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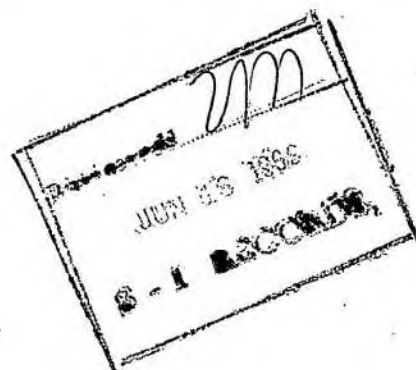
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In connection with our efforts to identify the Soviet agent, [REDACTED] we had a very close look at fifty-five persons who were in the Department of External Affairs at the relevant time, or who were press correspondents in Ottawa, or who had contact [REDACTED]. In other words, persons who in some manner fitted the rather vague and uncertain background details on [REDACTED]. It should be borne in mind that only one, if any, of these fifty-five persons can be [REDACTED] and that the inclusion of an individual in this review should not be considered detrimental to the person involved. Each individual examined has been classified as to the potential that he could be [REDACTED]. The classifications were simply very good; good; fair and poor. It should be noted that these classifications are arbitrary, particularly in the first two categories, and represent valued judgements based on the [REDACTED] information and the background of the individual. The attached sheet details the background of the individual named and assesses the possibility that he could be [REDACTED].

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FILE NO.:

NAME: John Benjamin Clark WATKINS

PRESENT POSITION: Died 1964

KNOWN CONTACT
WITH BURDIN: 2-7-52

CURRICULUM VITAE: Born at Norval Station, Ontario on December 3, 1902. BA, MA (University of Toronto, 1926-27); Ph.D (Cornell University, 1944); American Scandinavian Foundation, New York, 1930-45, Assoc. Professor, University of Manitoba, 1945-46. Joined External Affairs as FSO 4, September 1946; Charge d'Affaires, a.i., Moscow, September 1948; Ottawa, May 1951; appointed Minister to Norway, October 1952 and concurrently Minister to Iceland, June 1953; Ambassador to the USSR, March 1954; Asst. USSEA, Ottawa, June 1956; Ambassador to Denmark, 1958; Ottawa, October 1960. Single.

LOCATION AND POSITION 1951-53: Charge d'Affaires, Canadian Embassy, Moscow, September 1948 - May 1951. European Division, External Affairs, Ottawa May 1951 - October 1952. Minister, Canadian Embassy, Norway, October 1952 - March 1954.

**POINTS OF
PARTICULAR INTEREST:**

1. BURDIN knew WATKINS fairly well.
2. Homosexual who was active homosexually during his tours in Moscow.
3. Of interest of the RIS and target of RIS operations.
4. In contact with [REDACTED] in Moscow. [REDACTED] was in Washington in the 1940s, while WATKINS was in New York.
5. Transferred to Oslo, October 1952, BURDIN left on extended home leave 27 July 1952.

**PROBABILITY
RATING:**

POOR - Extensive investigation, interrogation and research has all but excluded WATKINS as [REDACTED] candidate.

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