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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation

SUBJECT: Harold CIERYNELL

1. This Agency is in receipt of information dated 7 July concerning one Harold CIERYNELL, born March 10, 1923, New York, New York, U.S. passport number 743901, including wife Beulah, daughter Marilyn, issued January 23, 1958, Washington, D.C. Subject arrived in Copenhagen with his family June 29 from Moscow claiming involuntary detention in the USSR from October 26, 1958. Subject entered the USSR via Czechoslovakia on February 27, 1958 as a tourist but with the intention of establishing residence and adopting Soviet citizenship. Subject claimed he was given employment as a Design Engineer in a Kharkov factory which manufactured mine safety equipment, but by the fall of 1958 he had become disillusioned with the Soviet system and began efforts to return to the United States.

2. In an interview with an officer of the U.S. Embassy in Copenhagen, Subject intimated that the USSR has attempted and may continue to attempt to use his family or their activities to the detriment of the United States. His wife claimed to be strongly anti-Soviet and stated that she accompanied her husband only to preserve the family unity. Since Subject was highly nervous and concerned only with his immediate return to the United States, it was impossible to obtain a complete or coherent story. Subject privately arranged for his passage to the United States. He and his family were due to arrive in New York via SAS Flight SK 911, July 3, 6:55 A.M. His probable destination in the United States was given as: Mrs. Eva CIERYNELL, (mother), 2741 Wallace Avenue, Bronx, New York; or Abraham MARCUS (wife's father), 304 E. Place, Bronx.

3. The address of 2741 Wallace Avenue bears a telephone listing under the name of Jacob CIERYNELL, Kingsbridge 7-1517. The address 304 E Place is probably 304 Echo Place which bears a telephone listing under the name of A. MARCUS, CYPRESS 4-1231.

4. The records of this office reflect that one Abraham MARCUS, born 22 February 1887 in Serejas, Lithuania, applied for a U.S. visa at the American Embassy in Mexico City during the month of

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January 1952. Further information was not available to positively identify this individual with Abraham MARCUS, Subject's father-in-law. The records of this office reveal no identifiable information on any of the other individuals named herein.

5. This Agency requests that the results of any investigation by your Bureau be made available to us. We would be pleased to give any assistance necessary, including joint participation in the debriefing of Subject in precise details as his experiences in the USSR and his contacts while abroad.

6. Further information forthcoming from Copenhagen will be made available to your Bureau.

7. The information contained herein is known to the Department of State.

FOR THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR (PLANS):

Signature: James Angleton

JAMES ANGLETON

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