

February 9, 1945
**Letter from Special Agent in Charge R. B. Hood to
FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover**

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Summary:

RKO Pictures Incorporated requested that the Department of Justice inform them whether a proposed organization for the exchange of American and Soviet films would be required to register under the Foreign Agents Registration Act.

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Los Angeles 13, California
February 9, 1945

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Director, FBI

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RE: MIKHAIL KONSTANTIN KALATOZOV
INTERNAL SECURITY (R)
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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter to Los Angeles dated September 11, 1944 setting out information received from the Department concerning a proposed organization for the interchange of American and Soviet films. The Soviet interests were being represented by KALATOZOV in this matter and [redacted] of RKO Pictures Incorporated presented the matter to the Department for the purpose of ascertaining whether such a proposed corporation would be required to register under the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended.

Reference is also made to the last report in this case dated December 20, 1944 at Los Angeles by Special Agent [redacted] which set out an undeveloped lead for the Los Angeles Field Division to ascertain the nature of the contract between RKO and Soyusintorgkino, the Soviet motion picture combine.

The Los Angeles Field Division has now been advised by contacts at the RKO Studios located here, that all matters of this nature involving the international exchange of motion pictures are handled through their New York Office, the Los Angeles studios being engaged in production only.

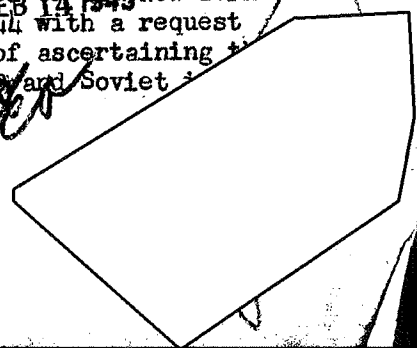
It has also been learned that [redacted] mentioned above, is [redacted] of the RKO Radio Pictures Incorporated, and that his offices are located at [redacted]

The New York Field Division is in possession of pertinent reports and serials in this case. There is being forwarded to the New York Office a copy of the Bureau letter dated September 11, 1944 with a request that an investigation be conducted there for the purpose of ascertaining the nature of the proposed film organization involving the RKO and Soviet

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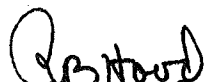
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INTERNAL SECURITY (R)

For the information of the New York Field Division, the Bureau, by letter dated December 2, 1944, suggested that inasmuch as KALATOZOV had recently departed from the United States to return to the Soviet Union, a closing report be submitted in connection with this case.

Very truly yours,


R. B. HOOPER
SAC

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cc: New York (Enc.)