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16 July 1959

MEMORANDUM

From: Shipyard Security Screening Board

To: Code 100

Subj: Bernard Harden PORTER

Ref: (a) OIR ltr OIR 111:jm Ser 328 59 of 26 June 1959

1. Background.

a. Reference (a) forwarded information for review and determination by the Shipyard Security Screening Board, in view of subject's application for employment at the Long Beach Naval Shipyard.

2. Summary of Derogatory Information.

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a. The Sixth Report of the Senate Fact-Finding Committee on Un-American Activities, contained a statement wherein the Federation of Architects, Engineers, Chemists, and Technicians (FAECT) was held in the home of one [redacted] in July 1943. At this meeting a discussion was held concerning important contacts to be made among scientific personnel who were engaged in atomic research and other critical work. Among those persons listed to be contacted was one Bernard Porter, not further identified. The FAECT, according to this same report, originated in the Lenin School of Espionage in Moscow and comprised a great many highly trained scientists who were also members of the Communist Party (CP). It was established beyond the slightest doubt that it was communist dominated from top to bottom and that it was primarily interested in infiltrating and organizing the personnel in the Radiation Laboratory at the University of California in Berkeley, where vital atomic research was carried. The CP has been designated by the Attorney General of the U. S. pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

3. Findings of Fact.

a. The records of the University of California at Berkeley were reviewed and reflected that the applicant was employed by the University as a physicist from 5 May 1943 to 9 July 1944, and again from 3 October 1944 to 21 August 1945 as a Junior Research Engineer.

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b. The 8 October 1948 issue of the now defunct 'Marin Journal' contained an advertisement in which one 'BERN PORTER, Sausalito' was not further identified but who was listed as one of the Marin Committee of 100 for [redacted] in his campaign for State Senator on the Independent Progressive Party ticket. [redacted] was identified as a member of the CP by the 'Daily Peoples World' in April 1946.

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