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Re: Susan Elisabeth Rotolo^d

Susan Elisabeth Rotolo, who is also known as Sue Rotolo, Susyn Rotolo, Susan Elizabeth Rotolo, and Susan Justine Rotolo, was born November 20, 1943, at Brooklyn, New York, to Joachim Rotolo and Mary Pezzati. She resides in apartment 4A at 106 Avenue B, New York, New York. She is occupied as a freelance artist, student, and theater scene designer. The subject completed high school in New York City in 1960, attended the New School For Social Research in New York City during 1962, and also enrolled in the Academy of DeBell Art at Perugia, Italy, in 1962. During 1963 and 1964, she attended sporadically at the School of Visual Arts, 209 East 23rd Street, New York, New York.

Rotolo is described as a white female, five feet six to seven inches tall, approximately one hundred and ten pounds, long light brown hair, and is single. She usually appears in the style of an unkempt "beatnik" type. She has traveled abroad on U.S. Passport number B-135413.

In answer to an inquiry directed to her by the School of Visual Arts seeking an explanation for her frequent absences from classes in 1963 and 1964, the subject replied to the questionnaire by saying that she had been absent frequently because she was "mentally unbalanced", and indicated that she would try to do better.

Confidential sources, who have furnished reliable information in the past, have advised as follows regarding the subject:

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During 1958, the subject attended Camp Kinderland. At that time, her father was deceased, and her mother, Mary, a member of the Communist Party sometime during the period of 1939 to 1951, was listed as her guardian.

A characterization of Camp Kinderland appears in the Appendix hereto.

During 1959, the subject was a girlfriend of Eugene Dennis, Jr., son of Eugene Dennis, then publicly known as National Secretary of the Communist Party, USA.

In 1961, the subject's name and address appeared on a list maintained by the headquarters of Advance Youth Organization, 82 Second Avenue, New York, New York.

A characterization of Advance Youth Organization appears in the Appendix hereto.

During 1963, the subject frequently associated with Robert Dylan, a folksinger.

Robert Dylan, self-employed as a folksinger, appeared on December 13, 1963, at the 10th Annual Bill of Rights Dinner held by the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee (ECLC), at the Americana Hotel, New York City. At this dinner, Dylan received the Tom Paine Award given each year by the ECLC to the "foremost fighter for civil liberties". In his acceptance speech, Dylan said that he agreed in part with Lee Harvey Oswald and thought that he understood Oswald, but would not have gone as far as Oswald did.

A characterization of the ECLC appears in the Appendix hereto.

In June, 1964, the subject, as a member of a group known as the Student Committee For Travel to Cuba (SCTC), departed from New York and traveled to Cuba in defiance of U.S. Government travel restrictions. She returned from Cuba on August 14, 1964, and has since made statements to the press

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in praise of the Cuban Government. The subject has continued her activities in the SCTC and related activity with the Progressive Labor Movement (PLM) since her return from Cuba.

Characterizations of the the
SCTC and PLM appear in the
Appendix hereto.

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