they have known the VON NEUMANNs to most frequently associate with Dr. and Mrs. J. CARSON MARK, and with Mr. and Mrs. STANISLAW ULAM. They concluded that VON NEUMANN has always appeared to be very security conscious in regard to confidential information, and they consider him to be entirely trustworthy.

Mrs. LOIS ILES, Secretary, University of California at Los Alamos, advised that she has had some contact with Dr. VON NEUMANN during his visits and work at Los Alamos, but that such contact has been limited entirely to business and such matters as his accommodations and reservations. She stated that to the best of her knowledge he is a respectable individual and a loyal citizen. She further advised that during the visits of VON NEUMANN and his

wife to Los Alamos, they have only resided at the Lodge and never been furnished any type of private residential accommodations.

NEIGHBORS AND ACQUAINTANCES

At Los Alamos, New Mexico

Mrs. ELSIE MARSH, Zia Company Housing Office, advised that records of that office do not reflect that the employee has ever been furnished any type of private residential quarters at Los Alamos. She advised that to the best of her knowledge, VON NEUMANN and his wife have always resided at The Lodge during their occasional visits to Los Alamos.

Mr. ROBERT E. CARAWAY, Manager, and Mr. ARNOLD SHOLD, Assistant Manager, The Lodge, Los Alamos, each advised that he has known VON NEUMANN and his wife as occasional residents at The Lodge during short periods of time over the last five or six years. Each stated that they have always conducted themselves in a very respectable manner and appear to be entirely responsible individuals. Each stated that he has never had any reason to question the loyalty of VON NEUMANN or his wife in any respect, and that they only appear to associate with the very "top" scientists at Los Alamos.

Mr. STANISLAW MARCIN ULAM, Mathematician, University of California at Los Alamos, advised that he first met Dr. VON NEUMANN during a trip he made to Poland in 1935, and that he has had considerable contact with him in the United States since about 1938. He explained, however, that within that period they have usually been affiliated with different Universities and his contact with VON NEUMANN has been only intermittent and somewhat limited to social visits whenever possible. He indicated, however, that he and his wife consider themselves to be rather intimate friends of Dr. and Mrs. VON NEUMANN.

Mr. ULAM stated that Dr. VON NEUMANN and his wife are individuals of unimpeachable character and habits and that Dr. VON NEUMANN is a world renowned and respected mathematician. He stated that since he and his wife became naturalized citizens of this country, there has never been any question about their complete loyalty to the United States and the democratic form of government. He further advised that to his knowledge, Mrs. VON NEUMANN has one sister presently residing in England, but they do not have any other relatives or particularly close contacts outside of the United States. Mr. ULAM has known Dr. VON NEUMANN as a very active member of the American Mathematical Society and the American Physical Society but has never known either he or his wife to be affiliated with any other organization. He also stated that in his opinion, both Dr. VON NEUMANN and his wife are "extremely conservative" in their political ideology and philosophy and they have never been affiliated with any possibly questionable organization.

In regard to the associates of Dr. and Mrs. VON NEUMANN, Mr. ULAM

stated that they have only associated with very reputable, loyal citizens who are eminent figures in various scientific fields. He advised that he has frequently observed a professor of economics named OSCAR MORGANSTEIN to visit in employee's home at Princeton University, and indicated that to the best of his knowledge, MORGANSTEIN is an entirely respectable and loyal individual. He concluded that he definitely believes that Dr. VON NEUMANN can be entirely trusted with any confidential information or restricted data and pointed out that he actually originates a great deal of such data in the field of atomic energy.

CREDIT

At Santa Fe, New Mexico

Mr. BERT BROWN, Manager, Merchant's Credit Service, which covers Los Alamos, New Mexico, advised that the records of that agency do not contain any information relative to the employee or his wife.

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At Los Alamos, New Mexico

The records of the Los Alamos Police Department were checked with negative results in that they do not reflect any criminal data relative to employee or his wife.

MISCELLANEOUS

At Los Alamos, New Mexico

The files of the AEC Security Branch reflect that on August 10, 1953, information was furnished to the AEC by a confidential source indicating that a possible procedural security violation had been committed at Los Alamos on August 9, 1953, by Dr. T. H. JOHNSON, Director of Division of Research, AEC, Washington, D. C.; Mr. ROBERT R. WILSON of the Livermore (California) Laboratory; Mr. JAMES L. TUCK, and Dr. JOHN VON NEUMANN, in that they discussed possibly classified matter in a room at The Lodge, a public hotel located outside of the restricted areas at Los Alamos. The files reflect that Mr. TUCK was interviewed by AEC security officials and furnished information corresponding to that attributed to him above and indicating that although such a discussion was held, it was not at the instigation, and in fact was over the objection of Mr. TUCK and VON NEUMANN. Instant files further reflect that VON NEUMANN was also interviewed by AEC security officials; that he explained the data that were discussed on that occasion, and stated that he had been reluctant to participate in a discussion of this nature on a Sunday and

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outside of the restricted area, but had done so at the request of Dr. JOHNSON. So far as reflected by the files, no further action was taken by the AEC in regard to this matter, and the files do not contain any other information unfavorable to VON NEUMANN, except as previously furnished to the AEC.

The files of the AEC Security Branch at Los Alamos further reflect that information relative to the below listed individuals, all described as close associates of VON NEUMANN, has previously been furnished to the AEC:

1. KLARA DAN VON NEUMANN - SF - 22329 (wife)
2. JORDAN CARSON MARK - 3 - 12818
3. STANISLAW MARCIN ULAM - SF - 21234
4. FRANCOISE ULAM - 3 - 81293 - SF
5. GEORGE FOSTER EVANS - 3 - 12799
6. CERDA LOUISE EVANS - 3 - 27383

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TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT

DATE: April 13, 1955

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Parsons	_____
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FROM : MR. R. R. ROACH

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SUBJECT: DR. JOHN VON NEUMANN
COMMISSIONER, ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION

Reference is made to my memorandum to you dated April 11, 1955, advising that Liaison Agent Bates had contacted Dr. Von Neumann on April 8, 1955, and explained to him the Bureau's responsibilities and jurisdiction under the Atomic Energy Act. At that time, Dr. Von Neumann indicated that he would like to make a tour of the Bureau's facilities.

On April 11, 1955, Dr. Von Neumann advised Bates that he would like to come over to the Bureau on April 12, 1955, to see the Bureau's facilities. Dr. Von Neumann came to the Bureau at 11:20 A.M., on April 12, 1955, and was taken on a tour by Tour Leader John Pollard and Liaison Agent Bates. In view of a prior commitment at 12:45 P.M., Dr. Von Neumann was unable to spend as much time as he would have liked. He saw some of the Laboratory facilities and asked a number of questions about the Bureau's operations.

When leaving, Dr. Von Neumann expressed his appreciation for the time given him and stated he desired to come over again when he had more time as he would like to complete the tour of the Bureau's facilities.

ACTION:

None. This is submitted for your information.

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- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Tour Room
- 1 - Liaison Section
- 1 - Mr. Bates

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT

DATE: January 3, 1956

FROM : MR. R. R. ROACH

SUBJECT: DR. JOHN VON NEUMANN, COMMISSIONER
ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION (AEC)

Tolson	_____
Boardman	_____
Nichols	_____
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Tele. Room	_____
Holloman	_____
Gandy	_____

Bryan LaPlante of the Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) advised Liaison Agent Bates on December 29, 1955, that it had recently been discovered that Dr. Von Neumann has a very advanced case of cancer. He is taking daily radiation treatments at Walter Reed Hospital. The cancer is located in the shoulder area and has affected his equilibrium and motivation. He cannot walk without assistance. LaPlante stated that this condition was first discovered in August, 1955, and has progressed rapidly. LaPlante has talked to Dr. Shields Warren of Boston who is treating Von Neumann and from the conversation it is only a matter of time until the cancer will prove fatal. Dr. Von Neumann makes every effort to come to the office on each day but on several occasions has had to be taken home.

LaPlante stated this information is only known to a few top people in the AEC and that no publicity at all has been put out concerning it.

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- 1 - Mr. Belmont
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- 1 - Mr. Bates

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Mr. Tolson _____
 Mr. Nichols _____
 Mr. Boardman _____
 Mr. Belmont _____
 Mr. Mason _____
 Mr. Mohr _____
 Mr. Parsons _____
 Mr. Rosen _____
 Mr. Tamm _____
 Mr. Nease _____
 Mr. Winterrowd _____
 Tele. Room _____
 Mr. Holloman _____
 Miss Gandy _____

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VON NEUMANN)

DR. JOHN VON NEUMANN OF THE ATOMIC ENERGY COMMITTEE TODAY WAS GIVEN THE FIRST ENRICO FERMI AWARD -- A MEDAL, CITATION AND \$50,000 IN CASH.

IT WAS PRESENTED TO THE FAMED MATHEMATICIAN, A NATIVE OF BUDAPEST, HUNGARY, FOR HIS "OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS" TO THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF COMPUTING MACHINES USED IN ATOMIC RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT.

MORE THAN ANYONE ELSE," THE CITATION SAID, VON NEUMANN "FORESAW THE IMPORTANT AND NECESSARY ROLE THEY WOULD PLAY AND THE CONTROL AND USE OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND TO THE GENERAL ADVANCEMENT OF THE ARTS AND SCIENCES FOR THE BENEFIT OF MANKIND.

THE AWARD, AUTHORIZED BY CONGRESS IN 1954, WAS RECOMMENDED FOR VON NEUMANN BY THE AEC'S GENERAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE WITH THE APPROVAL OF PRESIDENT EISENHOWER.

IT IS IN MEMORY OF FERMI, THE ITALIAN-BORN NUCLEAR SCIENTIST WHOSE PIONEER WORK LED THE WAY TO CONTROLLED RELEASE OF ATOMIC ENERGY.

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Von Neumann is deceased, per info checked by phone at AEC today by J.F. Connell. B.
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