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Exemptions used: 62, 63, 67E
Subject: ALFRED EPAMINONDAS SARANT

ESPIONAGE-R

This serial, the original memorandum from the FBI to the Attorney General dated 1-14-52, which was returned to the Bureau signed by the Attorney General authorizing FBI to conduct electronic surveillance, has been permanently removed for retention in the National Security Electronic Surveillance File per memorandum T. J. Smith to Mr. E. S. Miller dated 7-13-73. See 62-115687-1 for details and where maintained.

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Complete File and Serial Number: 65-59242-536
MEMORANDUM TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Re: ALFRED EPAMINONDAS SARANT, et al.
ESPIONAGE - R

In connection with an investigation to determine the present whereabouts of Alfred Epaminondas Sarant, who is suspected of having been an active and important member of the Julius Rosenberg espionage network, authority is requested to place a technical surveillance of Louise Sarant, wife of Alfred Sarant, who is presently residing in Apartment number eleven, at 3014 Douglas Road, Coral Gables, Florida.

Investigation in this matter has developed that both Alfred and Louise Sarant were formerly members of the Communist Party in New York City. Further, Alfred Sarant is known to have been a close associate of Julius Rosenberg, convicted Soviet espionage agent, as well as a number of other known and suspected members of Rosenberg's espionage parallel. Sarant fled from the United States in August, 1950, subsequent to the arrest of Rosenberg and after his having been questioned concerning his involvement in this espionage network by agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Although the last definite information received as to his location was on August 13, 1950, when he was in Guadalajara, Mexico, recent information indicates that he may have been successful in fleeing to Europe.

In order to definitely determine the present whereabouts of Sarant, I recommend authorization of this technical surveillance at the above address or any address to which Louise Sarant may move in the future.

Respectfully,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

SECURITY INFORMATION

RECORDED-137.
RECOMMENDATION FOR INSTALLATION OF TECHNICAL
OR MICROPHONE SURVEILLANCE

RE: Title ALFRED EPAMINONDAS SARANT,
was, et al
Character of Case ESPIONAGE - R
Field Office Miami
Symbol Number MM - S 374
Type of Surveillance (Technical or
Microphone) Technical

1. Name and address of subject: LOUISE K. SARANT
3014 Douglas Road, Coral Gables
Miami phone 48-7634

2. Location of technical operation: Miami Field Office

3. Other technical surveillances on same subject: None

4. Cost and manpower involved: Cost will be about $25.00 per month for leased lines. No additional manpower involved since will be operated by same men as other installations presently operating.

5. Adequacy of security: Excellent

CBS: mjs
AIR MAIL-SPECIAL DELIVERY

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ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN
OTHERWISE.
6. Type of case involved: Espionage

7. Connection or status of subject in the case:
   LOUISE SARANT is wife of ALFRED E. SARANT, subject of case, and she is also carried as a co-subject.

8. Specific information being sought:
   Information as to whereabouts of ALFRED E. SARANT and any espionage contacts of LOUISE SARANT.

9. Reasons for believing the specific information will be obtained by the technical surveillance:
   Albany Field Division has advised they believe LOUISE SARANT is in contact with her husband and possibly other espionage personages.

10. Importance of case and subject:
    This is an important Espionage case and subject ALFRED E. SARANT has fled country.
11. Possibilities of obtaining desired information by other means (Explain in detail): There appears to be no other means of securing information desired.

12. Risks of detection involved: None

13. Probable length of technical surveillance: 30 days until further justification.

14. Request made for technical surveillance by any outside agency (name specific official, title and agency):

None
16. Recommendation of Assistant Director:

See memorandum from Mr. Ladd to the Director, dated 1-30-52.

17. Recommendation of Assistants to the Director:
ALFRED EPAMINONDAS SARANT, WAS, ETAL, ESPIONAGE - R. REBUTEL
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EX-8

cc: Mr. Donahue
TO: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

TRANSMIT THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO: JANUARY 15, 1952

65-59242-539 SAC, MIAMI

ALFRED EPAMINONDAS SARANT, WAS. ET AL. ESPIONAGE R. PROVIDED FULL
SECURITY ASSURED, AUTHORITY GRANTED INSTALL TESUR ON TELEPHONE OF LOUISE SARANT,
APARTMENT NO. ELEVEN, THREE FOUR DOUGLAS ROAD, CORAL GABLES, TELEPHONE:
MIAMI FOUR EIGHT DASH SEVEN SIX THREE FOUR. SUETL TIME, DATE INSTALLATION AND
SYMBOL NUMBER, SUETL JUSTIFICATION THIRTY DAYS AFTER INSTALLATION AND EACH
THREE MONTHS THEREAFTER.

HOOVER

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TELETYPE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

SENT VIA 4-5524 Per MCT
MEMORANDUM TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Re: ALFRED EPHIMONDAS SARANT, w.v., et al.
ESPIONAGE - B

January 14, 1958

PERSONAL AND

In connection with an investigation to determine
the present whereabouts of Alfred Ephimondas Sarant, who
is suspected of having been an active and important member
of the Julius Rosenberg espionage network, authority is
requested to place a technical surveillance
of Louise Sarant, wife of Alfred Sarant, who is presently
residing in Apartment number eleven, at 3014 Douglas Road,
Coral Gables, Florida.

Investigation in this matter has developed that
both Alfred and Louise Sarant were formerly members of the
Communist Party in New York City. Further, Alfred Sarant is
known to have been a close associate of Julius Rosenberg,
convicted Soviet espionage agent, as well as a number of other
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indicates that he may have been successful in fleeing to Europe.

In order to definitely determine the present
whereabouts of Sarant, I recommend authorization of this
technical surveillance at the above address or any address
to which Louise Sarant may move in the future.

Respectfully,

John Edgar Hoover

Director
FBI MIAMI. 1-21-52 2:29 PM HSB

DIRECTOR: URGENT

JUNE. ALFRED EPAMINONDAS SARANT, WAS ETAL, ESPIONAGE - R.
TESUR INSTALLED JANUARY 18 LAST AT 4:30 PM ON
LOUISE SARANT, APARTMENT 11, 3014 DOUGLAS ROAD, CORAL GABLES.
FLORIDA, TELEPHONE MIAMI 48-7634, SYMBOL ME-374. INSTALLATION
WILL BE CONVERTED TO COMBINATION IN NEAR FUTURE.

2:32 PM OK FBI WA AS

RECEIVED: 1-21-52 2:35 PM DS

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SAC, Miami

March 7, 1952

Director, FBI

LOUISE SARANT
Technical Surveillance
PF - 374 - S

CONF. INFT.
Justification form PT-143 which must be submitted for the continuance of this surveillance is overdue.

You are requested to submit immediately the necessary justification form if you desire the continuation of this surveillance.
FBI, MIAMI
5-15-52
11:52 AM EST

DIRECTOR, FBI
URGENT

ALFRED EPAMINONDAS SARANT, WITH ALIASSES, ETAL,
ESPIONAGE - R. REBUTEL MAY 13, 1952 IN CASE ENTITLED UNKNOWN
SUBJECTS, BOMBING OF CARVER VILLAGE, MIAMI, OR. SINCE ALL
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ONLY REMAINING TECHNICAL SURVEILLANCE IN MIAMI IS MM 374-S
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SURVEILLANCE IN OPERATION NO INFORMATION DEVELOPED RE. CONTACTS
BY LOUISE SARANT WITH ALFRED SARANT. LOUISE EXPECTS DIVORCE
IN NEAR FUTURE. OTHER INFORMANT COVERAGE AVAILABLE WHICH WILL
ADVISE WHEN LOUISE LEAVES FOR ITHACA. NOT BELIEVED THIS
TECHNICAL SURVEILLANCE WARRANTS MANPOWER NECESSARY TO MAINTAIN
IT AS ONLY TECHNICAL SURVEILLANCE IN MIAMI. BUREAU AUTHORITY
REQUESTED TO DISCONTINUE.

WALL

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13 May 1957
Mr. Conklin

FBI

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ESPIONAGE - R. REBUTEL MAY 13, 1952 IN CASE ENTITLED UNKNOWN

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12:57 PM OK FBI WA BS

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Aug: Mr. Belvid
To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

Transmit the following message to: SAC, MIAMI URGENT

JUNE. ALFRED EMPANOMOZAS BARANT, WAG, ET AL, ESPIONAGE R. REUTEL MAY
FIFTEEN LAST. YOU ARE INSTRUCTED TO CONTINUE TESUR ON LOUISE BARANT UNTIL
DATE HER DEPARTURE FOR ITHACA, NEW YORK.

HOOVER

TELETYPE
MAY 17 1952

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

SENT VIA 25TH M Per "VH"

65-59242 - 577
TO: A. H. BELMONT
FROM: W. A. BRANIGAN
SUBJECT: ALFRED EPAMINONDAS SARANT, was, et al

ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: May 17, 1952

PURPOSE:

To advise that the Miami Office has requested authorization
to discontinue the tesur on the residence of Louise Ross Sarant in
Coral Gables, Florida, due to lack of production and fact she is de-
parting for Ithaca, New York, by the end of May.

To recommend that the Miami Division be instructed to
continue this surveillance until the date of her departure for Ithaca.

A teletype to Miami is attached for your approval.

DETAILS:

Pursuant to Bureau authorization, the Miami Division was
instructed to install a tesur at the apartment of Louise Ross Sarant,
wife of Alfred Sarant, a suspected member of the Rosenberg espionage
network, who fled from the United States in August 1950. This tesur
was installed on January 18, 1952, in apartment #11
at 3014 Douglas Road, Coral Gables, Florida. The purpose of instant
tesur was to determine whether she might make any comment or statement
which would apprise the Bureau as to the present whereabouts of her
husband, Alfred Sarant.

The Miami Division by teletype dated May 15, 1952, has
requested authority to discontinue this surveillance in view of the
fact that no information has been developed through utilization of this
tesur as to contacts of Louise and Alfred Sarant; in view of the fact
that there is an indication she expects to secure a divorce from her
husband in the near future; and by reason of her expected return to
Ithaca, New York, at the end of May 1952.

It was pointed out by Miami that this was the only tesur
presently being operated by that office and thus a discontinuance would
save manpower.

However, in spite of the recommendations of the Miami Office
and in view of the original purpose of this tesur, it is considered
advisable that same be maintained for the additional period of
approximately two weeks when it is expected she will return to Ithaca.
In view of her present active effort to secure a divorce in Miami, Florida, it is conceivable that she may make some comment either to her attorney or other person as to the whereabouts of her husband if she is in possession of such information.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Miami Office be instructed to continue instant tesor until such time as Louise Sarant departs from her residence in Coral Gables, Florida. A teletype to Miami is attached hereto for your approval.
Director, FBI (65-60203) 12/10/53
SAC, New York (65-15735)

MAXWELL, FINESTONE, was.
ESPIONAGE - R
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT, 1950

ALFRED EPAMINONDAS SARANT, was. ET AL
ESPIONAGE - R

In reviewing information furnished by NY 963 - 8, of known reliability, it was noted that FINESTONE contacted a woman by the name of "MURIEL" during the evening of 11/14/53. "MURIEL" is believed identical with the former wife of ARTHUR CARL BOUDIN, who married JEROME N. BALASE, a photographer on 6/26/53. The BALASES reside in New York City. She is the subject of a pending Security Matter - C investigation, New York origin.

NY 963 - 8 advised that MURIEL indicated to MAX that her husband is named JERRY.

FINESTONE advised MURIEL that he had several weeks ago "seen an old friend of yours in Ithaca (New York)" by the name of "PUSS". MAX advised that "PUSS" looks very well, the kids are well, she is living on the lake and is going to move to the big house for the winter. MAX said that "'PUSS' doesn't look forward to this but has no alternative". He advised that "she seems to be in fairly good humor, all things considering". In commenting on her present cottage, MAX stated that it is a "dump" and "she doesn't have the time or money to fix it up". MAX indicated that the cottage was "pleasant" and that it was warm in the summer.

"PUSS", according to MAX has a little income which is derived from the "house" and from "VIC" and "MINA".

MURIEL inquired as to whether "PUSS" was "thinking about getting married?" MAX stated, "She thinks about it, but nothing specific. She didn't mention anything of a serious nature,

1 - Bureau (65-59242) (ALFRED EPAMINONDAS SARANT)
1 - Albany (100-11031) (MAXWELL FINESTONE)
1 - Albany (65-1664) (ALFRED EPAMINONDAS SARANT)
1 - NY 65-15360 (ALFRED EPAMINONDAS SARANT)

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"she only talks about one guy, and he isn't around anyway. Whether anything will come of this - she didn't know, didn't seem to be concerned."

Continuing, MAX stated to MURIEL that "her ('PUSSES') mother is back up north - getting screwier by the minute according to 'PUSS' and what others said. I didn't see her. My mother runs into her occasionally. Her mind - she is a terribly disturbed person. This is the first time I ever heard 'PUSS' say so. However life goes on."

MAX also told MURIEL that "they are cute kids - nice kids."

From the aforementioned information, it is apparent that FINESTONE is discussing LOUISE ROSS SARANT, also known as "PUSS", her two children, and her parents VICTOR K.D. ROSS and MINA ROSS.

Information.
Office Memorandum - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: Director, FBI (65-59242)  
FROM: SAC, New York (65-15360)  
DATE: 12/11/53  
SUBJECT: ALFRED EPAMINONDAS SARANT, ET AL  
ESPIONAGE - R  
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT, 1950  
HANS ALBRECHT BETHE  
ESPIONAGE - R

Renylet to Bureau, 12/11/53, entitled "MAXWELL FINESTONE, was; ESPIONAGE - R; INTERNAL SECURITY ACT, 1950", and "VIVIAN GLASSMAN, was; ESPIONAGE - R; INTERNAL SECURITY ACT, 1950", and captioned "\$24."

NY 964 - S, of known reliability, advised that during the evening of 10/30/53, FINESTONE and his wife, ANNETTE, were in contact with VIVIAN GLASSMAN and her husband, ERNEST PATAKI. The informant advised that they discussed various phases of the ROSENBERG investigation. During their conversation, VIVIAN GLASSMAN stated "...(inaudible) I don't say he worries about him, uh, but he worries about LOUISE and ALFRED." ANNETTE FINESTONE replied, "...(inaudible) contact with BETA (possibly BETHE) (phonetic) ... " (inaudible). MAX states "uh", and ANNETTE replied, "I'll tell you... (inaudible) JOE BLUM (phonetic) one of these fine days... (inaudible). He gotta be careful too..." (inaudible).

Thereafter it appears that someone made an inaudible reply which sounds like "don't worry about it."

From the information furnished by NY 964 - S concerning the contact on 10/30/53, the unknown man referred to by VIVIAN GLASSMAN is not clear. LOUISE and ALFRED may be identical with LOUISE and ALFRED SARANT, and BETA (phonetic) with HANS BETHE.

As to the identity of JOE BLUM (phonetic), it is believed that he may possibly be identical with JOSEPH PAUL BLUM, brother-in-law of WILLIAM PERL.

Information.

1 - Bureau (65-60393) (HANS ALBRECHT BETHE) (RM)  
1 - Albany (65-1664) (ALFRED EPAMINONDAS SARANT) (RM)  
1 - Albany (100-12000) (HANS ALBRECHT BETHE) (RM)  
1 - NY 65-15836 (HANS ALBRECHT BETHE)