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TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
ROBERT STAUGHTON LYND	SECURITY MATTER - [redacted]

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

The 1949-50 Columbia University Directory reflects that subject is a Professor of Sociology at the University and resides at 75 Central Park West. Subject was a member of the Board of Directors of the American-Russian Institute, 1944, 1945, 1946, and 1948; sponsor of American Committee for Yugoslav Relief, Inc. in 1947; sponsor Fifth National Convention of American Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born; active in American Committee for Democracy and Intellectual Freedom; Director of American Investors Union, Inc., 1938; in 1940's members of National Board of the CP considered subject as a Communist; sponsor of Cultural and Scientific Conference for World Peace in 1949; sponsor of NCASF 1943, 1944, 1948, and 1949. In 1949 he urged the Pres. to meet with STALIN and urged him to instruct the U. S. delegation at the U.N. to adopt an anti-FRANCO position on the Spanish question. Subject and wife registered for ALP in 1944, 1946, 1947, and 1948. LYND was born 9/26/92 in New Albany, Indiana. Other background information set out.

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DETAILS:

RESIDENCE AND EMPLOYMENT

The Columbia University Directory for 1949-1950 reflects that ROBERT S. LYND is a Professor of Sociology and has an office at 422 Fayerweather Building on the Columbia University campus. The Directory reflected that he is married, resides at 75 Central Park West, New York City, and has telephone number TR 7-2242.

The current New York City Telephone Directory lists ROBERT S. LYND at 75 Central Park West, New York City, with telephone number TR 7-2242.

ACTIVITIES

The following organizations mentioned in this report have been designated by the Attorney General as Communist organizations coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835:

American-Russian Institute
American Committee for Yugoslav Relief, Inc.
American Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born
National Council of American-Soviet Friendship
Socialist Workers Party
Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade

American-Russian Institute

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Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability advised that ROBERT S. LYND, Professor of Sociology, Columbia University, was elected a member of the Board of Directors of the American-Russian Institute on March 9, 1948.

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Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability advised that Professor ROBERT S. LYND [illegible] member of the Board of Directors [illegible]

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Institute, had complained to the New York City Board of Education because the Institute's course on Russia had been dropped from its curriculum.

62 Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability advised on November 14, 1944 that ROBERT S. LYND was one of the Directors of the American-Russian Institute for Cultural Relations with the Soviet Union during 1944 and 1945.

67D Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, advised that ROBERT S. LYND advised the American-Russian Institute by a letter dated August 5, 1944, on Columiba University stationery, as follows:

"Of course I shall be glad to serve on the Board of the American-Russian Institute....I owe the Institute a real debt. This contact with the publicity output has given me a lively sense of what I would like to see more of in the Institute."

Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, advised in March, 1946 that according to a leaflet published by the American-Russian Institute, the Institute is an independent, non-political American membership organization, incorporated in New York State as the American-Russian Institute for Cultural Relations with the Soviet Union, Inc. This leaflet stated that the organization was governed by a Board of Directors, elected annually by the membership. ROBERT S. LYND was listed as a member of the Board of Directors.

62 The report of the Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, 78th Congress, Second Session, on page 1096 reflected that ROBERT S. LYND was on the Board of Directors of the American-Russian Institute.

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American Committee for Yugoslav Relief, Inc.

Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability advised on September [illegible], 1947, that the name of Professor ROBERT S. LYND was listed as a sponsor of the American Committee for Yugoslav Relief, Inc.

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American Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born

Confidential Informant [redacted] of unknown reliability, on July 25, 1941, furnished a news release from the American Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born, 79 Fifth Avenue, New York City, which read as follows:

"One hundred prominent individuals in all walks of American life have sent an open letter to the President of the United States urging 'full democratic rights to Americans of foreign birth' as a bulwark for our democracy and one of its vital points against Hitler-Fascism."

Among those names listed as signers were Professor HELEN MERRELL LYND, Sarah Lawrence College, Bronxville, New York, and Professor ROBERT S. LYND, Columbia University, New York City.

The report of the Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, 78th Congress, Second Session, on page 354 stated that Professor ROBERT S. LYND, Columbia University, was a sponsor of the Fifth National Convention of the American Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born.

MRS. ROBERT STAUGHTON LYND

American Committee for Friendship with the Soviet Union

The "Daily Worker", an East Coast Communist daily newspaper, dated November 12, 1940, page 2, column 6, announced that Professor ROBERT S. LYND of Columbia University was a sponsor of a meeting to be held November 15, 1940, at 8:00 P.M., at the Manhattan Center, to promote American-Soviet understanding. According to the article, this announcement was made by the Chairman of the American Committee for Friendship with the Soviet Union.

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Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, advised that the same announcement was made in a leaflet printed by the Prompt Press, which does most of the leaflet and pamphlet printing for the Communist Party-USA.

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The report of the Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, 78th Congress, Second Session, on page 364, stated that the American Council on Soviet Relations, once known as the American Committee for Friendship with the Soviet Union, had the support of "familiar fellow-travelers", among whom was listed ROBERT S. LYND.

The American Committee for Friendship with the Soviet Union was cited by the California Committee on Un-American Activities, report of 1948, page 3, as "typical of a completely Communist created and controlled organization in the civic committee field".

American Committee for Democracy and Intellectual Freedom

The report of the Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, 78th Congress, Second Session, on page 326, stated that the American Committee for Democracy and Intellectual Freedom is a Communist front organization operating among teachers and professors. It stated that the organization was closely interlocked with the New York College Teachers Union, Local 537, which was expelled as Communist dominated by the New York Central Trades and Labor Council (AFL) in February, 1939, and by the American Federation of Teachers by a referendum vote in 1941. It stated that among those active in both organizations was ROBERT S. LYND.

American Investors Union, Inc.

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Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability advised on July 22, 1943, that ROBERT S. LYND was one of the eight members of the Board of Directors of the American Investors Union, Inc., 10 East 40th Street, New York City. The informant added that this organization was Communist [illegible]

The report of the Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, 78th Congress, Second Session, on page 388, stated that Dr. ROBERT S. LYND, Pr[illegible]

of Sociology, Columbia University, co-author of "Middletown" and "Middletown in Transition", was a member of the Board of Directors of the American Investors Union, Inc., which was described as a Communist front organization under the aegis of the Consumers Union.

The records of the County Clerk's Office, New York State, under Certificate of Incorporation filed on June 27, 1938, reflect that Professor ROBERT LYND, 75 Central Park West, New York City, was a Director of the American Investors Union, Inc.

Bill of Rights Conference

The "Daily Worker" on July 1, 1949, page 5, column 2, stated that Professor ROBERT S. LYND, Columbia University, was among the educators endorsing the Bill of Rights Conference probe of:

1) Georgia lynchings
2) Ku-Klux Klan ties of Governor TALMADGE of Georgia
3) The jailing of Communist leader HOMER CHASE

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Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability advised on June 17, 1949, that Communist leaders in all parts of the country had been invited to become sponsors of the Bill of Rights Conference. At this time the informant stated that Professor ROBERT S. LYND was listed as a sponsor of the organization.

The "Daily Worker" dated June 17, 1949, page 5, column 1, stated that ROBERT S. LYND was a sponsor of the Bill of Rights Conference which was to alert the people to "the clear and present danger that our basic character of freedom may be destroyed".

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Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that the Bill of Rights Conference was held at the Henry Hudson Hotel, New York City, on July 16-17, 1949, and was sponsored by the [illegible] for Free Political Advocacy, and was to consider the [illegible] America's Bill of Rights with special emphasis on the [illegible] the twelve Communist leaders.

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Communist Party

On June 23, 1950, Confidential Informant [redacted] known reliability, described ROBERT S. LYND as an author who with his wife, wrote the famous book "Middletown", a survey of Muncie, Indiana. The informant stated that LYND is connected with Columbia University, and that his wife is associated with Sarah Lawrence College of Bronxville, New York.

The informant stated that while Professor LYND has always tried to ~~pose as a "HAROLD LASKI radical"~~, that he had learned that LYND was "closely connected with the Communist Party". According to the informant, ~~EUGENE DENNIS and JACK STACHEL, members of the National Board of the Communist Party in the 1940's, instructed that LYND be considered as a Communist~~. This was equivalent to saying that he was under Communist discipline. The informant added that LYND seemed to confirm this by his ties with a number of Communist fronts.

National Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions

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Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that Professor ROBERT S. LYND was a sponsor of the Cultural and Scientific Conference for World Peace held under the auspices of the National Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions which was held on March 25-27, 1949.

Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability advised that in his opinion the Cultural and Scientific Conference for World Peace held in New York City March 25-27, 1949, was a follow-up on the World Congress of Intellectuals held in Wroclaw, Poland, in August 1948, and that these conferences were part of a world wide Communist inspired propaganda program.

The California Committee on Un-American Activities report of March 23, 1949, page 698, cites the National Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions as "one of the most [illegible] Communist front organizations in the country [illegible] Communist front with a [illegible] from [illegible] Communist fronts" [illegible]

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The "Daily Worker" on December 1, 1947, contained on page 3, an article entitled "Leaders in Arts, Sciences, Hit Pix Purge", and continued that sixty-five leaders in the Arts, Sciences, and Professions, yesterday denounced the motion picture producers for their "shocking and degrading capitulation to the discredited and irresponsible House Committee on Un-American Activities and warned that the film moguls had opened the door to Government censorship to all means of communication." An open letter by the group to the movie industry declared:

"The decision of the Motion Picture Association of America to purge and blacklist those writers, directors, and producers who deny the Un-American Committee's right to inquire into the political opinions of private citizens is a submission to government censorship and dictation". The same film leaders who, at the Washington hearings only a few weeks ago, "attacked the committee's techniques and its ambition to censor the screen nowadopt those techniques and gratify that ambition", the letter continued. The letter, made public by the Arts, Sciences, and Professional Council of the Progressive Citizens of America, warned industry leaders that their attempt to appease the Thomas Committee "invites additional intimidation from this and other pressure groups" and added: "The legal aspect of this [illegible] upon individual Civil liberties we shall leave to the [illegible] the courts. We must express our concern over the moral and political aspects. We charge that the motion picture [illegible] opens the doors of government censorship not only for [illegible] but the theatre, press, radio, art, and music. We ch[illegible] motion picture industry, in its frightened haste to [illegible] writers and directors cited for contempt as a result [illegible] which denied them their constitutional rights, sets [illegible] and purge and blacklist violating the fundamental [illegible] freedom and decency".

Among the signers of the letter was inc[illegible] name ROBERT S. LYND, Columbia University.

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Federation of Architects, Engineers, Chemists and Technicians

The Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, 78th Congress, Second Session, in page 709, stated that ROBERT LYND, Columbia University, was a member of the Advisory Board of the Federation of Architects, Engineers, Chemists and Technicians. ("New York Herald Tribune", April 14, 1940). On page 714 of the report it was stated, "Not only do the leaders of the Federation of Architects, Engineers, Chemists and Technicians cooperate fully with the Communist Party, but so does the FAECT itself...."

National Council of American-Soviet Friendship

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Confidential Informant [redacted] on April 2, 1943, advised that Professor ROBERT S. LYND is a well-known Communist Party "fellow-traveler" and a sponsor of the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship.

The report of the Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, 78th Congress, Second Session, on page 1200, stated that according to the "New York Times", May 18, 1943, page 17, Professor ROBERT S. LYND was a signer for the "Allied Unity Rally" which was to be held at Carnegie Hall, Thursday, May 20, 1943, under the auspices of the NCASF.

A pamphlet of the NCASF listed Professor ROBERT S. LYND as a sponsor of the Congress of American-Soviet Friendship commemorating the tenth anniversary of American-Soviet [illegible] which was to be held November 6, 7, and 8, 1943.

According to a bulletin issued by the NCASF [illegible] 1944 Professor ROBERT S. LYND was listed as a sponsor [illegible] organization.

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Confidential Informant [redacted] advised on October 17, 1947 [illegible] group as the NCASF who urged [illegible] President TRUMAN and [illegible]