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UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION
P.O. BOX 1077
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INQUIRY FOR UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT USE ONLY

Brown University
Providence, Rhode Island

The person identified below has been appointed to or is an applicant for the position shown. The interests of the national security require that all persons privileged to be employed in the departments and agencies of the Government shall be reliable, trustworthy, of good conduct and character, and of complete and unswerving loyalty to the United States. To help in determining whether this person meets these requirements, we ask that you complete and return this form as soon as possible. Please answer all the questions below and on the reverse as fully and specifically as you can. If you need more space for your answers, please use a separate sheet of paper. Your reply will be for the use of the Commission and the employing agency only. A self-addressed envelope which requires no postage is enclosed for your reply. We will appreciate your cooperation.

Bernard Harden Porter
677 East Colorado Street
Pasadena 1, California

DOB: February 14, 1911; Houlton, Maine
Weight 145 pounds; Height 5' 6".

ATTENDANCE IS CLAIMED IN YOUR:

☑ DAY SCHOOL 1 year comp., 40 or hours
☒ EVENING SCHOOL
☒ EXTENSION SCHOOL
☒ INDUSTRY TRAINING PROGRAM
☒ OTHER (Specify)

FROM— TO—
1932 1933 8e. M.

TO BE COMPLETED BY ADDRESSEE ON THIS INQUIRY

1. ARE THE CLAIMED DATES OF ATTENDANCE CORRECT? ☑ YES ☒ NO

2. DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH AS SHOWN ON SCHOOL RECORDS

February 14, 1911; Houlton, Maine

3. (A) DO YOU HAVE ANY REASON TO QUESTION THIS PERSON'S LOYALTY TO THE UNITED STATES? ☑ YES ☒ NO

3. (B) DO YOU HAVE ANY REASON TO BELIEVE THIS PERSON BELONGS, OR HAS BELONGED, TO ANY COMMUNIST OR FASCIST ORGANIZATION, OR TO ANY ORGANIZATION WHICH ADVOCATES OVERTHROWING OR ALTERING OUR CONSTITUTIONAL FORM OF GOVERNMENT BY FORCE OR OTHER ILLEGAL MEANS? ☑ YES ☒ NO

3. (C) TO YOUR KNOWLEDGE DOES THIS PERSON ASSOCIATE, OR HAS HE ASSOCIATED, WITH ANY PERSON WHOSE LOYALTY TO THE UNITED STATES IS QUESTIONABLE OR WHO BELONGS TO ANY OF THE TYPES OF ORGANIZATION DESCRIBED IN (B) ABOVE? ☑ YES ☒ NO

If your answer to any of these questions is "yes," please give full details under item 7 on the back of this inquiry.

(CONTINUE ON REVERSE SIDE)
4. WAS THE PERSON GRADUATED?  
   (A) DID HE RECEIVE A DEGREE?  
      ☑ YES ☐ NO  
   (B) IF YOUR ANSWER IS "YES," GIVE DEGREE AND DATE IT WAS CONFERRED:  
      Sc. M., June 17, 1933  

5. WAS THIS PERSON EVER PUT ON PROBATION, SUSPENDED, OR EXPelled?  
   IF YOUR ANSWER IS "YES," STATE REASONS:  
      ☑ YES ☐ NO  

6. DO YOU HAVE KNOWLEDGE OF ANY BEHAVIOR, ACTIVITIES, OR ASSOCIATIONS WHICH TEND TO SHOW THAT THIS PERSON IS NOT RELIABLE, HONEST, TRUSTWORTHY, AND OF GOOD CONDUCT AND CHARACTER?  
   IF YOUR ANSWER IS "YES," PLEASE EXPLAIN FULLY:  
      The records show that in January 1932 Mr. Porter was allowed to withdraw from the University for disciplinary reasons. It was a time when graduate students were desperately hard up, and Mr. Porter, apparently suffering from physical and mental strain, took small sums of money from various fellow students. After his withdrawal from the University, he remained in Providence for several weeks under the care of the University physician. By May of that year he had made complete restitution of the money taken.  
      Since this episode is on Mr. Porter’s record, we feel obliged to inform you of it. In view of the time which has elapsed, however, and especially since at the time he made complete and speedy restitution, we are inclined to believe that the episode should not prejudice his chances of employment now.  
      If you wish to discuss the matter further, we shall be glad to help in any way we can.  

7. REMARKS: (Give any additional information which in your judgment may help in deciding whether or not this person’s employment in the Federal service would be against the interests of the national security.)  

PLEASE SIGN YOUR NAME BELOW  

December 16, 1959  

The Graduate School  

(Title)