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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

BIOGRAPHIC DATA

NO.

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1. SUBJECT'S LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE NAME

FOSTER, Bernard Harden

3. DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH

14 Feb 11, Houlton, Maine

2. ALIASES

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5. CITIZENSHIP

U. S.

6. FULL NAME OF SPOUSE, DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH, CITIZENSHIP

7.

RESIDENCES (Including No., and Street, Zone, R.F.D., etc.)

FROM	TO	COMPLETE ADDRESS
1945(?)	1950's	603 Main Street, Sausalito, California

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8.

EMPLOYMENT

FROM	TO	NAME OF EMPLOYER	COMPLETE ADDRESS
1935	1940	Res. Physicist, Acheson Colloids Corporation	New York
1940	1945	NY (Manhattan Distr.), Princeton, California & Oak Ridge	
1945	1950's	Consulting Physicist, Civilian with USN	California
	present	Chairman of the Board, Inst. of Advanced Thinking	P. O. Box 164, Ashland, Maine

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9.

EDUCATION (High school, college, graduate work, etc.)

FROM	TO	NAME OF SCHOOL	DEGREE OR MAJOR
	1932	Calby College	B. S.
	1933	Brown University	Sc.M.

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10. ADDITIONAL PERTINENT INFORMATION, INCLUDING FULL NAME, CITIZENSHIP DATA ON PARENTS AND CHILDREN.

Subject is listed in the AMERICAN MEN OF SCIENCE, Eighth Edition

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18 July 1961

On 7 July 1961, Security Research Section, Civil Service Commission, searched in the name of Bernard Harden PORTER reflected the following information:.

"Bernard Harden PORTER, born 14 February 1911, Houlton, Maine,, submitted Standard Form 85, dated 10 February 1956, applicant for the position of Editor (Engineering and Physical Scientist), U. S. Naval Ordnance Test Station, China Lake, California.

"The Sixth Report of the Senate Fact-Finding Committee on Un-American Activities, California Legislature, 1951, Page 229, reflects that the name of Bernard PORTER, not further identified, appeared in the minutes of Chapter 25 of the Federation of Architects, Chemists, and Technicians, as a valuable contact in Atomic research.

"The first report of the Joint Legislature Fact Finding Committee on Un-American Activities, Washington State, 1948, Pages 446 to 498, contains the testimony of Joseph KORNFEDDER. For further information regarding the Federation of Architects, Chemists, and Technicians, and the Federation of Architects, Engineers, Chemists, and Technicians, please refer to the above cited reports."

Security Research Section Files also refer to the report of the Special Committee on Un-American Activities, U. S. House of Representatives, 78th Congress, Second Session, dated 29 March 1944, on the CIO Political Action Committee, Pages 84 through 87, which discloses the activities and background of Lewis Alan BERNE, and the Federation of Architects, Engineers, Chemists, and Technicians.

On 12 July 1961, the Investigative Files, Civil Service Commission, searched in the name of Bernard Harden PORTER, born 14 February 1911 at Houlton, Maine, reflected that the Civil Service Commission completed a National Agency Check of SUBJECT in June 1960, applicant for the position of Electronic Engineer with the Navy. The Federal Bureau of Investigation has a file on SUBJECT, Number 14020103. In April 1959, the Civil Service Commission transferred the investigation of SUBJECT to the Federal Bureau of Investigation

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for the following information developed during the Civil Service Commission Investigation:

- (a) SUBJECT's forced resignation from his employment at Convair, San Diego, California, for "unprofessional behavior", releasing information regarding company activities to the press. Co-workers and supervisors describe SUBJECT as "mentally ill and childish".
- (b) Former neighbors indicate that SUBJECT is allegedly homosexual.
- (c) A "confidential and reliable source" revealed that in October 1948, SUBJECT was a member of the Farin Committee of 100 for Harold SAWYER, who was identified as a Communist Party member and a former IPP Candidate for State Senator. Other confidential sources indicate that a person with the same name as SUBJECT's reference was in October 1954, a People's World subscriber.
- (d) Witnesses stated SUBJECT was in Sausalito, California, identified with an unorganized group of artists and Bohemians reputed to contain many extreme left-wingers and Communist sympathizers.

The National Agency Check mentioned in the above paragraph resulted in a letter, dated 23 June 1960, from the Manager, Navy Overseas Employment Office (Pacific) to Commander, Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard (where SUBJECT was to be employed) which is quoted as follows:

- "2. In view of the information contained in the enclosures (SUBJECT's Civil Service Commission File), this office recommends that Mr. PORTER's tentative selection for the engineering position be cancelled.

The Civil Service Commission Investigative Files contain no further pertinent information regarding SUBJECT.

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