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UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION
REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

NAME BERNARD HARDEN PORTER AKA: Bern Porter	ADDRESS 2001 Lee High Drive Huntsville, Ala.
DATE OF BIRTH February 14, 1911	PLACE OF BIRTH Houlton, Maine
POSITION Not Shown	AGENCY UNESCO
TYPE OF CASE Full Field	CSC CASE SERIAL NO. 4.24.67.638
PLACE(S) OF INVESTIGATION Calais, Maine	PLACE(S) OF RECORD SEARCH Augusta, Maine
DATE(S) OF INVESTIGATION February 1, 2, and 3, 1967	NAME OF INVESTIGATOR [REDACTED]

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SYNOPSIS

Period covered: March 15, 1960, to August 23, 1960. Discrepancy developed in claimed place of residence. No derogatory information was developed. Police files show no record. Date of birth and place of birth not corroborated.

CALAIS, MAINE

[REDACTED]
OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK, Town Office Building, Town of Calais, Church St., tax records furnished by [REDACTED]

Tax records for the year 1960 show that Bernard Porter of 258 Main St. was assessed \$3 for the city poll tax. The records show in a marginal notation that this tax was not paid and that it was abated by the Board of Assessors.

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My rent receipt book for the year 1960 shows that Vernard Porter occupied the second-floor middle apartment in my apartment house known as "The Elms" at 258 Main Street. He occupied this apartment from March 15, 1960 to August 23, 1960.

My receipt book makes no mention of his wife, but I recall that Mr. Porter and his wife lived in this apartment together. They had no children. He paid his rent satisfactorily. He did not work anywhere while he was here. He gave no evidence of drinking. He was always neat and well dressed and was no trouble to me or at any time to any of the other tenants at all. He did arouse some suspicion on the part of other tenants, however, because he did not work. I did not pry into his affairs as long as he paid his rent regularly. I do recall that he took a lot of pictures of the town which I always found strange because there was nothing scenic here. I can recall no particular leisuretime activities which he seemed to enjoy. I can recall no associates that he cultivated while he was here. He never gave me any reason to question his mental or his emotional stability and he appeared to be in good physical health. I do not recall where he came from or where he went to from here. He left no forwarding address. I do recall that he left first and that his wife followed him some few days later. He had no car and his household goods was shipped express.

There is only one resident still at The Elms who was there at the time that Mr. Porter was there. I certainly do not recall him well enough, nor did I ever know him well enough, to be able to comment on his suitability to hold a position which would be sensitive to our national interests, but I know of no reason why he should not be considered for such a position.

258 Main St.

I have been renting an apartment here at The Elms from [redacted] for many years and I was renting here at the time that a man named Porter and his wife had the apartment immediately over me on the second floor. I never knew Mr. Porter's first name and I did not know his wife's name. He was a short man of about 5 ft., 5 in. or 5 ft. 6 in. in height and seemed to be in his 40's. His wife was short and stout. Mr. Porter was a clean-shaven, always neatly-dressed man. I always thought that he was a tourist because he dressed in a suit and because he always carried a camera with him wherever he went. I assume he took a lot of pictures but I never saw him take any. The Porters have no children here with them. They had no car and went everywhere on foot. Mrs. Porter stayed in the apartment and Mr. Porter did a lot of walking. He was out all day long walking, as a rule. He and his wife were not the least bit noisy and were not in any way troublesome to me and, I would assume, to any of the other tenants at the time.

He gave no evidence of being a heavy or habitual drinker. He gave no evidence of having marital problems. He did not seem to be affiliated with any church here and I do not recall his ever being visited by anybody in the town. He gave me no reason to question his mental or his emotional stability and he did seem to be in good physical health. He was not at all friendly and would not return my "hellos".

He did not work anywhere. I do recall that he got a lot of mail and wrote a lot of letters. He was always taking a packet of letters to the post office and bringing a packet of letters from the post office on an almost daily basis. I do not recall where he was from or where he went to. I do recall that he left first and that his wife followed him a week or two later. From my observations of him, I know of no reason why he should not be considered for a position which could be critical to our national interests.

[REDACTED]

OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURTS, Records Repository of Criminal and Civil Violations in Calais and in Washington County, Files searched by [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] No record. in either civil or criminal files.

AUGUSTA, MAINE

[REDACTED]

MAINE STATE POLICE (Central repository for all criminal records in the state of Maine), Identification Bureau, Criminal Records Section, 36 Hospital St., files searched by [REDACTED]. No record.

NY: [REDACTED] 2/6/67