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UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

NAME BERNARD HARDIN PORTER	ADDRESS CAA, Anchorage, Alaska
DATE OF BIRTH February 14, 1911	PLACE OF BIRTH Maine
POSITION Not Shown	AGENCY Not Shown
TYPE OF CASE Limited Suitability	CSC CASE SERIAL NO. 11.58.7913
PLACE(S) OF INVESTIGATION Chandler, Arizona	PLACE(S) OF RECORD SEARCH
DATE(S) OF INVESTIGATION September 23, 1958	NAME OF INVESTIGATOR [REDACTED]

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS

This report covers interview with witness relative subject's employment with Collins Radio Company in Cedar Rapids, Iowa and in Venezuela, South American from approximately March 1957 through the latter part of July 1957. No derogatory information developed.

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CHANDLER, ARIZONA

~~REDACTED~~, Collins Radio Company,
Far West Motel, Chandler, Arizona.

I first became acquainted with Mr. Bernard H. Porter in early March of 1957 at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, the home office of Collins Radio Company. We were there for a few weeks getting ready to embark to Venezuela, South America. We left the states on May 9, 1957 and were stationed at Maricaoibo, Venezuela through the last week of July 1957. Actually, I left about the last week in July and I think that Mr. Porter left about a week before I did. I have not heard from him since.

About half the time I was stationed in Venezuela, I was at the other end of our circuit, about 100 air miles away, consequently, I only saw Mr. Porter about half the time that I was stationed in Venezuela. There were six of us in Venezuela for the Collins company and the only one that was married was Mr. Porter, and he was accompanied by his wife. Consequently, of all the fellows there, I became the least acquainted with Mr. Porter. He did not associate with the rest of us.

As far as I could judge, he was apparently honest, steady, reliable; conscientious, capable and dependable. He was hired for more or less of a sales capacity, he gave lectures on equipment to prospective buyers. The rest of us were concerned with technical details.

Mr. Porter did not do much work on the equipment although I understand he is supposed to have a Master's Degree in electronics.

As far as I could judge, Mr. Porter was a very conservative man and kept pretty much to himself. As far as I know also, he is a man of good personal habits, morals, and associates. If he used intoxicants, I was not aware of it. I had no way of knowing his organizations or affiliations, I cannot recall his ever having said or done anything that would cause me to be critical of his loyalty to the United States, and as far as I know the man, I would recommend him for a position with the Federal Government.

If I had one criticism of Mr. Porter, it is that I thought he was extremely stingy. He never went anywhere, rarely entertained, and the natives did not like Mr. Porter because he did not squander his money around the way the rest of us did. However, that, in a way, could be a virtue.

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