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**AGENT REPORT**  
(AR 331-131)

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1. NAME OF SUBJECT OR TITLE OF INCIDENT PORTER, Bernard Harden	2. DATE SUBMITTED 6 September 1963
3. CONTROL SYMBOL OR FILE NUMBER CIR: 100-10-3-21 DOB: 14 February 1911 POB: Houlton, Maine	4. CONTROL SYMBOL OR FILE NUMBER XT 127 349

**4. REPORT OF FINDINGS**

(LOCAL AGENCY) On 6 September 1963, the following information pertaining to Bernard Harden PORTER was obtained from the file of John Forbes, maintained at the Intelligence Division, Headquarters, Police of Puerto Rico (POPR), Hato Rey, Puerto Rico, made available by Miss Angelina Medina-Pinero, Clerk:

A memorandum dated 25 May 1962, addressed to the Chief, Intelligence Division, POPR, contained the following information pertaining to SUBJECT:

According to information received from Mrs. Julia Morales de Maldonado, Postmistress of Barrio Castaner, Adjuntas (sic), Puerto Rico, an individual named Bernard H. PORTER visited Barrio Castaner sometime ago. HE taught English at the Barrio Castaner High School (BCHS) for approximately one week. HE received HIS correspondence at the General Delivery window. Morales de Maldonado asked HIM if HE wanted to rent a post office box and HE said that HE did not. On one occasion, in some correspondence that HE was sending to some friends, she read that HE had returned from Russia two weeks prior to the correspondence. Another part of the same correspondence appeared to be in code and she could not understand it. PORTER then left Barrio Castaner and she did not know where HE had gone. HE was a close friend of John Forbes, Administrator of the Health Cooperative of Barrio Castaner, who is believed to be a Communist. The postmistress alleged that PORTER was also a Communist and that she was able to copy some addresses of persons with whom HE corresponded from a bundle of correspondence which HE left at the post office. The following are the addresses she copies:

- John G. Moore, 3475 Euclid, Pasadena, California;
- 178 Springdale Way, Redwood City, California;
- E. Beech, Box 10107 Moads, Gunter AFB, Alabama;
- Maine States Library, Augusta, Maine;
- National Social Directory, 624 Madison Avenue, New York, New York;
- Postal Photo Service, P.O. Box 1358, Portland, Maine;
- First Western Savings, 118 Las Vegas Boulevard, South, Las Vegas, Nevada;
- Fred Imbert, Incorporated, P.O. Box 4424, San Juan, Puerto Rico; and
- R. Markson, 39960 Sourisa, R.R. 1, Beaumont, California

Persons who corresponded with SUBJECT were the following:

- Department of Special Collection, Brookewhiting, University of California Library, Los Angeles, California;
- Colby Library, Inarterly, Colby College, Waterville, Maine;
- Mrs. Carl Berrena, Passadunkeag, Maine; and
- Trust Deed Mortgage, 800 Spring Street, Los Angeles, California

1. TYPE NAME AND ORGANIZATION OF SPECIAL AGENT ARSENIO P. SANCHEZ, 471st INTC Det	2. SIGNATURE OF SPECIAL AGENT <i>Ronald C. Anderson</i>
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AGENT REPORT  
(FM 32-17)

NAME OF SUBJECT OR TITLE OF INCIDENT Hurler, Edmund Haden Civilian. SSN: 083-10-1-01 DOB: 14 February 1911 POB: Houlton, Maine REPORT OF FINDINGS	2. DATE ELABORATED 3 September 1963 3. CONTROL SYMBOL OR FILE NUMBER XT 12 73 49
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(CHARACTER REFERENCE) On 3 September 1963,

was interviewed

Source stated substantially as follows:

Source first met SUBJECT in 1956 or 1957 when HE was living in Pasadena. SUBJECT was writing and painting at the time. Source saw SUBJECT several times a week during the period 1959 to 1961 when he last saw HIM. Source has corresponded frequently with SUBJECT and considers himself a close personal friend of SUBJECT.

SUBJECT has been subject to a great deal of hounding because HE resigned from the "Manhattan Project". HE has written a book "I've Left", which is being published by the Marathon Press, Pasadena, California.

SUBJECT has shared many confidences with Source which Source would not tell to anyone. Source has attempted to psychoanalyse SUBJECT and has come to the conclusion that SUBJECT is a genius with an emotional temper which does not fit in with the "average ordinary common ignorant person of which there is a great majority in the United States". Source has some friends who would give a poor recommendation for SUBJECT because their personalities clash; however, Source cannot remember any of their names. SUBJECT has never mentioned U. S. politics or Foreign Policy, socialism or communism. SUBJECT is a "lone wolf" and is not a "joiner". HE does not belong to any organizations. SUBJECT does not believe in killing human beings. SUBJECT traveled to Hiroshima, Japan after World War II in order to view the destruction which the atomic bomb created. Source refused to comment on SUBJECT'S emotional stability, stating that SUBJECT could have an entirely different personality at present. SUBJECT was considered by Source to have taken a long time to mature. SUBJECT is an idealist. Source suggested James Shevill, Professor, University of California, Berkeley, California, as a source of information. Shevill has written biography on SUBJECT and is an intimate friend of HIS. Source recommended PORTER for a position of trust and responsibility with the United States Government.

AGENT'S NOTES: Special Agent Donald Palmer, 115th INTC Group (II), accompanied this agent on the interview and agreed that Source was highly uncooperative and belligerent, who appeared to be a neurotic individual and was dressed in typical "bohemian" fashion, i.e., in a very unkempt, dirty, sloppy manner.

TYPED NAME AND ORGANIZATION OF SPECIAL AGENT GEOFFREY H. GEE, 115th INTC Group (II)	6. SIGNATURE OF SPECIAL AGENT 
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AGENT REPORT  
(AR 381-131)

1. NAME OF SUBJECT OR TITLE OF INCIDENT

PORTER, Bernard Harden  
Civ, SSN: C83-10-2491  
DOB: 14 February 1911  
POB: Houlton, Maine

2. DATE SUBMITTED

12 August 1963

3. CONTROL SYMBOL OR FILE NUMBER

K7 127 349

4. REPORT OF FINDINGS

CHARACTER REFERENCE) On 8 August 1963,

was interviewed  
Source,

stated in substance:

\_\_\_\_\_ knew Bernard Harden PORTER during the period September 1960 to 21 December 1960, while HE was in the employ of the Ashland High School. They were in contact daily at the school. Source last saw HLM when HE left the school on 21 December 1963.

SUBJECT was employed as a teacher of English and French by the Ashland Community High School. HE was dismissed from this job due to HIS failure to meet the standards set by the school committee. HE was not able to retain the respect of HIS students and HE failed to follow the textbook procedures recommended for the grade HE was teaching. HE was dismissed immediately from the school after the following incident occurred in class. To the question asked by a student in class, "What is a prostitute?", HE is said to have replied "Just turn around, there are several in the back of the class." Source was able to furnish no information concerning the educational background, employment background, family background or organizational affiliations of SUBJECT.

SUBJECT appears to enjoy sound mental and physical health. Nothing is known concerning financial responsibility or credit status of SUBJECT. It is believed that HE is a loyal American citizen and it is not believed that HE could be influenced to act contrary to the best interests of the United States. HE is not believed to be of mature judgement or trustworthiness.

\_\_\_\_\_ does not recommend PORTER for a position of trust and responsibility with the United States Army due to the circumstances of HIS dismissal from the school system at Ashland.

\_\_\_\_\_ is not willing to sign a sworn statement, or appear before a hearing or board, and is not willing to have the information divulged to SUBJECT under her name.

5. TYPED NAME AND ORGANIZATION OF SPECIAL AGENT

CHRISTIAN A. TIETGENS, 108th LNTC Group

6. SIGNATURE OF SPECIAL AGENT

*Christian A. Tietgens*

AGENT REPORT  
(FM 30-17)

1. NAME OF SUBJECT OR TITLE OF INCIDENT

PORTER, Bernard Harden  
Civ, SSN: 083-10-2491  
DOB: 14 February 1911  
POB: Houlton, Maine

2. DATE SUBMITTED

12 August 1963

3. CONTROL SYMBOL OR FILE NUMBER

X7 127 349

4. REPORT OF FINDINGS

(CHARACTER REFERENCE) On 12 August 1963,

his residence concerning PORTER.

stated in substance:

Source first met PORTER in 1928 while both were students at Ricker Junior College, Houlton, Maine. Source knew SUBJECT on a social basis and saw HIM daily during HIS tenure at Ricker Junior College. Source has seen SUBJECT only occasionally from 1928 to 1961, and he last saw PORTER in December 1961.

SUBJECT is married but has no children. SUBJECT has a brother residing in Madison, Maine. SUBJECT is a graduate of Colby College, Waterville, Maine. SUBJECT is employed in scientific research but HIS employer and location are unknown. SUBJECT toured Russia and several Scandinavian countries in approximately 1959 for scientific and pleasure purposes. Source knows nothing further concerning SUBJECT'S family, education, employment, or organizational affiliations.

Nothing is known concerning SUBJECT'S credit status or financial responsibility. Source knows of no derogatory information concerning SUBJECT. SUBJECT appears to be in good physical and mental health and is emotionally stable. SUBJECT is not known to have participated in or to have belonged to any organizations the interests of which are inimical to the United States. SUBJECT'S character and reputation are good. SUBJECT is a loyal American citizen. Source recommended Mr. Hugh Smith, Physics Instructor, Ricker College, Houlton, Maine, and a resident of Charleston, Maine, as a person who might have knowledge of SUBJECT.

Source recommended PORTER for a position of trust and responsibility with the United States Army.

5. TYPED NAME AND ORGANIZATION OF SPECIAL AGENT

WILLIAM A. KESTER, 108th INTC Group

6. SIGNATURE OF SPECIAL AGENT

*William A. Kester*

AGENT REPORT  
(FORM 34-17)

NAME OF SUBJECT / NAME OF INCIDENT PORTER, Bernard Hardan Div, SSN: 003-10-2491 DOB: 14 February 1911 POB: Houlton, Maine	DATE ELABORATED 12 August 1963 CONTROL SYMBOL OR FILE NUMBER X7 127 349
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REPORT OF FINDINGS

(CHARACTER REFERENCE) On 12 August 1963,

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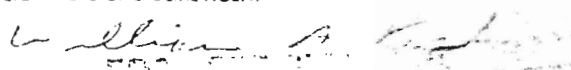
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