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**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Subject advised that he had never been a member of the C.I. but felt that he may belong to 7 or 8 organizations that have been cited by the Attorney General of the U.S. SHAN stated that he was interested in peace and would offer his assistance to any group that he thought was working for a good cause.

**DETAILS:**

The title of this report is being changed to include the name of SHAN as the subject advised the writer and SAH on 2/27/53 that SHAN was his true name. Subject stated that one of his teachers in elementary school added the second H to the name making it SHAHN because he insisted that it be pronounced as such. Subject stated that he has continued to spell his name that way.

Mr. SHAHN stated he had never been a member of the C.I. but felt that he may belong to 7 or 8 organizations that have been cited by the Attorney General of the U.S. Mr. SHAHN said that he was interested in peace and would offer his assistance to any group that he thought was working for a good cause.

The Communist Party, USA, has been cited by the Attorney General of the U.S. as a subversive organization which seeks to alter the form of government of the U.S. by un-Constitutional means.

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Mr. Shahn stated he was naturalized through the naturalization of his parents, H. E. Shahn and Gittel Liferman in 1918 in Queens County, N.Y.

The following description of the subject was obtained by observation and interview by the writer and S. R. on 2/27/53 and from the book "Portrait of the Artist as an American, Ben Shahn," by Selden Rodman:

Name: BEN SHAHN, Jr.
      Ben Shan
Address: 73 Coop Circle, Roosevelt, N. J.
Birth: 9/12/98 Kovno, Lithuania
Citizenship: American