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**UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION**

**REPORT OF INVESTIGATION**

NAME  <b>BERNARD HARDEN PORTER</b> <b>AKA: Bern Porter</b>	ADDRESS  <b>2009 Lee High Drive</b> <b>Huntsville, Alabama</b>
DATE OF BIRTH <b>February 14, 1911</b>	PLACE OF BIRTH <b>Houlton, Maine</b>
POSITION	AGENCY <b>UNESCO</b>
TYPE OF CASE <b>FF</b>	CSC CASE SERIAL NO. <b>4.24.67.638</b>
PLACE(S) OF INVESTIGATION  <b>Huntsville, Alabama</b> <b>Redstone Arsenal, Alabama</b> <b>Decatur, Alabama</b>	PLACE(S) OF RECORD SEARCH
DATE(S) OF INVESTIGATION <b>January 20, 24, 26, 27, 30, 31,</b> <b>February 1, 3, 1967</b>	NAME OF INVESTIGATOR 

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**SYNOPSIS**

Period covered: July, 1964 to date. Subject described as a marginal employee, a loner, peculiar, unstable and one who is unable to communicate with others. Date and place of birth corroborated. Local police files show no record. Credit bureau records indicate two collection accounts paid.

**HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA**



**THE BOEING COMPANY, Personnel Office, 304 Oakwood Avenue, Northeast. Information furnished by **

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NAME (Last, First, Middle) <b>PORTER, BERNARD HARDEN</b> <b>PORTER, BERN</b>		DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH <b>2-14-11</b> <b>Houlton, Maine</b>	
ADDRESS <b>c/o CAA, Anchorage, Alaska</b>		POSITION AND AGENCY <b>Electronic Engr.</b> <b>Commerce, (CAA) Wn. D. C.</b>	
DATE AND CAUSE OF SEPARATION <b>Resigned 9-8-58</b>			
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		SUBMITTED BY <b>11th Region</b>	
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		16-59487b-2 CSC FORM 4148 JANUARY 1957	

NAME (Last, First, Middle) <b>PORTER, Bernard Harden</b>		DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH <b>2-14-11</b> <b>Houlton, Maine</b>	
ADDRESS <b>2001 Lee High Drive</b> <b>Huntsville, Alabama</b>		POSITION AND AGENCY	
DATE AND CAUSE OF SEPARATION			
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		SUBMITTED BY <b>LIA:EMS:mgr</b>	
REMARKS (Give reason for action) <b>Question of loyalty resolved.</b>			
<b>NOTICE OF BAR OR FLAG ACTION</b>		<b>BAR OR FLAG FILE COPY</b>	
		16-59487c-4 CSC FORM 4148 AUGUST 1961	

I have obtained the personnel file of Mr. Bernard Harden Porter from [REDACTED] of our Personnel Office and it shows that Mr. Porter has been employed by the Boeing Company at Huntsville, Alabama as an associate research engineer A from July 7, 1964 to date. We are not permitted to give out the salary. His date and place of birth are shown as February 14, 1911 at Houlton, Maine and his Social Security Number is 083-10-2491. His wife is listed as Margaret Eudine Porter and his parent is Etta F. Rogers. He indicated that his wife was born in Rio Vista, California. On June 2, 1964 he gave his address as General Delivery Waldwick, New Jersey.

There is nothing unfavorable in this file. Our personnel representative has the file which contains his official employment ratings.

I have inquired and I find that his personnel representative, [REDACTED] is off today. I have obtained his personnel rating file and a review of it indicates that his services have not been "too satisfactory" and the ratings from various supervisors run as follows, "Gives cursory answers", "he defines job himself and comes out with different answers from what the requirement is and his work is marginal", "he may improve his work but transfer into different type of work", "his work is routine and requires no analytical thinking", and "he may improve self to company by taking a more positive attitude."

THE BOEING COMPANY, Security Office, 304 Oakwood Avenue, Northeast. Information furnished by [REDACTED]

The security file indicates that Mr. Bernard Harden Porter, born February 14, 1911 at Houlton, Maine, Social Security Number 083-10-2491, of 2009 Lee High Drive, Northeast, Huntsville, Alabama, has held a Secret Clearance with Boeing since March 18, 1965. He is an associate research engineer. He gives his wife's name as Margaret Eudine Preston who was born on June 2, 1905 at Rio Vista, California.

There is nothing unfavorable in his security file.

[REDACTED] The Boeing Company, 304 Oakwood Avenue, Northeast.

I have known who Bernard Harden Porter is with this company in Huntsville for two years or maybe more. He is kind of quiet, rather reserved and he impresses me when you meet him as a person that does not know where he is going. He is like so many of our other engineers I wondered if he knew what he was doing.

We have had no problem with respect to parking, etc. I do not think I have ever seen him off the job other than one time when he attended our engineering meeting one night. He brought his wife along with him and when the guard told him that no one other than Boeing employees were allowed he turned

around and carried his wife home. He did not raise a fuss about that. I would not have the slightest idea who would know him outside of people who work around him.

I do not know of any mental deficiencies on his part or any sexual deficiencies. I work pretty closely with the police in this area and I have never had any kind of adverse report on Porter. As I indicated he is a quiet fellow. I do not see him hanging around drinking coffee with anyone or the girls. I do not know that he can mix with people. He is not the type of person I would be friendly with. We are just two different stratas of life. He apparently does a lot of writing and I have a feeling that this takes up most of his off-duty time.

I have never known or heard of anything which would lead me to question his character, habits, associations or loyalty. I do not feel that I know him sufficiently well to make a recommendation for a position considered critical to our national security.

[REDACTED] The Boeing Company, 304 Oakwood Avenue, Northeast.

I recently started handling the organization at which Bernard Harden Porter is a part and I do not know him. I am not permitted to discuss any ratings in the file with you. Evidently his performance has been satisfactory or he would not have been retained.

[REDACTED] The Boeing Company, 304 Oakwood Avenue, Northeast.

I have been [REDACTED] He is an associate engineer. I have talked to him somewhere around a half dozen times in group meetings and with him concerning his services. I have not had too much personal contact with him and none off the job. He is a very unusual fellow. He is an intelligent man; however, he has got a pretty bad communications problem. I have quite a bit of trouble getting through to him. For instance, I am talking to him about one thing, he is prone to take off on something else or he misses the point all together. It is very pronounced in him. He just cannot communicate with people. He is a hard worker if you can build a fence around him and steer his moves. He seems conscientious about his work. He does have difficulty in seeing how all parts fit together. He has a tendency to take off on tangents.

Porter has been very prolific in submitting suggestions and for a while he was getting out one suggestion each day and he had saved one fifteen. The majority of his suggestions were not of the nature that they were beneficial to Boeing. I am not aware of any of his suggestions which may have been approved. They were just not tailored to reality. He is a far out thinker in life and I believe that this is characteristic of him. He is not a team

worker mostly because of his inability to communicate with people with whom he would have contact.

He is an associate engineer, sitting off mostly to himself and doing very low-level work and you could say just routine assignments. He just mostly signs a representative number to environmental operation components. Porter is quite emotional. He raises his voice of little provocation. He uses good words and in a way he is generally polite. All of this comes back to his communication problems. My own personal opinion is that he is somewhat eccentric. I talked to him a full half hour on his last review analysis relating to his performance but I never got through to him. He has just a one track mind.

He has written some relating to technical matters. I am aware of no affiliations that he may have ever made. I do not know of any friends that he has or anyone that he associates with either on or off the job. He is a loner and as I indicated works strictly alone and has very little contact with anyone even on the job. His home life I know absolutely nothing about. There has been no indication that he uses intoxicating beverages or drugs. I would have no reason to question his honesty.

I have had no reason to question his moral character or personal habits or his loyalty to the United States Government. I do not feel that I know him sufficiently well to make a recommendation for employment overseas which might involve our national security.

[REDACTED] The Boeing Company, 304 Oakwood Avenue, Northeast.

I have been [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] He has formerly worked in several offices here with Boeing and I know that he formerly worked in a group which was then known as Technology. I have never had any contact whatsoever with him off the job. He is an associate engineer supporting logistics in the area of maintenance analysis and he provides equipment failure rates. He has been a reliable and dependable worker and he has participated actively in our suggestion program. I have to restrict him in a given area rather than let him operate in an open field, because he appears to have not had any experience in the reliability field. He prefers to do a job routine in nature. Whether this is the type of work he would want to do the rest of his life I would not know. I leave him practically on his own and he keeps up his production. I had two summer work students working with him. It would just be a tough question to answer if he could supervise people or not. His job just does not call for that. I think his communication has been about satisfactory.

I think that Porter has a good sense of humor. In situations he is able to be quite forceful even to the point of being aggressive. He has a way of sitting down with a person and discussing the situation and he appears to

know what is happening from day to day. He is married but I have never met his wife and I do not know her name. He has never mentioned having any children. He does not get familiar with anyone. He does not try to establish a familiarity. I think one of his hobbies is writing and I think he has published some books. I have never seen any of his books but I have heard that they relate to electronics and science fiction. I do not believe that he has any other outside interests. He is renting his home, does not drive a car. Why, that is another question. He has never indicated why he did not drive. He does live near enough to walk to and from work. He does not volunteer any information. That is another question. He has no friends either on or off the job that I know of. I feel that I know him as well if not better than anyone else here. When he completes his work he goes home. I just do not feel he has any friends or outside interests. He is always presentable when he comes on the job. I have never had any need to discipline him.

Porter has had to go home a few times sick. I recall one time he had a rash on his lips and he told me that this first occurred when he was on some island. Some time in the mornings he has a headache, nothing chronic and I would say that he takes about ten days per year sick leave.

He has told me that he did work in some capacity with the Atomic Energy Commission, Manhattan Project, and that some of his work was overseas. I have seen him angry twice but he may have had a reason. He is emotional when he feels strong about something. He is twelve or fifteen years older than most of our engineers and he may have a little bit more anxiety than most about job security. There has never been any indication that he used intoxicants or drugs.

Some of our people here seem to think he is a little paranoid in that he mistrusts everyone. In fact Porter told me [REDACTED] had had him investigated. Porter said "I know you went down to see personnel about me." In fact he has accused [REDACTED] of having him investigated. I have not talked to anyone in personnel or anywhere else about him and to my knowledge he has not been investigated. He just suspects things. Every six months we evaluate our employees and I do know that Porter has always been in the bottom ten per cent of the engineers since he has been in Boeing. He has implied to me that people had been questioning him but he gave no details other than he said, "Well maybe it is because he had been in Russia one time." He did not volunteer any other information. He did tell me that he had seen some of the Atomic Energy blasts. When I asked him about something then he became quite mad. He is just one you cannot ask anything which might be construed of personal in nature. While I never had any reason to question his honesty, character, habits, or loyalty I do not think I know the internal part of this man sufficiently well to make any recommendation for a position of trust which might be considered critical to our national security. He has never handled any classified information here.

[REDACTED] The Boeing Company,  
304 Oakwood Avenue, Northeast.

I know this man is Bernard Porter but I call him Porter and I have known him for the past five and a half years during which time he has worked [REDACTED]. He is a reliable person, hard worker when there is work to be done and he keeps busy. He has never worked on any classified data. I believe that he is a stable individual.

He likes to write things, keeps a record of his achievements of what he is doing. He does not communicate well with people. He is sort of a lone wolfer and keeps strictly to himself both out in society and on the job. He just does not get friendly with people.

Porter is a rather outspoken person. He cannot take much ribbing or anything like that. He just works pretty much alone and he is not a team worker. He can be cooperative if things go his way. He likes routine work and during the time that I have known him he has mostly filled in numbers of working papers. He has never had any planning work. He is kind of withdrawn, quiet and as indicated keeps to himself. I do not think that anyone here has ever met his wife or has been in their home and they live nearby. I have gathered that they have no children. He is kind of close-mouthed and I know nothing of his outside interests. I do not believe that he has a car. He just does not get around much. I think he kind of stays at home and writes some. He does not have any friends and is just not that type. I know that he drinks a bottle of beer occasionally at lunch but I have never seen him drink to excess. Last week we were having a going away lunch for one of the fellows and Porter had a beer. He seems to be in good health, has a cold occasionally and he has had a few days off due to illness.

I know nothing of his background. To my knowledge he does not belong to any organizations. I have had no reason to question his moral character or personal habits. He is not the type of guy that uses foul language and he does use the normal standard dress. He is not the type of individual that would ever be chasing around. He is pretty much a homebody and there has been no indication of any domestic, personal or financial difficulties.

I am aware of nothing within his make-up or background of use to question his complete loyalty. I have had no reason to question him as a security risk and no reason to suspect otherwise. I know of no arrests. I believe he is completely trustworthy and would recommend him for a position routine in nature.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] The Boeing Company, 304 Oakwood Avenue, Northeast.

Bernard Harden Porter worked [REDACTED] here with this activity from late 1964 for a year or more. We got him for a peculiar reason. His

group was transferred out to Redstone Arsenal, Porter did not drive a car and he would not go. He lives just around the corner from 304 Oakwood Avenue, Northeast and walks to and from his work. I think I would categorize Porter as a problem. He is an uncommunicable type with his associates and fellow workers. He did his work but how well it is hard to say. He did not communicate with his co-workers, was not a team worker which is one of the most essential things in this space engineering work and as a result he was not effective. He seemed like a loner. I do not think anyone got to know him. He was regular in his attendance as I recall. I think he had one of these defensive type attitudes. He could not take corrections or comments very well. I have discussed his work with him and he immediately assumed a strong defensive attitude. We would not want him back in our organization. I either asked that he be transferred or he made the request. He was not a team worker and we were not in tears for his services.

While [redacted] he wrote some book. I did not see it but it related to some projection in the future of what life might be. It was a way out sort of projection like "your clothes are going to be sprayed on you." That is what I meant by way out. It is hard to judge a chap like this on security because he puts his ideas above what is established as a norm. In my opinion this type of individual is a security risk. I have no proof otherwise. He is a very aloof type fellow and you cannot get to know him. He is just an unknown quantity. I tried to get him headed in the right direction but it was very difficult. He did not accept direction. He did control himself but was perturbed. He did anger easily. I do not believe that you will find him close to anyone. I think he was married but I know of no one that has ever met his wife.

I cannot say that he is a definite security risk. However, I do have my suspicions of a type with his attitude. If you do not understand the fellow you just do not trust him. He certainly is not a friendly person. In my opinion he is the non-typical American and if he ever found a fellow way out he would certainly have a rapport with him. I do not think that he is the type that would make a good representative for the United States overseas. He would be all to himself and I could not recommend him.

[redacted] The Boeing Company,  
304 Oakwood Avenue, Northeast.

I have known Bernard Harden Porter since [redacted]. As an engineer he was a bit unstable. He would make an attempt to do what you told him but his output was an indication of his instability. He was a bit emotional. I will be honest with you. I never could get to know him. You could not communicate with him. He had one thing in his mind and you could not suggest or change it.

[redacted]

He had trouble in understanding his work and could not adjust to his work. I would just have to classify him as an unstable employee. I called him in, explained to him that he was not cutting the mustard and he got mad and rather emotional. I sent him back to his assignment thinking that he might cool off. I called him in later to talk to him about his work and I made him available to personnel for transfer. I think he recognized his lack of stability. I think that Porter has fantastic ability if he could harness it and communicate with people.

He was a writer from the technical standpoint and I saw his name in the local paper one time to this effect. I do not think he had any outside interests other than his writing. He did not own an automobile and walked to and from work. He was a bit unusual. As I indicated he lived just a short distance from this building. I came in here one Sunday morning, saw Porter standing against this building reading the newspaper that he had apparently borrowed or picked up from the rack. I do not believe that he took a paper at home. He did indicate that he was having some financial problems and I gathered the impression that this happened before he came here. No one in this area has ever called upon me about his debts.

He has no friends, comes to work, sits down and when the day is over he gets up and goes home. He was just a loner and never associated with anyone. I would have no reason to question his honesty, habits or morals. He appeared to be in good health. I do not believe that he has ever been arrested.

I do not know of anything that would make me know that he was a security risk. I would have naturally questioned it because of his apparent instability. He is a loner in a group, does not drive an automobile. There is just something there. It is a matter of personal belief. If I had to put a finger down on the facts I could not come up with a thing. None of the guys in our group could communicate with Porter.

[REDACTED] The Boeing Company, 304 Oakwood Avenue, Northeast.

I knew Bernard Porter from a work standpoint for about [REDACTED] during the early part of his employment at Boeing. He had a real droll sense of humor and was an unusual person in that he did not own or drive a car and kept to himself. I had no complaints on his work. He never had any friends or associates. He appeared to do his work and go home. He was one that always said what he had on his mind.

He appears to have turned in many suggestions relating to the work. I do not know if any of them have ever been accepted or not. He is a theoretical type of guy. He always seems to be dressed appropriate for his work. He has been transferred around and about several times while with Boeing. I think he is one that requires close supervision and if he does not have that

he gets off on tangents.

I have had no reason to question his honesty, character or habits. To my knowledge he has had no security violations at Boeing. I would not want to personally recommend him for any overseas assignment. I have no indication of any overt or any unpatriotic action on his part. He is just the type you do not know sufficiently well to recommend. He is the type of individual that would not hesitate to go to the top of any company or president to complain of anything that he felt was not right.

**[REDACTED] The Boeing Company.**

I had Bernard Harden Porter for some [REDACTED] as an associate engineer when he hired in with Boeing during the summer of 1964. I was on special assignment and did not have much contact with him and I did not see much of him. He was a very unusual person and was not the run of the mill sort. He was the philosophical kind, lived nearby his work and walked to and from work and did not own a car. He appeared to be highly intelligent and as far as I know he did get the job done. I certainly have not seen anything about him that would be detrimental but as I indicated he was a very unusual person. Personally he was on the quiet retiring side. I do not recall whether or not he had any trouble getting along with anyone. I would have no reason to question his character or loyalty but I would not want to recommend him because I would want to know him better.

**[REDACTED] The Boeing Company.**

I have known Bernard Harden Porter since 1964. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] He was a very confusing engineer. I pride myself in sizing up a person but I never could size him up. Technically in certain areas he has a lot of experience. If he does not know something from experience he does not have the initiative to figure it out. Something new boggs him down.

Porter is a very prolific writer and I understand writes lots of technical and nontechnical books. He can make an awful lot of words of a very small job. In our group he did not perform satisfactorily. I think basically he was a misfit in the first place. He usually chose to define the job himself rather than have me define the job. The job definitions were often very incompatible. His work was in the analytical group and he usually approached the jobs from a technician's view rather than from an analytical standpoint. Personality wise there were indications of instability. I know that we arranged to have him transferred because of instability, conduct had during review of his job performance with supervisor and because he was not doing the job. I think he has a slight mental condition.

He is a charming person to talk to about every day events. He seemed to be out of tune with the modern world. He did not own a car, television and:

could not drive [REDACTED] in a bit of financial difficulty before he came to Huntsville. He is a rather tight-lipped person, did not tell me anything else regarding his financial affairs and I am surprised that he told me that much. Initially he is just a confused person. He is definitely quiet in nature and is not extroverted. He is married and I think I met his wife, do not recall her name, one time at a technical meeting. They have no children. He was out of tune with the modern world. He has no outside interests other than writing and there are no friends. I have no reason to question his home life.

I think that Porter would do well as a technical writer where he would not have to come in touch with people. He does make a fairly good first impression but it is not lasting. I have no reason to doubt his loyalty; however, I think he has certain traits that are in keeping with the normal American way of life. I do not think that he would make a good supervisor because he does not communicate well with people. He does not have leadership qualities. I would not hire him back so I could not recommend him for a position of trust. He was just a body here, misplaced and we were hurting forengineers when he hired in.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Lee High Drive, Northeast.

I first met Bernard Porter in July, 1964 and he has lived [REDACTED] at 2009 Lee High Drive, Northeast since July, 1964. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]. I do not know his wife's given name. He rented the house from [REDACTED] furnished. They are people that live by themselves. Porter is a peculiar fellow. He is just getting where he will speak to you when you meet him on the sidewalk. He has not actually been over in my home [REDACTED]. Our communications are just a word in passing and he has no contact with anyone else other than his wife.

I have learned that he might be a writer of somekind. I do know that they get an awful lot of mail and that they send out an awful lot of mail. He has a room over there where he does his writing. No one has ever been in that room. I have heard his wife say she would not hesitate shutting the door on anyone that tried to go in the room. I have never been in the house [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]. No one from anywhere has ever visited them socially. They live to themselves. I do remember one time that somebody came by in a car one Sunday afternoon, parked in front of their house, and the Porters went out

and got in the car and they went for a ride. Nobody from the neighborhood bothers to go around them as they are not wanted. They have no friends.

His wife is a very talkative person in some ways. I think she is too talkative. I have a garden during the summer back of my home and she tries to grow a garden over in her yard. When I am working in my garden Mrs. Porter just talks all the time. It is a nuisance to me. The first year she proceeded to tell me how to grow a garden. She had one too but I do not think she had a full mess of greens. Last year they would not answer the door when the census taker came by. The census taker girl came by at another time but was unable to get the Porters to the door. I do not know whether the census taker ever got the information or not.

The local postmaster, Collier, and one of the inspectors were out in the neighborhood somewhere around a year ago inquiring about the Porters. As best as I could tell they said that there seemed to be something wrong apparently in regard to their mail. I know that he gets a lot of mail. Porter has not complained about the mail that I know of. His wife always at home goes immediately when the postman comes and picks up their mail. Mrs. Porter has told us that she does not smoke, drink but that they go to church some time. She says that it is too expensive to own a car, had the telephone taken out of the house immediately and they do not take a paper. He works just around the corner in the Hick Building, 304 Oakwood Avenue, Northeast and walks to and from his work. He pays his rent promptly and I do not believe he has had any financial or domestic difficulties. He will not let [redacted] the landlord, go in the house and Mrs. Porter has told [redacted] that she had rather she not come in the house. I think he works just about every day. He is seldom off from work and he seems to be in good health. These homes here are real close together and he has to pass in going and returning from work. In the summer time I see him take off his shirt in the back yard, walk around and look and I figure he is taking exercise and doing something. They have no children. I think she has been married before.

I have never had any reason to question his loyalty to the United States Government. I just do not know that much about him and I know nothing other than what I have told you. It seems that Mrs. Porter has mentioned that they were on some job in Australia, California and in northern states. They have bothered no one here in the neighborhood. I would not want to recommend him for a position of trust which might involve our national security because I do not know that much about him.

[redacted]  
Lee High Drive, Northeast.

Bernard Harden Porter and his wife have lived [redacted] at 2009 Lee High Drive, Northeast for almost three years. They moved into this neighborhood [redacted] almost three years

ago. It seems like it was the summer of 1964. Mr. Porter has never had anything to do with anybody. I see him pass back and forth going to and from work. He does not own a car and walks everywhere. He comes home from work for lunch usually in the back alley. He seldom speaks to anyone. He just does not bother anyone. He has been to my door once when he wanted to borrow a thermometer. Mrs. Porter has been in my home several times but I do not care for her. I do not care for her because she uses bad language, curses, etc. and I do not go in for that kind of talk. She has never cursed me but it is just her general talk. We have never had any difficulty.

I first invited Mrs. Porter in to [REDACTED]. I was not used to people using curse words around me. Mr. Porter never visits anyone and there is no one in to visit him. Mrs. Porter visits around in the neighborhood as I have indicated. I have never seen anyone go in their home since they have lived here. I have heard that he has written some books. She told me that she had a daughter in California. I think she has been married before that they lived in California at one time. I do not believe that he belongs to any organizations or that he has affiliated with anything in this Huntsville area. He appears to be in good health. Mrs. Porter had an operation a while back. I do not believe that he uses intoxicating beverages or drugs.

I have had no reason to question his honesty, character or loyalty to the United States Government. I do not feel that I know him sufficiently well to make any recommendations for a position considered critical to our national security.

[REDACTED] Lee High Drive, Northeast.

I have known Bernard Harden Porter and his wife as neighbors at 2009 Lee High Drive since they moved in during the summer of 1964. Mrs. Porter does not work outside of their home. They stay home closely. They are very peculiar people and nobody likes or understands them. I do not believe that a person on this street knows them well because they do not mix with anyone in the neighborhood or elsewhere.

The only people that have been to their door was the census takers and they were unable to get any information from them. They stay at home, tend to their own business and have bothered no one. I have heard that Mr. Porter is real smart mentally. What good does that do if he does not share it with others. You will not get any good out of him. I think he writes some kind of books. I have talked to Mrs. Porter because she does visit around. She came down to my house and has spent a full afternoon. To be honest with you I am a little bit afraid of them. She talks a lot and you just do not know them. He whistles all the time. I do not know what he is whistling about because he does not carry a tune. Not long ago he was mending some part of his house and [REDACTED] went over and offered him

a tool to work with and Mr. Porter almost insulted [REDACTED]. He is just that kind of fellow. You never know how to take him.

I would hate to know we had a street filled with people like them. They are not good neighbors and they have nothing to impart to others. I am sure that he belongs to no organizations and that he has no outside interests in the Huntsville area. He seems to be in perfect health as he works every day. I do not believe that he drinks.

I think he would make a very very poor representative of this country in any capacity. I say that because of the image here and I would hate to think that they would judge our country on a man like these people. I could not recommend him for a position of trust involving our national security because I just do not know the man that well. I have never had any reason to question his loyalty to the United States Government.

[REDACTED]  
Lee High Drive, Northeast.

Bernard Harden Porter and his wife have lived [REDACTED] at 2009 Lee High Drive since the summer of 1964. His wife, I do not know her given name, is a housewife. To me they have shown no friendliness. I have spoken to Mr. Porter twice. One day he dropped over and said that he wanted to return a thermometer that he borrowed. I told him that I did not own a thermometer and had not let him have one. He said well I borrowed one from someone.

One day soon after the Porters had moved into this community I inadvertently walked along with my little dog through their back yard and Mrs. Porter came out and said "Little dog get out of my yard." Mrs. Porter told me that she would appreciate it if I would keep my dog in my yard. She said that she had an allergy for dogs. A few days later Mrs. Porter came over to my door and asked me who cut my lawn and I told her. She asked if she could not come in my home and visit for a while and I said that my little dog was in and that she had indicated that she had an allergy to dogs. She said no it was her husband who was allergic to dogs.

The Porters have never actually bothered anyone. I reckon they tend to their own business. I do not believe that anyone has ever visited them from in or out of the neighborhood. One time, soon after they moved over there, I saw three or four ---- (reference to race) visit him and I figured they worked with him. That is the only people that I have ever seen go to that house. and that was for only one time. I saw one car stop by and pick them up one Sunday afternoon and carry them for a ride. They have no car, telephone and do not take the newspaper. To me they are peculiar people. They rent the house from [REDACTED] [REDACTED] told me that they had told her that they rather she not visit them. They stay home all the time and they never go anywhere and I am sure they are not



turn I would not recommend him for a position of trust involving our national security because I do not think that he has the attributes required to meet and deal successfully with people abroad. He feels superior and I think he would make a bad image for this country.

[REDACTED]

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Porter and particularly Mrs. Porter have been [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Mrs. Porter comes in here often during the day and is very talkative. She is real talkative and an expert on telling you how to operate your business. She is strictly a busybody. They do not have a car and I think she just walks around to have some entertainment. She almost drives us nuts. She told me immediately how to run [REDACTED]

Mr. Porter comes in with Mrs. Porter occasionally at night. When she comes in with him I have never heard her say a word. He is very quiet and says nothing [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I do not believe that Mrs. Porter believes in medicine and I do not think that he gets sick. I have never seen him with anyone other than his wife. They have never been in any trouble in the community. The only thing that she has ever told us about him is that he is I believe, a Physicist, and that they were from Maine. I remember that she said they had lived in California.

I possess no information indicating that his employment would be against the interest of our national security. He just never says anything.

[REDACTED]

Bernard Porter and his wife, I do not recall her given name, have rented my furnished home at 2009 Lee High Drive, Northeast here in this general area since July, 1964. The money is ready when I go after it. They do not own a car and I told them that I would take the rent money up. They are kind of peculiar people and you cannot get close to them. I just do not know anything about the Porters other than they pay their rent as agreed. I tried to find out something about them but they are hard to know.

I understand that he has written some kind of book. I am not aware of the nature of his writings. She tries to get close to people but she has a peculiar way in that she does not know how to make friends. You might go there this morning and she would not let you in. There has been no indication of any domestic, personal or financial difficulties.

I am aware of nothing unfavorable in connection with his dishonesty, character or habits and I would have no reason to question his loyalty to the United States. As far as I know he would be all right but as I say I just do not know that much about him.

[REDACTED], United States Post Office, Holmes Street.

I can remember going out, with Post Office Inspector [REDACTED] in the community of Bernard Porter of 2009 Lee High Drive, Northeast some time back. After talking to the inspector and giving this matter considerable thought I can think of nothing about our trip unless Porter made some unfounded report of believing someone was messing with his mail or some mail was lost. I recall a neighbor saying that no one ever frequented the Porters' home. I can think of nothing else.

HUNTSVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT. Records searched by [REDACTED]

No record.

CIRCUIT COURT CLERK OF MADISON COUNTY. Records furnished by [REDACTED]

No record.

MADISON COUNTY COURT. Records furnished by [REDACTED]

No record.

CREDIT BUREAU OF HUNTSVILLE, 807 Franklin Street, Southeast. Record information furnished by [REDACTED]

We have a limited credit file on Bernard Porter, employed by the Boeing Company, residence 2009 Lee High Drive. The only credit entries in his file are two relating to two collections that we had from physicians and they have both been paid. On April 27, 1965 we received a collection from Dr. Frank A. Berg, for assisting Dr. Wright in surgery on November 11, 1964, amount \$25 and this was paid in full on September 29, 1965. On August 26, 1965 we received a collection account from Drs. West, Mize and Cooper for patient marked Margaret, in the amount of \$50 for services rendered on August 11, 1964 and we collected this in full on December 2, 1965.

There is nothing else in his credit file.

REDSTONE ARSENAL, ALABAMA

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] The Boeing Company, Situated in the Test Lab of NASA, Room 106, Building 4566.

I vaguely recall having had Brenard Porter in my group of engineers with the Boeing Company in Huntsville for maybe up to two months when he first hired in during the summer of 1964. I had to think at first who this man really was. The only thing that I recall about him is that he was a pretty quiet individual, conscientious and my first impression of him was that he would do the job. Our group was split up and I have had no other contact with him. I just do not know the man.

INVESTIGATOR'S NOTE: The personnel file of Mr. Porter contained a note that maybe Mr. Porter reported to [REDACTED] when he first hired in. This investigator contacted [REDACTED] for the purpose of making an appointment to interview him in person. [REDACTED] stated that he knew so little about Mr. Porter that the above information was recorded through telephone conversation with him.

[REDACTED]  
UNITED STATES ARMY, OFFICE OF PROVOST MARSHAL. Records furnished by [REDACTED]

No record.

UNITED STATES ARMY, CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION. Records searched by [REDACTED]

No record.

DECATUR, ALABAMA

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] United States Post Office, 234 Post Office Building.

I am unable to remember making any contacts relating to one Bernard H. Arden Porter. I usually remember something of this kind right off but I draw a blank on Porter. Any record of any inquiries made would be in the Post Office Inspector in Charge Office.

[REDACTED] 2/7/67

UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION  
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS EMPLOYEES LOYALTY BOARD  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20415

February 27, 1967  
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The Honorable

The Secretary of State

(For transmission to the Director General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization)

SUBJECT: Information furnished under Executive Order 10422, as amended, with respect to: Bernard Gordon Porter, born February 12, 1911. Applicant -- United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, Paris, France.

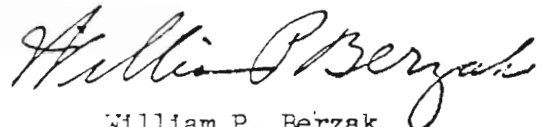
Sir:

The person named above, who was reported to be a United States citizen employed or under consideration for employment by the foregoing public international organization, has been the subject of a full field investigation under the provisions of Executive Order 10422, as amended. The reports of investigation have been duly considered by the International Organizations Employees Loyalty Board.

It has been determined that, on all the evidence, there is no reasonable doubt as to the loyalty of this person to the Government of the United States.

There is attached a Summary Report of certain information, not relevant to the person's loyalty, which was disclosed by the investigation. The summary is submitted for your information only without recommendation or evaluation.

Sincerely yours,



William P. Berzak  
Chairman

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Executive Secretary

Enclosures

Canaan College is the successor to the College of Advanced Science, which went into receivership in either 1962 or 1963. I was not at the college at that time, having only been here since early 1964. We do not have any of the records of the old college. I assume they are in possession of [REDACTED], the former President and major owner of the college of Advanced Science. I do know from correspondence in our files here, that Bernard Porter was employed at this school, however, I do not know when, nor for how long. While [REDACTED] still lives next door to the college here, I would not advise trying to talk with him, as he is in his senility and is very eccentric. He will not talk with anyone, and does not allow any strangers into his home. I have checked with other employees of the college here, and I cannot find anybody here who does recall Porter as being a member of the faculty here.

[REDACTED] Chief of Police.

I do not know Bernard Porter, and I do not have any criminal record against him. I have received two or three letters from him during the spring of 1962, accusing various persons at the College of Advanced Science of stealing movie film, and damaging a movie camera which belonged to him. He claims his total loss was \$1300. He also accused various officials of the college of spying on he and his wife, and of going through their personal possessions and personal effects, in their rooms. He then wrote another letter, dated November 22, 1962, wherein he accuses somebody at the college of stealing two checks and forging his signature to them and cashing them at a local store here. I conducted an investigation in conjunction with [REDACTED], a sergeant of the New Hampshire State Police, into the charges made by Porter against various persons at the college. Our investigation proved none of the accusations, and we so informed Porter. I have not heard anything from him since the November 22, 1962 letter. I do not have any further information concerning Bernard Porter.

INVESTIGATOR'S NOTE: Attempts to interview [REDACTED], the former President of the College of Advanced Science, were negative. Even though it was known that he was at home, several attempts to contact him received no answer.

CENTER HARBOUR, NEW HAMPSHIRE

[REDACTED] formerly [REDACTED] at the College of Advanced Science, Canaan, New Hampshire.

I only knew Bernard Porter for approximately two months, five or six years ago, when he was a teacher of English at the College of Advanced Science. I personally did not have anything to do with hiring Porter, as he was hired by [REDACTED], who, at that time, was President of the college.

He apparently knew his job very well and, to my knowledge, has done a lot of writing himself, mostly for the newspapers. He, at one time, flew over a hurricane and took pictures of the eye of the hurricane, and has become very well known for that feat.

He got into a violent fight with [REDACTED] who, in my estimation, is a psychopath, over an incident involving a cleaning woman and Mrs. Porter. I do not know the details of the incident between Mrs. Porter and the cleaning woman, but I do know that the cleaning woman was a particular friend of [REDACTED]. Porter and [REDACTED] continued their argument during the dinner hour and, shortly after the dinner hour, Mr. [REDACTED] fired Porter on the spot and told him that he would have to move out of his quarters by midnight of that same night.

At one time, Porter wrote a book, which actually was an autobiography, although it was written in the third person. It was written under a pseudonym, and I cannot recall either the name of the book or the name which the author used. In my opinion, his writings were rather immoral, although I never saw anything particularly immoral about Porter himself, or his actions. He associated with persons whom I considered to be rather immoral, and did talk some, in a nature that would make a person think that he was immoral. He associated quite closely with Henry Miller, the author of Tropic of Cancer and Tropic of Capricorn, which I considered to be very immoral and degrading books. As I say, I do not think that he was immoral, it is just that some of the things that he said were things that are not talked about in polite society. I do not consider that either Porter or his wife are immoral.

His prior employment is rather vague, in my mind, but I believe that he, at one time, toured Europe on a bicycle and wrote articles for newspapers. I do not know of anything really derogatory about him, but I do feel he is rather a different type person than the average. I do not feel that I knew him well enough, and my impressions of him, as I do recall him, would permit me to recommend him for any position of trust and responsibility.

[REDACTED]

I knew Bernard Porter when I was formerly [REDACTED] of the College of Advanced Science in Canaan. I knew him as an instructor there for one or two months. He was an English instructor, however, I cannot judge his ability, due to the short time he was there. I do know that the president, [REDACTED], was frightened of him, but, actually, I think

██████████ was afraid of almost everybody. I feel certain that ██████████ is not entirely sane. At the time that Mr. Porter was discharged from his employment at the college, he and his wife were residing in an apartment owned by the college, and ██████████ demanded that they move out of their rooms in less than six hours, which they did.

While the Porters were residing at the College of Advanced Science, they accused people of going into their rooms and stealing specific items. However, nothing was ever proved and I personally believe that nothing was actually stolen. After they left the school, they wrote back and said that people had stolen dividend checks from their mail and cashed them. However, this also was never proved. I do know that Porter wrote a book, which I believe was an autobiography, however, I can not recall the name of the book, or the name under which he wrote it.

I have heard that, at one time, Porter was a very reputable physicist, and worked on the Manhattan Project for the U.S. Government. Supposedly, he had been so horrified what he had been working on that he went a little bit out of his mind and never recovered from this.

I do not recall anything immoral concerning Porter and his wife, however, I do not feel that either one of them is entirely in charge of their senses. I do not know of any other employments that he might have had. I always got the feeling that the entire faculty at the school was uneasy whenever he was around, however, I cannot put my finger on any specific reason for this. I do know that he had a very bad temper.

From my impressions of Porter, I would definitely not recommend him for any position of trust and responsibility.

██████████ Formerly ██████████ at the College of Advanced Science, Canaan, New Hampshire. Present employment: ██████████

I consider Bernard Porter to be a very eccentric type of person. I feel that his biggest problem is his wife. I believe that he could adapt himself anywhere, anytime, and anyplace; to anything that he set his mind to. However, his wife is the type of person who does not get along with people and he is apparently completely subjected to her. I know that he was very jealous of ██████████ while he was at the College of Advanced Science because of the number of degrees that ██████████ has. He was not what I would consider to be a very good instructor. He once got angry with a student and threw a book at the student. He dressed very casually in class, often showing up wearing a turtleneck sweater. He had no respect for the dignity of his position. He was a very smart and intelligent person, though. He seemed to have an endless knowledge of physics.

Although I know that many people thought him to be mentally unbalanced, I don't really feel this is so. I believe that all of his troubles can be traced right back to his wife. I consider his general character to be very good, except that I do know that one or two checks that he wrote on local stores did bounce for lack of funds. His wife claimed that some moving-picture film and a camera, as well as some dividend checks had been stolen from their rooms. However, we later found out that she had cashed the checks at a local store. I never had any reason to question the morals of the Porters. I was asked by [REDACTED] to actually inform Mr. Porter that he was being fired from his position and, as I recall it now, it was because of the book-throwing incident which I described earlier. [REDACTED] gave me two checks, one for his severance pay, and one to pay his expenses for moving. I was instructed by [REDACTED] to pay almost any amount of moving expenses to insure that he would be out of the rooms by midnight of the night that he and [REDACTED] had the fight. However, Mr. Porter only asked for a reasonable amount of money, which I did pay him. [REDACTED] and his wife went to Boston to insure that they would not be around in case Porter wanted to raise an incident about the firing. I do not know anything about his former or previous employment, and I do not know where he might be at the present time. Based on the very short knowledge that I do have of him, I would not recommend him for any position of trust and responsibility, particularly if he is still married to the same girl, to whom he was married here.

#### CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE

[REDACTED]

NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE POLICE. Files furnished by [REDACTED]  
Superintendent of Records Division.

We have no records of any arrest against Mr. Bernard H. Porter, however, we have in our files here, letters dated May 1, May 19 and November 22, addressed to the Chief of the New Hampshire State Police, complaining of loss of movie films and damage to a camera, which Porter claims occurred at the College of Advanced Science, in Canaan, New Hampshire, while he was a resident there, between September 20, and December 3, 1961, for a total loss of \$1300. Also, in these letters, he makes unfounded and unproved accusations against various officials and employees of the College of Advanced Science.

Mr. Porter was informed by a letter from Colonel Joseph L. Regan, The Director of the State Police, that his charges had been investigated and various persons at the college had been contacted, with negative results.

In July of 1963, we received a letter from the Commissioner of the Department of Safety, State of New Hampshire, stating that Porter had written a letter to the Governor of New Hampshire, complaining that he had complained

to the State Police, and had not received any satisfaction, and was trying to get satisfaction for his claim against the persons unknown at Canaan College, who had stolen his films and damaged his camera.

This letter was answered with the reply that the case is still open, but that the investigation has met with negative results.

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