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TO : Mr. D. M. Ladd

DATE: December 15, 1952

FROM : A. H. Belmont

SUBJECT: ~~MILDRED K. GARVIN; ABRAHAM LEDERMAN;~~
~~MANI ISHAKHRESH; ROSE RUSSELL; MORRIS~~
~~SELTZER; EUGENE JACKSON; IRVING H.~~
~~GLUCKSMAN; LUCILLE SPENCE; SAMUEL~~
~~GREENFIELD; CLARA RIVA BRAHDY; HARRY~~
~~SITOMER; JAMES NACK; JULIUS H. HLAVATY;~~
~~IRVING LEER; CHARLES JAMES HENDLEY;~~
McCarran Committee, Witnesses
Executive Session, September 22, 1952
Volume No. 4; Public Session, September 23,
1952, Volume No. 1

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K. A. B. [unclear]

SYNOPSIS:

Testimony of the captioned individuals, all New York City school teachers, former school teachers or officials of Teachers Union, New York City, before Executive and Public Session hearings of the McCarran Committee furnished to the Bureau. A review of transcripts of both the Executive and Public testimony reveals testimony of witnesses the same at both hearings. No new or pertinent data of value to Bureau noted. Original testimony returned to McCarran Committee, October 22, 1952. Photostats of Executive and Public hearings attached for inclusion in McCarran Control File.

J. A. [unclear]

PURPOSE:

To report the receipt of Executive Session and Public Session testimony of fifteen individuals, all New York City school teachers or members or officials of the Teacher Union in New York City, the review of testimony and the filing of Photostats of this testimony in the McCarran Control File.

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BACKGROUND:

On September 30, 1952, the McCarran Committee made available to the Bureau on a confidential basis the Executive testimony of the following persons who testified before the Committee on September 22, 1952, (Volume 4):

Mildred K. Garvin, Teacher, Public School 190, Manhattan

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Abraham Lederman, President, Teachers Union

Mannis Charosh, Member, Teachers Union

Rose Russell, Legislative Representative, Teachers Union

Morris Seltzer, Teacher, Junior High School 120, Manhattan

Eugene Jackson, Retired Teacher, Vice-President, Teachers Union

Irving H. Glucksman, Teacher, Grady Vocational High School, Brooklyn

Clara Riva Brahdly, Member, Executive Board, Teachers Union

Harry Sitomer, Teacher, New Utrecht High School, Brooklyn

James Nack, Treasurer, Teachers Union

Julius H. Hlavaty, Teacher, Bronx High School

Irving Adler, Teacher, Straubenmuller Textile High School

Charles James Hendley, Retired Teacher, formerly President Teachers Union

A Photostat of this Volume (4) has been prepared to be filed in the McCarran Control File, 62-88217. The original of this Volume was returned to the McCarran Committee on October 22, 1952. Since this testimony was furnished confidentially and was heard in Executive Session, it cannot be disseminated outside of the Bureau without the consent of the McCarran Committee, and the Photostat has been marked on the cover "Do Not Disseminate."

The McCarran Committee also made available to the Bureau on September 30, 1952, the Public Session testimonies (Volume 1) of all the previously mentioned individuals except Mannis Charosh, Lucille Spence, Samuel Greenfield, Harry Sitomer, and Julius H. Hlavaty, who testified in open hearings on September 23, 1952. A Photostat of this Volume (1) has been prepared to be filed in the McCarran Control File, and the original was returned to the McCarran Committee on October 22, 1952. Information in this Volume may be disseminated as it was given in public hearings.

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DETAILS:

A review of the Executive and Public Sessions testimony reflects that the testimony given in the Public Session was practically identical with the information given by those individuals in Executive Session. A review of the testimony further reveals that the witnesses were questioned generally concerning the Teachers Union in New York City, and its activities. The witnesses were also questioned concerning whether or not they had been or were members of the Communist Party and whether or not they had ever attended a Communist caucus prior to general meetings of the Teachers Union. In this regard, it is noted that with the following exceptions all of the witnesses declined to state on constitutional grounds whether or not they had ever been or were members of the Communist Party, and whether or not they had ever attended a Communist caucus meeting: Mildred K. Garvin; James Nack; Mannis Chirosh; Samuel Greenfield; Julius H. Hlavaty; Harry Sitomer; Lucille Spence.

The individuals listed above stated during their testimony that they were not or had not been members of the Communist Party, but it is noted that they were otherwise uncooperative witnesses.

From a review of the above-mentioned testimonies, it appears that no new or pertinent data was developed which requires any action by the Bureau.

DISPOSITION:

A Photostat of Volume 1 and a Photostat of Volume 4 (Executive) is attached hereto for inclusion in the McCarran Control File (62-88217).

RECOMMENDATION:

None. This memorandum is prepared for record purposes.

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