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SUBJECT: BELITSKIY, Boris Yefimovich #175069 - SSD
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According to several sources Boris Y. Belitskiy is an associate of Aline Mosby, whose name appeared in Oswald's address book. (Page 61 of the address book, which is on page 22 of the FBI memorandum of 31 December 1963. She is mentioned also in CI/SIG's cover memorandum dated 10 January 1964.)

According to Joseph Doyle, SR/2/OE, #56948 SD & SSD, in September 1958, Aline Mosby was in direct contact with Boris Y. Belitskiy, a Russian official at the Brussels World Fair, and "was the center of a great deal of activity for (him)". Doyle stated that Belitskiy, who was the Head of the British Division of Radio Moscow, had been an interpreter for the Russians at the Brussels World Fair. He previously had been in the United States with his father, who was with AMTORG in the late 1920's/early 1930's. Doyle said that Belitskiy attended school in New York City and that the family returned to Russia in 1936 or 1937.

With further reference to Mosby, Doyle noted that there was a direct relationship between Mosby, Koch (Carl Henry Koch, #50001) and Volkoff (George Volkoff, #152385 - SSD) — all of whom had been of interest with reference to Belitskiy.

Others whom Mosby knew included Alexander Dolberg, #165651 - SSD, to whom she was introduced by McKinney H. Russell, #83853 - SSD, still another who was of interest in connection with Belitskiy.

CI/SIG was advised in late 1958 regarding the above individuals and informed that CI/OA was also interested in them.

According to information furnished by Fitzgerald Curtis Smith, #176178 - SSD, during a debriefing in June 1959, Boris Y. Belitskiy, whom Smith knew in Moscow, was in great fear of being purged, "as was his father, a Russian Jew, who had once lived in New York." According to Smith, Belitskiy knew and trusted no U.S. citizens in Moscow other than himself (Smith) and Aline Mosby, UPI correspondent in Moscow. Smith said Belitskiy met Aline Mosby at the Brussels World Fair in the summer of 1958, at the same time he met Smith. Smith said he subsequently contacted Belitskiy in Moscow in December 1958, through NBC Correspondent Irvine R. Levine.

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Another who knows, or has known, Aline Mosby is former Agency employee George Winters, #55769. Winters stated during an interview in November/December 1960, when discussing Americans in Moscow who lived beyond their means, that newspaperman Harry Schapiro* was a very heavy loser at poker — to the extent that "one got the impression he was on the Soviet budget." Schapiro, he said, had a Russian wife who was more aggressive than he. Winters added that newspaperwoman Aline Mosby was in Schapiro's office; and commented that she "stuck mostly to the Foreign circuit rather than the Embassy circuit." He said that she had been in the hospital on several occasions during the previous year, so that "one didn't see too much of her"; and added that according to gossip one hospitalization was occasioned by an abortion.

Another newspaperwoman in Moscow, whom Winters mentioned, was Priscilla Johnson, #71589-DL. She has been mentioned in newspaper articles as one who recalled having come in contact with Lee Harvey Oswald in Moscow, where she interviewed (or talked) with him. Her name, like Mosby's, was listed in his address book under her last name only.

Mosby was born on 27 July 1922 in Missoula, Montana; and graduated from the University of Montana in 1943. She was employed by United Press in Seattle, Washington, from 1943 to 1945, and was Hollywood Correspondent for UP from 1945 to 1957. According to the UP Bureau Manager at Los Angeles, she resigned voluntarily in 1957 and her employment was satisfactory. According to Confidential informant R-1, during an Agency investigation in the fall of 1958, she was dropped by UP when she was subpoenaed in connection with legal suits against Confidential Magazine, for which she had done rewrite work without the knowledge of UP. She went to the Brussels World Fair as a stringer for the North American Newspaper Alliance. She was considered loyal by her associates during the above period; but was described as "the co-existence type who associates with Russians" ("plays footsie with the Russians"). No informant questioned her loyalty.

In January 1960, Mosby reportedly was introduced on the Dave Garroway Show, "Today", as NBC News' Correspondent; but in a State Department dispatch of 12 December 1960, which listed "Western Correspondents in Moscow", she was named as representing UPI.

According to HCUA records, Mosby did a motion picture critic type article for the Daily Worker in 1947; wrote an article for the Daily Worker at Laguna Beach, California, in 1949; and contributed a column to the Daily Worker on 23 November 1956. According to records of the Civil Service Commission, the Daily Worker of 26 July 1957 and 29 August 1957 carried information regarding her.

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*Harry Schapiro is Isaac Henry Schapiro, #402610-C, who (with his wife) was the subject of an FBI Espionage investigation in 1963.