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On February 27, 1956, who has furnished reliable information in the past, made available the Winter, 1956, edition of "Sing Out," Volume 6, Number 1, issued by People's Artists, Inc., 124 West 21st Street, New York City. Page two contained a list of the publication's staff and under contributors listed PAUL ROBESON.

C. CP Associates

On advised that on that date BENJAMIN
J. DAVIS, JR. was in contact with PAUL ROBESON.

PAUL ROBESON was in contact with BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, JR. and informed DAVIS that he had just returned from the hearings in Washington, D.C. DAVIS complimented ROBESON on his appearance.

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n advised that

visit should be handled only by Negroes and his appearance with white persons should be held to a minimum. According to the reasoning behind this was that the CP leadership, consisting mostly of white persons, had always monopolized ROBESON and as a consequence this had led to a narrowing of his contacts among the Negro people.



D. Miscellaneous Activities

In April, 1956, T-12, another governmental agency which conducts intelligence or personnel investigations, advised that the publication "Canadian Tribune," described

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by T-12 as a Communist paper, for April 16, 1956, identifies one JOHN BOYD as the manager of Jerome Concerts and Artists, Ltd. of Montreal, Canada, the sponsoring agency for the subject's proposed Canadian concert tour.

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Concerts and Artists Management Agency, 5719 Northmount Avenue, Montreal, Canada, was founded in late 1955 and 18 45. the personal venture of a former resident of the United States. According to the information received by T-12.

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Subject's Activities In and/or Subversive Ramifications of his Passport Case

The "Daily Worker" issue of April 12, 1956, page two, column one, contained an article entitled "Canada Denies Robeson Visa." This article reflected that Canadian immigration authorities had refused to allow PAUL ROBESON to enter Canada for a concert tour.

The "Daily Worker" issue of June 6, 1956, page six, column three, contained an article entitled "The Cry Grows in London - Let Robeson Sing!" by-lined "John Williamson." This article concerned a meeting of the "Let Robeson Sing Committee" which met in Manchester, England, on May 27, 1956. The purpose of this committee was to unite the scattered activities in England in connection with supporting PAUL ROBESON's passport case. The article also stated that an inspiring letter was read to the committee from PAUL ROBESON in which he told of his few weeksof freedom in Canada.



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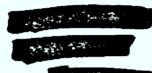
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US Department of State, Foreign Service Dispatches, dated 4/16/56 and 4/10/56, from HERVE J. L'HEUREUX, American Consul General, American Embassy, Ottawa, Canada

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"more than a week after the birthday.

"Telephone calls and greetings came to our home from Accra, Armavir, Azerbaijan, Berlin, Bombay, Brooklyn, Bucharest, Budapest, Calcutta, Detroit, Kalinin, Kazan, Kiev, Kingston, Leningrad, London, Los Angeles, Mexico City, Moscow, New Delhi, New Haven, New York, Odesa, Peking, Paris, Portau-Prince, Prague, Reykjavik (Iceland), Rostov, San Diego, Sofia, South Norwalk, Stalingrad, Stockholm, Sydney, Tashkent, Tiflis, Tolyo, Ulan Bator, (Mongolia), Vienna, Vilnius, Warsaw, Washington, D.C., and many other places."

T-27, another government agency which conducts intelligence investigations advised in May, 1958, that at the Societe Nationale d'Art Dramatique (SNAD) of Port-au-Prince, a meeting was held in honor of PAUL ROBESON on the occasion of his 60th birthday. The meeting represented the effort of ROBESON sympathizers in Haiti to join in the world-wide demonstration honoring the American Negro Singer. The more than 200 people who attended the meeting were about equally divided between negroes and mulattoes with a scattering of foreign nationals also present.

A well-organized program included the playing of recorded songs of PAUL ROBESON, the circulation of a petition demanding "Justice" for ROBESON, and a number of speeches by leading intellectuals and leftists including most prominently REME/DEPESTRE, (JEAN) BRIERRE, LUCIEN LIMOINE and ANTHONY MESPES. The speakers apparently attempted



to outdo one another in attacks on the United States in general and, in particular, the Department of State, the Secretary of State, the President of the United States, ex-President TRUMAN and the United States Navy. America and Americans were accused of being imperialistic, uncultured and intolerant of the response or ace. They all took the line that ROBESON was denied travel to the Soviet Union not solely because he was a Communist but because he was a negro and a Communist.

meeting of the Regional Council of the Industrial Division, New York State CP, was held on that date at the New York Palace Theatre, 111 East Houston Street, New York City. One of the topics of discussion at this meeting was a report on PAUL ROBESON's birthday celebration.

"The Worker" of June 15, 1958, page six, column one, contains an article captioned, "Peling Letter." In this article itis stated:

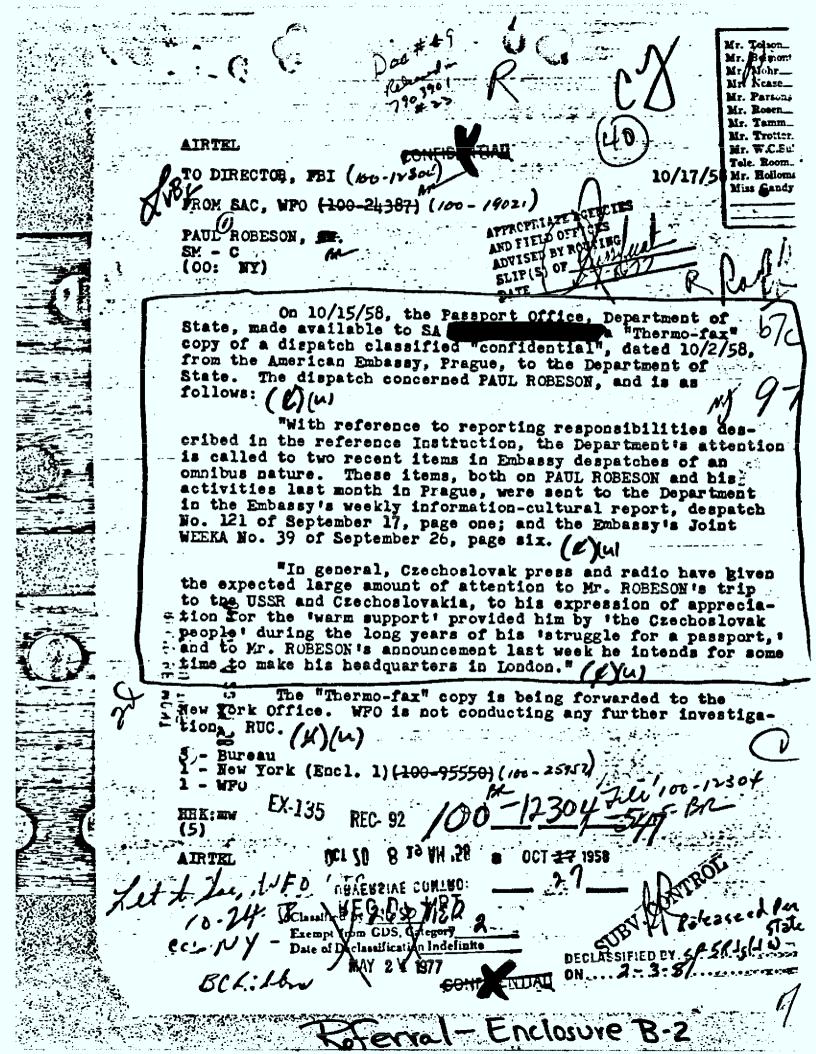
"Paul Robeson's 60th birthday
was celebrated in China as an event of
major international significance. For
two days preceding his birthday and on
the day itself the national radio network
played recordings of his songs. On
April 9th, the entire cultural page of
China's leading newspaper, the People's
Daily, was devoted to articles about
Paul - there were five of them - as
well as a poem in his honor, plus a



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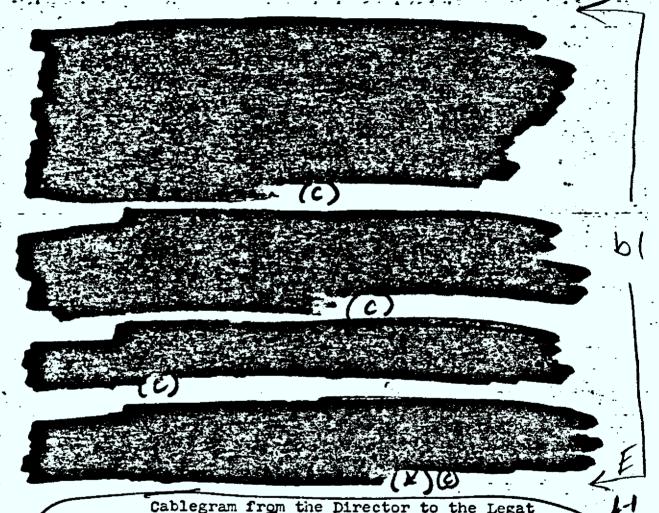
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would have very unfavorable repercussions in the U.S. In view of this, State has requested clearance on expedite basis of the following information for passing

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A copy of an Airgram to the Department of State from the American Embassy to Accra (Ghana) furnished to the FBI concerning ROBESON's appointment to the University of Accra reflected as follows:

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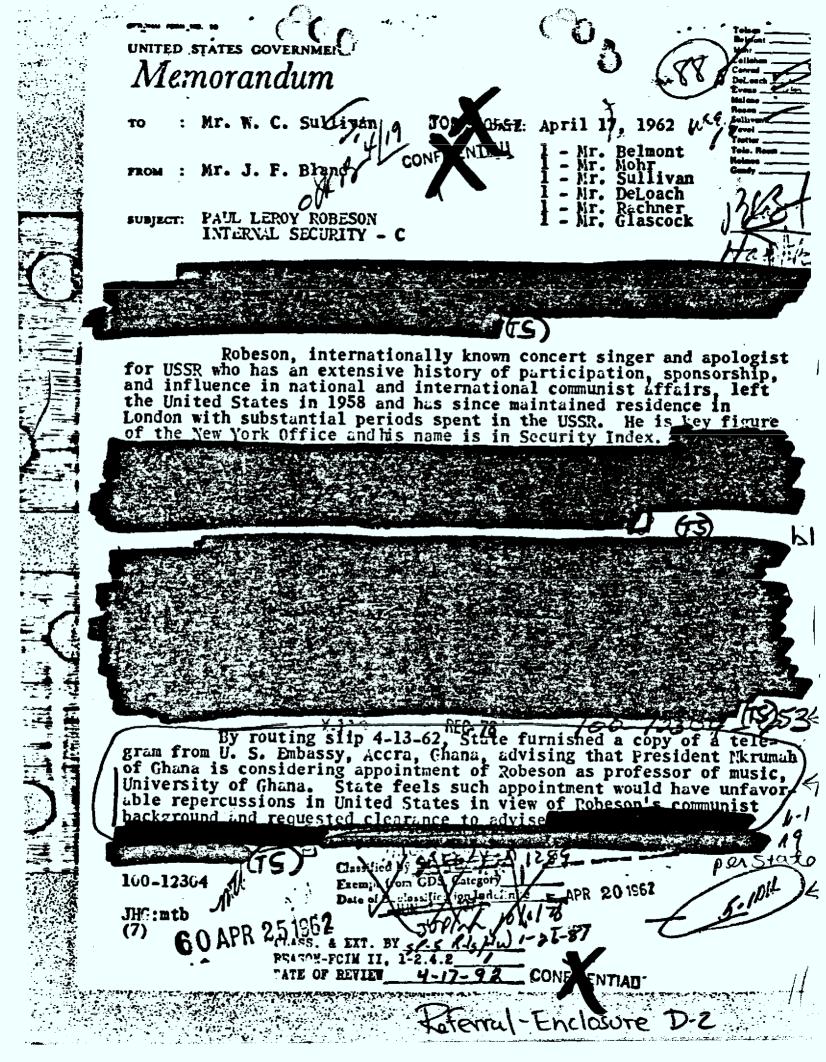
As noted in instant report an article appeared in the London newspaper "Daily Sketch" of June 9, 1962, which indicated PAUL ROBESON was not going to accept the job offered to him at the University of Accra in Ghana.

Concerning PAUL and ESLANDA ROBESON's applications for renewals of their passports,
Passport Section, American Embassy, London, advised on May 18, 1962, that the subjects applications for passport facilities, by Department of State ruling, have to be referred to the Department for approval and she will advise further if and when this approval is received.

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believed that NIKOLAI A. LYTKIN or VLADIEIR D. LOGINON of the Soviet Mission to the UN, MYC, conducted a filmed interview of PAUL ROBESON. He stated that to the best of his knowledge the filmed interview was shown at the UN after suitable arrangements had been made and consisted mostly of ROBESON singing several Soviet songs.

In September, 1957, ONI 10th Naval District advised that the Security Liaison Officer, Trinidad, British West Indies, had stated that ROBESON is presently banned from entering Trinidad. This officer stated that unless the Trinidad Government repealed the restriction now in affect, ROBESON would be wasting his money in buying a ticket to visit this colony.

It is noted that one copy of "Here I Stand" was furnished the Bureau as an enclosure to NY letter to Bureau dated 2/6/58.

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I. BACKGROUND

A. Foreign Travel

advised on March 15, 1958, that ESLANDA ROBESON stated she was planning to travel to the West Indies on April 15, 1958, and would be there for a week or two. She stated she would make the trip with a United Nations (UN) group.

On March 30, 1958, advised that on that date, ROBESON stated she had secured her ticket and would leave New York on April 16, 1958, and planned to return on May 9, 1958.

advised on that on approximately April 15, 1958, the UN was sponsoring reduced rate fares for travel to Trinidad, British West Indies, in connection with the celebration of the freedom of the British West Indies. Informant expressed the belief that ROBESON was travelling to Trinidad in her capacity as a correspondent for the "New World Review", a publication for which she was editorial consultant on Negro and colonial questions, and also correspondent to the UN.

advised on April 26, 1958, that ROBESON was then on a trip to the West Indies and was expected to return to New York on or about April 30, 1958.

On May 1, 1958, advised that ESLANDA ROBESON returned to her residence, 16 Junel Terrace, New York City, on that date.

again advised on May 3, 1958, that ESLANDA ROBESON had visited Jamaica, Trinidad, and the city of Port-Au-Prince. Informant stated ROBESON indicated she enjoyed the trip very much and during the trip had appeared on radio several times.

T-3, a confidential source abroad, en May 26, 1958, furnished information that Mrs. PAUL ROBESON arrived in Trinidad

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by air on April 17, 1958, and left Trinidad, also by air, on April 30, 1958. On April 21, 1958, she gave a lecture at the Public Library on the subject, "The Negro in World Focus". She spoke generally of her travels in various countries and referred to racial discrimination in the Union of South Africa and Southern United States. She denounced segregation and urged unity, understanding, and cooperation among all races of the world. Among the audience were Doctor and Mrs. JAGAN of British Guiana.

ESLANDA ROBESON and her husband, 'AUL ROBESON, have been in Europe since July 10, 1958.

ROBESON and his wife were able to obtain passports in view of a decision by the United States Supreme Court, on June 16, 1958, in the case involving ROCKWELL KENT, // S \WALTER-BRIEHL, and WELDON BRUCE-DAYTON in which it was held—that under existing statutes governing travel, the Secretary of the State lacks the authority to withhold a passport because of an applicant's present or past membership in or association with the Communist Party (CP).

The "New York Times", Late City Edition, dated September 22, 1958, page 26, contains an article captioned: "Robeson Intends to Live in London - But singer says he is not deserting U.S. - Foresees concerts in New York."

This article is set forth as follows:

"Blackpool, England, Sept. 21 (Reuters) - Paul Robeson said here tonight that he would make his future home in London.

'I find the British people very warm and I have lived here before', the American singer declared. 'London will be my center, as Hollywood is the center for some British film stars.'

'I don't want any overtones of suggestion that I am deserting the country of my birth', Mr. Robeson added 'If I have a concert in New York, I will go there and return to London.'



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In letter dated 2/28/56, fittsburgh advised that a recheck of the original log maintained on former fails to reveal if the name ROBENSON and the name TAFT were furnished in that form by or if they were included in the log as phonetic forms of the names as understood by the employee who received the information from the informant.

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The following informants were contacted during August, 1962, and could furnish no information concerning subject:



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- 1. Will remain alert for information concerning the return of ROBESON to the U.S.
- 2. Will continue to follow and report his activities while abroad and in the US upon his return.

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New York T-2, a confidential source abroad, furnished information that PAUL ROBESON was present during and participated in the celebration of the so-called "Pressefest Neues Deutschland" in East Berlin in late July, 1960, or early August, 1960.

This information stated that he had made at least two appearances. On one occasion, he joined a number of German artists in the public festival, which took place in the open air on Stalinallee. During each appearance, he spoke to the audience in German propress, and during the performance; explained that he "was working for his oppressed, black brothers in America". He announced his own songs and explained them prior to singing; they included such numbers as "Old Man River" and others, which depict the misery and oppression of the colored people.

According to this information in July or August, 1960, ROBESON paid a visit to the FDJ Central HQ school located at Bogensee, near Bernau, Bezirk Potsdam, and was conducted on an inspection tour of the installation. During the inspection, the students were assembled in one of the large auditoriums and introduced to the singer. Informant did not know who sponsored the visit, but he stated that a representative of the school made the introductory speech. He described the difficulties ROBESON had encountered in obtaining a passport, spoke briefly on the singer's fame, and then turned the meeting over to the guest. ROBESON spoke for about ten minutes and explained that he was travelling on a mission; the mission of bridging the gap between nations by music. He told of his early trials in life, of his successes, and mentioned that these had brought him an income large enough so that he was able to contribute to the relief of his oppressed brother. He expressed his pleasure in

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Robeson" as follows:

meeting the German youth and the gesture made by them in presenting him with the neckerchief of the FDJ. This concluded the meeting.

A few days later, ROBESON appeared at celebration of the FDJ and the Youth Department (Jugendfunk des Berliner Rundfunk) of the East Berlin Radio; the entire student body of the FDJ Political Academy attended. He was introduced by the Director of the Youth Department, GUENTER. Sergo, who praised him for his generosity in supporting the oppressed negroes. GUENTER, in his introductory remarks, explained that "there are two Americas; one the peace-loving mass of citizens who desire nothing more than to live in peace with the peoples of all other countries in the world and who are striving to equalize conditions in America so that people of all races and color may live together The second America, he stated, is the in harmony. center of the world reactionaries and the center of imperialism and intimated simultaneously, that the US is the head and West Germany the satellite of militarism. ROBESON then announced his own musical selections, which enclusively negro songs.

"The Worker", dated April 24, 1962, page 2, column 2, contained an article captioned "Greetings to

"April 9th marked the 64th birthday of one of the greatest sons our country ever produced, Paul Robeson The Worker sends him its warmest, most heartfelt and comradely greeting.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM -- UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Director, FBI Legat, Bonn (100- 253) ESLANDA GOODE ROBESON, aka Mrs. Paul Robeson Jumel Terrace New York 32, New York INTERNAL SECURITY - R & GERMANY BTE Ren 'RECORDED-18 INDEXED-18 AUG 21 1956 De Bonn GAV: BMc



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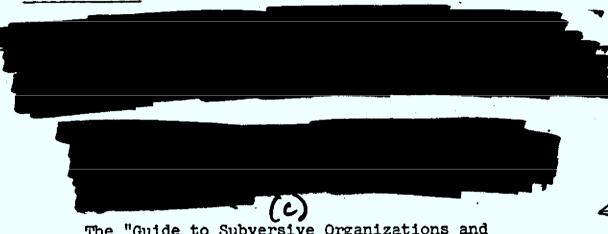




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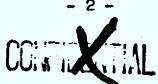
A. Residence



The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," dated May 14, 1951, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., reflects the following concerning the WIDF, also known as the International Democratic Women's Federation:

"1. Cited as a Communist front 'which was founded and supported at all times by the International Communist movement. Also cited as an 'organization (which) frankly stated that it intended to follow the lead of the Soviet Union, "the only country truly working for peace" and which joined in issuing the call for the World Peace Congress, held in Paris in April 1949.'

> "(Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities, Report on the Congress of American Women, House Report No. 1953, April 26, 1950 (originally released October 23, 1949); and House Report No. 378, on the Communist 'Peace' Offensive, April 25, 1951 (original date, April 1, 1951), p. 71.)

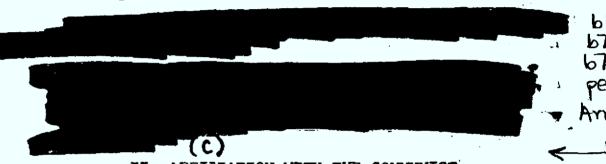


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EISENHOWER was treated. It was pointed out that although ROBESON was still very ill, he would not have to have a second immediate operation.

The Jefferson School of Social Science has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.



II. AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT

A. Evidence of CP Sympathies

advised that on March 9, 1950, a pirthday celebration in honor of WILLIAM Z. FOSTER was held at the Chateau Gardens, 105 East Houston Street, New York City. Stated that ROBESON was present and prior to singing several songs, gave a short talk on FOSTER and stated that the country from which he had just returned (Canada) had sent their greetings to FOSTER through him.

advised that WILLIAM Z. FOSTER was introduced as National Chairman, CP, USA, at the abovementioned birthday celebration held March 9, 1956.

The "New York Times" newspaper, issue of May 28, 1956, page six, contained an article entitled "Paul Robeson Is Called." This article, in part, stated:



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C. Miscellaneous Activities

American Labor Party (ALP)

advised on September 9, 1954, that from the time of its inception in 1936, there existed within the American Labor Party a struggle for power among three groups. These were the Communist Party, the Socialist Party and the Social Democrats. By the early 1940's, the Communist Party emerged as the controlling force within the American Labor Party in the major industrial areas in New York State. Generally these were the areas around Albany, Buffalo, Jamestown, Rochester, Schenectady, Syracuse, Troy, the Hudson River Valley, Columbia, Dutchess, Massau and Westchester Counties, and New York City, with the exception of Brooklyn. In 1942 the Communist Party was able to capture the American Labor Party in Brooklyn. The American Labor Party never developed into an organization of any real consequence in the monindustrial areas of New York State.

advised on that the Communist Farty today, as in the past, through its members in key positions in the American Labor Party, constitutes the force that controls it.

The "New York Times," a daily newspaper, Essue of October 8, 1956, on pages 1 and 20, reflected that the American Labor Party State Chairman announced on October 7, 1956, that the American Labor Party State Committee had unanimously approved a resolution dissolving the American Labor Party and liquidating its assets.

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DATE: 11/22/60 DIRECTOR, FBI (100-12304) LEGAT, BONN (105-720)ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED SUBJECT: PAUL LEROY ROBESON HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED ELCEPT WHERE SHOWE CLASS. & ETT. BY SASK OTHER! IST REASON-FOIN II. 1-2 Remylet 10/13/60. (u) The 10/14/60 edition of the East German English-language propagands pamphlet "German Democratic Report" also carried an article on ROBESON's visit to East Berlin, referring to the honors afforded him and noted that he ended his visit there on 10/7/60 when he entertained the crowds gathered in East Berlin's Marx-Engels Square celebrating the 11th anniversary of the German Democratic Republic. Both the 66th Military Intelligence Group, U.S. Army, Europe and the Office of Special Investigations (OSI), U.S. Air Forces in Europe, were requested to furnish any information coming to their attention regarding the subject's activities during his most recent visit in Berlin. The 66th Military Intelligence Group furnished their reply by letter dated 10/13/60 and OSI replied by letter dated 10/24/60. Both agencies indicated that they had no information on ROBESON's latest visit to Berlin but set out in their communications a summary of information from their central files on ROBESON. It is probable that all of this information is available to the Bureau. However, one copy of each of these communications is being attached for the Bureau's information in the event they might contain some references not already in the Bureau's file

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-12304) Re: Bonn 105-720

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On 10/31/60, the 513th Military Intelligence Group, U.S. Army, Europe advised that it had no pertinent information on the subject.

The "Bulletin des Weltfriedensrates" (Bulletin of the World Peace Council), Nr. 12 (Volume VII), dated October 1960, which is issued in conjunction with the communist organ "Stimmen Zur Zeit" (Voices of the Times), published monthly in Austria, carried an article regarding PAUL ROBESON. According to this article, ROBESON, a member of the World Peace Committee, was in Budapest, Hungary from September 10 to September 15, 1960 at the invitation of the Hungarian Peace Committee. It was also stated that he took part in numerous gatherings of peace adherents in Budapest, as well as other Hungarian cities.

This case is being closed at this time but this office will remain alert for any information which may become available regarding the activities of the subject.

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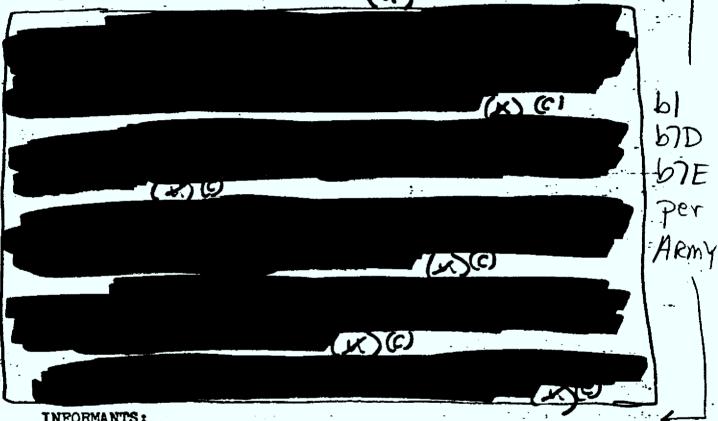
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The information concerning the article in "Neues Deutschland" of 4/6/61, was furnished to the Director by Legat, Bonn by letter of 4/25/61. (4)



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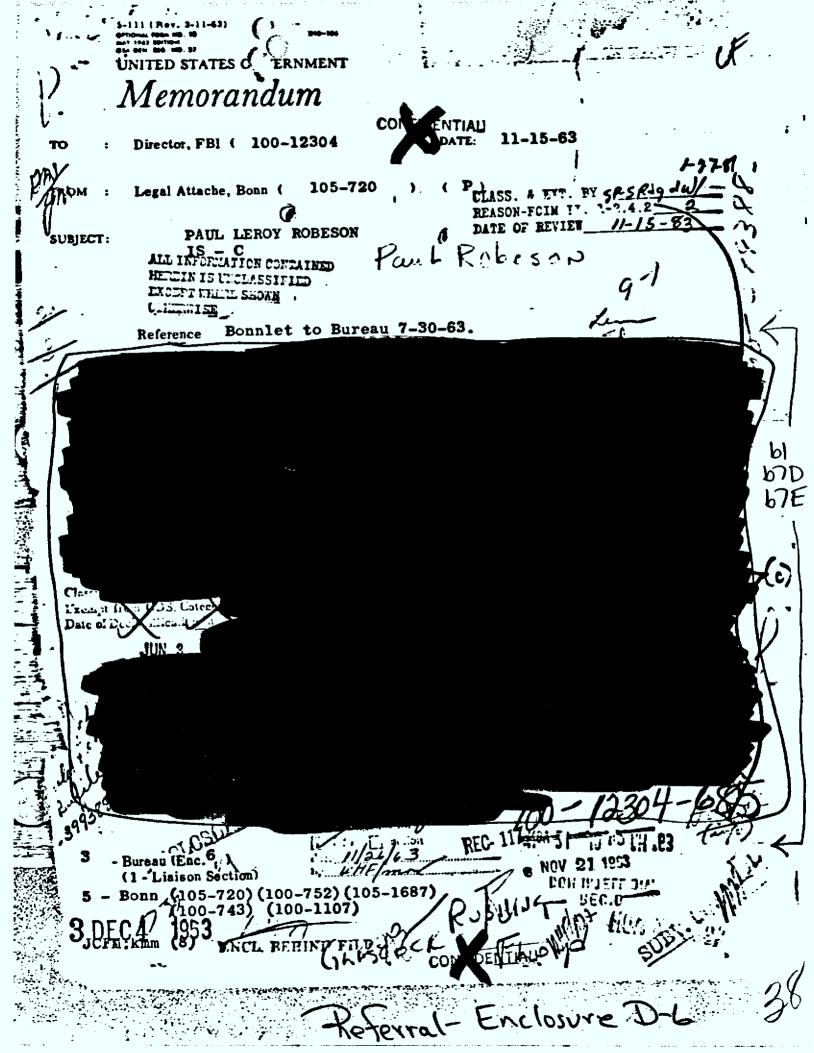


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NY T-1 further states the nature of ROBESON's illness a closely kept secret and the only reference of an overt nature appears to have been a small newspaper article in the London "Daily Mail" of September 16, 1961, which stated that ROBESON was resting in a nursing home. The article is quoted "This is nothing serious."

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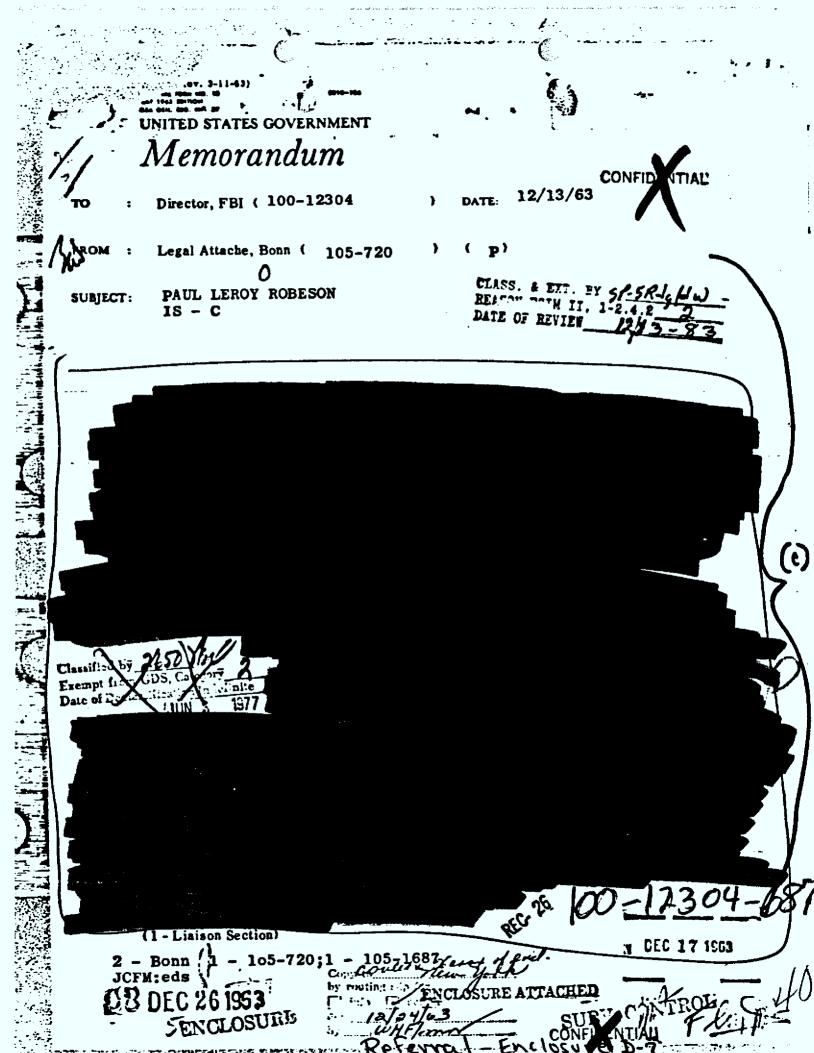




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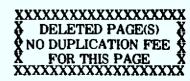








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B - Foreign Residence

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According to the August 1963 issue of "New World Review", ESLANDA ROBESON is a "roving correspondent" for this publication.

The "New World Review" is characterized in the appendix.

II AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY MOVEMENT

A - National Council of American-Soviet Friendship

The National Council of American-Soviet Friendship has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

A letter head of the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship (NCASF) listed as among the Board of Directors of the NCASF the subject, ESLANDA GOODE ROBESON.

A rally of the NCASF was held on November 26, 1962 at Carnegie Hall, New York City attended by approximately fifteen hundred persons. During the program an announcement

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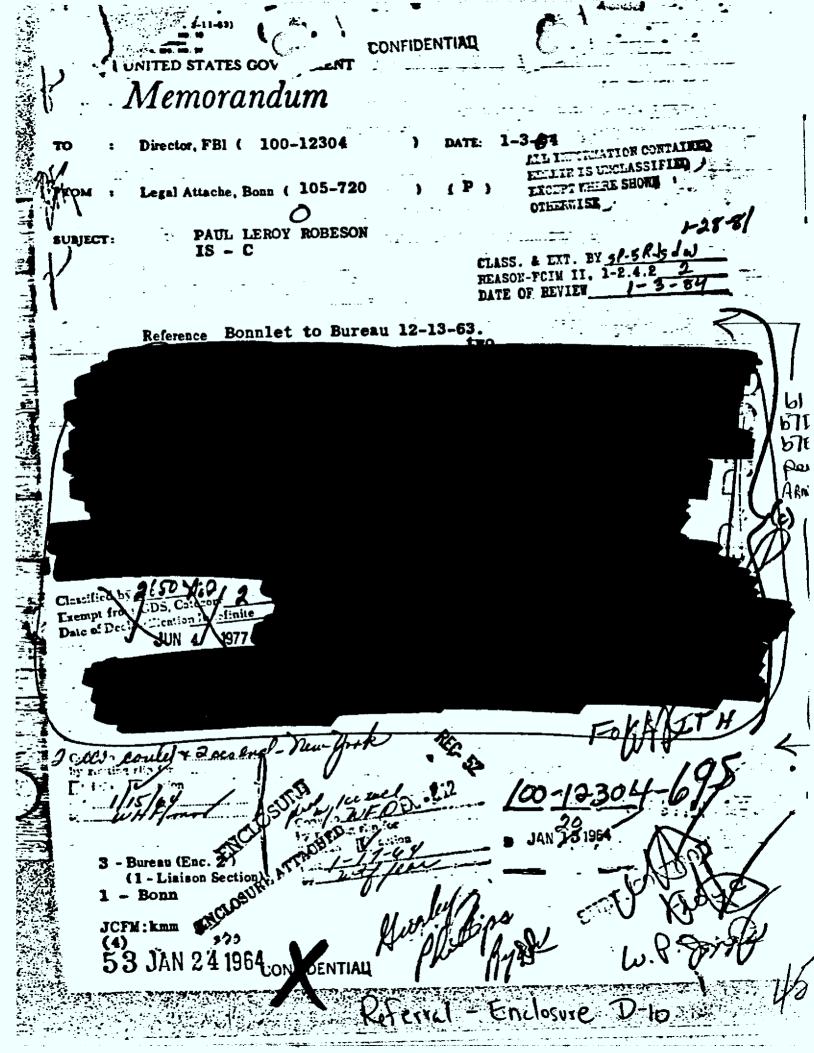
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The subject is not on the SI or the RI of the NY Division. The indices of the New York Division reflect no information of a subversive nature which has not previously been reported. The subject was interviewed on 2/28/55, at which time she was unfriendly, evasive and uncooperative. She refused to duscuss any matters relating to her membership or activities in any organization past or present.

In view of the above no request for authority to interview the subject is being made and this matter is being placed in a closed status.

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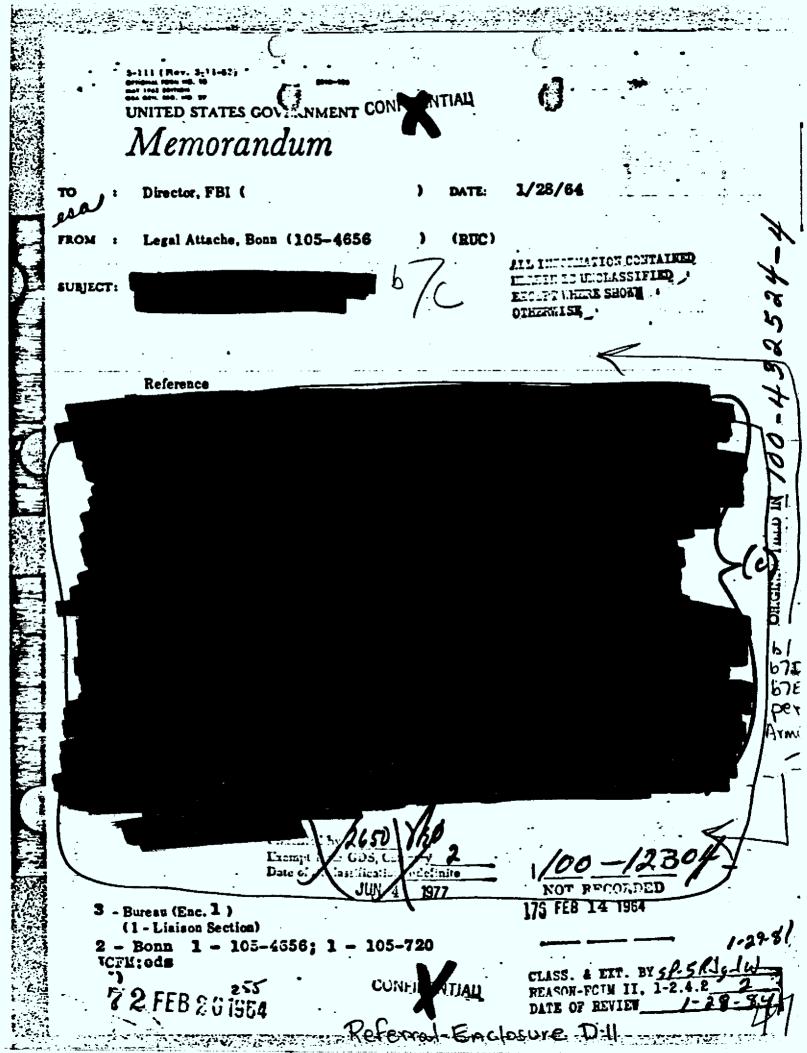
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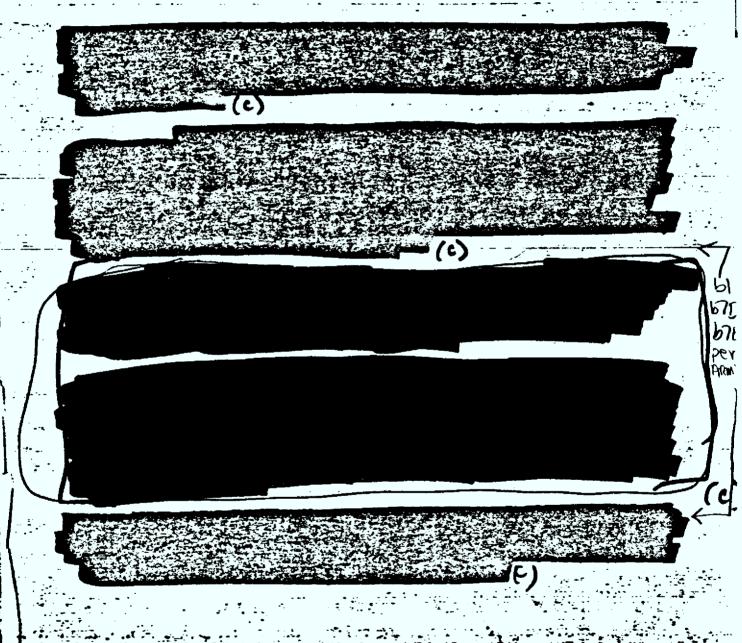
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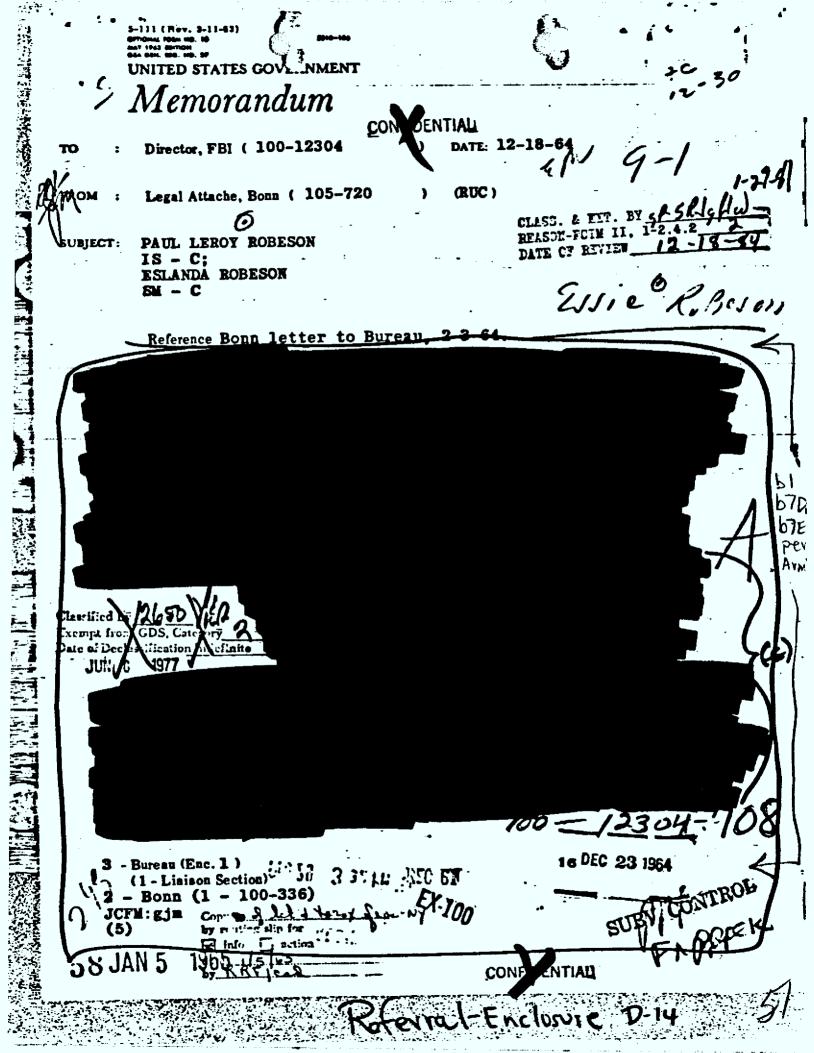
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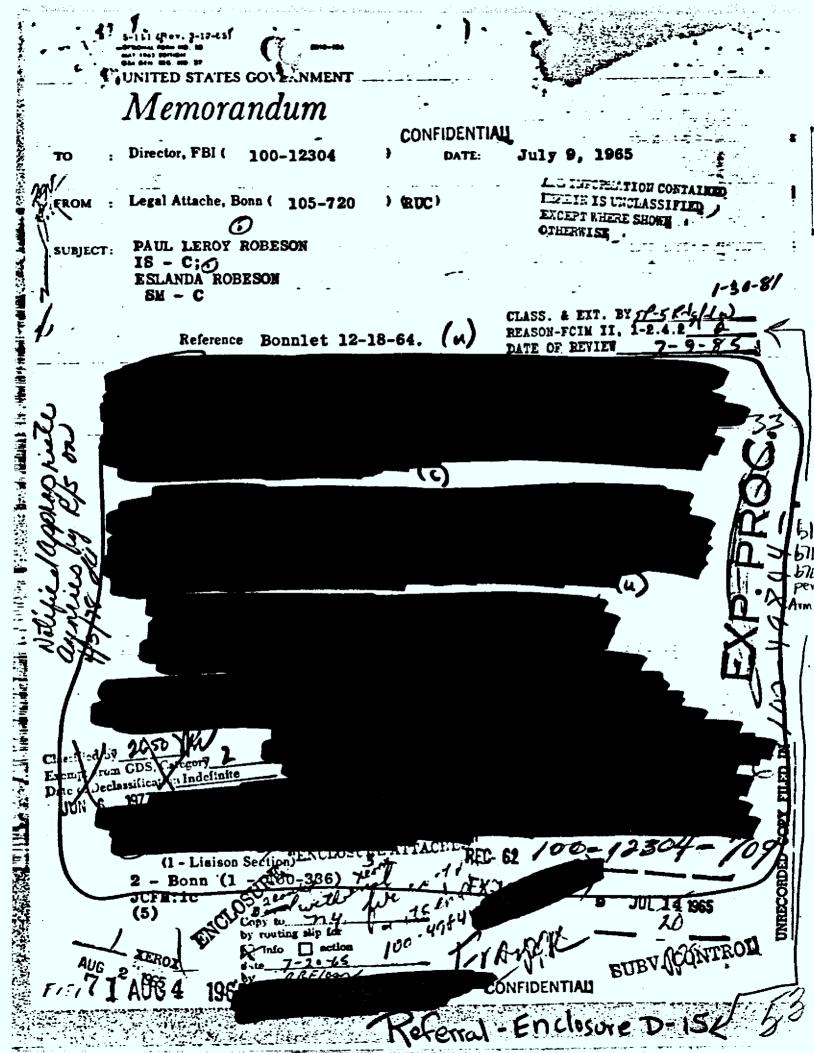
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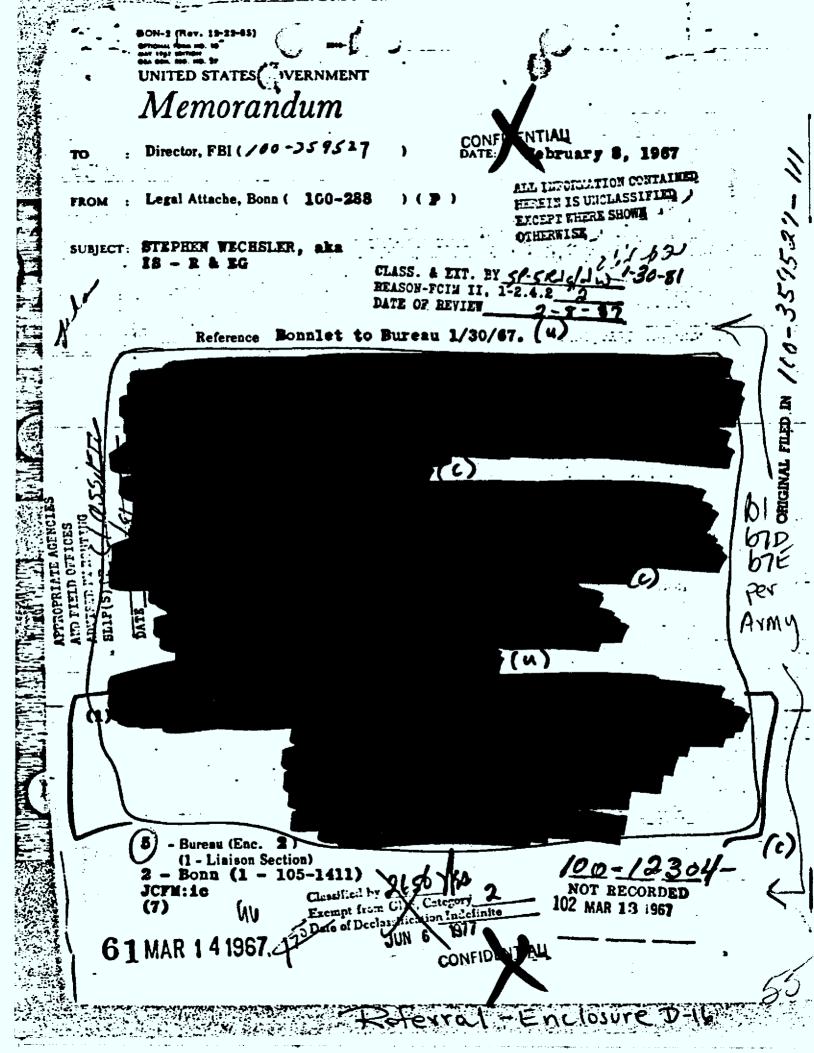




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