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SAC, New York (100-60586)

Director, FBI (61-280)

ARMAND RAYNER, M.C.
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

Re Bureau O-1 form dated June 3, 1952, on which you noted that a report would be submitted by August 1, 1952, in the captioned matter.

A check at the Bureau has failed to locate this report. You are, therefore, instructed to advise by return mail the date this report was submitted and the identity of the reporting agent.

RWS: djb

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M emorandum - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: Director, FBI (61-280)

FROM: SAC, New York (100-60586)

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To: Director, Fl (61-280)  
From: SAC, New York (100-60586) 34691

Subject: ARMAND HAMMER, wa.
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61-280-165 pgs. 2 8 3
The New York "Times" on July 10, 1952 in an article captioned, "ROOSEVELT Estate Off Maine Is Sold" disclosed that ARMAND HAMMER, president of the United Distillers of America and the Hammer Galleries, 51 East 57 Street, had purchased the summer estate of the late President, FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT, on Campo Bello Island, New Brunswick, just off the coast of Maine. Subject stated that although the place was full of interest to him, he had purchased it mainly as an investment.
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Subject, when interviewed, stated that he had heard stories to the effect that his father had donated possibly $75,000.00 to LUDWIG MARTINS during his association with him but these were completely untrue. He stated his father was nearly financially insolvent during 1919 and could not have made such donations, and secondly, related that a business transaction had been consummated between his father and LUDWIG MARTINS involving the sale of oilwell machinery.

The machinery had been purchased from one VON MOHRENSCHILD (fmr) who was a purchasing agent for the Czarist Government in Russia and through JULIUS HAMMER was sold to MARTINS and shipped to Novorisk, Russia, in 1920 or 1921.
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By letter dated March 21, 1952, subject enclosed correspondence from the New York State Insurance Department and The Equitable Life Assurance Society, indicating the various insurance companies for whom Jacob W. Hammer at 1479 Washington Avenue was licensed as a life agent. These companies were:

- New England Mutual Life Insurance Company
- The Travelers Insurance Company
- The Equitable Life Insurance Company of New York
- The Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York

By letter dated April 10, 1952, subject enclosed a photostatic copy of a letter dated April 1, 1952 from the New York City Board of Elections, indicating that
for the years 1915 and 1916, JACOB W. HAMMER was registered with the Progressive Party and for the years 1917-1925, inclusive, he was registered with one of the two major political parties.

By letter dated March 26, 1952, subject enclosed a photostatic copy of a clipping from the "World-Telegram" of December 18, 1921 captioned, "Russia Grants Rich Concessions to Firms in United States." Subject, in the second paragraph of his letter, states as follows:

"This article stated that I quoted LENIN as saying, 'We admit that the Government has failed. We tried to feed and clothe the workers and work everything ourselves. We find that it cannot be done at present, and we welcome you here as pioneers, as the first concessionist, I should say the first American concessionist.' Considering that this statement was made by me in 1921, when we were just starting to do business with Russia, I do not think it sounds much like approval of the Communist regime."
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Director, FBI (61-280)


ARMAND HAMMER, was.
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It is requested that the New York Office make an analysis of this case and advise the Bureau specifically what investigation is yet contemplated. It is believed this case can and should be brought to a logical conclusion in the immediate future.

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FROM: SAC, New York (100-60586)

SUBJECT: ARMAND HAMMER, was.

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Rebulet 1/22/53.

On the basis of the information developed to date it is not believed that subject should be included in the Security Index and no such recommendation is being made.
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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:
All logical leads covered.
Case closed.

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DETAILS:
A recheck of the indices of the New York Office disclosed no additional pertinent information concerning the subject.

Inasmuch as all logical leads have been covered, instant case is being closed upon the authority of the Special Agent in Charge.

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Report of SA [redacted]
New York letter to Bureau, 2/25/53. 4/6/53, New Haven
Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (61-280)
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-60586)
SUBJECT: ARMAND HAMMER, was; IS-R

DATE: 5/18/54
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Re New York letter, 9/22/52 and Newark letter, 10/22/52.

The "New York Herald Tribune" on 5/6/54, page 25, column 3, in an article captioned "Mrs. HAMMER Acts To Bar Husband's Sale of Cattle at Red Bank, New Jersey", discloses that Mrs. ANGELA C. HAMMER has asked the New Jersey Superior Court to prevent her husband, Dr. ARMAND HAMMER, from selling at auction the following week the remaining 643 registered Aberdeen Angus cattle at Shadow Isle Farm.

The article noted that the HAMMERS were separated in August and that Mrs. HAMMER requested the Court insure protection of her half interest in the property and that subject be required to give her a full accounting of previous transactions. Mrs. HAMMER contended that she developed Shadow Valley Farm and its herd in 1938 and gave a half interest to subject when they were married in 1943. In her action, she contended that subject's planned cattle sale would "facilitate" his sale of United Distilleries properties to Schenley's Industries, Inc. The article noted that Schenley has already announced the purchase of some of United Distilleries whiskey stocks distilleries and brands.

Subject was scheduled to contest his wife's action before Judge SIDNEY NORMAN in Trenton on Friday and is represented by former Attorney General THEODORE D. PARSON of Red Bank, while Mrs. HAMMER is represented by JOHN M. PILLSBURY of Atlantic Highlands, New Jersey.

The New York Office has also received an anonymous letter dated 10/30/53 asking whether the Hammer Galleries are a front for Red activities, pointing out that VICTOR, ARMAND and HARRY HAMMER were at one time very Communist-minded and setting out additional previously known background data.
Ltr. to Director
NY 100-60586

The foregoing is submitted for information in the event the Bureau now considers it desirable to have Mrs. HAMMER interviewed as previously suggested in referenced New York letter.

Instant case is being continued in a closed status by the New York Office and no further action will be taken UACB.
SAC, New York (100-80588) May 28, 1954

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ARMAND HAMMER, WAS.
INTERNAL SECURITY - E

Be New York let 5-18-54.

The Bureau does not believe that this would
be an opportune time to interview the estranged wife
of the subject in view of the impending legal action
instituted by Mrs. Hammer. The Newark office should
discretely follow this court action and after final
litigation, should resubmit a recommendation as to the
advisability of interviewing Mrs. Hammer at that time.

The Newark office should also determine the
status of subject's marriage, i.e., whether divorce
proceedings are imminent. If such is the case, any
contemplated interview with Mrs. Hammer should be held
in abeyance pending final court action.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED ST. GOVERNMENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (61-280)                     DATE: 7/8/54

FROM: SAC, NEWARK (100-28445)

SUBJECT: ARMAND HAMMER, was.

ReBulet to New York, 5/28/54, and New York letter to Director, 5/18/54.

Referenced New York letter reflects that New York newspapers reported that Mrs. ANGELA C. HAMMER had asked the New Jersey Superior Court to prevent her husband, Dr. ARMAND HAMMER from selling certain Aberdeen Angus cattle at an auction sale at their Shadow Isle Farm in N.J. The letter also noted that the HAMMERS had separated in August 1953.

The Evening News, a daily newspaper published in Perth Amboy, N.J., on 5/8/54 carried an article which stated that Superior Court Judge SIDNEY GOLDMAN had dismissed a show cause order against Dr. ARMAND HAMMER brought by Mrs. ANGELA HAMMER with regard to the sale of cattle and that the sale would go on as scheduled without restrictions. The lawyers for both sides had reached an amiable agreement on this point. The judge allowed Mrs. HAMMER's complaint to stand in which she requested an accounting of all proceeds of a 200 acre farm near Red Bank, N.J., from which cattle sales had brought $2,724,950 since 1949. She also asked that their partnership in the farm be dissolved and the proceeds be split.

The records of the N.J. Supreme Court, Chancery Division, Trenton, N.J., reflect no proceedings have been brought by ANGELA HAMMER against Dr. ARMAND HAMMER for a divorce in the State of New Jersey. No further investigation being conducted by this office unless requested by the New York Office.

RUC.

cc: New York (100-60586)

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TO:
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Mr. Boardman  
Mr. Belmont  
Mr. Mohr  
Mr. Parsons  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Tamm  
Mr. Trotter  
Mr. Holloman  
Miss Gandy

See Me  
Note and Return  
Prepare Reply  
For Your Recommendation  
What are the facts?  
Remarks:

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ENVELOPE
60 AUG 20 1957

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8 AUG 15 1957
E. E. Conacher, Chief Service Aide, to Retire

Edwin E. Conacher, who began work in the City Civil Service Department when he was 14 years old as a 330-a-month messenger and advanced to a top executive position, will retire today after 40 years of service.

Conacher has been secretary of the Civil Service Commission for 10 years and also an administrative assistant to Joseph W. Hawthorne, general manager of the department.

Many Compliments

His work in the department has won many commendations including a citation from the Florence Nightingale Institute for "courtesy and good public service."

Last spring he was congratulated by the City Council for his years of outstanding service and designated as Mr. Civil Service by a Council resolution.

Conacher said he will begin his retirement by visiting relatives in Logan, Utah, where, it just so happens, the fishing is very good.

President Meets House Secretaries

WASHINGTON, Aug. 8 (U)--President Eisenhower held the second of two informal get-togethers with Congressional aides today.

The President greeted about 180 secretaries of Republican House members in the White House rose garden. Last week he similarly received the administrative assistants of Republican Senators.

Cypriot Archbishop to Sail for New York

ATHENS, Aug. 8 (U)--Re- move Cypriot circles in Athen said today Archbishop will sail for New York. He intends to New York during
Hammer reportedly collected Russian art treasures which he sold in the United States. These enterprises resulted in the formation of Hammer Galleries Inc., in New York in 1924.

On March 6, 1952, Armand Hammer interviewed by New York Agents. He denied allegation that $75,000 was recovered from Soviet Government for money loaned in the United States for communist purposes claiming that money was recovered from oil machinery sales to Ludwig Martens. He admitted carrying letter and film to Martens in Russia in 1921 on behalf of Charles Recht, to facilitate his entry into Soviet Union. He denied connection with any Soviet intelligence apparatus; denied training dogs for Soviet police and denied any other contacts with Soviet agents. He admitted business dealings with Soviet concerns and admitted he could have been a member of Institute of Pacific Relations in 1937.

Bureau has conducted security-type investigation on Armand Hammer from time to time since 1921.

Persons contacted in 1952 furnished no information indicating Armand Hammer engaged in any activities in connection with Soviet espionage. Armand Hammer presently President and Director of Hammer Galleries, Inc.
in New York City; President and Director of United Distillers of America, Inc.; and a Director of the First Bank and Trust Company of Perth Amboy, New Jersey.

Persons contacted in 1952 who were aware of Armand Hammer's activities furnished no information indicating any espionage or propaganda activities on his part.

RECOMMENDATION: None. For information.
Jones to Nichols

PURPOSE:

To summarize pertinent information in Bufiles identifiable with captioned individual.

DETAILS:

Attached is a memorandum dated March 29, 1952, which summarizes the results of an interview of Armand Hammer by the New York Office. A complete summary dated March 31, 1952, on Armand Hammer is attached to this memorandum. The summary was prepared with the purpose of bringing to the Director's attention the results of an interview of Hammer who had furnished a detailed statement to Senator Styles Bridges setting forth his background and activities. Its apparent purpose was to rebut allegations made against him. Hammer came to the New York Office on March 6, 1952, after previously refusing to do so for reasons of health.

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The July 26, 1957, edition of "The Washington Post and Times Herald" carried a story headlined "Western Group Buys Mutual Radio Network." The story stated that the sale of Mutual Broadcasting System to a group of Pacific Coast businessmen and broadcasters was announced the previous day. The purchase price was not revealed. The purchasing group was headed by Paul Roberts of Los Angeles who was to take over as president on August 7. B. J. Hauser, former Mutual vice president, was to become executive vice president. Roberts said the purchasing group also included Armand Hammer, president of Occidental Petroleum Corporation of Los Angeles, and Roy Roberts, an Ojai, California, realty man and oil operator.

The newspaper said the wholly owned radio stations of RKO Teleradio Pictures, Inc., Mutual's parent company, were not involved in the sale but remain as affiliates of the network.

Poor's Directory reflects that Armand Hammer, born 1898, New York City, is president and director of Hammer Galleries, Inc.; President and Director of United Distillers of America, Inc.; a Director of the First Bank and Trust Company of Perth Amboy, New Jersey; and resides in Red Bank, New Jersey. Although Poor's Directory reflects David A. Harris as President of Occidental Petroleum Corporation of Los Angeles, it has since been determined that Hammer heads this corporation.
THE DIRECTOR:

Attached is the summary which you wanted on Dr. Armand Hammer.

You may recall that the night we had the dinner for George Murphy back in 1951, Fulton Lewis brought Victor Hammer and his wife to our home. They had been spending the weekend with Fulton. Fulton and Victor are great friends. Fulton is also friendly disposed to Armand.

Respectfully,

D. B. NICHOLS

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21 AUG 21 1959

SENT DIRECTOR 8/31/57

EX-132
Office Men Random - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO:

DIRECTOR, FBI (61-280)

SAC, NEW YORK (100-60586)

SUBJECT:

ARMAND HAMMER, wa. IS-R

Re Los Angeles letter, 2/21/58.

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The "New York Times", issue of March 3, 1958, page 45, column 1, in an article captioned "Roberts Explains Ouster at Mutual" by VAL ADAMS notes that the sudden ousting Thursday of the president of the Mutual Broadcasting System (MBS) by the chairman of the board may have been the fastest shakeup in network history.

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The article notes that MBS is virtually in the sole hands of ARMAND HAMMER, art dealer, cattle breeder, industrialist, and a newcomer to broadcasting, who will serve as President of MBS in addition to continuing as chairman.

PAUL ROBERTS, ousted President, said the shakeup occurred because of a complete difference of opinion between subject and himself over the company policy and operating procedures.

The article further noted that ROBERTS had been responsible for HAMMER and other executives to purchase MBS last summer; that ROBERTS tried unsuccessfully to buy HAMMER'S stock two months ago; that HAMMER'S meeting of the previous Thursday had been a surprise to ROBERTS and others, and that HAMMER'S future plans for MBS are not known.

The foregoing is submitted for the info of the Bureau and Newark Offices. No further action is contemplated by the NYO and instant case is being continued in a closed status.
UP101

(MBS)


THE SYSTEM'S STOCKHOLDERS ALSO ELECTED GEORGE VOGL AS EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT. HE SUCCEEDS BERTHAN J.

Date 2-28-58

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DATE 3-4-58

BY

65 MAR 5 1958

Washington City News Service
FIELD, HAS BEEN IN CHARGE
OF MUTUAL'S WASHINGTON OPERATIONS.
REELECTED TO THE BOARD IN ADDITION TO HAMMIP WERE H. R. Y. ROBERTS, A
CALIFORNIA OIL EXECUTIVE, TREASURER; FRANK P. BARTON, A LOS ANGELES
ATTORNEY, SECRETARY; L. R. H. HALPER, HEAD OF A LOS ANGELES CONSTRUCTION
FIRM, AND ARTHUR BROWN, PRESIDENT OF THE STARRETT CORPORATION IN NEW
YORK.
HAMMER IS PRESIDENT OF OCCIDENTAL PETROLEUM CORPORATION IN LOS
ANGELES.
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Pursuant to Director's request 2-23-61 Bureau files reviewed concerning captioned. Armand, Harry and Victor Hammer, brothers and sons of Dr. Julius and Rose Hammer. Parents born in Russia. Sons were born in U.S. Julius Hammer reported to have been active with individuals and organizations close to Lenin Russian group. Associated with Ludwig Martens, unofficial Soviet Ambassador to U.S. in 1919. Hammer assisted Martens in purchase of drugs and chemical equipment for sale to Russia. Sons allegedly connected with father in drug and chemical concern. Julius Hammer convicted of manslaughter 1919 for illegal surgery; sentenced 3 ½ years Sing Sing Prison. He died in 1946.
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DR. ARNAND HAMNER

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Over a period of many years, the Hammer family became extremely wealthy due to their trading with Russia and in the handling of large sales of art objects through the Hammer Galleries, Incorporated.

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61-280-178 pg. 7
TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (c) 61
FROM: SAC, WFO (c) 61

Dr. ARMAND HAMMER mentioned in instant memo is probably identical with the subject of case entitled "ARMAND HAMMER, Internal Security - R," origin NY (Bufile 100-73426) (NY file 100-60586) (WFO file 100-17324). The report of SA, dated 7/7/45, at NY sets forth background info regarding HAMMER which identifies the subject of the case with the ARMAND HAMMER described in enclosed memo.

The enclosed memorandum is furnished NY for info.

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1968, New York, New York. He is described as the President and Director of the Occidental Petroleum Corporation, and President and Director of Hammer Galleries, 51 East 57th Street, New York, New York, with residence at 6200 Riverdale Avenue, New York City.

On October 19, 1960, the New York Office of the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) advised that one Armand Hamor, born February 7, 1927, Moscow, Soviet Union, and traveling on Soviet Passport Number 29758, arrived in the United States, destination 51 East 57th Street, New York City. (Current address of the Hammer Galleries). He was to remain in the United States until December 5, 1960. INS subsequently advised he departed the United States on December 13, 1960.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.
Memo for Mr. Sullivan  
RE: ARMAND HAMMER  
61-280

Armand Hammer has been of interest to numerous Government agencies and members of Congress in connection with his dealings with the Government, particularly with regard to his distillery interests.

On 2-23-61 Secretary of Commerce Luther H. Hodges asked the Director for a summary of information in our files concerning Hammer. This was furnished to the Secretary by 2-24-61 letter. In all probability the latest project in which Hammer is interested and in which he apparently has successfully interested Representative Roosevelt and Senator Gore is some business deal proposed with the Soviets. Hammer has been described by a business associate as a loyal American but unscrupulous and a type "who would do business with the devil if there was a profit in it." This situation has political overtones and, accordingly, we should not become involved in it. Certainly, however, the Attorney General and the Secretary of Commerce should be informed of the latest developments.

RECOMMENDATIONS

2. That Secretary of Commerce be advised of the contact, Attached for approval is a letter to the Secretary.
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (61-230)

DATE: 5/27/63

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (105-6C586)

SUBJECT: ARMAND VICTOR HAMMER

Ref erenced letter set forth a brief summary of the background of the Hammer family. Relet noted that the NYO indices did not contain a reference to VICTOR HAMMER, brother of the subject, as having a residence in Westport, Conn.

New York newspapers dated 5/12/63, contained articles concerning the HAMMER family donation of "Compobella" to the US and Canadian governments. The articles reflected that the subject, acting as spokesman for his brothers, HARRY and VICTOR, was interviewed at his home, 10431 Wyton Drive, Westwood, Calif.
For the information of the Bureau, "The New York Herald Tribune" issue of 5/12/63, on page one contained the article "Sunrise at an Isle of Friendship" by WILLIAM G. WING. Within this article Dr. ARMAND HAMMER stated "When Elliott (Roosevelt) had to raise money we bought the house. It was in a bad state. We made a number of capital repairs. We also bought all the furnishings and restored the house to the way it looked . . . . . . . ."

Further on, Dr. HAMMER advised that the estate could be a memorial or museum. He voluntarily suggested "The house could also be a meeting place for conferences between the Canadian and United States governments."

"The New York Times" dated 5/12/63, in its article on page 1, captioned "Dr. Hammer noted that under the terms of the gift he and his brothers could continue to use a wing of a cottage there during their lifetimes".

The above is being furnished for information and no further action is being taken by the NYO.

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In about 1929, the corporation founded by Dr. Julius Hammer, the Allied Drug and Chemical Corporation, was turned over to his sons, Armand, Harry and Victor Hammer.

Dr. Julius Hammer was convicted of manslaughter in the first degree as a result of his performing an illegal operation in June, 1919. He was sentenced to serve a term of three and one-half years at Sing Sing Prison. Our files reveal that Julius Hammer died in 1948.
Memorandum to Mr. Rosen
RE: DR. ARMAND HAMMER, et al.

Bureau investigation of Armand Hammer concerning foregoing allegations developed no specific information indicating he was engaged in intelligence activities. Investigation showed family very wealthy through trading with Russia and sales of art objects such as Hearst $11,000,000 art collection.

In 1952 Senator Styles Bridges (R-N.H.) furnished Bureau statement of Armand Hammer which generally denied any wrongdoing on Hammer's part in dealings with Soviets.

For brief period prior to 1958 Armand Hammer controlled Mutual Broadcasting System which in 1958 was sold to Hal Roach Studios.

ACTION:

This is for the Director's information.

[Handwritten note:]

Suggest letter be drafted to see Hodge.

[Handwritten note:]

March 11, 1961. Year witnessed by phone.
Memorandum to Mr. Rosen
RE: DR. ARMAND HAMMER, et al.

DETAILS:

Pursuant to the Director's request 2-23-61, Bureau files have been reviewed concerning the captioned individuals and corporation. Armand, Harry and Victor Hammer are brothers and the sons of Julius and Rose Hammer. Julius and Rose Hammer were both born in Russia. It is not known definitely when they came to the United States; however, the sons, who were born in the late 1800's and early 1900's, were reportedly born in New York City.

Bureau files reveal that Julius Hammer had been active as a member of, contributor to, or otherwise connected with numerous communist front groups and early Russian organizations. As early as 1919 he was extremely active with individuals and organizations associated with the Lenin Russian group. Julius Hammer, a doctor, was closely associated with Ludwig Martens, who claimed to be the unofficial Soviet Ambassador to the United States in 1919. Dr. Julius Hammer had been approached by Martens to obtain assistance in purchasing drugs and chemical equipment to be transported to Russia. Reportedly, Hammer did obtain large quantities of this material for Martens through a concern, the Allied Drug and Chemical Corporation, which was headed by Dr. Julius Hammer. This concern reportedly was turned over to Dr. Julius Hammer's sons, Armand, Harry and Victor in about 1920. On a summary memorandum prepared in 1951 concerning Victor Hammer and Irene Wicker Hammer, his wife, the Director noted, "A very bad group. I well remember the Hammers when I was prosecuting case against Ludwig Martens. H."

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Memorandum to Mr. Rosen
RE: DR. ARMAND HAMMER, et al.

Armand Hammer was also reported to have secured a monopoly through then Premier Lenin to develop asbestos properties in Russia. Newspapers in New York in 1922 carried articles indicating that the asbestos concession had been awarded Hammer by Premier Lenin. Hammer, according to these newspapers, also displayed a personal letter written to him by Premier Lenin wishing him success in his first concession in the Soviet Union.
Memorandum to Mr. Rosen
RE: ARMAND HAMMER, et al.

[Redacted text]

Armand Hammer while in the Soviet Union in the 1920's collected a large amount of jewels, antiques and art treasures which were sold through one of the family enterprises known as the Hammer Galleries, Inc., chartered in New York State in 1924. In the 1930's Armand Hammer formed a corporation in New Jersey known as the Milltown Cooperage Company which became the parent corporation for several distillery enterprises begun by Hammer.

In January, 1952, Senator Styles Bridges (R-New Hampshire) delivered a statement to the Bureau which was prepared by Armand Hammer and Senator Bridges stated that Hammer wanted this statement
Memorandum to Mr. Rosen
RE: DR. ARMAND HAMMER

filed with the Bureau as it included explanations to questions of Hammer's loyalty.

The above-referred-to statement prepared by Hammer generally denies any wrongdoing on his part in connection with his doing business with the Russians. He advised that through his father he had met Ludwig Martens and Charles Recht. He denied that the $75,000 was recovered from the Soviet Government for money loaned but was rather from oil machinery sales made to Martens. He admitted carrying a letter and film to Martens in 1921 but indicated that this was done merely to facilitate his entry into the Soviet Union. He indicated that he had not at any time acted as a courier for messages or funds from the Soviets and indicated that he had only one business dealing with the Soviet trading concern in the United States, Amtorg, which was the purchase of barrel staves for his distillery business.

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February 24, 1961
BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

Honorable Luther H. Hodges
The Secretary of Commerce
Washington 25, D. C.

My dear Mr. Hodges:

In accordance with our telephone conversation of February 23, 1961, there is set forth hereinafter information in the files of the FBI concerning Armand Hammer; his brothers, Harry and Victor Hammer; and his father, Dr. Julius Hammer.

Julius and his wife, Rose Hammer, were both born in Russia. It is not definitely known when they came to the United States; however, information is available indicating that their sons, who were born in the late 1800's and early 1900's, were born in New York City.

Our files reveal that Julius Hammer was active as a member of contributor to, and otherwise participated in the activities of numerous communist front groups and early Russian organizations. In 1919 he was extremely active in his association with individuals and organizations connected with the Lenin Russian group in the United States. He was also closely associated with Ludwig Martens, who claimed to be the unofficial Soviet Ambassador to the United States in 1919.

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Over a period of many years, the Hammer family became extremely wealthy due to their trading with Russia and in the handling of large sales of art objects through the Hammer Galleries, Incorporated.

In 1952, Armand Hammer submitted a statement to this Bureau in which he denied any wrongdoing on his part in connection with his doing business with the Russians. He advised that through his father he had met Ludwig Martens and Charles Recht. He denied that the $75,000 was recovered from the Soviet Government for money loaned but rather was from machinery sales to Martens. He admitted carrying a letter and film to Martens in 1921 but indicated that this was done merely to facilitate his entry into the Soviet Union. He stated that he had not at any time acted as a courier for messages or funds from the Soviets and indicated that he had only one business dealing with the Soviet trading concern in the United States, Antorg, which was the purchase of barrel staves for his distillery business.
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Honorable Luther H. Hodges

With regard to the Occidental Petroleum Company, of which Armand Hammer is President and Director, this Bureau's files contain no information.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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[61-280-197]
July 17, 1961

By Special Messenger

Honorarle Luther H. Hodges
The Secretary of Commerce
Washington 25, D.C.

My dear Mr. Hodges:

My letter dated February 24, 1961, set forth a summary of information in our files concerning Dr. Armand Hammer, his brothers, Harry and Victor Hammer, and his father, Dr. Julius Hammer.

The Attorney General has been informed of the foregoing and has been furnished a summary of the information in our files concerning Dr. Armand Hammer, his father and brothers.

Sincerely yours,

Edgar Hoover

Jul 17 3:35 Ph H11
There follows a summary of information in the files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation concerning Dr. Armand Hammer, his brothers, Harry and Victor, and his father, Dr. Julius Hammer.

Dr. Armand Hammer was born May 21, 1893, in New York, New York, to Dr. Julius and Rose Hammer who were both born in Russia.
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61-290- Unrecorded serial between serials 201 & 202.
Memorandum

TO: Director, FBI

FROM: Legat, Paris (100-0) (RUC)

SUBJECT: ARMAND HAMMER
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The foregoing is being submitted for the information of the Bureau and the Los Angeles Office.

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1 - Los Angeles)

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Memorandum

To: W. C. Sullivan  
From: W. A. Branigan  

Date: 5/7/65

Subject: Armand Hammer

INTERNAL SECURITY - REC & Ext. By 15-5E4

Armand Hammer, who was a guest at a White House dinner April 20, 1965, be furnished to the White House for information.

BACKGROUND:

Our files show that Armand Hammer and his two brothers, Julius and Harry, have grown extremely wealthy through business dealings with the Soviet Government beginning in 1919. Their father Julius Hammer was active with individuals close to the Lenin Russian group and assisted L. Martens, unofficial Soviet Ambassador to the United States in 1919 in the purchase of drugs and chemical equipment for Russia. The father served three and one-half years in prison for performing an abortion in 1919 and died in 1946.

The three Hammer brothers operate the Hammer Art Galleries in New York City and all have been extremely successful in financial dealings. Armand is also president of an oil company and for a time was the owner of the Mutual Broadcasting System. In 1953 the Hammer family bought Campobello, the summer home of former President Roosevelt and donated this home to the United States and Canadian Governments for a memorial or whatever use the two Governments decide.
Memorandum W. A. Branigan to W. C. Sullivan
Re: ARMAND HAMMER
61-260

Our files show that Armand Hammer has numerous contacts among high Government and social circles.

ACTION:

There is attached for your approval a letter to the White House with a summary of information from our files concerning Armand Hammer.
May 10, 1965

BY LIAISON

Honorable Marvin Watson
Special Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Watson:

[Redacted]

Sincerely yours,

[Redacted]

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NOTE:

See cover memorandum W. A. Branigan to W. C. Sullivan captioned "Armand Hammer" dated 5/7/65, prepared by JPL:pa.

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Dr. Armand Hammer was born May 21, 1898, in New York City of Russian-born parents. His father, Dr. Julius Hammer, participated in and contributed to numerous communist-front groups and early Russian organizations. He was closely associated with Ludwig Martens, who claimed to be the unofficial Soviet Ambassador to the United States in 1919. Dr. Julius Hammer formed a drug and chemical corporation and was approached by Martens to purchase drugs and chemical equipment for Russia. He did obtain these items. In 1920, he turned his company over to his three sons, Armand, Victor, and Harry. Julius Hammer was sentenced to three and one-half years in prison in New York State for an abortion which he performed in June, 1919. He died in 1946.

Armand Hammer traveled to Russia in 1921 and carried with him a film and a letter dated July 4, 1921, to "Comrade L. Martens, Moscow." The letter in part asked Martens to furnish some pictures for propaganda purposes in the United States. Hammer also allegedly negotiated an exchange of American wheat for Russian furs and was given a monopoly to develop asbestos property in Russia by Premier Lenin.
Dr. Armand Hammer claimed that Armand Hammer while in Russia collected large amounts of jewels and art treasures which were sold through the Hammer Galleries in New York City.

Over a period of many years the Hammer family became extremely wealthy due to their trading with Russia and in handling large sales of art objects. Investigation did not develop specific information indicating that Hammer was engaged in intelligence activities.
Dr. Armand Hammer

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK
SUBJECT: ARMAND HAMMER
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(NYfile 109-60586)

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ReNYlet, 10/26/66, wherein a printed flier, captioned "Communists -- the Hammer Brothers", was furnished to the FBI Laboratory for examination.

The above printed flier contains a summation of various allegations regarding the HAMMER brothers, including captioned subject's, all of which have been investigated in the past by the Bureau. The allegations, in substance, infer that the HAMMER brothers are agents of the Soviet Union. Our investigations in the past have been unable to substantiate such allegations.
On 11/16/66, Assistant Director MALONE had occasion to converse with ARMAND HAMMER (Bufile 61-280), who indicated that he was greatly distressed over this present character assassination and intended to see Senator GORE of Tennessee regarding the matter. He indicated that he would have Senator GORE see if the Director of the FBI, JOHN EDGAR HOOVER, could not do something about the matter. Mr. ARMAND HAMMER indicated to Mr. MALONE that some 15 years ago he had Senator STYLES BRIDGES have the Director conduct an investigation regarding his background to prove such allegations were false.

A review of NYfile 100-60586 reflects Bulet to NY, dated 2/8/52, wherein it was noted by the Bureau that Senator STYLES BRIDGES had forwarded to the Bureau a statement prepared by ARMAND HAMMER concerning his background and activities wherein he denied any Communist affiliations or Soviet and Communist sympathies. This is probably the investigation of his background to which Mr. HAMMER alludes in the paragraph above.

For the information of the Bureau, the NYO has been unable, at this time, to determine the origin of the flier being printed and circularized at this time, alleging the HAMMER brothers to be Soviet agents.

The above being submitted for the information of the Bureau.

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Enclosed herewith for the FBI Laboratory is one printed flyer captioned "Communists - The Hammer Brothers".

For the information of the FBI Laboratory, the HAMMER brothers, VICTOR JULIUS HAMMER and ARMAND HAMMER, have been investigated in the past by this Bureau regarding the allegations noted in the enclosed flyer. The allegations in the enclosed flyer regarding the HAMMER brothers, therefore, are not new.

The appearance of such a flyer at this time, however, suggests that the writer may be someone whom the Bureau may wish to interview regarding the HAMMERS since he may have personal knowledge and/or evidence of the allegations made regarding the HAMMERS.

Accordingly, the FBI Laboratory is requested to examine the enclosed flyer to determine what, if any, salient facts might be ascertained regarding the type of paper and/or print used which would give some clue to the origin of this flyer and thereafter the identity of the writer.
To: FBI, New York (105-30782) (105-60586)

Date: November 9, 1966

Reg. 

ARMAND HAMMER
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Examination requested by: New York

Reference:

Examination requested: Letter 10/26/66

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REPORT
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D.C.

To: FBI, New York (105-30782)
(105-65586)

Re: ARMAND HAMMER
IS-B

Specimens received 10/27/66

Q1 Printed flyer entitled "COMMUNISTS-THE HAMMER BROTHERS" and beginning "Let it be known throughout our beloved land...."

Result of examination:

The paper comprising specimen Q1 bears no watermarks or other identifying data by which its origin can be determined.

Specimen Q1 was printed by an offset printing process. The body of this specimen consists of a Sans Serif Monotone Type such as the 20th Century Bold Monotype style of type which is manufactured by the Langston Monotype Machine Company, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. There are numerous type styles which closely resemble the material in specimen Q1.

The first two lines of printing on specimen Q1 are a Modern Condensed Gothic style of type but are too limited to attempt further classification.

Specimen Q1 is returned herewith. Appropriate photographs have been made.

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ENTREPRISE:

By the Forelock

Dr. Armand Hammer, a bustling, self-made multimillionaire, was once asked his formula for business success. "Grab opportunity by the forelock," he replied—and "one thing leads to another."

For a good part of his 65 years, one thing has been leading Hammer to another in a string of colorful financial coups. Son of a New York doctor, he made a million dollars while working his way through Columbia University Medical School by conducting a wholesale chemical business on the side. Then, instead of entering medical practice, he went to Russia to treat victims of the post-World War I famine and stayed to coin more millions by selling such U.S. products as wheat and autos, using part of his gain to buy up Czarist art treasures. With the art, he and his brother set up the Hammer Galleries in New York. Since then, he has multiplied his fortune with similarly audacious deals in distilling, cattle, oil, and broadcasting (he was once president of the Mutual Broadcasting System).

In London last week, Hammer seemed to be off on one of his most audacious deals yet. He announced he has a letter of intent from the Russians for his Occidental Petroleum Corp. of Los Angeles to build two $100 million fertilizer plants in the Soviet Union. With financing from the British, Hammer says that the plants would be the first in Russia to be built completely with American technical aid since the war. He hopes that the facilities, to be located on the Kamchatka Peninsula on the Pacific Ocean and near Murmansk on the Arctic Ocean, will be the forerunners of eight more.

Munching on a Russian chocolate bar in his elegant suite at Claridge's, where he was stopping on his way home from Moscow, Hammer insisted that he was dealing with the Communists for purely capitalistic purposes. "I am a businessman," he said, "not a politician—and this is business." An intense executive who learned Russian fluently during his visit in the '50s by memorizing 100 words a day, Hammer traced the origins of the fertilizer deal back to his early friendship with Soviet Presidium president Anastas I. Mikoyan, who was a minor government official in the Ukraine when Hammer first met him in 1923 (in those days, Hammer also knew Lenin). In 1961, Hammer again encountered Mikoyan, who took him to see Khrushchev. In two interviews with Khrushchev, Hammer found him "very friendly but blunt to deal with on business. He's extremely savvy on agriculture and knows all the technical stuff about fertilizer."

Retirement: Hammer won't say how much the deal will profit Occidental, a once-moribund oil and natural-gas firm which he began to revive six years ago as president and chairman. After supposedly retiring in 1957 to a modern home in Los Angeles from the Greenwich Village brownstone he had maintained since his medical-school days, Hammer became intrigued by Occidental and the tax advantages of oil drilling. So he invested in Occidental, then

drill wells for itself and for me," he says. "I guess I had beginner's luck. Both of the first wells came in." Occidental, which has branched out into petrochemicals and fertilizers, is now worth $290 million.

An avid art fancier with a collection which includes two Rubens, a Renoir, and a Van Dyke, Hammer also owns the nation's largest jade mine (in New Jersey), and last year he donated the Franklin D. Roosevelt estate on Campobello Island to Canada and the United States for a memorial to the late President. For all his business feats, though, Hammer still speculates whether he should have pursued medicine instead of management. "I think I would have made a pretty good doctor," he says with an easy grin. "I have always renewed my license to practice every year. If anything happens, I'll have something to fall back on."
Memorandum

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (61-280)

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (105-1119)

SUBJECT: ARMAND HAMMER, aka IS - R

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DATE 6/15/67

Re SF lett 6/15/67.

The person referred to in SF letter is no doubt ARMAND HAMMER, President of Occidental Petroleum Company of Los Angeles. HAMMER has been prominently mentioned in the news recently in connection with Occidental's acquisition of large blocks of stock of the Kern County Land Corporation and developments regarding the company's oil holdings in Libya.

HAMMER was the subject of Bureau investigation in 1952 and furnished information to Agents of the New York Office on 3/6/52 concerning himself.
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HAMMER. San Francisco indices are negative regarding ARNOLD HAMMER, son of

It is suggested that the Bureau indices be checked concerning HAMMER and that any information obtained be furnished
to Los Angeles.

MEMORANDUM

FROM: SAC, San Francisco (65-0)
TO: Director, FBI

DATE: 6/15/67

SUBJECT:

ARNOLD HAMMER
SECRETARY /

6/15/67

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DATE: 6/15/67

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
June 29, 1967

ARMAND HAMMER IS - R

ReSFlet 6/15/67 captioned "Armond Hammer, son of Julius Hammer, Espionage - X."

Bureau files show that Armand Hammer and his two brothers, Julius and Harry, have grown extremely wealthy through business dealings with the Soviet Government beginning in 1919. Their father, Julius Hammer, was active with individuals close to the Lenin group in Russia, and he assisted Ludwig Martens, described as the unofficial Soviet Ambassador to the United States in 1919, in purchasing drugs and chemical equipment for Russia. The father served three and one-half years in prison for performing an abortion in 1919 and he died in 1946.

The three Hammer brothers operate the Hammer Art Galleries in New York City and all have been extremely successful in their financial dealings. Armand is also president of an oil company and for a time was the owner of the Mutual Broadcasting System. In 1953 the Hammer family bought Campobello, the summer home of former President Roosevelt, and donated this home to the United States and Canadian Governments for whatever use the two Governments decided.
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61-280-208
August 29, 1967

BY LIAISON

Mrs. Mildred Stegall
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mrs. Stegall:

Reference is made to your name check request for information in FBI files regarding Armand Hammer subsequent to that which was furnished on January 17, 1966.

There is no additional pertinent information in our files regarding Mr. Hammer.

The fingerprint files of the Identification Division of the FBI contain no arrest data identifiable with the above individual based upon background information submitted in connection with this name check request. A copy of this communication has not been sent to the Attorney General.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

AUG 31 1967

Delivered to Mildred Stegall on 8/29/67 4:30 am

SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR ADD. DISSEMINATION.
January 17, 1966

MR. AND MRS. ARMAND HAMMER
MR. AND MRS. HARRY HAMMER
MR. AND MRS. VICTOR HAMMER

Armand, Larry and Victor Hammer are brothers and the sons of Julius and Rose Hammer. Julius and Rose Hammer were both born in Russia. It is not known definitely when they came to the United States; however, the sons, who were born in the late 1890's and early 1900's, were reportedly born in New York City.

As early as 1919 he was extremely active with individuals and organizations associated with the Lenin Russian group. Julius Hammer, a doctor, was closely associated with Ludwig Martens, who claimed to be the unofficial Soviet Ambassador to the United States in 1919. Dr. Julius Hammer had been approached by Martens to obtain assistance in purchasing drugs and chemical equipment to be transported to Russia. Reportedly, Hammer did obtain large quantities of this material for

NOTE: Per request Mrs. Mildred Stegall, White House Staff.
Mr. and Mrs. Armand Hammer
Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hammer
Mr. and Mrs. Victor Hammer

Martens through a concern, the Allied Drug and Chemical Corporation, which was headed by Dr. Julius Hammer. This concern reportedly was turned over to Dr. Julius Hammer's sons, Armand, Harry and Victor, in about 1920.

Dr. Julius Hammer was convicted of manslaughter in the first degree as a result of an illegal operation which he performed in June, 1919, and sentenced to a three and one-half year term at Sing Sing Prison. He died in 1946.

have indicated that Armand Hammer traveled to Russia in 1921. He carried a film and letter addressed to "Comrade L. Martens, Moscow." This letter, dated July 4, 1921, in part asked Martens to furnish some pictures for propaganda purposes in the United States. Information was also received indicating that Armand Hammer negotiated an exchange of wheat from the United States for a quantity of Russian furs. Thereafter, a corporation was formed in the United States for the distribution of these furs. Armand Hammer was also reported to have secured a monopoly through then Premier Lenin to develop asbestos properties in Russia. Newspapers in New York, in 1922, carried articles indicating that the asbestos concession had been awarded Hammer by Premier Lenin. Hammer, according to these newspapers, also displayed a personal letter written to him by Premier Lenin wishing him success in his first concession in the Soviet Union.
Mr. and Mrs. Armand Hammer
Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hammer
Mr. and Mrs. Victor Hammer

Armand Hammer while in the Soviet Union in the 1920's collected a large amount of jewels, antiques and art treasures which were sold through one of the family enterprises known as the Hammer Galleries, Inc., chartered in New York State in 1924. In the 1930's Armand Hammer formed a corporation in New Jersey known as the Milltown Cooperage Company which became the parent corporation for several distillery enterprises begun by Hammer.
Mr. and Mrs. Armand Hammer
Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hammer
Mr. and Mrs. Victor Hammer

a statement was delivered to this
Bureau which was prepared by Armand Hammer in 1952. This statement
prepared by Hammer generally denies any wrongdoing on his part in
connection with his doing business with the Russians. He advised that
through his father he had met Ludwig Martens and Charles Recht. He
denied that the $75,000 was recovered from the Soviet Government for
money loaned but was rather from oil machinery sales made to Martens.
He admitted carrying a letter and film to Martens in 1921 but indicated
that this was done merely to facilitate his entry into the Soviet Union.
He indicated that he had not at any time acted as a courier for messages
or funds from the Soviets and indicated that he had only one business
dealing with the Soviet trading concern in the United States, Amorg,
which was the purchase of barrel staves for his distillery business.

In July, 1957, the "Washington Post and Times Herald"
carried a story which stated that the sale of the Mutual Broadcasting
System was effected to a group of Pacific Coast businessmen, headed
by Paul Roberts of Los Angeles, who became President. The group
included Armand Hammer, President of the Occidental Petroleum
Corporation, Los Angeles, California. Bureau files reveal that Hammer
Mr. and Mrs. Armand Hammer
Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hammer
Mr. and Mrs. Victor Hammer

later gained control of the Mutual Broadcasting System and in 1958 sold the controlling interest to Hal Roach Studios.
The fingerprint files of the Identification Division of the FBI contain no arrest data identifiable with captioned individuals based upon background information submitted in connection with these name check requests.
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