



**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

**DR. WILHELM REICH**

**PART 4 OF 6**

**BUFILE:105-111461**

**SECTION 1**

DR. WILHELM REICH

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Section 1

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June 28, 1947

**Clark-Rabitt Industries, Inc.**  
75 Federal Street  
Boston 10, Massachusetts

Dear [redacted]

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated June 12, 1947. I regret to advise that I am unable to furnish you with information as to whether or not this Bureau has conducted an investigation concerning the Orgone Institute or the Orgonon Research Laboratories.

I must advise that due to a long established policy, information in the files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation is considered confidential and is available only to certain authorized persons. I am sure that upon reflection you will recognize the necessity for such a policy and will appreciate my position. No inferences should be drawn from my inability to furnish this information.

Your interest in writing as you did is greatly appreciated.

cc - Boston (with cc incoming. No information could be located in the Bureau's files concerning the Orgone Institute or the Orgonon Research Laboratories.)

Sincerely yours,  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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# CLARK-BABBITT INDUSTRIES, Inc.

75 FEDERAL STREET, BOSTON 10 MASSACHUSETTS

International Building, 630 Fifth Avenue, New York 20, N. Y.

Boston Office

June 12, 1947

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington,  
D.C.

Gentlemen:

On a recent trip to the Rangeley Lakes section of Maine I ran across a concern called the Orgone Institute, otherwise called the Orgone Research Laboratories.

No trespassing or no admittance signs are posted all over the properties which have an approximate acreage of five or six hundred acres. There seems to be one main house with large plate glass windows with a lot of telescopic equipment looking out over the surrounding countryside.

All the natives up there seem to be quite mystified about it all and no doubt this is an unnecessary report to you.

I would be interested to know if you have had occasion to investigate this firm or the apparent owner of it whom I understand to be some sort of an Austrian refugee.

Very truly yours,

[Redacted signature block]

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: January 11, 1949

FROM : SAC, BOSTON  
SUBJECT: "ORGONON" PROJECT, aka Orgone Institute,  
Orgonon Research Laboratories.  
SECURITY MATTER-X

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Reference is made to a letter from Knoxville Office dated October 7, 1948 entitled "Orgonon" Project, Security Matter-X, and to Bureau letter dated June 28, 1947 directed to ██████████ Clark-Babbitt Industries, Inc., 75 Federal Street, Boston 10, Massachusetts, concerning the Orgonon Project.

██████████ advised that his office had conducted an investigation concerning Orgonon Project and all members connected with the Project, but his office was never able to ascertain anything of a subversive nature concerning this Project.

██████████ advised that he recently received a letter from ██████████ from Kingfield, Maine, advising him that she was of the impression that they were working on the atomic bomb at the Orgonon Project.

██████████ Kingfield, Maine, advised that ██████████ is employed as a chemist at the Oak Ridge, Tennessee, Atomic Energy Commission, and she was under the impression that some of the products used at the Oak Ridge Plant were also used at the Orgonon Project. However, she stated that she had no facts to substantiate the above information and it was purely supposition on her part. ██████████ advised that she understood that a Dr. REICH and his wife were in charge of the Orgonon Project at Rangeley Lakes, Maine. Further, that Dr. NORCE, who is a chemist at the Project, originally came from Norway, along with Dr. TROLL, and his Secretary, Miss TISON, who have both returned to Norway. She stated that a local woman by the name of Mrs. RACHEL SMITH, who formerly operated overnight cabins and camps near the Project, married a German from the Project and they both are presently residing in Boston, Mass.

██████████ advised that she had no information concerning any of the people at the Project, but that she was suspicious because so many foreigners gathered together.

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[REDACTED] Rangeley, Maine, advised that the Orgonon Project has been in effect for the past four or five years and is supposed to be a cancer research laboratory operated by Dr. WILHELM REICH, who gave his address as 9906 69th Avenue, Forest Hills, Long Island, New York, and his wife's name is Dr. ILSE COLLENDORFF. Their address at Rangeley, Maine, is Post Office Box 327.

[REDACTED] stated that another person who appeared to be connected with the Project was WILLIAM E. WASHINGTON, colored, believed to be the same person mentioned in referenced letter from Knoxville and whose addresses are 200 Norfolk Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts, and Rolling Hill Farm, Post Office Box 393, Rangeley, Maine. He stated that Rolling Hill Farm at Rangeley, Maine, is owned by MYRON and BERTHA SCHARF, who list their address as 75 Hancock Street, Cambridge 38, Massachusetts. He stated that they are also connected with Orgonon Project.

[REDACTED] advised that Mr. and Mrs. ROBERT SCHARF of 50 Holland Avenue, Brookline, Massachusetts, are also connected with the Orgonon Project.

[REDACTED]

Also connected with the Project is JAMES WILLE, M.D., Box 315, Rangeley, Maine, and who gives his legal address as 232 Doyer Road, Manhasset, Long Island, New York, and a Dr. THEODOR WOLF, whose only address is Orgonon Project, Rangeley, Maine.

[REDACTED] continued to state that Mr. THOMAS E. ROSS is caretaker of ORGONON Project, and that he might possibly be able to furnish the writer with additional information.

Mr. THOMAS E. ROSS, caretaker of Orgonon Project, advised that he was hired by Dr. WILHELM REICH, and that he received his check from the Corn Exchange Bank & Trust Company, Forest Hills Branch, New York; that he believes Dr. WILLE and Dr. REICH are now head of Orgonon Project, but that formerly Dr. WOLF was connected with the Orgonon Project. Mr. ROSS advised that in September, 1948, a meeting was held at the Project and around thirty-four people attended, but that from his observation, he has never seen anything of a subversive nature, and that he has never known any of the Doctors connected with the Project to try to conceal any of the information of the experiments they were making.

Mr. ROSS further stated that the contractor who had formerly built the Orgonon Project and was presently constructing a new laboratory, is Mr. VERNON COLLINS of Rangeley, Maine.

Mr. V. COLLINS, contractor, Rangeley, Maine, advised that he was hired by Dr. REICH and his wife to construct the Orgonon Project, which is a cancer research laboratory. He advised that he had never had any reason to suspect anyone connected with this Project, and he believes that all of the people connected with the Project are loyal Americans.

Mr. COLLINS continued that a number of local people have visited the Project and had the occasion to view the work being conducted, and he personally never knew of anything secretive being conducted at the Project, which excluded himself, or any of his men working at the Project.

No further investigation is contemplated in this case in view of the fact that no derogatory information was developed, and this case is being referred upon completion to the office of origin.

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cc Knoxville  
(65-454)

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, KNOXVILLE

DATE: 6/1/49

SUBJECT: ORGONON PROJECT, aka Orgone Institute, Orgonon Research Laboratories  
SECURITY MATTER - X

*please get letter*

Reference is made to Boston letter to the Director dated January 11, 1949.

The original information in this matter was received from BERNARD W. MENKE, Chief, Security Division, USAEC, Oak Ridge, Tennessee. His letter stated briefly that an unidentified confidential source had expressed suspicion concerning the Orgonon Project and members of its staff. Due to the allegations contained therein and as they expressed a desire to be advised of the results of investigation, the Boston Office was requested to make a preliminary check. Referenced letter was the result of this investigation by the Boston Office.

As information contained in referenced letter did not indicate that the Orgonon Project or its staff members were engaged in subversive activities or in violation of any statute within the jurisdiction of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, this office did not deem it necessary to conduct further investigation.

Accordingly, the Security Division, USAEC, was notified by letter on January 20, 1949 of the lack of derogatory information developed concerning this project by our Boston Office and that no further investigation was being conducted. It was requested of the Security Division that this office be notified should it be found that the Orgonon Project was utilizing radioactive materials as furnished by the Atomic Energy Commission. No reply has been received from them to date and it is, therefore, assumed that such was not found to be the case. Accordingly, no further action is being taken in this matter.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 9/16/49

FROM : SAC, KNOXVILLE

SUBJECT: ORGONON PROJECT, aka Orgone Institute,  
Orgonon Research Laboratories  
SECURITY MATTER - X

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Reference is made to Boston letter to the Director dated January 11, 1949.

By letter dated August 19, 1949, Mr. B. W. MENKE, Chief, Security Division, USAEC, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, made available to this office a letter which had been received by the Atomic Energy Commission at Oak Ridge. A copy of this letter is being attached hereto and is self-explanatory.

In Mr. MENKE's letter he also advised that a check with the Isotope Division of AEC at Oak Ridge concerning the relationship between the AEC and the subject determined that no material of any type has been sent from Oak Ridge to subject organization and that, in addition thereto, no record appears within the files of the Isotope Division of any business whatsoever having been conducted by the AEC with the Orgonon Project.

This information is being furnished to the Bureau and to the Boston Office for whatever action it deems appropriate.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: October 5, 1949

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FROM : SAC, Chicago

SUBJECT: ORGONE INSTITUTE  
RANGELEY, MAINE  
MISCELLANEOUS

There is enclosed herewith to the Bureau one copy of a memorandum received from WALTER J. KOWALSKI, Acting Director, Security Division, Office of Chicago Directed Operations, Atomic Energy Commission, Chicago, Illinois, dated August 24, 1949. One photostatic copy of this memorandum is being designated also for the information of the Boston Division.

Inasmuch as the information contained therein is of a non-specific nature, no action is being taken by the Chicago Division in this matter.

The indices of the Chicago Division do not reflect any information concerning WILLIAM WASHINGTON, 1320 Arnold Avenue, Chicago Heights, Illinois, or MYRON SHARAF of the Orgone Institute, Rangeley, Maine.

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Walter J. Kowalski, Acting Director,  
and  
Lyle B. Harer

August 22, 1949

WASHINGTON, WILLIAM E. SECURITY FROM ORGONE INSTITUTE, HANCOCK, MAINE

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Reference is made to Joseph V. Bayliss's memo of August 19, 1949 to  
yourself, subject: "Telegram Received from Byron Sharaf."

On August 21, 1949, this Agent caused an examination to be made  
of the files of the Security Division, COO, relative to William  
Washington of Washington William, with negative results.

On August 22, 1949, this Agent caused an examination to be made  
of the Personnel Division files of Argonne National Laboratory  
relative to William Washington or Washington William. Such  
examination, accomplished by Marian Dicks of the ANL Personnel  
Division, disclosed no record of either name in the ANL or Metall  
active or terminated files.

On August 22, 1949, this Agent contacted the long distance operator  
at Langley, Maine and asked for a copy of the U. S. Argonne  
Institute, Argonne Institute, and Byron Sharaf. The operator  
reported that there is no listing for the Argonne Institute but  
that the Argonne Institute and Byron Sharaf are both listed at  
Langley 99.

On August 22, 1949, this Agent called by long distance phone to  
Byron Sharaf at Langley 99. This agent stated to Sharaf that  
he was in receipt of his telegram addressed to the Argonne  
Laboratory and would like some further information as to the  
matter, so that we would take the action desired. In the course  
of talking to Sharaf, Sharaf disclosed that the proper name of  
the institute of which he is employed is the Argonne Institute,  
Argonne, Langley, Maine. He stated that "Argonne" is the name  
of the property on which the institute is located.

Sharaf stated that he is an employee of the institute which is an  
institute of Research on Argonne Energy, whose director is Dr.  
Wilhelm B. Sharaf, stated that he is an assistant at the  
institute but not an assistant director. When pressed for further  
details of his title, he stated that he was also on the editorial  
staff.

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August 22, 1949

Ralph G. Mayer

WASHINGTON, WILLIAM - INQUIRY FROM ORGONE INSTITUTE, BANGOR, MAINE

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This Agent, who identified himself in his true capacity, stated that he is unfamiliar with "orgone energy" and Sharaf remarked that it has nothing to do with atomic energy and that to explain what it does constitute is "a long story."

Sharaf stated that he would greatly appreciate our telling him whether William Washington was connected with Argonne Laboratories. I told him that I couldn't answer that at present as we had to have further information from him relative to Washington in order to make a check. Accordingly, in the course of questioning, Sharaf supplied the following:

Washington is an employee of the Orgone Institute, working in mathematical and physical research. He is presently on the payroll, but has not been at the Orgone Institute since June, 1949. Recently, (August 17th), he called from his home at 2320 Armita Avenue, Chicago Heights, Illinois, speaking to Sharaf at Bangor, and informing Sharaf that the reason he has been absent from his employment is that he has been working for Argonne at Chicago.

Sharaf was asked the basis for the comment in his telegram to the effect that "our reason" (anxiety about Washington's whereabouts) "is still suspicion of detection by subversive organization." Sharaf stated that he had no information indicating this, other than that the Orgone Institute had been bitterly opposed by Communists and therefore Washington's disappearance was attributed possibly to an abduction from such sources.

Sharaf stated that Washington had a Bachelor's degree from the University of Chicago and was working on a Master's degree at Harvard.

Sharaf was asked whether the Orgone Institute had any connection with the Atomic Energy Program and he stated that it performed research in quite a different field, but that the results of the research had been submitted to the AEC. When asked where this was done, Sharaf stated that any details would have to be supplied by the Director, Wilhelm Reich. Sharaf stated that the Orgone Institute had no official connection with the Atomic Energy Program and was doing no AEC work.

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Walter J. Lewallen

Washington, Virginia - Inquiry from BROOKS BRESKIN, RANDOLPH, BAKER

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Threat stated that he is interested in knowing whether Washington is telling the truth in saying that he is actually working for Argonne. He was advised that we would check on the matter and contact him later. Threat's manner during this telephone conversation was guarded and consistently gave the impression of a lack of candor. It is this Agent's opinion that Threat merely is interested in ascertaining whether Washington had deserted the Argonne Institute and that his purpose of attention by subversive organization reference in his telegram to Argonne Laboratories was for the purpose of appealing to our jurisdiction so that in the course of our investigation, we would be a "back-breaking" job for him.

On August 12, 1949, this Agent telephoned William Washington, 1920 South Avenue, Chicago Heights (Telephone Chicago Heights 2596).

Threat, who identified himself in his true capacity, told Washington that it was his understanding that Washington had applied for employment with Argonne and that that facility had arisen as to his whereabouts. Washington at this point interjected that he expressed that someone had called and was inquiring.

Washington was asked whether he had ever been employed by AEC and he answered in the affirmative that he had applied for work at AEC to start about September 1, 1947.

Threat stated that in Washington's employment application, it would have to state a little further information. He was asked if he had any employment background and he stated that he had attended the University of Chicago from 1944 to 1946 and Harvard from 1947 to 1948 but had about a year to go to get his degree. When asked what level of work they might be doing, Doctor, he stated that there was nothing to report. He stated that considerable assistance, Doctor of Philosophy, was a qualification. He stated that he had been asked to report on present.

Washington was asked what type of work he is interested in and he stated that he likes mathematical research. He stated that Argonne Institute in said program principally nuclear research and has as its director

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Walter P. Reuther had file

August 22, 1949

Walter P. Reuther

Walter P. Reuther from Oregon Institute, Eugene, Maine

Special Agent

RE: (S) [Name]

by RUBEN KOLB who, Washington State, reported to U.S. Office in  
(Name), Byron Shantz of the Oregon Institute has worked as a former  
translator.

Washington reported that he left the Oregon Institute in June 1949  
thereafter he stated, all complete library in order, completed  
around 8-10-49 two weeks on a visit through the library.

Walter P. Reuther advised that he was investigating employment  
for so-called "front" positions, Washington reported  
that he himself had returned in connection with anti-  
communist activities, that it was common that he  
had been employed by Oregon Institute seeking employment in  
Washington State.

Washington reported that he had been employed in work of several  
months for Washington State.

Washington reported that he had been employed for about four days  
in Washington State and was doing some research work  
in his home in the mathematical field. He stated that he  
had not been employed by Oregon Institute in connection with the project.

Washington was asked whether he had been employed, employed or otherwise  
employed since leaving Oregon Institute in June, and he stated that he  
had not been subjected to attention or questions in any fashion.

Washington was told that the information would be furnished to his  
personnel file.

Walter P. Reuther, during by a voice, apparently in person.  
He gave the impression of being of low intelligence. His  
answers appeared evasive and unhelpful and, in addition, he had extreme  
difficulty in expressing himself. He seemed to be exceptionally nervous  
and evasive information only after repeated prodding.

On August 22, 1949, subsequent to the telephone conversations reported

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Walter J. Kovnick and wife

August 22, 1949

Miss V. Kover

William A. Young from Oregon Institute, Beverly, Maine

Miss Kover

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In details (b) and (5) above, this agent completed a search of AEC employment applications with the assistance of Mr. Edward Denta of the AEC Personnel Division.

Denta's search, which included applications for both scientific and non-scientific positions, failed to reflect any applications from Washington.

On August 21, 1949, this agent received a receipt of AEC Personnel Division file which reported in detail (5) above. This agent re-contacted William Washington, 2320 Wabash Avenue, Chicago Heights, at Chicago Heights 2796.

This agent told Washington that he was endeavoring to incorporate the information he had supplied to me on August 22nd into his AEC personnel file but was unable to locate any application from him for employment.

Washington at first stated that he had applied at the Administrative Building of the Laboratory and then, when asked for details, he stated that he had not yet applied to Argonne but had applied with the University of Chicago at the University campus.

This agent then stated that he would like a little more background information from him so that he could have it available in connection with all prospective employment applications. Accordingly, the Yellow Card was filled out.

Washington was born August 27, 1923 at Marietta, Mississippi. He attended high school at St. Louis Township High School, Chicago Heights, Illinois from 1940 to 1944, graduating. He had never been in service at present. He is self-employed at home (see detail (5) above).

At the present time, he is still on the payroll of the Oregon Institute in Maine, receiving a monthly salary. This agent commented that under the circumstances, he probably used the Institute's own money, inasmuch as he has been absent therefrom since June. He stated that he owes them for this reason about \$150.

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Valley J. Kowalski and file

August 22, 1949

Ralph S. Mayer

WASHINGTON; WILLIAM - INQUIRY FROM OROGONE INSTITUTE, BANGOR, MAINE

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7. Washington stated that he has never been employed on the Atomic Energy Program.

This agent again mentioned that some persons were concerned about his safety, on the thought that he perhaps had been detained or kidnaped. Washington again verified that he has not been detained, kidnaped, or subjected to any violence during the period in question (i.e., since he left Orogone). Washington asserted that he had not told Sharaf in the course of conversation with him that he had been detained, kidnaped or subjected to any violence.

AGENT'S NOTE: The above information corroborates that previously given by Washington (see detail 5. above) and reinforces this agent's opinion that Sharaf is merely desirous of having this Agency do a job or "body-knocking" for him.

8. Dr. Norman Hilberry, Deputy Director, Argonne National Laboratory, and Dr. Roylands D. Young, Director, Inertial Division, Argonne National Laboratory, both stated that they have no knowledge of the Orogone Institute, Orogone Institute, Byron Sharaf, or William Washington.

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Walter J. Kowland, Acting Director  
Security Division, 600  
Joseph P. DeVenon, Security Division, 600

August 19, 1949

URGENT RECEIVED FROM SEAN SHAW

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URGENT (Tele. from [redacted] which is Page 1 of 1)

Interfered. On August 18, 1949, Miss Dolores Battista, AEC Com-  
munications, was stated subject telegram was received at approximately  
1:25 P.M. on August 17, 1949.

After reference to the Western Union Telegraph Company at Chicago,  
Miss Battista explained that the telegram was received at Chicago  
from Bangalay, Maine at 12:05 P.M. and forwarded to the University  
of Chicago at 1:57 P.M. At 2:22 P.M., the telegram was returned to  
Chicago and forwarded to Argonne at Lemont via Joliet at 3:09 P.M.  
It was this referral which mentioned the charge of \$94 indicated  
in the first line of subject telegram.

Mr. M. Strohbeck, AEC Chief Operator, at the request of the writer  
examined telegraph and long distance telephone logs for a period of  
three months to determine whether or not there was any previous  
record of communications to or from Bangalay, Maine, with negative  
results.

Records of the Western Union Company indicate the Bangalay, Maine  
office is primarily for tourist resort people, being open from 8:00  
A.M. to 9:00 P.M. from June 15th through September 15th.

At the request of the writer, Mr. Joe Gallagher, Western Union  
representative, 217 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, directed a  
wire to the Bangalay office indicating some difficulty in affect-  
ing delivery of subject telegram, and asking to whom care it should  
be directed, and whether or not there was available a better address  
for the sender. The reply from Bangalay indicated inability to ob-  
tain the name of anyone to whom subject telegram should have been  
directed and suggested delivery to the Personnel Department.

Bangalay again identified the sender as Nyros Ebrafi of the Oryzons  
Institute. This is at variance with the signature on subject tele-  
gram showing Ebrafi with the Oryzons Institute. It was Mr. Gallagher's  
recommendation that for practical purposes, further checking be done  
by AEC, New York with the Portland, Maine Western Union office.

Mr. S. H. Skinner advised that he knew of neither an Oryzons nor an  
Oryzons Institute, nor of any specific energy interests in Maine. It  
was his feeling that the name "Nyros Ebrafi" had possibly come  
across his desk at the time when he (Dr. Skinner) was connected  
with the Central Intelligence Agency at Washington.

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W. J. Kowalski

August 19, 1949

J. F. DeWane

MEMORANDUM RECEIVED FROM MYRON SHARAF

SECRET 10/20/49

The names "Orgone" and "Orgonon" are unknown to Dr. Roylands Young.

Available directories of educational institutions in the United States do not list an "Orgone or Orgonon Institute," nor do they show any educational facility at Bangsley, Maine.

According to the Rand McNally Atlas, Bangsley, Maine has a population of 974 people and is located along a lake with the same name, twenty miles distant from both the Canadian and New Hampshire borders. It is approximately 100 miles from Portland, the nearest city of any size.

The names "Orgone Institute," "Orgonon Institute" and "Myron Sharaf" were checked against the indices in the Security Office, AEC, Chicago, with negative results.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-388610) FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-100000) (P)

RE: ALBINO LABORATORIES

ALBINO, VIA THE POLICE

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RANGELEY, MAINE

July 13<sup>th</sup> 1950

J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal ~~Investigation~~ Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover, <sup>Orange Institute</sup>

There is a matter pertaining to National Security  
which I believe should be brought to the attention of your organization.  
Several other people agree with me about this. It could be very  
serious. Otherwise I wouldn't consider adding to your ~~task~~ <sup>task</sup>  
task today. It concerns an activity within the state of Maine.

I expect to be in Portland and New York City within the next few  
weeks that would be glad to see the right person in your organization  
anywhere if it would aid in this matter.

ack  
cc Port  
my  
7-18-50  
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Very truly yours,

~~[Redacted Signature]~~

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Bangley, Maine

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of July 13, 1950, has been received. Your courtesy in calling this matter to my attention is indeed appreciated and I am grateful for the interest which prompted your communication.

In view of the contents of your letter I am directing Mr. J. E. Thornton, Special Agent in Charge of our Boston Office, to have an Agent contact you in the near future.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

cc - SAC, New York  
(Information, Enclosure - Incoming)

cc - SAC, Boston  
(Enclosure - Incoming)

Bureau indices negative re correspondent.

Boston please have an Agent contact correspondent as soon as practicable and determine details of the matter to which he refers. Any information of interest to the Bureau should be reported under appropriate captions and Bureau should be advised of the results of this contact.

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Mr. O. E. Rome  
Team Manager  
Team Office  
Mabley, Maine

Dear Mr. Rome

Your letter postmarked July 17, 1950, has been received and I want to thank you for writing as you did.

I wish to advise that some time in the future a Special Agent of our organization will call on you to obtain information which you may possess relating to matters within the investigative jurisdiction of the FBI.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

cc: Boston, with copy of incoming.  
ATTENTION SAC: It is desired that you designate an Agent to contact correspondent to obtain information which may be of interest to this Bureau. Please advise your handling of this matter under caption "RESEARCH."

Follow-up made 8-21-50  
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**Town Office**  
Rangely, Maine

July 15, 1950

Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.  
Bureau of Investigation,

*Orgone Institute*

Dear Sirs;-I have had some people come to me in regard to one or two things or situations in Town which would seem to be in your jurisdiction.

I am not sure whether or not I should write them to you or whether there is some representative who would be in or near the Town of Rangely sometime not too far future. May I have your advice? Thank you.

Sincerely yours,  
O. R## Rowe,  
105-11461-5X1 Twm Manager.

*OR Rowe*

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J. G. L.

July 20, 1950

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Bangor, Maine

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Dear Mr. [Redacted]

105-11461-517

Your letter of July 16, 1950, has been received. Your courtesy in forwarding this information is appreciated.

While I would like to be of assistance in connection with your inquiry, the files of this Bureau are considered confidential and available for release only to certain authorized Government agencies. It is certain that upon reflection you will realize the necessity for such a rule and that no inference will be drawn that we do or do not have the information requested due to my inability to be of assistance.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

cc - Boston (with copies of incoming for information)

New York (with copies of incoming for information)

Dr. Wilhelm Reich is the subject of a Security Matter - C case, New York origin. He was apprehended as an enemy alien on December 12, 1941, and subsequently released. (100-14601)

For the information of the Boston Office, Dr. Wilhelm Reich is reportedly engaged in research work for the Orgone Institute Research Laboratory at Bangor, Maine.

On October 10, 1949, the Security Division of the Atomic Energy Commission in New York reported Reich had discussed his work with the AEC and had been advised his experiments were outside the scope of that agency. Scientists of AEC are of the opinion that Reich is mentally unsound in his scientific experiments.

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**CAMPS**

**Rangeley Lakes, Maine**

**July 16, 1950**

Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington,  
D. C.

Gentlemen;-

It would interest me to find out more about a gentleman who stayed at my camp one night last week.

He registered as P. E. Nainenyi, 3015 Legation, N. W. Washington, D. C.

He appeared at camp on foot with only a brief case, and had an appointment with Dr. Wilhelm Reich who heads the mysterious Orgone Institute, here in Rangeley.

His actions was very much noticed by all my guests and he did most of his traveling by hitch-hike.

Not only would I like to know about him but also about the Orgone Institute that is about one mile from my camp.

If the above gentleman <sup>needs</sup> checking I am sure you will do so,

Yours very truly,

**Rangeley, Maine**

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W.W.K.*

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TELEPHONE CONNECT  
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DAILY MAIL

[REDACTED]

Rangley Lakes, Maine

August 2, 1950



Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,  
Washington,  
D. C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:-

Your letter of July 28th. received and I very much appreciate your reply to the information I sent to you.

My letter was not intended to receive any information that you may have on file, but to give you any assistance I could on any Un-American activity.

There seems to be a foreign element connected with 'The Orgone Institute', which is next to my property, that is gaining force here in Rangley, and in these days of high tension, we cannot overlook any actions that may be dangerous to our security.

Yours very truly,

[REDACTED]

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Rewrite Mr. Keap

August 12, 1950

Angaley Lakes, Maine

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Dear Mr. Keap:  
Thank you for your letter of August 2, 1950. You may be sure that the information you furnished will receive appropriate attention. Your courtesy in communicating with me in this regard and your kind offer of assistance are indeed appreciated.

If you should receive additional material which you believe would be of interest to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, it is suggested that you may find it more convenient to communicate directly with Mr. J. E. Thornton, Special Agent in Charge of our Boston Office, located at 100 Milk Street, Boston 9, Massachusetts.

Sincerely yours,

J. E. I.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

cc - SAC, Boston (Enclosure)

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(Correspondent wrote Bureau 7-16-50 and copy of Acknowledgment dated 7-28-50 forwarded to Boston Office. In first communication he reported activities of one Dr. Wilbur Peterson of the Orgone Institute.)

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# United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON  
 EXPENDITURES IN THE EXECUTIVE  
 DEPARTMENTS

J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
 Federal Bureau of Investigation  
 Department of Justice  
 Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

[REDACTED]

I have written you of my suspicions concerning the  
 [REDACTED] Oregon Laboratory. The following is a copy of my  
 letter.

"When we talk, my own wife and I, about  
 the [REDACTED] population of the [REDACTED]  
 four. That is probably the [REDACTED]  
 article in [REDACTED]. It [REDACTED]  
 occurred I have [REDACTED] [REDACTED]  
 referred to the FBI as the [REDACTED]  
 it. The rumors have it that [REDACTED]  
 entering the estate while the [REDACTED]  
 and examined them. If that [REDACTED]  
 know about it, but I write to you about this because  
 I feel it could be well for you to know that the  
 FBI is having an eye on that [REDACTED] [REDACTED]"

Any information you can give me on this matter  
 is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Barbara Good Smith, N.Y.S.

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 W. J. [REDACTED]

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**STUDYING AT RANGELEY**—Orgonomic cancer research is being studied above in the students' laboratory at Orgonon Institute at Rangeley.

## Orgonon Official Explains Work at Rangeley Laboratory

**RANGELEY** — Gates and "no trespassing" signs were erected at Orgonon Institute here solely to guarantee peace and quiet for intensive scientific non-political research, which could not be carried on successfully with constant interruptions, Dr. Elsworth F. Baker, member of the board of trustees of Wilhelm Reich Foundation, has announced.

Far from being a secret, the work of Reich, the science of cosmic orgone energy is today widely known throughout the world, Dr. Baker explained. The foundation was incorporated as a teaching and research institution in Maine. The American Association for Medical Orgonomy with more than a score of physicians was formed in 1948. Reich has taught at University of Oslo, Norway, and was associate professor of medical psychology at the New School for Social Research, New York City. There are co-workers in orgonomy in many other countries.

Plans are underway, Dr. Baker said, to set up various kinds of medical clinics in this region, an infant research center, a children's hospital, an orgone energy accumulator factory, and finally a university of orgonomy on the 280-acre site in Rangeley.

Reich, according to Baker, found in the 1920's in doing psychiatric work with emotionally sick patients there was a disturbance in the flow of energy. The blocked flow of this energy he found to be the core of emotional disease. This formed the basis of many diseases, including cancer, Dr. Baker continued.

It was emphasized that while Dr. Reich claims to have understood the cancer problem in its essentials, he does not claim he has a cure. Orgone-therapeutic treatment can do much in the early stages through the Reich blood tests and the use of the energy accumulator but in later stages cannot radically change the patient's condition although it may prolong life and alleviate pain. This type of research, Baker declared, is not opposed to other kinds of cancer research but, on the contrary, uses fruitful results of the work of others.

The emphasis in orgonomy is primarily on prevention rather than cure.

The observatory was constructed here in 1948 and 1949 for astrophysical research with which Reich is now primarily concerned. There is great hope, Dr. Baker said, that in orgone energy an effective counter measure has been found against ill effects of nuclear atomic radiation upon the organism such as burns, destruction of tissue and blood.

RANGELEY



**OBSERVATORY AT RANGELEY**—The energy observatory at Orconon Institute operated at Rangeley by the Wilhelm Reich Foundation is shown above.



**STUDYING AT RANGELEY**—Orgonomic cancer research is being studied above in the students' laboratory at Orconon Institute at Rangeley.



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October 23, 1950

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Honorable Margaret Chase Smith  
United States Senate  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mrs. Smith:

Your letter of October 10, 1950, with enclosure, has been received.

I do want you to know that I appreciate the interest which prompted your communication, as well as the information which you forwarded. In connection with the comments made by Mrs. Ilse Bome in her letter to you, I desire to advise that the laboratory in question is not being investigated by this Bureau at this time.

With expressions of my highest regards and best regards,

Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

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cc: SAC, Boston (with copies of incoming)  
Bureau files reflect that the Orgeson Institute was the subject of a preliminary check by the Boston Office in 1949, at the request of the Knoxville Office, which investigation reflected that no derogatory information was developed. (105-11461)

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Enclosed with correspondent's communication was an undated newspaper clipping from the "Daily Sun," Lewiston-Auburn, Maine, bearing the caption "Orgeson Official Explains Work at Bangsley Laboratory." This article related that according to Dr. Eleonora Peter, a member of the Board of Trustees of the Wilhelm Reich Foundation, intensive scientific, non-militaristic research in the field of cosmic or gone energy is being carried out at this laboratory.

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HONORABLE MARGARET CHASE SMITH

Inspector Laughlin telephonically contacted SAC Thornton at Boston on October 29 and Mr. Thornton advised that no investigation was being conducted at this time concerning the Rangleley Oregon Laboratory. SAC Thornton further stated that he was quite certain that the Bureau had been furnished all of the information in the Boston files concerning the Laboratory and that unless he called the Bureau within a very short period of time it could be assumed that all information had been furnished to the Bureau.

SAC, Boston

October 6, 1950

Director, FBI

UNKNOWN SUBJECT

INFORMANT

SECURITY MATTER - C

Reylet July 18, 1950, addressed to [redacted]

[redacted] Rangeley, Maine, a carbon copy of which was designated for your office.

You are requested to advise whether the results of your interview with [redacted] have been furnished to the Bureau and if so, the date and caption of your communication. In the event [redacted] has not been interviewed, such action should be taken immediately and the results of this interview furnished to the Bureau.

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INSTITUTE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: OCTOBER 13, 1950

FROM : SAC, BOSTON

SUBJECT: WILHELM REICH FOUNDATION  
At Ortonox, Rangeley, Maine  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Reference is made to the enclosed report of SA [redacted] in the instant case dated October 13, 1950.

This report has been made administrative because it has been prepared solely to consolidate in one serial the numerous non-specific allegations by residents in the area concerning the captioned group. The Boston Division is continuing to receive letters from such persons as [redacted] which are non-specific in detail and lacking in even opinion as to what might constitute the subversive activities alleged.

Recent experience in Maine has indicated that the residents of rural areas in that State are particularly concerned about the current international situation and inclined to regard all persons residing in or passing through the area who are not lifelong residents with suspicion.

The enclosed report is obviously not prepared for dissemination.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **BOSTON**

FILE NO. 100-22860

REPORT MADE AT <b>BOSTON</b>	DATE WHEN MADE 10-15-50	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 8-21-49-T, 15, 19, 20-50	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]
TITLE <b>WILHELM REICH FOUNDATION AT ORGONON, RANGELEY, MAINE</b>		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - R</b>	

### SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

### ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

① ORGONON PROJECT changed to WILHELM REICH FOUNDATION on October 15, 1949, at Farmington, Maine. REICH FOUNDATION is a cancer research laboratory. Investigation failed to disclose any activity that would be contrary to the security of this country.

### DETAILS:

At Rangeley, Maine

On July 18, 1950, the Bureau directed a letter to the Boston Office enclosing a letter from [REDACTED] Rangeley, Maine, which letter requested an interview with an agent of this Bureau.

[REDACTED] were interviewed jointly and advised as follows:

They have been suspicious of the ORGONON PROJECT because there seems to be "a cloud" of mystery surrounding the

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project." They stated that there is a man on the Orgonon grounds who walks around at night and when anyone approaches him he covers his face so that they cannot see him. They further advised that [redacted] at Rangeley, Maine, told them that while he was talking to WILHELM REICH in his office he saw a revolver under some papers on Mr. REICH'S desk. They continued to state that a private airport was under construction at Phillips, Maine, approximately twenty to thirty miles from the ORGONON PROJECT, and they believe it may have some connection with the project. They were unable to see any reason why the project should be interested in keeping records of wind velocity. They stated they were informed by [redacted] at Rangeley, Maine, that while he was working at the project they used exceptionally heavy wire in wiring up the laboratories of the project and [redacted] advised that Mr. REICH, the President of the foundation, informed him that they were working on the Atomic Energy Project. Both [redacted] said they had no specific evidence of any disloyal acts or activities pertaining to anyone connected with the REICH FOUNDATION but they felt that if anyone at the project was engaged in any activities detrimental to our national security they should be investigated.

On July 17, 1950, the Bureau directed a letter to the Boston Office under the caption, "RANGELEY TAKES, MAINE", enclosing a letter from [redacted] dated August 2, 1950, reporting a foreign element at the ORGONON INSTITUTE. [redacted] was interviewed by the writer and advised he owned property adjacent to the REICH FOUNDATION, which is also known as the ORGONON PROJECT, and although he has never noticed anything that was inimical to our national security there were a number of foreign-speaking people who worked at and visited the REICH FOUNDATION. He said that on one occasion he noticed an amber light that was shining from the ROLLING ACRES towards the REICH FOUNDATION. The ROLLING ACRES is approximately two miles from the REICH FOUNDATION and is "alleged to be a nudist camp." [redacted] said he knew of nothing of a disloyal nature pertaining to the REICH FOUNDATION but because of the foreign element at the foundation he thought it best to report this information to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

[redacted] advised Special Agent [redacted] on July 8, 1950, that he had received information from one [redacted] whom he considered to be reliable, to the effect that several families were vacationing on a mountain top at Rangeley, Maine, and that these persons openly discussed Communism and displayed strong sympathies both for Russia and for Communism. [redacted] had advised [redacted] that he received his information through one [redacted] residing at Rangeley, Maine.



[REDACTED] advised that he worked at the ORGONON PROJECT during the Spring of 1949 and that he helped wire the new laboratory. He stated he did all the electrical work in all their other buildings and while working at the ORGONON PROJECT he had never witnessed or heard anyone at the project make any disloyal remarks. He advised they are carrying on cancer research study at the laboratories of the project, as well as treating patients for cancer and other diseases. He stated they have a specially built box lined inside with galvanized iron and on the outside with celotex. He stated a person sits in this box for a period of two hours and breathes the air from the inside of the box through a tube. He stated there has been considerable talk in Rangeley, Maine pertaining to the personnel of the project but he believes it is all hearsay and there is no evidence that anyone at the project has been in any way disloyal to the United States.

On July 24, 1950, the Bureau directed a letter to the Boston Office under the caption, "MR. O. R. ROWE, Town Manager, Rangeley, Maine", enclosing a letter from Mr. ROWE dated July 15, 1950, requesting an interview with an Agent of this Bureau. Mr. OLIN ROWE stated he had been contacted by some of the townspeople who wanted him to report the WILHELM REICH FOUNDATION because "It appeared suspicious to them." He stated he could not furnish any information of a disloyal nature other than the fact most of the townspeople are suspicious of the foundation because of the foreign element connected with the foundation.

Mr. ROWE said that WILHELM REICH has written several articles on the treatment of cancer and that in these writings he has advocated early sexual relations for children in the treatment of cancer. He stated REICH's publications have caused considerable comment in Rangeley, Maine, and that they were barred from the public library in Rangeley because of this theory. Mr. ROWE said that a Miss McGINTY from the REICH FOUNDATION, has applied for a teacher's position at Rangeley, Maine, and a Mrs. WILEY, whose husband is a doctor at the foundation, has applied for a position with the Department of Child Welfare, State House, Augusta, Maine, and the local residents are wondering why these two individuals are seeking these positions. Mr. ROWE continued to state that the REICH FOUNDATION was registered with the Registrar of Deed's Office in Farmington, Maine, and has also been incorporated under four different names in New York. Mr. ROWE described WILHELM



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REICH as follows:

AGE	Approximately 60 years of age
HEIGHT	5 feet, 10 inches
WEIGHT	185-200 pounds
HAIR	Bald headed-gray on sides
PECULIARITIES	Nervous acting
WIFE	ILSE OLLANDORFE REICH
	Approximately 40 years of age
	Two children

Mr. ROWE advised he believes REICH has an older daughter by a previous marriage.

[REDACTED] advised he has visited the REICH FOUNDATION on business and has been shown all through their property. He stated from his observation he neither saw or heard anything that could be considered disloyal to the United States. He said while he was talking to Dr. REICH in the doctor's office he saw a revolver on the top of Dr. REICH's desk that was concealed under some papers. However, he stated this did not arouse his suspicions in view of the fact many of the local residents at Rangeley, Maine, have several different types of firearms that they use for hunting year round.

[REDACTED] stated that the REICH FOUNDATION has been open to the public for inspection on several occasions and that the local townspeople have been invited to visit Rangeley, Maine, to hear lectures that have been given by the personnel at the foundation. [REDACTED] could furnish no information of a disloyal nature pertaining to anyone connected with the project.

[REDACTED] at Rangeley, Maine, advised that he is personally acquainted with [REDACTED] at the REICH FOUNDATION. He stated he has never heard [REDACTED] mention anything of a disloyal nature pertaining to anyone connected with the project and that he personally has never known anything that could be considered disloyal as far as the project was concerned.

[REDACTED] advised that several women connected with the REICH FOUNDATION are her steady customers and from her observation and discussion with the personnel at the REICH FOUNDATION she has never witnessed or heard anything of a disloyal nature pertaining to the REICH FOUNDATION. She stated that the REICH FOUNDATION has had

*Mrs. Wilhelms*

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open house on several occasions wherein several of the local people from Rangeley, Maine, have had occasion to witness the personnel as well as the grounds and buildings of the REICH FOUNDATION and to her knowledge she has never known anyone that witnessed anything that could be considered inimical to the security of the United States.

██████████ said that he has sold considerable merchandise to Dr. REICH and the REICH FOUNDATION. He stated when they first came to Rangeley Dr. REICH outlined his program which was to take place at the REICH FOUNDATION and also instructed the town officials at Rangeley, Maine, that he intended to set up laboratories and a hospital. ██████████ stated that he has seen patients being treated for cancer at the REICH FOUNDATION and that while he was at the foundation no one ever tried to conceal any information or restrict him from seeing any activities at the laboratory. He has never seen anything of a suspicious nature at the project. He advised that ORGONON has been in existence from ten to twelve years, and he believes that this is the only laboratory of its type in the world.

A check was made with the Secretary of State's Office, State House, Augusta, Maine, and no record was found wherein the REICH FOUNDATION was incorporated.

██████████, Office of the Registrar of Deeds, County Building, Farmington, Maine, exhibited the records pertaining to the REICH FOUNDATION, which records disclosed that the WILHELM REICH FOUNDATION at Orgonon, Rangeley, Maine, was incorporated October 15, 1949. The number of officer listed as twelve.

PRESIDENT  
VICE-PRESIDENT  
SECRETARY

TREASURER  
DIRECTORS OR  
TRUSTEES:

WILHELM REICH  
THEODORE P. WOLFE  
PETER MILLS, Judge of Municipal Court  
Farmington, Maine  
CHESTER M. RAPHAEL

JAMES A. WILLIE  
ILSE GLLENDORFF,  
WILHELM REICH  
A. ALLAN COTT  
CHESTER M. RAPHAEL  
ELSWORTH F. BAKER  
SIMON J. TROPP  
THEODORE P. WOLFE

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Capital stock for the corporation was not listed. The purposes of the corporation were as follows:

- 1.) To conduct research and teach cosmic orgone energy.
- 2.) To establish, operate and maintain a laboratory for observation and scientific purposes.
- 3.) To establish and maintain clinics and hospitals for organic medical research and medical orgone therapy.
- 4.) To establish and operate educational institutions.
- 5.) To establish, operate and maintain bio-energetic research in orgone.
- 6.) To acquire and preserve the instruments, library and archives of WILHELM REICH.
- 7.) To preserve the discoveries of WILHELM REICH and preserve them for posterity by the establishment of an institution of learning.
- 8.) To publish any material concerning the discoveries and work of WILHELM REICH and further works of the corporation.
- 9.) To raise funds for the above purposes and carry on the work of the corporation.
- 10.) That the above corporation be a non-profitable organization.

The writer contacted Judge PETER MILLS who was listed as Secretary of the corporation. Judge MILLS is Judge of the Municipal Court in Farmington, Maine, and he advised that he is clerk of the corporation. He has attended several corporation meetings and from his association with all the members and personnel at the REICH FOUNDATION he has never witnessed anything which could be considered detrimental to the national security of our country. He said that he had been requested by Dr. REICH to either take civil or criminal action against a WILLIAM FORTNER of Rangeley, Maine, for disseminating information of a disloyal nature pertaining to the personnel of the REICH FOUNDATION. Judge

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MILLS advised that he personally "could give the REICH FOUNDATION a bill of sale as far as their loyalty was concerned", but that he was worried over the theory of Dr. REICH concerning the sex treatment of cancer. Judge MILLS stated that ARTHUR GARFIELD HAYES, a prominent attorney in New York City handled all the business for the REICH FOUNDATION in New York where they also maintain a laboratory.

A confidential report dated August 19, 1949, entitled "WALTER J. KOWALSKI, Acting Director, Security Division, COO" disclosed that available directories of educational institutions in the United States do not list an ORGONE or ORGONON INSTITUTION nor do they show any educational facilities at Rangeloy, Maine. The names ORGONE INSTITUTE, ORGONON INSTITUTE were checked against the indices of the Security Office, AEC, Chicago, with negative results.

On August 22, 1949, MYRON SHARAF, who was connected with the Institute, advised that the proper name of the institute is THE ORGONE INSTITUTE, Orgonon, Rangeloy, Maine. He stated Orgonon is the name of the property on which the institute is located. SHARAF continued to state that the institute is "an institute of research on orgone energy" whose director is Dr. WILHELM REICH. SHARAF stated that he was an assistant at the institute.

Inasmuch as the foregoing investigation revealed no indication that the personnel of the WILHELM REICH FOUNDATION are engaged in any violations of law, this case is being closed.

Copies of this report are being designated for New York and Albany Offices because instant organization is a New York Corporation and maintains personnel and a laboratory in New York City.

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REFERENCE: Boston Letter to Bureau dated January 11, 1949, captioned "ORGONON PROJECT, aka Orgone Institute, Orgonon Research Laboratories; Security Matter-X"

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM : SAC, BOSTON  
SUBJECT: WILHELM REICH FOUNDATION  
Re Oregon, Rangeley, Maine  
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

DATE: OCTOBER 13, 1950

This is to advise that the following letters received by the Boston Office from the Bureau all pertain to the WILHELM REICH FOUNDATION and are being incorporated under Boston File 100-22860:

Letter dated 7-18-50 captioned [redacted] Rangeley, Maine."

Letter dated 7-24-50 captioned [redacted] R. ROWE, Town Manager, Town Office, Rangeley, Maine."

Letter dated 8-17-50 captioned [redacted] Rangeley Lakes, Maine."

A closing report is being submitted to the Bureau in instant case.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI  
FROM : SAC, Boston

DATE: October 24, 1950

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT  
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Re Bureau letter above captioned dated October 6, 1950

The Bureau's attention is directed to the report of Special Agent ██████████ Boston, dated October 13, 1950 entitled "WILHELM REICH FOUNDATION AT ORGONON, RANGELEY, MAINE; INTERNAL SECURITY - R", and to the cover letters which accompany the cited report.

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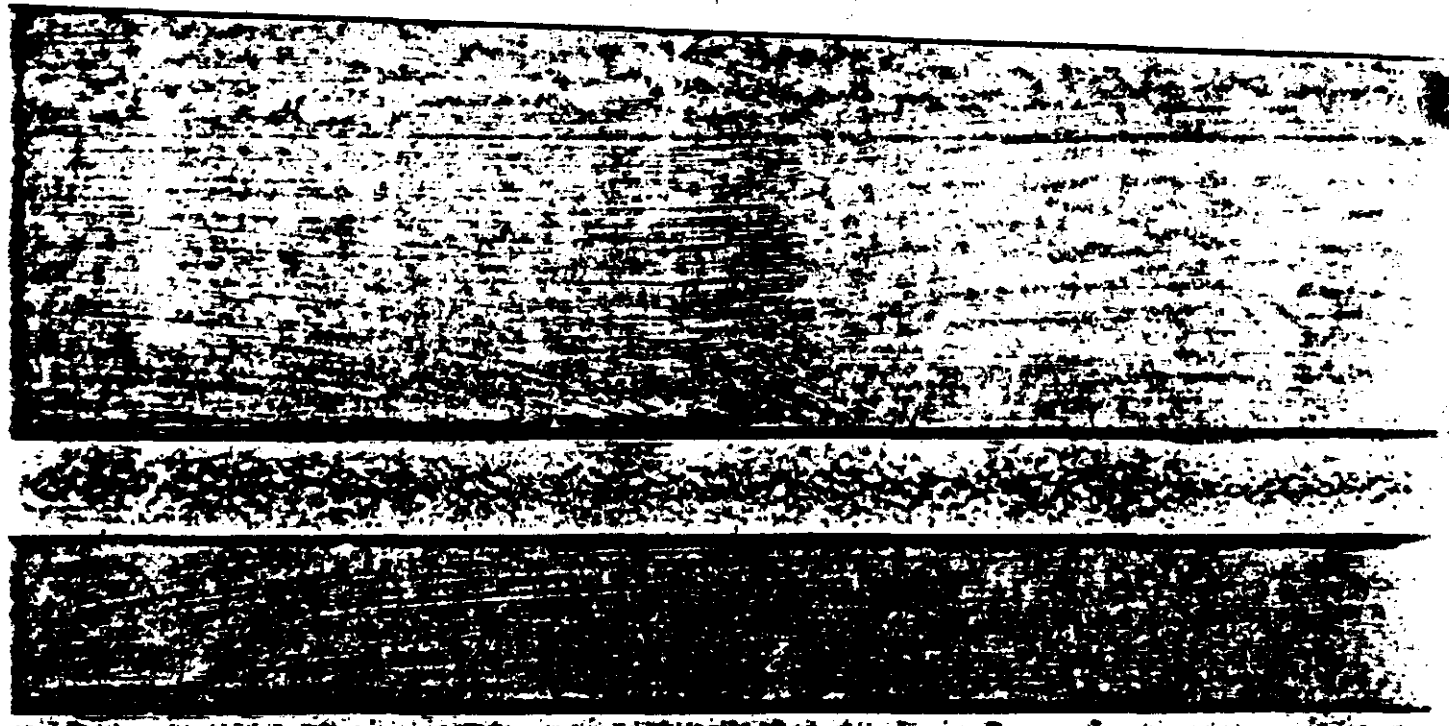
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Miss Ilsa Ollendorff  
Administrative Director  
The Wilhelm Reich Foundation  
Bangsley, Maine

Dear Miss Ollendorff:

Your letter dated October 5, 1950, with enclosure, has been received.

Inasmuch as your letter arrived during the absence of Mr. Hoover from the city, I am taking the liberty of acknowledging it.

Sincerely yours,

Helen W. Gandy  
Secretary

cc - SAC, Boston (with copies of incoming)

Bufiles reflect that the Orgone Institute and the Wilhelm Reich Foundation were the subjects of a preliminary check by the Boston Office in 1949 at the request of the Knoxville Office, which investigation reflected that no derogatory information was developed. The correspondent was Administrative Director of the Foundation at that time (105-11461)

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