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Investigation revealed that the only individual by the name of Lynd residing in the Brooklin area was Prof. Robert S. Lynd, who was renting a cottage from a [redacted] at Maskeag Point. It was determined that this was Prof. Lynd's first summer in Brooklin, Maine and his wife and children were believed to be with him. It was believed that this individual was identical with the individual referred to in the Albany Letter. Boston files reflected that on February 20, 1948, the New York Office had set forth information by letter in the case entitled "John Reed Society of Harvard University, Internal Security-C," to the effect that Prof. Robert S. Lynd had addressed a group known as "The Marxist Study Group," which group was formed at Columbia and was similar to the John Reed Society at Harvard University. The letter further stated that since 1931 Lynd had been a member of the faculty of Columbia University attached to the Department of Sociology and at that time (February, 1948) he was a member of the Board of Directors of the American-Russian Institute for Cultural Relations with the Soviet Union, Incorporated, and in the past had been a member of the American Friends of Aid to Spanish Democracy and the National Emergency Conference, which, in 1939, opposed the Allen Bill as "constituting a threat to the civil rights of native Americans as well as foreigners".

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There was an additional reference to Prof. Lynd in the files of the Boston Office pertaining to an interview conducted with him, which interview was in connection with an individual by the name of [redacted] Special Inquiry, State Department, Bureau file 123-3397. (The reason for this interview or the substance thereof is not shown in the report).

Boston report 9/23/49 Re:
"Kenneth Durant, Internal
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When interviewed in the fall of 1949, Professor [redacted] Teachers College, Columbia University, 120th Street and Broadway, New York City, advised that he was only casually acquainted with Helen Lynd's husband, Dr. Robert Lynd. Professor [redacted] stated that he had always deemed Robert Lynd as a liberal, both in the fields of politics and education. However, he stated that he had no information concerning any Communistic activity or interest on the part of Helen Lynd or her husband, Dr. Robert Lynd.

Professor [redacted] further advised that [redacted] who was also on the staff of Columbia Teachers College and who he believed to be more closely associated with Professor Robert Lynd, might also be acquainted with Helen Lynd; but he added that he had no definite knowledge of this relationship.

On pages fifteen through twenty five of the May 10, 1937 issue of "Life" magazine there was an editorial article entitled "Muncie, Indiana-is the Great U.S. Middletown." The following excerpts, which were quoted from the "Life" article, reflected statements which the editors of that magazine quoted from the book "Middletown in Transition" by Dr. Robert S. Lynd:

"Muncie, Indiana is the most interesting small town in the United States. It owes its distinction to Robert and Helen Lynd, two New York sociologists, who in 1924 and 1925 lived there eighteen months and wrote a book called "Middletown"- in reality, Muncie, Indiana.

"Ten Years later Dr. Lynd returned to see what changes boom and depression had made in this typical United States town."

"The new book, 'Middletown in Transition' is even more revealing, more dramatic than the final of all United States literature."

Occasionally, statements of the Lynd book - "Middletown in Transition" - were quoted beneath the pictures in the above article and used to emphasize the points described.

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Beneath a photograph of the leading industrial family of the city were the following quotations from the Lynd book:

"They are keen, rich, healthy, clean, Christian people. They may pay too little to their employees, they may control banking but they contribute generally and do a lot for the town."

"The emergence of an upper class to whom certain leisure activities have value, not in relation to work, but quite independently as a symbol of status...."

"Depression years have made them (the homes) shabbier, but the people in them, like all Middletown, have resisted fundamental change. New streets may strike out through the green fields, new houses arise, new faces emerge, but, year in and year out, these earnest midland folk still steer customary middle courses, still clinging to the old American dream. Middletown may re-elect this course slightly to the left, but the new path will become the American Way."

New York Report 12/7/49,
Re: "Helen Merrell Lynd
Security Matter - C"
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(5) (11)

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An article published in the "Daily Worker" for December 14, 1949 stated that initiators of the statement released by the Committee for Peaceful Alternatives to the Atlantic Pact were 19 religious leaders, educators and scientists. Among the persons who signed this statement was Prof. Robert S. Lynd, Columbia University.

New York report 4-19-50

Re: "Communist Party, USA,
Internal Security - C".

100-3-3290 page 164

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According to the 1949 annual report of the American Russian Institute for Cultural Relations with the Soviet Union, Inc., the Board of Directors of this organization included Robert S. Lynd, Professor of Sociology, Columbia University.

Confidential Mail Box.
New York report 2-28-50,
Re: "American Russian Institute
for Cultural Relations with the
Soviet Union, Inc., Int. Sec.-R,
Registration Act."
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Professor Robert Lynd was one of the sixteen distinguished Americans who denounced the trend toward disciplinary action against lawyers who defend "political minorities, racial minorities, and labor organizations". Such actions, they declared, "may destroy the right to a fair trial and adequate legal counsel as guaranteed by the Sixth Amendment to the American Constitution."

Daily Worker, 2/1/50
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(10) (16)

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The February 3, 1950 issue of "Counterattack" contains the following:


"Einstein and other leaders support another Communist cause. The Communist Party is conducting a lying campaign to halt contempt imprisonment of its lawyers, Harry Sacher, Richard Gladstein, All were sentenced by Federal Judge Medina for contempt of court in recent conspiracy trial of eleven Communist Party leaders."

"And this week the Communists released a statement by sixteen prominent people to persuade the public that the sentenced lawyers really got a dirty deal. The sixteen signers denounced the disciplining of lawyers who defend 'political minorities, racial minorities and labor organizations.'"

"Their statement was a summary of most of the falsehoods in the Communist Party's campaign to smear Judge Medina and any other judge who acts similarly."

"The sixteen who signed this document included Albert Einstein; Thomas Mann, famous German novelist now a United States citizen; Professor Thomas I. Emerson of Yale Law School, Professor Robert S. Lynd, Columbia University."

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On February 10, 1950, MID, Washington, D. C., furnished the Bureau with a list of officers, board of directors, and national committee members of the American Civil Liberties Union. It was requested that the Bureau furnish information from its files indicating membership in or affiliation with Communist front organizations of the officers, directors and committee members of the ACLU together with any material which might indicate sponsorship or support of the Communist Party line by the ACLU as an organization. A marginal notation indicates that a memorandum was dictated to IDA on February 24, 1950. (S)

The list of names furnished by MID indicated that Professor Robert S. Lynd was a member of the National Committee of the ACLU. (S)

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On March 31, 1950, there were obtained and placed in the file indicated below three photostatic copies of the back cover of the February 11, 1950 issue of "The Nation" which was an advertisement concerning the Lawyers Defense Committee, an organization then being investigated by the Bureau.

This advertisement purported to be a statement by Professor Robert Lynd, Professor Albert Einstein, Professor Thomas Emerson, Professor Linus Pauling and others. The statement expresses alarm at "acts of judicial censure, imposition of prison sentences and threats of disbarment against lawyers who defend members of political minorities, racial minorities, and labor organizations. The advertisement criticizes the action of various courts against defense attorneys in the trial of the eleven Communist leaders, the trial of Harry Bridges, of six Trenton negro youths charged with murder who were represented by O. John Rogge, former Assistant U. S. Attorney General, and in other cases.

The advertisement contains a printed coupon to be used by the reader in requesting information or enclosing a contribution to the Lawyers Defense Committee, 23 West 26th Street, New York City.

Memorandum of C. B. Howard to
F. J. Baumgardner, 3-31-50,
Re: "Lawyers Defense Committee
IS - C"
100-368126-2
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Louis F. Budenz furnished, as part of his list of 400 concealed communists, 136 names of individuals. He furnished 32 of these names on April 4, 1950. In the next few days, he added the rest...

Robert S. Lynd and his wife Helen Merrell Lynd were two of the persons mentioned.

New York Letter 4-11-50,
Re: "Louis F. Budenz".
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The administrative page of the report designated below states that Alfred Kohlberg was interviewed at the New York Office on April 7, 1950. He made available a carbon copy of a letter sent by him to Senator Joseph McCarthy concerning Philip Jessup. When interviewed earlier concerning Owen Lattimore he made available to the interviewing agents copies of various correspondence and literature which he had concerning the IPR. Of this material only 5 documents were found to mention or directly concern Dr. Jessup. Although all of this material was previously forwarded to the Bureau in connection with the investigation entitled "Owen Lattimore, Espionage - R," one photostatic copy of the Kohlberg letter to Senator McCarthy and each of the 5 documents mentioning Dr. Jessup were forwarded with this report to the Bureau.

Among these documents is a letterhead of the Institute of Social Research, 429 West 117 Street, New York, New York, which indicates that the Advisory Committee included Philip C. Jessup and Robert S. Lynd.

New York report 4-27-50,
Re: "Philip Caryl Jessup,
Ambassador at Large, United
States Dept. of State, Wash.,
D.C.; Loyalty of Gov't.
Employees."
121-9893-64 encl. page 1
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On June 7, 1950, a Bureau Agent attended a press conference held by the Executive Board members of the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee in the District Room of the Statler Hotel, 15th and K Streets, Northwest, Washington, D. C. During the conference a letter was released to the press addressed to President Truman and signed by "one hundred twenty distinguished Americans" which urged the President to issue directives banning all economic aid to fascist Spain and instructing the State Department to support the continuation of sanctions imposed by the United Nations on Franco in December, 1946.

Among the signers of this letter was Professor Robert S. Lynd, New York, New York.

A Press Release of the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee, 801 Madison Avenue, New York, New York, dated June 7, 1950, was also obtained by the Agent who attended this conference. It referred to the open letter to President Truman signed by Professor Robert S. Lynd, Columbia University and others which letter was released by eleven executive board members of the J.A.F.R.C. who were about to serve prison terms for contempt of the House Un-American Activities Committee. Photostatic copies of these documents are contained in this Bureau file.

WFO Letter dated 7-21-50,
Re: "Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee
Committee; Internal Security-C".
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On June 7, 1950 the New York Office forwarded a copy of a dossier entitled "Red-Indicators at Columbia University" in which the names of eighty-seven members of the Columbia University Faculty are listed together with their affiliations with 229 Communist Front Organizations.

The following is quoted from this dossier:

"LYND, Robert S. - Professor of Sociology

"American Committee for Democracy and Intellectual Freedom - Member New York Committee (letterhead December 1, 1939) - Signer of Petition to Discontinue Dies Committee (Jan. 17, 1940) - Signer of Petition to the Board of Higher Education of New York Protesting Attacks on Schools (Daily Worker 4/29/41 p 3)

American Committee for Friendship with the Soviet Union - Supporter (Appendix IX, page 354)

American Investors Union - Board of Directors (Your Investments, January 1947)

American Russian Institute - Member Board of Directors (American Review of the Soviet Union, May 1945; letterhead June 3, 1948)

Conference for Peaceful Alternatives to the Atlantic Pact - Signer of Statement (Daily Worker, December 14, 1949, page 8)

Committee for a Boycott Against Japanese Aggression - Signer (Daily Worker 2/38)

Conference on Constitutional Liberties in America - Sponsor (program June 7, 1949)

Consumers Union - Sponsor (leaflet)

Council for Pan-American Democracy - Signer of Open Letter to Save Luis Carlos Prestes (New Masses, December 3, 1940, page 28)

Defense of Communist Schools - Signer of Petition (April 7, 1948)

Federation of Architects, Engineers, Chemists and Technicians - Member Advisory Board (Herald Tribune, April 14, 1940)

Frontier Films - Member Advisory Board (letterhead)

Gerson Supporters - Signer of Letter (Daily Worker, March 4, 1938)

Golden Book of American Friendship with the Soviet Union - Sent Greetings (Soviet Russia Today, November 1937, page 79)

Institute for Propaganda Analysis - Adviser (letterhead June 1938)

League of American Writers - Signer of Open Letter (Daily Worker, 7/31/40, p 1)

Made Statement Approving the Employment of Communists as Teachers (New York Times, April 29, 1949, page 11)

National Council of American-Soviet Friendship - Signer (New York Times, May 18, 1943) - National Sponsor (letterhead October 26, 1949)

National Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions - Sponsor (program March 26-27, 1949)

National Emergency Conference - Sponsor (program 5/13/39; letterhead 5/19/39)

National Emergency Conference for Democratic Rights - Board of Sponsors (letterhead February 15, 1940) - Signer Open Letter to Abolish Dies Committee (Daily Worker, May 13, 1940)

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Open Letter to American Liberals - Signer (Soviet Russia Today, March 1937, p. 14)
Open Letter Protesting the Ban on Communists in the American Civil Liberties
Union - Signer of Letter (Daily Worker, March 19, 1940, page 4)
Russian War Relief, Inc. - Sponsor of Appeal (New York Times, October 10, 1941)
Science and Society - Book Reviewer (Summer 1938 issue, page 397)
Statement in Defense of the Bill of Rights - Signer (January 1940)
Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade - Signer of Protest (Daily Worker,
February 21, 1940)"

Dossier issued by subject organization
New York letter 6-7-50
"National Council for American Education
Information concerning"
62-87760-29, Encl. pg. 19
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On June 16, 1950, MID, Washington, D. C., transmitted to the Bureau a summary of information pertaining to the American Civil Liberties Union which was compiled from the files of G-2. This summary contains the following information: (C)

"Robert S. Lynd, committee member, ACLU. (C)

"Professor Robert S. Lynd is reported to be a member of a dozen or more Communist fronts. He was a signer of the petition to free Earl Browder, of the Golden Book of Friendship with the Soviet Union, and according to the 'Daily Worker' of 16 November, 1940, was a supporter of American Council of Soviet Relations and Soviet Russia Today. He also signed the petition to discontinue the Dies Committee which was sponsored by the American Committee for Democracy as listed in the 'Daily Worker' of 13 May, 1940." (C)

This information is credited to a source rated as B-2, which is explained as a usually reliable source which furnished information rated as probably true. (C)

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The serial designated below is a copy of Counterattack for 8-4-50, which states the following:

"Carl Marzani (Communist Party name, Tony Whales) was sentenced to one to three years in prison for making false statements about his membership in the CP while an employee of the United States State Department."

"Robert S. Lynd, who had a Communist front record, was one of the 1000 Americans who signed a petition to President Truman asking him to pardon this liar and enemy of the United States."

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On September 1, 1950, the Mobile Office forwarded to the Bureau form letter on the letterhead of Robert Morss Lovett, 37 East 64th Street, Apartment 3B, New York 22, New York. This letter which was dated August 2, 1950 was addressed to "Office of the Mayor, City Hall, Mobile, Alabama."

This letter which is rather vague in general context states it has been learned that in a number of cities in the United States, citizens who assert their inalienable right to speak for peace according to their own insights are being assaulted, arrested by officers of the law and even impugned as disloyal to the American people in our form of government. The addressee is urged to act at once against those who seek to interfere with the rights of those who petition, speak or act for peace. Attached is a list of signers of this letter including the name "Prof. Robert S. Lynd, Columbia University, N.Y."

Mobile Letter 9-1-50
Re: "Robert Morss Lovett,
Security Matter - C".
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The serial designated below is a photostatic copy of a form letter on the letterhead of Institute for Propaganda Analysis (to help the intelligent citizen detect and analyze propaganda) 132 Morningside Drive, New York, New York, which contains a list of the Advisers of the Institute including Robert S. Lynd, Columbia University. The letter which is undated and bears no salutation is a special announcement to the subscribers of "Propaganda Analysis" and states that there are being enclosed 3 recent analyses of the American Press.

61-7559-2315X7 p. 2
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Note: The above reference appears to be improperly indexed as page 2 since this serial contains only a single page. A marginal notation indicates that a copy of "Propaganda Analysis" was detached and placed in publications files.

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The serial designated below is a sales pamphlet issued by Consumers Union of the United States, Incorporated 55 Van Dam St., New York, New York which contains a list of sponsors of the organization including "Prof. Robert S. Lynd—Department of Sociology, Columbia; co-author, "Middletown."

Original source: Confidential

Informant [REDACTED]

61-7566-795

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The references designated below were not in file at the time this summary was prepared and could not be located in the Records Section:

61-7559-1812X
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100-344432-A "Chicago Daily Tribune", 5-20-49.
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61-7566-208X
(3)

100-146964-A "N.Y. World Telegram", 1-4-49
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100-7063-A "Daily Worker" 12-23-40
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The reference designated below is indexed to Robert Lynd whose name does not appear in this reference. The name Robert Lynn is set forth therein but there is nothing to indicate that this individual is identical with Robert Lynd. A correct index card should therefore be made and the incorrect card should be destroyed.

61-7582-1298 p. 452
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The following references which are logs of technical surveillances are not being summarized:

65-56402-1-125, 126
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I	54-603-281	DESTROY
I	61-190-222, p19	DESTROY
I	61-901-37X, p38	DESTROY
I	61-7558-A, Daily	DESTROY
I	4-29-41, 10-1-40	DESTROY
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