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Basis for conversion to limited security case, full field investigation by FBI or flagging action:

Determine appointee's suitability for Federal employment.

A voucher from the Employment Section, Convair, San Diego, California, indicated that Mr. Porter was forced to resign from that company in October 1956 because of his unprofessional attitude.

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Belfast, Maine

The following information developed through the national agency check was not considered sufficient to require conversion by the central office:

The Commission's files contain information indicating that the Sixth Report of the Senate Fact-Finding Committee on Un-American Activities, California Legislature, 1951, page 229, reflects that the name of BERNARD PORTER, not further identified, appeared in the minutes of Chapter 25 of the FEDERATION OF ARCHITECTS, CHEMISTS, AND TECHNICIANS, as valuable contact in Atomic Research.

Also in the Commission's files is information taken from the December 1955 issue of Coastlines Magazine, Vol. I, No. 3, page 35. It has not been possible to establish the significance of the article which appears to be an advertisement:

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An office memo from the 12th United States Civil Service Region, dated 4-27-56, reflects the following: "The enclosed magazine (COASTLINES, Volume 1, No. 3, December 1955) was seized in a raid by the Los Angeles Police Department on a meeting of suspected subversives held recently in Los Angeles. It indicates the close association of Communism and homosexuality, which exists in some groups such as the ones listed on page 36 of the publication.")