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TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT

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DATE: September 9,
1955

Tolson	_____
Boardman	_____
Nichols	_____
Belmont	_____
Harbo	_____
Mohr	_____
Parsons	_____
Rosen	_____
Tamm	_____
Sizoo	_____
Winterrowd	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Holloman	_____
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FROM : MR. R. R. ROACH

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SUBJECT: FERNANDO ESGUERRA, aka.
Fernando Esguerra Arches
INTERNAL SECURITY - PHILIPPINE ISLANDS

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By "Top Secret" communication dated August 30, 1955, the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) advised that the subject was scheduled to depart for the United States on August 30, 1955, from the Philippine Islands as one of a group of twelve Philippine labor leaders who will undergo labor training under the sponsorship of the International Cooperation Administration (ICA). Esguerra will remain in this country for approximately six months. According to CIA, [he has been utilized by a branch of the Philippine Intelligence Service with whom CIA maintains a close liaison relationship as a penetration agent into the Philippine Communist Party (PKP). Although the subject has not yet been recruited by the PKP, he already has been given several missions by a Philippine Communist leader. Since he has not yet been recruited into the organization, the CIA does not feel that he will be given important contacts to make in the United States. CIA advised that in the event the subject makes contacts with individuals of interest while in this country, he has been furnished with a Post Office box number in New York City which will be serviced by CIA to which the subject can address correspondence. Esguerra is unaware of U.S. interest in this matter and is unaware that the box will be serviced by representatives of the U.S. Government. He has been forewarned that in the event he is contacted by Communists he may be placed in touch with representatives of the U.S. Government, probably the FBI.] (TS) (U)

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On September 6, 1955, Mrs. Jane Roman of the CIA advised the Liaison Agent that the subject had departed from the Philippine Islands as scheduled. Shortly prior to his departure, he advised a Philippine Intelligence Service contact that a Communist official had given him a list of individuals whom he should endeavor to contact while in the United States. The subject was not in a position to provide the complete list and (TS) (U)

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1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Nease

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advised that the names with other information would be transmitted to the Post Office box number in New York City. The subject did orally advise the Philippine Intelligence Service contact that the list included the names of Harry Bridges, Harold Isaac and Bishop Fulton Sheen. (S) (U)

Mrs. Roman advised that CIA does not know why the foregoing names were included in the list and it is hoped that an explanation might be given in the letter which the subject is allegedly transmitting to the New York City Post Office box number. Mrs. Roman advised that CIA will immediately communicate with the Bureau when the letter is obtained by the CIA. (S) (U)

ACTION:

The above information has been directed to the attention of the Espionage Section which is checking Bureau files concerning Harold Isaac.

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