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CONFIDENTIAL MEMORANDUM

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COUNTRY: CHINA

SUBJECT: Russian, 47; arrived in U.S. March 1941; first papers. Lived in North China and Manchuria 1911-40; operated his own printing shop in Harbin until 1931 where he started exporting hair and bristles to the U.S. He presently has his own business in New York City importing hair and bristles from South America. He intends to return to China and Manchuria when conditions allow.

Subject appears not too well educated, but probably is a sharp business man. While cooperative, he does not inspire an overabundance of confidence. He volunteered the following information:

POSSIBLE ALLIED CONTACT IN NORTH CHINA

In the course of an interview on another matter, Subject mentioned a former business acquaintance of his in A. This man, whose name is B, Subject strongly believes could be of value to the allied cause in North China.

B is Jewish, of Russian parents; has lived in China most of his life and has a Chinese passport. He is between 35 and 40 years old, well educated, speaks Japanese, Chinese and fluent English. Subject says he is an ~~extremely~~ sharp and clever person with a wide acquaintance and extensive business connections. Before the war he exported furs to the U.S. and has \$100,000 in this country. Subject suggested that this fact would make him "reliable." Since the war B has been doing business with the Japanese, travels freely between Tientsin and Shanghai, and is apparently on their good books.

In A, B lived at the C Hotel and also frequented the D Club.

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B's commission agent in this country was E whose wife, also living in New York, is B's sister.

E and his wife are known also by [redacted] of Universal Peltry Traders, 151 West 26th Street, New York City, and by [redacted] of the same firm.

Ben Ames, Interviewer.