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Office Memorandum - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: Director, FBI
FROM: SAC, Honolulu
SUBJECT: SECURITY INDEX VITAL FACILITIES

DATE: May 3, 1950

Reference is made to Bureau letter to San Juan dated April 26, 1950 enclosing a list of security index subjects of this office. Racial code has been added and this list is being returned to the Bureau.

The Bureau’s attention is directed to the fact that the name [Redacted] should be [Redacted] while the name [Redacted] should be [Redacted].

The name [Redacted] should be [Redacted]. The Bureau has been requested to remove the name of this man from the security index.

[Redacted] and [Redacted] are presently residing in the Los Angeles area and the security index cards on these subjects have been forwarded to the Los Angeles Office.

[Redacted] is now in San Francisco, however, his current address has not been verified.

[Redacted] is now residing in the Los Angeles area and the security index card will be forwarded to the Los Angeles Office in the immediate future.

It should be noted that [Redacted] has been approved for the security index but his name was not included on the Bureau list.

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Office Memorandum - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK

SUBJECT: SECURITY INDEX - VITAL FACILITIES


In regard to firms located in New Jersey at which security index subjects of the Philadelphia Office are employed and which were shown on attachment to referenced letter, this is to advise that both such firms have been designated as vital facilities.

These firms are listed below together with assigned code number:

- RCA Victor, Camden, New Jersey, MB-9-38; RD-23
- Ingersoll Rand Company, Phillipsburg, New Jersey, MB-19
Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: Director, FBI

FROM: SAC, Louisville

DATE: 5/2/50

SUBJECT: SECURITY INDEX – VITAL FACILITIES

Re: undated Bulletin to SAC, Albany, received Louisville 4/19/50.

Attached hereto is the requested information regarding the above matter for the Louisville Division.

It will be noted that:

(1) None of the persons carried on the Louisville list are employed in vital facilities concerning which information has been furnished by the Bureau.

(2) [Transferred from Cleveland to Louisville] the Cleveland letter to Director April 18, 1950 is employed at the University of Louisville.

(3) has taken up permanent quarters at Dayton, Ohio and by Louisville letter to the Director dated April 14, 1950, the Cincinnati Office was so advised.
TO: Director, FBI
FROM: SAC, Phoenix
SUBJECT: SECURITY INDEX - VITAL FACILITIES

Rebutlet 4/17/50.

Attached hereto is the original copy of the enclosure accompanying letter of reference, which consists of a list of names of all S.I. subjects in the Phoenix Division. The information desired by Bureau has been added thereto.

Attachment

REGISTRATION
AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY

RECORDED: 45
EX-11
5/10
TO: Director, FBI
FROM: SAC GUY BOTTEL, Washington Field
SUBJECT: SECURITY INDEX VI  TAL FACILITIES

Rebutlet dated April 17, 1950, in the above-captioned matter, which instructed that the security index cards in this office be reviewed in conjunction with the designated vital facilities in this area.

Pursuant to instructions, there is attached hereeto the original list of security index card subjects furnished by the Bureau, as well as separate sheets indicating the security index card subjects not on the Bureau list, as well as those recommended to the Bureau but not yet approved.

For the Bureau's information, it is pointed out that an individual designated as [redacted] was included on the Bureau list; however, this individual is carried in this office under the name of [redacted], the latter being the married name of this individual.

Enclosures:
Office Memorandum

TO: Director, FBI
FROM: SAC, Richmond

SUBJECT: SECURITY INDEX - VITAL FACILITIES

Date: 5/1/50

Rerun 4/17/50 to Albany.

There is returned herewith the original of the list of Security Index Card subjects in the Richmond Division with appropriate notations thereon as to race and other data requested.

It will be noted that the only Security Index Card subject in the Richmond Division employed in a vital facility at the present time is [redacted], an employee of the American Viscose Corporation, Roanoke, Virginia.

It is also to be noted that two of the Security Index Card subjects which you listed for Richmond have been transferred from this division. [Redacted] has been transferred to the Miami Division and [Redacted] has been transferred to the New York City Division.

The Security Index Card on [redacted] has been canceled on Bureau authorization in Bureau letter of 1/23/50.

Enclosure

[Redacted]
Confidential
May 1, 1950

Director, FBI.

RE: SECURITY INDEX - VITAL FACILITIES

Dear Sirs:

Rebutal 4/17/50.

Every effort has been made to complete this assignment by May 1, 1950 but we have not been successful. It is expected that it will be completed by May 8, 1950 and the results will be furnished to the Bureau at that time.
Office Mem

TO: Director, FBI

FROM: V.E.S., Savannah

SUBJECT: SECURITY INDEX

VITAL FACILITIES

Received a letter from the Bureau to Albany entitled as above

received in this office 4/21/50, forwarding a list of Security Index Subjects.

This letter has been reviewed in connection with the list of vital facilities

furnished to this office.

It will be noted that the security index subject in this office is

employed as an officer in the Lime, Mill and Smelter Workers Union at Savannah

and is not employed by a vital facility and has no connection with any vital

facility.

Information concerning racial data has been added to the list and

the original is returned herewith.

Enclosure
TO: Director, FBI
FROM: WAAG, Milwaukee
SUBJECT: SECURITY INDEX - VITAL FACILITIES

Rebuked April 26, 1950 to Albany, copy of which included for Milwaukee.

There is enclosed the original of the security index list supplied this office by the Bureau with appropriate notations as requested in reference letter.

For the Bureau's information, although residing in Milwaukee, is actually employed by the engineering service Co. at Chicago, Illinois, and is actually employed by the manufacturer Co. at Duluth, Minnesota. Letters have been directed to the Chicago and Minneapolis offices requesting that these offices advise the Bureau and Milwaukee if these companies are on the vital facilities list and if so to advise of the vital facility code number.

Enclosure - RECORDED MAIL
Office Memo

TO: Director, FBI
FROM: SAC, Los Angeles
SUBJECT: SECURITY INDEX - VITAL FACILITIES

Refiled April 17, 1950 to Albany with copies to Los Angeles and other offices. Returned herewith is the original list of Security Index subjects furnished by Bureau letter.

The race of each individual has been indicated by notation preceding the name. In instances where the individual is employed at a Vital Facility as listed in Bureau letter of April 6, 1950, the full code number has been inserted immediately following the name. Like notations have been made on the appropriate Security Index cards. Individuals appearing on the list whose Security Index cards have been cancelled are indicated by a small "c" immediately following the name.

(1) A list of cases in which Security Index cards have been recommended by the Los Angeles Office but approval has not been received as yet. This list shows the race and date of birth of the individual. In none of the instances is a Vital Facility code number applicable.

(2) A list of subjects of Security Index cards maintained by the Los Angeles Office which do not appear on the list furnished by the Bureau. This list shows race and birth date in each instance and Vital Facility code number where applicable. These are cases in which either authority from the Bureau to maintain the card or the Form FD-128 from another office has recently been received. The reason for maintaining the card is shown in each instance.

(3) A list of individuals appearing on the Bureau list but as to whom Security Index cards are no longer maintained by the Los Angeles Office. This list includes the cancellations previously mentioned, and the cases in which the Security Index card has recently been forwarded to another office with Form FD-128. The reason why such card is no longer maintained by this office is set out in each instance.

In comparing the list furnished by Bureau letter with the Security Index the following discrepancies were noted.

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Office Memorandum

TO: Director, FBI
FROM: SAC, Detroit
SUBJECT: SECURITY INDEX - VITAL FACILITIES

Rebufet, April 17, 1950.

As instructed in referenced letter, names of individuals appearing on the attached security index list, which was an enclosure to the referenced letter, have been reviewed in conjunction with the vital facilities program.

The full code of the vital facility, at which the individual is employed, has been placed, as instructed, adjacent to his name on the list. The face of the individual has also been designated by the initials "V", "V" or "O", as appropriate.
Date: April 27, 1950

Subject: Security Index

Revised dated April 17, 1950.

The following is the list of Security Index subjects in this office as of April 17, 1950, that was revised in conjunction with the Security Index of the Washington Division. This revision fails to reflect that one of the Security Index subjects of this office are employed at a vital facility.

For the information of the Bureau, there is set out below an occupational breakdown of Security Index subjects in District 29, CP-USA:

- Students - University of North Carolina and Duke University, Chapel Hill and Durham, N.C.
- Employees of Food, Tobacco, Agricultural, and Allied Workers of America
- Unemployed
- Employees of International Fur and Leather Workers Union
- Employees of Progressive Party of North Carolina
- Employees of University of North Carolina
- Employees of Duke University
- Bookstore operator
- Teacher
- Organizers - CP-USA, District No. 29
- Chairman - CP-USA, District No. 29

As the Bureau will note, this office presently has twenty-eight individuals classified with the Security Index. It is also noteworthy that seven of those individuals who are students at the University of North Carolina
Director, FBI

April 27, 1950

At Chapel Hill and at Duke University at Durham are located in the center of activities of the Communist Party in District No. 29. Within the Durham-Chapel Hill area, which encompasses approximately twenty miles, there are fifteen Security Index subjects. The remainder of these Security Index subjects are scattered throughout the State of North Carolina, none of whom reside or are employed in connection with vital facility installations.

In accordance with instructions set out in reference Bureau letter, the race of each of the Security Index subjects is being set forth in the left margin of the list of subjects furnished by the bureau. This data appears on the Security Index cards filed in the Charlotte Office. This racial code will be used in the future when submitting Form FD 122 in recommending individuals for this index. Then a Security Index card is recommended in the future, the vital facility data will be included in the event such data applies to the individual being recommended.
Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: Director, FBI

FROM: SAC, Pittsburgh

DATE: 4/26/50

SUBJECT: SECURITY INDEX - VITAL FACILITIES

Rebuit 4/17/50, setting forth instructions with regard to the handling of the Security Index in conjunction with the Vital Facilities Program. Based on these instructions, the following procedure has been completed in the Pittsburgh Division:

1. All 179 Pittsburgh Security Index cards were reviewed. Where a Security Index subject was found to be employed at a vital facility, the appropriate vital facility code number was placed on the subject's Security Index cards.

2. The appropriate vital facility code number was placed, where applicable, in the left margin adjacent to the Security Index subject's name as it appears on the list of Security Index subjects forwarded by the Bureau. This list, furnished by the Bureau, is attached to this letter.

3. During the review of the Security Index cards it was found that the Pittsburgh Division had in addition to the Security Index subjects listed by the Bureau, three additional Security Index subjects. A separate sheet listing the names, birthdates and race of these three additional subjects is attached.

4. At the present time the Pittsburgh Division does not have any pending recommendations for Security Index subjects in the Bureau for its consideration.

5. No Security Index subjects as shown on the Bureau's list have been cancelled.

6. The race of all Security Index subjects in the Pittsburgh Division has been placed to the right of the subject's date of birth on all lists attached hereto.

7. All future FD-132 forms recommending Security Index subjects will show in the appropriate space whether or not the individual is employed at a vital facility.

It is pointed out that referenced subject made no provisions for the handling of Security Index cards wherein a Security Index subject resides in one field division and is employed in another field division. In these cases, wherein the Pittsburgh Division is the office of origin and maintains the particular subject's Security Index card, and where there is reason to believe that the Security Index subject might be employed in a vital facility, a letter...
To: Director, FBI
From: SAC, Pittsburgh
Re: SECURITY INDEX - VITAL FACILITIES

will be directed to the division covering the subject's place of employment
requesting advice as to whether or not the particular industry employing the
Security Index subject is on the Vital Facility List.

The Bureau's attention is respectfully directed to the Bureau's
list of the Security Index subjects returned with this letter and, further,
to the names:
TO  DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM  SAC, SALT LAKE CITY

SUBJECT  SECURITY INDEX - VITAL FACILITIES

REBULET, 4/17/50.

Enclosed is the original copy of the list of Security Index Subjects forwarded to this office with reference letter.

Instructions set out in reference letter have been complied with and the proper notations have been made opposite the appropriate Security Index Subject.

Proper notations have also been made on the various Security Index Cards maintained at the Salt Lake City Office.
TO: Director, FBI
FROM: SAC, San Antonio
SUBJECT: SECURITY INDEX – VITAL FACILITIES

DATE: April 28, 1950

Reference is made to Bureau letter to Albany dated April 17, 1950 under the above caption.

A review of the security index in the San Antonio Office reflects that none of the security index subjects are employed at any of the vital facilities in the San Antonio Division.

There is enclosed the original of the list of security index subjects which was forwarded to the San Antonio Office with referenced letter with the race of each security index subject noted thereon.

Encl. (1)
Office Memo

TO: Director, FBI
FROM: SAC, San Diego

SUBJECT: SECURITY INDEX - VITAL FACILITIES

DATE: 4-28-50

Air Mail

Memolet to Albany dated April 17, 1950, submitting a list of Security Index subjects to be reviewed in conjunction with a list of facilities deemed vital to the national defense by the National Military Establishment furnished the San Diego Division by letter dated April 6, 1950.

The original of the Security Index list is being returned to the Bureau as an enclosure with this letter after the above review has been made and the proper designations as to race and vital facility added thereto. In addition, there is being attached a separate list containing names of individuals upon whom Security Index cards are maintained by the San Diego Division, which names are not included in the Bureau's list furnished with referenced communication.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: Director, FBI
FROM: SAC, Norfolk
SUBJECT: SECURITY INDEX - VITAL FACILITIES

Rebuked 4/17/50 to all offices.

A study of the problems in relation to Security Index subjects with vital facilities has been made, and for the Bureau's information it has been determined:

1. This office has no Security Index subjects who are employed at vital facilities or who have sufficient access to these facilities to warrant consideration under this program.

2. There are no Security Index subjects in the Norfolk Office that were not contained on the list furnished by the Bureau.

3. Of the seven Security Index subjects in this office, five are white and two are Negro.

4. As instructed, this office will make appropriate notations on Security Index cards prepared in the future on those subjects who have access to vital facilities.

5. Enclosed is the completed list of Security Index subjects in the Norfolk Office.
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
515 Railway Exchange Building
Denver 2, Colorado
April 25, 1950

Dear Sir:

Enclosed, dated April 25, 1950, returning the original copy of the Bureau list of Security Index subjects and adding a sheet containing the names of  and .

There is attached hereto a supplemental list which should be substituted for the list mentioned above. This is necessary because the names were misspelled. The correct spelling should be and .

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

Enc. (1)

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EX-11
Office Memorandum

TO: Director, FBI
FROM: SAC, Memphis

SUBJECT: SECURITY INDEX - VITAL FACILITIES

April 17, 1960.

Attached hereto is a list of security index subjects furnished this office by you by the above referenced letter. A review of security index cases in the Memphis Division discloses that this list is correct and the appropriate symbol numbers have been designated thereon.

DATE: April 28, 1960

[Handwritten note: 28-3]
Director, FBI

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO

SUBJECT:

Security Clearances

Dear Sir,

This list has been marked as Confidential. The Code behind identifying the name of the subject appears on the left margin. The code letters and numbers preceding the name indicate the right of the subject.

There were no additions or deletions from this list. The security clearances have been in the administrative control of the Army Security Agency. The clearances have not been appropriately marked in all cases when it was found that the subject was employed in a vital capacity.

Enclosure

REGARDED IT

June 6, 1950

[Signature]
Office Memorandum

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: CIG. R. LITVAK
SUBJECT: SECURITY INDEX - VITAL FACILITIES

DATE: 2/27/50

Revised 4/21/50.

In accordance with instructions set forth in referenced bureau letter, vital facility code numbers initially set forth as an attachment to Bureau letter dated 1/29/50 entitled "VITAL FACILITIES. FBI NATIONAL INDEX NORTHWEST: 13.9" were placed on all security index cards maintained by the Baltimore's Office of persons employed in private industries and vital areas designated as vital facilities.

The record of the individual 31 card subjects concerned, together with the vital facility code number, if any, has also been noted on the enclosed list of Baltimore's security Index card subjects, as well as on Baltimore's copy of the same list. A small "X" has been placed next to the name of any person appearing on the list on which the SI card has since been canceled. These names are listed as follows:

[Names listed]

By Baltimore letter dated 2/24/50 cabled to the FBI, the Bureau was advised of a death on 1/23/50. Accordingly, by letter to Baltimore dated 2/23/50 regarding this, the Bureau advised that it had cancelled its SI card regarding him.

The only subject appearing in Baltimore's Security Index box who is not listed on the enclosed bureau list is [Name] whose name has been listed, together with his date of birth, on a separate list, also enclosed.

[Another note added]
Rebutlet April 17, 1950.

Attached hereto is the list of Philadelphia Security Index subjects forwarded by the Bureau with reference letter, which has been completed in accordance with Bureau instructions. In addition to this list there are attached additional pages listing persons appearing in the Philadelphia Security Index who do not appear on the Bureau's list, and a list of persons who have been recommended for Security Index, but have not as yet been approved by the Bureau. Appropriate code numbers have been placed on the Security Index cards of individuals employed in vital facilities in this Division.

In addition, there is attached a list of Security Index subjects who reside within the Philadelphia Division and are employed in New Jersey by firms which might conceivably be vital facilities. No firms located in New Jersey were included in the list of vital facilities furnished to Philadelphia. However, it is believed advisable to call the attention of the Bureau and Newark to these persons and their places of employment, in the event such places are considered vital facilities. If the firms listed have been closed as vital facilities by the Bureau, the Newark Office is requested to so advise and a supplemental list will then be submitted to the Bureau. If no advice is received from Newark, it will be assumed that the firms listed are not vital facilities.

It is noted that one page of the attached list, headed "S14," born December 10, 1910, and endorsed "24," born October 24, 1914. A review of the records of this office reveals that Philadelphia maintains a Security Index card only on the latter date. The original recommendation for Security Index was made on October 24, 1914. Subsequently, it was ascertained that the correct birth date was December 10, 1910, and the Bureau was so advised by Form FD 122, dated March 17, 1950. Appropriate corrections have been made on the attached list.

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cc: Newark
The name [redacted] appears on page 10 of the attached list. A review of the file concerning this individual reveals that FD Ltd. was submitted to the Bureau on January 17, 1950, with a copy to the New York Office, transmitting her Security Index cards to that office. The New York Office advised us on March 24, 1950, that she was not employed at that time.
TO: Director, FBI  
FROM: CAC, Minneapolis  
SUBJECT: SECURITY INDEX - VITAL FACILITIES  

DATE: April 28, 1950

Re: Letter to Albany dated 6/17/50.

Attached hereto is the original list of names of security index subjects for the Minneapolis Field Division on which has been added the race of each individual and the vital facility code number in the case of those employees who are employed by vital facilities.

Enclosure (1)
To: Director, FBI

From: SAC, Newark

Subject: SECURITY INDEX - VITAL FACILITIES

Re: Bureau letter dated April 17, 1950 captioned as above.

There is enclosed hereewith the list of security index subjects in the Newark Office, together with additional sheets setting forth names not appearing on the Bureau's list. Notations concerning individuals listed have been affixed according to the Bureau's instructions contained in referenced bureau letter.

It should be noted that in several instances, Security Index Subjects of this office are employed in New York City. Inasmuch as this office is not aware of Vital Facility designations in New York, a list of New York firms at which Newark subjects are employed has been forwarded to the New York Office to determine if such firms are on the Vital Facility list. When this information is received, the bureau will be advised of code numbers concerned, if any.

Enc. 1
Office Memorandum  
UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: Director, FBI
FROM: [Redacted]
SUBJECT: UPDATE ON FDLI FACILITIES

DATE: April 20, 1936

Final to Director and all FBI officials:

The FBI Security Index is in a vital facility.

The original list of FBI Security Index cards is returned herealong with new appropriately updated cards.

Here is the cancellation  [Redacted] which has been appropriately indicated on the file with a [Redacted] before this line.

This is a missing, transferred to [Redacted] from [Redacted]. A reissue of the missing his name, past and birth date is attached for which is in the Bureau records.

RECORDED: 45

2-9-4
Office Memorandum

TO: Director, FBI
FROM: SAC, Knoxville
SUBJECT: SECURITY INDEX - VITAL FACILITIES

Sobulot to Albany dated 4-17-50.

There are being returned herewith as enclosures the two lists furnished this office with reference letter setting forth the subjects listed on the Security Index of this office. This list agrees with the index cards of this office.

The information requested in reference letter has been added to the list. The index cards of the three individuals found to be employed within one of the Vital Facilities as indicated have been marked to reflect the code of the particular facility.
Office Memorandum

TO: Director, FBI
FROM: SAC, Detroit
SUBJECT: SECURITY INDEX VITAL FACILITIES

DATE: April 28, 1950

Rebutelet April 17, 1950 and mylet April 27, 1950.

Through an inadvertence my referenced letter became detached from the Security Index list to be forwarded to the Bureau. Therefore, the Security Index list is being enclosed herewith.

Enclosure

EX-11 37
TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, ST. LOUIS
SUBJECT: SECURITY INDEX - VITAL FACILITIES

Re: Bulletin 5-17-52.

Enclosed herewith is original Security Index list completed in accordance with instructions in referenced letter.

Enc. 42-5

EX. 11