

cc: Mr. L. V. Boardman
cc: Mr. C. W. Bates

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont
FROM : Mr. W. A. Branigan
SUBJECT: DR. J. ROBERT OPPENHEIMER
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DATE: June 2, 1954
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From January 1, 1954, until the present a technical surveillance has been maintained on the home of Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer in Princeton, New Jersey. This installation was made at the specific request of Lewis L. Strauss, Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission (AEC). The cost of the leased line to operate the installation is \$165 a month. The cost for FBI personnel to monitor the installation is approximately \$200 a month.

There have been indications that Oppenheimer considers he is under constant observation by the Bureau. This is merely a presumption by Oppenheimer and is without any basis. No pertinent information of value to the investigation has been obtained from the technical surveillance to date. Most of the information concerns personal contacts and contacts between Oppenheimer and his attorney. On April 9, 1954, and again on May 10, 1954, Admiral Strauss was contacted by Liaison Agent Bates concerning the possibility of discontinuing the technical surveillance. On both occasions Strauss requested that the technical surveillance be continued until after the hearing was completed. (100-17828-1055 and 1447) The hearing has now been completed and the recommendation of the AEC Personnel Security Board has been publicly announced in the newspapers. It is, therefore, believed that the technical surveillance should be discontinued.

RECOMMENDATION:

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It is recommended that Liaison Agent Bates again discuss this matter with AEC Chairman Strauss and obtain his consent to discontinue the technical surveillance on Oppenheimer.

discussed with Strauss 6-4-54.
He says discontinue tech.
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cc Mr. Boardman
Mr. Belmont

The Attorney General

June 4, 1954

Director, FBI

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Please be advised that the technical surveillance which was authorized by you previously in accordance with the specific request made by Admiral Lewis L. Strauss, Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, is being discontinued with the concurrence of Admiral Strauss in view of the fact that the Atomic Energy Commission Personnel Security Board has reached a decision in the Oppenheimer case, and it is not believed further continuance of the technical surveillance at this time is justified.

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