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TITLE <b>ROBERT ADRIAN SCOTT</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>SECURITY MATTER - C</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Subject resides 903 1/2 Harratt Street and presently employed at RKO Studios as an Assistant Producer. He is a native born citizen of the U.S. Has been identified as being active in Communist front organizations and to be in frequent contact with other known Communists. The subject has been assigned to the Writers Branch of the NW Section of the LA County CP. He is presently alternate member of the Board of Directors of the Screen Writers Guild. Was delegate of Branch A (Writers) of the NW Section to the LA County CP Convention held in LA October 30-31, 1943. Criminal and credit checks negative.

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**DETAILS:**

**NAME:** ROBERT ADRIAN SCOTT

**ADDRESS:** 903 1/2 Harratt Street, Los Angeles, California

**BIRTHDATE AND PLACE:** February 6, 1911 at Arlington, New Jersey. (Source A)

**OCCUPATION:** Subject describes his occupation as that of a writer working on assignments as they arise.

**EDUCATION:** Subject advised Source A that he attended Mercersburg Academy for one year and that he attended Amherst College for four years, receiving a B.A. degree.

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ENCLOSURE

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EMPLOYMENT: According to the records of Source A the subject was employed in July of 1941 at Twentieth Century Fox. In August of 1942 he stated he was employed by RKO Studios. According to the December 14, 1943 issue of the Hollywood Reporter, SCOTT is now under contract to RKO in the position of Associate Producer.

RELATIVES: Wife - ISABELLE DOROTHY SCOTT.  
Brother - L. ALLAN SCOTT, 2845 Woodstock Road,  
Hollywood, California

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Source A advised that on October 16, 1940 SCOTT registered with Local Board 246 in Beverly Hills, California for the Selective Training and Service Act. This informant advised that subject had difficulty with his draft board during the latter part of 1942 while he was employed at the RKO Studios. The matter arose when the subject received notice to report for induction on August 15, 1942. He requested the draft board to grant him a stay of induction for a short time on the basis of his work at that time on a picture for CARY GRANT, entitled "Bend Sinister" which carried a war theme embracing the issue of how an anti-social draft dodger, among other things, is convinced that even though society does not recognize him, he nevertheless has a place in this world.

Subject advised his draft board, according to the informant, that aside from its importance as war propaganda, it was very important to SCOTT personally as he was rated at that time as a Class B writer by the studios. This new picture was his chance to make good, and if successful it would guarantee his future after the war. SCOTT stated that he had no desire to evade the duties which the Government imposed on him, and stated in anticipation of the time he would be called, he had been a member of the California State Guard Reserve, receiving basic infantry training. He requested one month's extension from his board, but this was not granted. SCOTT reported for induction but was rejected for sinuses - chronic - severe.

Informant advised that [REDACTED] requested Local Board 246 to grant SCOTT an extension of time for his induction in order for him to finish the script. His membership in the California State Guard Reserve was verified by letter [REDACTED] of the Second Regiment of the Reserve Force.

Informant stated that the subject married ISABELLE DOROTHY SHIPLEY on March 4, 1942 in Kingman, Arizona. He advised informant that his wife was a model prior to their marriage. Informant furnished the following residence history of the subject: - On September 10, 1941 he moved from 8325 1/2 Lookout Mountain Road to 411 Landfair, West Los Angeles. On April 8, 1942 he moved to 1305 North Laurel, Hollywood, California. On April 30, 1942 he moved to 1473 Havenhurst, Hollywood. On January 20, 1943 he moved to his present address, 9034 1/2 Barratt Street.

On November 2, 1943 the subject was called to the bedside of his father, who was ill, at 732 Kearney, Arlington, New Jersey, returning to the State of California about December 1, 1943.

The informant recalled that the subject, during his difficulty with his draft board, applied for employment in the Signal Corps of the U.S. Army. On July 11, 1942 he was accepted as a Civil Service employee and requested to report to Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio, to write motion picture shorts for Air Corps training. The informant was unable to advise why the subject failed to report to his new duties. The subject is presently classified as 4-F in the draft.

NATIONALISTIC TENDENCIES:

The records of the Registrar of Voters, 808 North Spring Street, Los Angeles, revealed that the subject registered there on March 17, 1943, stating he was a writer, 5' 9" in height, born in New Jersey and that he was affiliated with the Democratic party.

A copy of the program under the title of "Salute To Our Russian Allies", which was presented at the Shrine Auditorium on November 8, 1942, on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the foundation of the Soviet Republic, listed ADRIAN SCOTT as being on the committee of program and arrangements with several other known Communists. On a mimeographed copy of contributors to the Russian War Relief Association of Southern California, ADRIAN SCOTT is shown as having contributed \$25.00.

The above organization was one of the several instigated by HERBERT HUBERMAN and no doubt was Communist dominated.

A surveillance of a meeting by Special Agents [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] on June 12, 1943, [REDACTED] the meeting was arranged by [REDACTED] the Northwest Section, revealed that ADRIAN SCOTT was among approximately fifty persons present identified by the agents through car license. Practically all of those present are known to have Communist Party affiliations.

[REDACTED] advised on June 30, 1943 that [REDACTED] the Northwest Section, contacted a man regarding an appointment the following Saturday to discuss committee business at 903 1/2 Barratt St. It is recalled that this is the residence of the subject.

This informant also advised that on July 6, 1943 GEORGE PEPPER, a Communist, contacted Northwest Section headquarters regarding a future meeting also to be held at ADRIAN SCOTT's residence.

[REDACTED] advised that on July 6, 1943 he observed ADRIAN SCOTT [REDACTED] at work at the Shrine Auditorium making changes on a script "Down the Torpedoes, Full Steam Ahead" [REDACTED] which was

later presented at the Communist Rally held July 18, 1942 at the Shrine Auditorium, honoring WILLIAM Z. FOSTER, National Secretary of the Communist Party in the United States.

b7c Special Agents [redacted] obtained from Source B copies of some of the records belonging to [redacted] the Northwest Section. Most of the records pertained to the organizational set-up of the Northwest Section and under the title of "Writers" appeared the name of ADRIAN SCOTT. Under the geographical breakdown ADRIAN SCOTT was shown listed under "Beverly and Westwood." The records also reflected a reorganization of the Northwest Section, particularly the reorganization of the writers into one branch. Under the heading of "Transfers, Northwest Section - Writers" presumably to the newly established group, ADRIAN SCOTT was shown transferred from Branch G.

b7c Special Agent [redacted] observed subject's automobile parked in front of the home of [redacted] on August 4, 1943, along with about twenty others during a meeting of a special nature held at the above residence. Practically all present were known to be members of the Northwest Section of the Los Angeles County Communist Party.

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b7c [redacted] advised that [redacted] advised ADRIAN (SCOTT) on August 5, 1943 that he, ADRIAN, was not to discuss the "program" with anyone except the CIO. The purpose of this is not known but indicates his contact with Northwest Section leaders in an active capacity.

b7c On August 23, 1943 Special Agent [redacted] contacted Paramount Pictures and obtained a list of all writers who have been employed by that studio during the period August 15, 1942 to August 15, 1943. The list included ADRIAN SCOTT, indicating that he had worked on assignments of "Salty O'HOURKE" and "Miss Susie Slagle."

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b7c On October 5, 1943 Special Agent [redacted] conducted a surveillance at the home of WALDO SALT, 1531 Marmont Drive, Hollywood, Calif., who is on the key figure list of the Los Angeles office. [redacted] had previously advised that the meeting was to be held [redacted] It was determined, however, that ALBERT MALTZ, Communist, was the only one to appear [redacted] they proceeded to WALDO SALT's, where a meeting was in progress of several persons known to be active in Communist affairs in the Northwest Section. ADRIAN SCOTT's automobile was seen at this meeting.

The October 21, 1943 issue of Variety listed ADRIAN SCOTT as a candidate to the Executive Board of the Screen Writers Guild. He was among 42 nominees from which 21 were to be elected. The November 11, 1943 issue of Variety indicated that ADRIAN SCOTT was elected as an alternate member of the Board of Directors of the Screen Writers Guild.

b7c On October 23, 1943 Special Agent [redacted] observed SCOTT's car parked in front of HENRY MYER's home, 1266 Sunset Plaza Drive, Los Angeles, California. There were eight cars at the meeting, and although the



reason for the meeting is not known, it is significant in view of the fact that owners of all cars are known Communists.

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b7D A typewritten list of delegates to the Los Angeles Communist Party County Convention held in Los Angeles October 30-31, 1943, was furnished to this office. [REDACTED] ADRIAN SCOTT was listed as a delegate from Branch A, Writer's Branch of the Northwest Section.

Photostatic copies of the credential blanks filed by each delegate were obtained by agents of this office from Source B. SCOTT's application blank indicated that he was 31 years of age, Scotch, English, Irish, American descent; that he has spent four years in the party and is a writer by occupation. His main activity in the branch is that of Legislative Director. His war activity is writing. He is a member of the Independent Union Screen Writers Guild, a member of the Hollywood Democratic Committee, subscriber to the Peoples World and a regular reader of the Communist. SCOTT's car was observed at the Communist Party convention on October 30, 1943 by agents of this office.

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b7D [REDACTED] advised agents of this office that during the Third War Loan Drive ADRIAN SCOTT bought a \$100 defense bond through Communist Party headquarters at 124 West 6th Street, Los Angeles.

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b7C [REDACTED] furnished Special Agents [REDACTED] on November 22, 1943, with the following letter written by CARL WINTER. The names in parenthesis were supplied by Agent [REDACTED] and with the exception of JOHN HOWARD LAWSON were verified [REDACTED]

"Los Angeles County Committee, Communist Party  
124 West Sixth Street, Room 501  
Los Angeles, 14, California  
Telephone - TRinity 7913

July 22, 1943

Northwest Section, Communist Party  
Los Angeles, California

Attention: JACK (JOHN HOWARD LAWSON)

Dear Comrade:

On behalf of our county committees, and I am sure of our whole membership, I wish to express enthusiastic appreciation of the contribution to the success of the July 18th Poster Meeting by the cultural workers who made possible the dramatic presentation that evening.

b7C We wish, through the Section Committee, to convey these sentiments to all who participated, especially to the authors, Comrades [REDACTED] and ADRIAN (SCOTT) and to Comrades HERBERT (BIBERMAN) and [REDACTED] whose creative effort and tireless work helped

so much to put across the message of the entire rally - to hold the home front and strengthen national unity for victory.

Comradely yours,

CARL WINTER, Secretary  
Los Angeles County Committee,  
Communist Party"

b7c On January 15, 1944, Special Agent [REDACTED] conducted a surveillance [REDACTED] and observed her going into Schwab's Drug Store, Crescent Heights and Hollywood Boulevard about 9:50 A.M. She was noted to talk with a man approximately fifteen minutes, who left in a car bearing 1942 license plates 7 W 4196, which is registered to ADRIAN SCOTT, the subject.

CREDIT:

b7c Special Agent [REDACTED] checked the records of the Retail Merchants Credit Association with negative results.

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b7c Special Agent [REDACTED] checked the records of the Los Angeles Police Department and Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office with negative results.

DESCRIPTION:

Source A:

The following description of ADRIAN SCOTT was obtained from

Born	February 6, 1911
Birthplace	Arlington, New Jersey
Citizenship	United States
Race	White
Height	5' 9"
Weight	152
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Brown
Complexion	Light
Social Security No.	115-12-0924

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION

At Los Angeles, California, will secure subject's employment record at Paramount and RKO Studios.

Will also follow and report current activities of the subject.

SOURCE A:

Local Board 216  
450 North Crescent Drive  
Beverly Hills, California.  
Source A is listed as confidential  
because of official status.

SOURCE B:

A highly confidential source.



FBI report on Adrian Scott, March 3, 1944.