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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-166384) DATE: 6/18/68

FROM : SAC, DALLAS (105-2606)
(105-2637)

SUBJECT:

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Jacques Kliment Palangian
Jack Kliment Palandjian
Jacquy Palangian
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IS - R (SOBIR)
OO: DALLAS
DL 105-2606 (P)

CC TO: REQ. REC'D NOV BY
ANS. BY: Jack Palangian

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Titles of these cases are marked changed to reflect the correct spelling as PALANGIAN which is being used by the US INS at Dallas as the spelling of the names of subjects. The titles were formerly carried as JACK KLIMENT PALANDJIAN aka and RIMMA BELIAEVA PALANDJIAN.

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Ten copies of a letterhead memorandum dated and captioned as above, five extras being forwarded in view of the double caption.

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REFERENCES

Dallas letters to Bureau (FD-346's) dated 1/31/68.
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The original interview of MR. JAMES E. WILMETH at Fort Worth, Texas, was performed by IC JAMES VON WHITE who received a telephone call from MR. WILMETH. The subsequent

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interview of MR. WILMETH was performed by SA WALLACE R. HEITMAN. The review of INS files at Dallas was also performed by SA HEITMAN.

The interview of WILMETH was performed pursuant to Bur authorization contained in reBulet dated 5/7/68.

The Dallas Office has received from the Bureau a report prepared by PAUL M. GLENN, Reporting Agent, Office of Security, Department of State, dated 5/18/67, concerning JACQUES KLIMENT PALANGIAN, who is identical with one of the subjects of this case. This report contains an interview of MR. PALANGIAN. The report is quite lengthy and as it presumably has been designated to or is available to interested agencies, the results of that interview have not been included in the enclosed letterhead memorandum. (S)

In the event that a request for the interviews of subjects is made and approved, the information contained in the GLENN report will be used, along with other information, as a basis of such interviews. (S)

The GLENN report is classified SECRET. (S)

No consideration is being given to a request for interviews of subjects at this time in view of their travel to Europe this summer. Consideration for this interview will be made on their return and appropriate requests will be made of the Bureau.

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AT DALLAS, TEXAS. Will, following the return of the PALANGIANS to Arlington, Texas, confirm such return, residence, employment, and known activities through the U.S. INS at Dallas and MR. JAMES E. WILMETH at Fort Worth and will thereafter consider request of Bureau for an interview of subjects.

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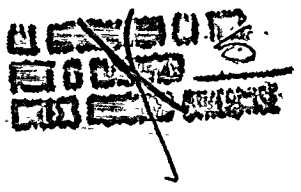

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contact with the Palangians and recruit them for employment at the UTA.

The Palangians, after making suitable arrangements to immigrate to the United States in Morocco, left that country by plane, traveling through Southern France where Mr. Palangian's mother lived and entering the United States at New York City.

The Palangians arrived in Arlington, Texas, in mid-September, 1967. Mr. Palangian is presently employed as an assistant instructor in the French and Russian languages in the university. Mrs. Palangian assists Wilmeth in his teaching of the Russian language.

Wilmeth explained that he is a retired officer of the U.S. Army and learned the Russian language while he was in the army.

Wilmeth stated he hopes to employ Mrs. Palangian in the near future.

Wilmeth stated that the ethnic background of Mr. Palangian is Armenian. Mrs. Palangian is Russian.

Wilmeth advised that the Palangians like living in the United States. They reside in Apartment #16 of the Plaza Summit Apartments on Summit Avenue in Arlington. Their apartment has one bedroom. They have no automobile. Neither of the Palangians can drive an automobile although both now have taken out beginners licenses. They plan to buy an automobile when they learn to drive.

As to the friends of the Palangians, Wilmeth stated that these consist of some third year students in the university and various persons with Russian background whom the Palangians have met in the Fort Worth and Dallas area. Among these friends are George De Mohrenschildt and Ilya Mamantov, both of whom reside in Dallas, Texas. They know other persons of Russian background who reside in Fort Worth.

Wilmeth stated that Mr. Palangian does not want to return to Russia, nor does his wife. Mr. Palangian is more reticent and retiring and a non-social type. Mrs. Palangian is more of the social type and has a more gregarious nature. The Palangians drink a little beer but do not drink much whiskey. Mr. Palangian likes to play chess and spends a great deal of his time in study. He is working hard to improve his English.

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As to his fluency in languages, Palangian, according to Wilmeth, is very fluent in all phases of the French language. His second best language, in which he has obtained excellent fluency in all phases, is the Russian language. He speaks, reads, writes and understands English very well although he does have an accent. He does not speak the Moroccan or Armenian languages. Wilmeth stated that Mrs. Palangian is primarily fluent in all phases of the Russian language; her second best language, in which she has attained excellent fluency in all phases, is the French language; and her third and much weaker language is English.

Wilmeth stated that since the arrival of the Palangians in Arlington, he has observed nothing about them which would indicate that they are interested in furthering the aims of the Russians or any foreign country. He believes them both to be very materialistic. He feels that they would like to settle in the United States. Neither has shown any interest whatsoever in communism and he does not believe them either to have ever been a member of the Communist Party.

Wilmeth said that Mr. Palangian has made the statement that if one wishes to get ahead in Russia, he should be a member of the Communist Party. He has also made the statement that in his opinion the top government officials of Russia are sincere in their beliefs in communism and in their desire to improve the lot of the Russian people. He has further stated, according to Wilmeth, that the bureaucrats below the top echelon are many times simply that, bureaucrats with a greater interest in their own personal welfare and materialistic positions than in the furthering of communism or in the welfare of the common people.

Wilmeth said that both the Palangians speak of remaining in the United States and obtaining their PhD degrees in language.

Wilmeth said that the information that he has furnished concerning the Palangians is from memory and is based upon letters he has received from the Palangians, conversations he has had with them since their arrival in the United States, and his own observations.

Mr. Wilmeth advised that the Palangians have planned to return to Europe in June, 1968, to visit with Mr. Palangian's mother in France.

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On May 27, 1968, the files of the INS concerning the Palangians were examined and it was noted that an Application for Permit to Re-enter the United States had been filed by the Palangians on January 23, 1968. In this Application, the Palangians noted that it was their intention to go to Europe, leaving June 7, 1968, for a period of five weeks. The purpose of the trip was noted to be to visit Mr. Palangian's mother, Jean Sarabian, 43 Rue du Charche-Midi, Paris, Vle, France.

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