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TO : MR. HARBO *LB*

DATE: Dec. 5, 1952

FROM : D. J. PARSONS *P*SUBJECT: MICROPHONE AND TECHNICAL
INSTALLATIONS FOUND IN U. S.
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PURPOSE

The purpose of this memorandum is to recommend commendation for employees of the Laboratory in connection with the work done on the Russian resonant cavity microphone.

BACKGROUND

On instructions of the President, the Russian resonant cavity microphone which was located in the library of the U. S. Ambassador's residence in Moscow, was delivered to the Director in order that the device could be explored and appropriate countermeasures devised. As a result of the Director's instructions to me, an examination was immediately started in the FBI Laboratory and I requested the assistance of the Naval Research Laboratory in order to carry forward the program as quickly as possible. It has been one of the most difficult projects ever handled in the Laboratory and has required a high degree of skill on the part of those involved. Members of the Laboratory staff worked not only here, but also at the Naval Research Laboratory along with their experts. I have been particularly impressed with the enthusiasm which has been displayed in the handling of this project and the willingness with which certain employees contributed overtime and canceled scheduled leave in order that the Director's instructions of "top priority" would be followed.

Mr. I. W. Conrad did a considerable amount of technical work personally as well as supervising members of his staff. Special Agents B. L. Sutton, R. W. Swartz and W. W. Bradley made excellent technical contributions to the successful completion of this effort. Miss Mary E. Keough assisted in the organization of the comprehensive report which she typed and had printed, in addition to the fact that many of the memoranda were written after hours and she was responsible for handling a large number of inquiries coming to my office.

I feel the employees mentioned above have done an

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outstanding job on a difficult and unusual problem and would like to see them commended by letter from the Director. I also feel that in view of the excellent cooperation and fine technical job done by the Naval Research Laboratory, a letter of commendation should be sent to Captain W. H. Beltz commending him and members of his staff who participated in the project there.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That letters of commendation be sent to Messrs. I. W. Conrad, B. L. Sutton, R. W. Swartz, W. W. Bradley and Miss Mary E. Keough for the contributions they made toward the completion of the most important project which the Bureau has handled on the instructions of the President.

2. That the attached letter to Captain W. H. Beltz of the Naval Research Laboratory be forwarded commending him and members of the staff of that organization.

I concur and also recommend letter of commendation to Mr. Parsons.
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Agree
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I concur.
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Letter of commendation
12-10-52
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