

4 August 1951

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Citizenship Status of Bernard Leon Barker, Jr., 100-251689

1. On 4 August, Mr. Edward Hart and Mr. Tammey conferred with Mr. Warner and Mr. O'Hall of the General Counsel's office on the subject of restoration of the citizenship of Bernard Barker. For further information see a memorandum, dated 14 July 1951, which summarizes the previous steps taken to restore this citizenship and a memorandum, dated 17 July 1951, giving Mr. Barker's statement to the Office of Security in regard to his case. These memoranda are in the subject's 202 file. Mr. Warner recommended that Mr. Tammey see Mr. Murphy of the Alien Affairs Office to get the complete background on the situation before any further efforts are made to obtain restoration of subject's citizenship. Any information obtained should be passed to Mr. O'Hall of the Office of the General Counsel in Room 721, East Building.

2. Mr. Tammey conferred with Mr. Bennett of the Alien Affairs Office on the Bernard Barker case. Mr. Bennett was familiar with the subject's case and the summary of the Investigation and Naturalization Division dated 11 July 1951. This summary contains ten House Committee reports and a summary of the investigation on subject's citizenship status.

3. Mr. Bennett is making a current check with the Office of Investigation to determine what happened to the subject's citizenship and to ascertain any current information concerning the subject. According to Mr. Bennett, there will probably be some information which to check. The check is that the Office of Investigation, through contractual means, will have a list of names of persons who have been deported and who are eligible for citizenship. It is suggested that Mr. Barker could leave the country, for example, for an investigation visit, and presumably obtain his citizenship and be eligible for citizenship in the future.

4. It is noted in the summary of a special conference held to discuss the case of Bernard Barker, Jr. (100-251689) that his citizenship was restored on 14 July 1951. It is suggested that the citizenship of the subject would automatically be restored if he were to leave the country.

The alternative of having subject leave the country may be considered
if adequate documentation, as he was excluded from his usual
travel procedures.

In view of the above information, the Bureau telephoned the
Embassy in London and a check with the Office of Immigration and Naturalization
revealed no law information since the case was reported in 1970. It is
therefore recommended that the Office of the Inspector General conduct an
investigation of the possibility of inflicting a law which would
be applicable for the subject.

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