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UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

TWELFTH REGION INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

NAME BERNARD HARDEN PORTER	ADDRESS % CAA Anchorage, Alaska
DATE OF BIRTH February 14, 1911	PLACE OF BIRTH Houlton, Maine
POSITION Electronic Engineer EOD:3/1/58	AGENCY Department of Commerce, CAA Anchorage, Alaska
TYPE OF CASE Limited Suitability	CSC CASE SERIAL NO. 11.58.7913
PLACE(S) OF INVESTIGATION Pasadena, California	PLACE(S) OF RECORD SEARCH
DATE(S) OF INVESTIGATION July 28, 1958	NAME OF INVESTIGATOR [REDACTED]

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS

This investigation was conducted to determine the subject's suitability for Federal employment. No derogatory information developed. Police and subversive files are clear.

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PASADENA, CALIFORNIA

[REDACTED] 677 East Colorado Boulevard:

Bernard Porter rented a room here [REDACTED]. He was living here with his wife and they were writing or publishing some type of book or manuscript while here. They seemed to spend most of their time typing and stayed in their apartment most of the time. He was not employed, other than his writing, while he was living here. They stayed to themselves, and I don't believe he ever said more than ten words to me at any time. I considered him an unusual person, not sociable, and somewhat different. He occasionally had visitors come to his room, but there was never more than one or two there at a time. These visitors seemed to be of foreign extraction, although I knew nothing about them and only saw them come and go. He seemed to want to be left alone, and I don't believe I ever knew his wife's name.

I had no trouble with him as far as his character and habits were concerned, and he seemed to be all right as far as his sobriety and moral habits were concerned. He paid his rent, although he was a little slow once or twice. I know nothing unfavorable concerning his honesty or trustworthiness. I do, however, feel that he should be thoroughly investigated before getting a Government position. I have nothing unfavorable upon which to base this, other than that I didn't like his associates and he didn't seem to want to let anyone know what he was doing.

I don't know anything concerning his loyalty to this country, and I can furnish no information along this line. I have no knowledge of his organizational affiliations, and he never left here to go to any meetings nor held any in his rooms that I knew of. I do not know him well enough to recommend him for a position with the Government.

[REDACTED] 677 East Colorado Boulevard:

The Porters lived just [REDACTED] the hall, and although I remember them being here, I don't believe I ever knew their names. I talked to Mr. Porter's wife a few times, but I don't remember ever talking to Mr. Porter. This is a very friendly apartment hotel and most of the people here have been here for some time. We found them to be somewhat different and strange in that they didn't want to get acquainted and seemed to prefer to stay to themselves. He was a writer of some kind

and they seemed to be somewhat secretive in their activities. This may just have been my feelings because they would not visit or talk with us. I believe they left here to go to Alaska, at least they were purchasing warm clothes for a cold climate.

I knew nothing unfavorable concerning his sobriety, morality, honesty, or trustworthiness. I feel, down in my heart, that he should be thoroughly investigated before getting a Government position. I know nothing favorable nor unfavorable concerning his loyalty or organizational associations. I would not recommend him for a Government position because of the way he acted while here, and my insufficient knowledge of him.

[REDACTED] 677 East Colorado Boulevard:

The Porters lived here on the same floor of this hotel for three or four months, and I knew them during that time. Although I saw them come and go frequently, I never talked to Mr. Porter. I did, however, talk to his wife on a few occasions. They spent most of their time in their room doing some kind of writing. I remember you could hear the typewriter going way late into the night. Since he was not very friendly with the other tenants, they seemed to be somewhat suspicious of him. He didn't seem to want to get acquainted. I, however, know nothing unfavorable concerning him, he didn't drink that I knew of, and I know nothing unfavorable concerning his moral habits. I know nothing unfavorable concerning his honesty or trustworthiness.

I would be unqualified to say concerning his loyalty, and I know nothing of his organizational affiliations. I don't know him well enough to recommend him for a Government position.

[REDACTED]

PASADENA POLICE DEPARTMENT; record searched by [REDACTED]: No Record.