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(EMPLOYMENT) On 9 August 1963, Mr. Austin H. Welch, President, College of Advanced Science, Canaan Street, Canaan, New Hampshire, residing at the College, was interviewed in his office, concerning SUBJECT, and stated in substance:

Welch first became aware of Bernard Harden PORTER on 20 February 1961 through correspondence, when HE applied for a position with the College of Advanced Science (CAS). HE resided in Ashland, Maine and later moved to Madawaska, Maine. HE and HIS wife took a trip to Europe with some youth hostel group whose ship left from Montreal, Canada, exact date unknown. Subsequent to this SUBJECT became employed at CAS and from 22 September 1961 to 15 December 1961, Source had daily academic and professional contact with SUBJECT. Source last saw SUBJECT on 15 December 1961, when Source ordered SUBJECT to leave the college.

Source was not knowledgeable of SUBJECT'S family background, previous employment, specific educational background, or organizational affiliations. During HIS employment, SUBJECT was a good instructor in the classroom, but HIS activities and actions outside the classroom left much to be desired. SUBJECT made physical threats towards Mrs. Lucy Neily, cleaning lady, Canaan, who was responsible for daily cleanliness of South Hall. SUBJECT and HIS wife were the houseparents for South Hall and resided in an adjoining residence. They had control over the students residing in South Hall. One night SUBJECT locked out one of the students. HIS wife made vulgar remarks to a student, Mr. Peter Hultzen, now residing at Belknap College, Center Harbor, New Hampshire. SUBJECT'S wife would also sneak up to the second floor to watch the students come out of the shower. Even though SUBJECT'S wife was employed as a houseparent at South Hall, it is believed that she was accepting unemployment compensation from the State of Maine. After these events occurred Source officially discharged SUBJECT, but actually gave SUBJECT a $100 bonus if HE would leave the campus. Approximately five months after SUBJECT left the college, the police chief of Canaan, Mr. John Zani, received a letter from SUBJECT accusing persons at the college of stealing some of HIS personal papers from HIS belongings. At this time SUBJECT also filed with the State of New Hampshire for unemployment compensation in reference to HIS employment at the college. The hearing in HIS behalf, at which HE was not present, ruled that HE was not entitled to unemployment compensation under the laws of the State of New Hampshire. HE has since filed appeals of this decision, claiming new evidence. Also at this time SUBJECT accused the college of maintaining two sets of account books and using inexperienced bookkeepers and demanded that the Internal Revenue Service investigate the college. An investigation was conducted and the college was completely cleared of the accusations. Copies of a letter from SUBJECT and papers pertaining to SUBJECT'S appeal of the New Hampshire Employment Security decision are attached as EXHIBITS. Source is not eligible for rehire at the College of Advanced Science.

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SUBJECT'S conduct, morals, and personal habits do not reflect mature judgement, stability, reliability or trustworthiness. Source has no knowledge of SUBJECT'S physical or mental health. SUBJECT is not believed to be financially responsible or a good credit risk. Source has no knowledge of SUBJECT'S loyalties, but Source has no reason to question SUBJECT'S loyalty to the United States. Source suggested that the following persons would be knowledgeable of SUBJECT: Dr. I. A. Dimerman, Canaan; Mr. Harold Eggleston, Canaan Cash Market, Canaan, and Mr. Brian Hayes, First National Store, Main Street, Canaan; Mr. Riley; attorney, New Hampshire Employment Security, Concord, New Hampshire; Mr. D. F. Hale, Mr. Steven White, Mr. Whiton, Mr. Earl Stevens, and Mr. Peter Hultzen, students residing at South Hall during SUBJECT'S tenure as houseparent. Welch reported the following hearsay information concerning SUBJECT:

(HEARSAY INFORMATION) During World War II, SUBJECT was an eminent physicist who worked on the Manhattan Project and at some of the projects in the vicinity of Oak Ridge, Tennessee. When HE was told that the A-bomb had been dropped over Hiroshima, Japan, HE was one of the scientists who had to be removed in a strait jacket, because of HIS deep emotional feelings about the use of HIS research. After the war HE visited Hiroshima to see and give HIS money to the victims of the blast. Source's knowledge of SUBJECT'S background was gained from Who's Who in Science and from Dr. Frye, a former instructor at CAS.

Welch did not recommend that PORTER be considered favorably for a position of trust and responsibility with the United States Army because of the aforementioned incidents which occurred at CAS and Source questions SUBJECT'S stability. Source is willing to submit a sworn statement, appear before a court, hearing, or board in closed session, and release the above information to SUBJECT with his name as the source.

AGENT'S NOTES: During the interview, Source appeared nervous and dealt in generalities, refusing to give specifics in reference to the aforementioned incidents concerning SUBJECT.