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Interview of []

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1. During the survey of Project DTFILLAR at San Francisco, California, by [] was interviewed by the writer on 9 June 1951. [] is a staff agent and a fully cleared employee. In furtherance of the basic purpose of this mission, [] was asked if she had received any inquiries regarding the Committee from friends, associates or persons not directly associated with the Committee, concerning its make-up, mission, sponsorship or source of funds. [] replied that she had received one inquiry which originated with a relative who asked if she had checked carefully into the group by whom she was employed. [] stated that this inquiry was the result of fear on the part of the relative that the organization might be a communist front. Subject reportedly replied to the effect that the stature of the respective sponsors and directors satisfied her as to its genuineness. The same relative had inquired as to the source of funds available to the Committee, to which subject reportedly replied that newspapers reported that the National Committee for a Free Europe, Inc. had made the original contribution and adding that the Committee hoped to obtain more money by public contribution. According to [] her answer appeared to satisfy the inquiring relative.

2. It was reported further by [] that none of her friends had made inquiries regarding the make-up of the Committee or its source of funds. With reference to security, [] stated that she had not observed any general deficiencies in the security operations in the office, however, it was her opinion that the numerous telephone calls being made and received behind closed doors might arouse the suspicion of the unwitting employees. In this connection she added that Mr. Kennedy used such a loud voice, even behind closed doors, that it was possible for the unwitting employees in the immediate vicinity of his office, to hear his conversations. Despite this however she said there was no evidence to indicate that up to that time, there had been any breach of security. [] was asked what she had observed concerning the handling of the covert or classified mail to which she replied that she had not had an opportunity to witness the handling of any mail other than that delivered to her own office which she stated had been handled in a most secure manner. It was pointed out in this connection that [] room is located at the far end of the office and she [] is generally removed from most of the office routine.

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3. Since [] duties are limited to bookkeeping responsibilities, inquiry was made to obtain her opinion of the reasonableness or unreasonableness of expenditures to date. [] reported in this connection that she did not consider any of the disbursements unreasonable up to the date of the inquiry. In considering office furniture and equipment, she stated that it was not plush but tempered her remarks by adding, "It was definitely adequate." She further stated that it was her opinion that the furniture and equipment available would never raise a question in New York while it might raise a question in San Francisco, despite the fact that it is not too plush.

4. [] considers the office morale and working conditions as very good. She has not observed any conflicts among personnel. She has purposely avoided office conversations involving personalities. With reference to the President, she said that she had found that by his background, experience and education, he commands the respect of herself and other employees, and leaves the impression that he would never be motivated by self-interest. She continued by saying that on the other hand, Mr. Kennedy does not command the same respect from her. It was added that she could not speak for the other employees. Further, she reported that her relations with Mr. Kennedy were very cordial but feels that she would have reservations about him for her own organization. She did not elaborate on this last evaluation.

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