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State Headquarters, conferred with ALEX (believed to be ALEX ROSE, State Secretary of the American Labor Party), and, among other things, ALEX asked "BID" to tell MARK (probably V.M.) to "stop bothering us with the second front proposition", to which "BID" replied that if ALEX doesn't stop harping on the third front "then there will be no second or third front".

100-8523-24, 25: Report of Confidential Informant [REDACTED] dated July 22, 1942. According to this report, V.M. addressed a Win the War Rally sponsored by the Greater New York Industrial Union Council at Madison Square Park, New York City, where flags of the Soviet Union were displayed in large numbers. V.M., in his talk, blamed the appeasing forces in our government for lack of military action in opening a second front.

100-26699-65: Report of Confidential Informant ND 119 dated July 22, 1942, re: a meeting of the Greater New York Industrial Council, C.I.O. at Madison Square Park on the same date. This confidential informant advised that the majority of the speakers were non-Communists and that V.M. was one of the several speakers. Other speakers listed in this report were: JOSEPH CURRAN, president of the above mentioned organization; BEN GOLD, head of the Furriers Union and who has been a Communist Party member for the last ten years; IRVING POTASH, head of the Furriers Joint Council in New York and alleged Communist Party member for the past 8 years.

100-14454-23, Page 21: Report of Special Agent J. D. MILENKY dated July 27, 1942 at New York, N. Y. entitled ~~WICOR~~ ASSOCIATION FOR INFORMATION ON THE ECONOMIC, CULTURAL, AND SOCIAL LIFE OF THE JEWS THE WORLD OVER, INC., formerly known as ~~WICOR~~ Association for Jewish Colonization in the Soviet Union, Inc.". This report indicates that V.M. was one of the sponsors of a delegation to be guests of the Soviet Union and the Biro Bidjan Government to witness the new life of the Jewish settlers there.

65-4309-16949: Confidential report of O.N.I. dated July 28, 1942

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advising that a second front rally was held in New York City on July 22, 1942 under the auspices of the Greater New York Industrial Union Council, the Executive Board and officers of which, according to this report, are 90% Communist. Speakers were V.M., who appealed to the "Workers of the world uniting"; JOE CURRAN; Mayor LA GUARDIA; Senators MEAD and PEPPER; and Lt. Governor POLETTI.

100-4931-2373: A report of O.N.I. dated July 30, 1942 re: "COMMUNIST WEEKLY TRENDS". This report reflects that Mayor LA GUARDIA "very frankly" endorsed V.M. for reelection.

100-7689-14, Page 1: A letter to the Bureau dated August 19, 1942 re "THE NATIONALIST PARTY OF PUERTO RICO; INTERNAL SECURITY". With this letter there were transmitted photostatic copies of a letter dated July 31, 1942 intercepted by Postal Censorship, addressed to ROGER BALDWIN, Civil Liberty Union, New York City, from BLANCA ARRACHE DE LOPEZ, Quinones, Puerto Rico. There was also enclosed a copy of a letter sent to V.M. requesting him to look into the case of FRANCISCO LOPEZ, Quinones, who was in jail at Portsmouth, Virginia.

100-7689-16, Page 1: A letter to the Bureau dated August 29, 1942 re: "NATIONALIST PARTY OF PUERTO RICO; INTERNAL SECURITY", advising of the contents of an intercept by Postal Censorship. This intercept was a communication from CESAR U. FORQUES, New York City, to Senor DON PEDRO PEREZ, Pagan, Puerto Rico, dated August 20, 1942. This communication predicted a victory for V.M. in the coming election.

100-4931-2375, Page 4: A report of O.N.I. dated August 6, 1942 re: "COMMUNIST WEEKLY TRENDS". This report revealed that the Communists are campaigning to reelect V.M. to Congress.

100-26603-162: Confidential letter to the Director dated August 8, 1942 re: "COMMUNIST PARTY, U.S.A., DISTRICT NUMBER 2, NEW YORK

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"FIELD DIVISION; INTERNAL SECURITY - R". This letter advised that Confidential Informant NYT 25, under date of August 6, 1942, advised that ISRAEL WINTER informed SIMON W. GERSON that he was staying with BUNDARIAN at Newburgh, New York until August 15, 1942. There also was a discussion on Mrs. Roosevelt's letter to the newspapers denouncing the American Labor Party in its support of V.M.

100-26603-177: Confidential letter to the Director dated August 13, 1942 re: the same subject matter as above, advising that from information obtained through Confidential Informant NYT 25 it would appear that the National Maritime Union Headquarters are regularly assigning seamen to assist in the election campaign of V.M. This source further disclosed that MURRAY conferred with LANNON, at which time he advised him that 50 or 60 seamen would report to headquarters after 5:00 PM on August 11, 1942 to assist in the campaign.

65-4632 A 744: A report from O.N.I., received under date of August 18, 1942, re: "NATIONAL MARITIME UNION". This report advised that, according to an article in the August issue of "The Pilot", JOE CURRAN made a statement to the effect that "----- we have a new perspective -----", and that a stronger organization in the N.M.U. of the unorganized seamen could render a real contribution to the war effort. This report further reflected that among the many resolutions appear those calling for financial contributions by the N.M.U. to defeat HOWARD SMITH in Virginia and to elect V.M. in New York.

100-26603-203, Page 1: Confidential report of Special Agent JEROME M. GARLAND dated August 26, 1942 at New York, N. Y. re: "COMMUNIST PARTY, U.S.A., DISTRICT NUMBER 2, NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION; INTERNAL SECURITY - R". This report advises that, according to Confidential Informant NYT 25, AL LANNON conferred with JOHN ROGAN, a recently elected officer of the N.M.U. According to this source, ROGAN said "we" did all right in New York insofar as the "Party" is concerned. In reply LANNON stated that N.M.U. did "a swell job" in connection with V.M.'S campaign.

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100-26603-203, Page 4: The same report of Agent GARLAND as above, reflecting that, according to Confidential Informant NYT 25, a Mr. LEWIS is reported to have conferred with AL LANNON, at which time LANNON stated that he (LEWIS) returned just in time from his vacation to deal a death blow to the Right Wing (possibly Right Wing of the American Labor Party). LEWIS stated that major interest was in V.M., who not only carried the A.L.P., but the Democratic and Republican primaries as well. LEWIS further is alleged to have remarked that the New York Sun referred to V.M.'S 20th Congressional District as "a corner of Moscow".

54-144-7224: Confidential report of ONI dated September 26, 1942 re: "VITO MARCANTONIO, New York City". This report advised that V.M. was a speaker at a second front rally in New York City on September 10, 1942, which was sponsored by a Communist committee made up of 40 A.F. of L. leaders.

100-35848-1: Report of Confidential Informant [redacted] dated September 12, 1942, advising that officials of 35 A.F. of L. trade unions and district councils sponsored a second front rally on September 10, 1942 at the Cosmopolitan Opera, New York City. According to this informant, V.M. was one of the speakers, and furthermore, about 1,000 comrades were present. It is alleged by this informant that outside the Cosmopolitan Opera comrades were selling the Daily Worker, New Masses, and pamphlets on Soviet Russia Today.

100-4931 J 155: A report of ONI dated September 12, 1942, which reflects that under date of September 10, 1942 a Communist committee of 40 A.F. of L. leaders held a meeting at the Cosmopolitan Opera House in New York City, demanding opening of a second front. CONRAD KAYE was chairman of the committee. Subsequently, officials of the A.F. of L. repudiated the elements who arranged the meeting as not being representative of the A.F. of L. According to this report, speakers at the meeting were V.M.; GERTRUDE LARE, organizer of the Hotel and Club Employees Union, Local Number 6; WILLIAM ALBERTSON,

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general organizer of Local 16, Hotel and Restaurant Workers, A.F. of L.; THEODORE A. JACKSON, president of Local 370, Dining Car Employees; FRANK DELLA PINNA, president of the Bricklayers Council, Joint Board; LOUIS WEINSTOCK, secretary-treasurer of Painters District Council Number 9; and ALICE MARKET, general organizer of Local 42, Chain Service Restaurant Employees Union, A.F. of L.

100-26603-287, Page 5: Report of Special Agent WALTER LEE PRICE dated September 14, 1942 at Albany, New York re: "COMMUNIST PARTY, U.S.A., DISTRICT NUMBER 2, ALBANY FIELD DIVISION; INTERNAL SECURITY - C". This report reflects that through a highly confidential source it was ascertained that GERSON made a brief analysis of the major parties and prospective candidates in New York State. Insofar as the Republican Party is concerned, he stated the Communist Party could support WENDELL WILLKIE, but not DEWEY, FISH, or State Senator FREDERICK COUDERT, JR. On the Democratic ticket he stated that Governor LEHMAN, Senator WAGNER, and Senator MEAD were acceptable to the Communist Party, but not Representative BARRY of Queens, State Senator LUNNIGAN of the Bronx, or Representative JOHN J. O'CONNOR, whom he termed appeasers and therefore not acceptable to the Communist Party. He termed the American Labor Party as the balance of power, and urged greater unity, citing the split between the Right and Left Wings of the American Labor Party. He also stressed the reelection of V.M., referring to him as New York's only Labor Congressman. Insofar as the Socialist Party is concerned, GERSON stated that the task of the Communist Party was to expose the fifth column activities of the Socialist Party.

100-28715-62 A: Confidential letter to the Director dated September 19, 1942 re: "THE NATIONAL MARITIME UNION OF AMERICA; INTERNAL SECURITY - C". This letter advised that, according to Confidential Informant NYT 52, under date of September 15, 1942, V.M. conferred with DOROTHY SNYDER of the National Maritime Union and FERDINAND SMITH, at which time he advised them that he was interested in obtaining an appointment for a young man to the Merchant Marine Training School in New London, Connecticut.

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100-26603-403, Page 9: Confidential report of Special Agent JEROME M. GARLAND dated October 13, 1942 at New York, N. Y. re: "COMMUNIST PARTY, U.S.A., DISTRICT NUMBER 2, NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION; INTERNAL SECURITY - R". This report advises that, according to Confidential Informant NYT 25, under date of September 17, 1942 GIL GREEN conferred with JOSEPH BRODESKI, at which time he informed him that the trial (Party ballot trial) was set for the following Tuesday. He also informed him that BEN DAVIS will act as associate counsel. According to this conversation, the International Labor Defense is to get in on the trial and GREEN expressed himself as believing that it would be an excellent idea to have V.M. present at the trial.

100-26603-403, Page 10: Confidential report of the same agent on the same subject matter as above, disclosing that, according to Confidential Informant NYT 25, under date of September 18, 1942, GIL GREEN conferred with ANNA DAMON, at which time he advised her that V.M. will attend the trial upstate.

100-26603-403, Page 12: Confidential report of the same agent on the same subject matter as above, reflecting that, according to Confidential Informant NYT 25, under date of September 19, 1942, an unknown individual at the Communist Party Headquarters conferred with V.M. advising him that 15,000 leaflets and some posters would be immediately delivered to V.M.'S office. According to the conversation, this material is to be used in connection with the second front rally to be held on September 24, 1942 at Union Square, New York City.

100-31386-15: Letter to the Director dated September 18, 1942, re: "TRADE UNION COMMITTEE TO ELECT WIN THE WAR CANDIDATES; INTERNAL SECURITY - C". With this letter there were transmitted copies of the report of Confidential Informant [redacted] dated August 8, 1942. This report reflects that at a meeting under the auspices of the above captioned organization the speakers were V.M.; BELLA DODD; CLIFFORD MC AVOY; CHARLES COLLINS; DAVE LIVINGSTON; MOLLY THOMPSON, A.C.A.; JANE BENEDICT, of the Book and Magazine Union, Local 18, U.O.P.W.A.; JOHN GOODMAN,

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Hotel Service Employees; FERDINAND SMITH; ROBERT SEBRASTIAN, of Local 65; ARNOLD AMES; DANIEL ALLEN, secretary-treasurer, S.C.M.W.A.; ARMANDO RAMIREZ, Cannery and Packing Workers Union; ISIDORE ROSENBERG, United Shoe Workers; and MICHAEL QUILL, who presided at the meeting. The meeting took place on August 7, 1942 at the Oddfellow's Hall, New York City, and was held presumably for the furtherance of the campaign of V.M.

The report of the Confidential Informant further reflected that V.M., in replying to the charge of being a Red, stated, "Out of the many slanders against me, one honorable accusation is unintentionally made. Many enemies call me a Red. Well they can call me Red, they can call me white, they can call me blue, but they can't call me yellow!"

This informant further advised that the same organization also sponsored a testimonial meeting to V.M. at the Hotel Pennsylvania, New York City. Speakers at this meeting were listed as follows: Councilman POWELL; Assemblyman HULAN JACK; HOPE STEVENS, Harlem lawyer and candidate; FREDERICK MYERS, N.M.I.; JOSEPH CURRAN, of N.M.U.; JOSEPH KELLY, president of A.C.A.; BELLA DODD, of the Teachers Union; ABRAM FLAXER, president, S.C.M.W.A.; PETER HAWLEY, president, Local 16, U.O.P.W.A.; MICHAEL OBERMEIER, secretary, Hotel and Club Employees, Local Number 6, A.F. of L.; CHARLES COLLINS, organizer, Hotel and Club Employees, Local 6, A.F. of L.; SAUL MILLIS, New York Industrial Union Council; CLIFFORD MC AVOY, New York C.I.O. Counsel; and MICHAEL QUILL, who presided at this meeting.

This report further reflects that "MARC", flanked by POWELL, COLLINS, CURRAN, and MYERS, strutted into the hall and received a short standing ovation. He expressed full confidence that he would win the three parties on Primary Day and that the Right Wing will end up on the outside. He heaped scorn on his discharged secretary, CHARLES MUCCILOLO, who is now opposing him on the Republican ticket, as a thief who chiseled on home relievers. He denied that MUCCILOLO broke with him on June 22, 1941 because of his stand on the war, but said he fired him as of June 1st.

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This report further advises that about 400 Communists made up the audience. This informant also advised that some of the better known comrades were: TOM HARRIS, SIMON GERSON, GIL GREEN, Professor BERNARD STERN, BEN GOLD, Dr. EDWARD BARSKY, FERDINAND SMITH, MORRIS KATSON, and DAVE LIVINGSTON.

100-26603-344: Report of Confidential Informant [REDACTED] dated September 18, 1942, which concerns itself with a meeting of the New York State Communist Party functionaries, held at the Hotel Diplomat, on September 18, 1942, where the whole tenor of the meeting was to initiate a more aggressive policy for agitation of the second front by means of large public demonstrations. At the coming Union Square demonstration to be held on September 24, 1942, V.M. was mentioned as a probable speaker, along with BROWDER, AMTER, FOSTER, CACCHIONE, and others.

100-27339-35: Letter to the Director dated October 13, 1942 re: ~~✓~~ "NEGRO LABOR VICTORY COMMITTEE; INTERNAL SECURITY - C". This letter transmitted copies of reports submitted by Confidential Informant ND 119 under date of September 22, 1942, which reflect that V.M. was a speaker at a meeting held under the auspices of the People's Voice following a mock funeral to celebrate the last of Governor TALMADGE. According to this informant, this meeting was supported by the Communist Party, the Negro Victory Council, and a group of leading Negro undertakers. V.M., in his speech, attacked the poll tax and urged support of the bill to abolish it. He advised that the people opposing the bill are the same people who opposed the opening of a second front, the same ones who supported Munich, and also likened them to the appeasers of Fascism who refuse assistance to Russia now.

According to this informant, "MARC" said, "The present war will be followed by another war, a people's war for freedom that will sweep away the imperialism of Britain and exploitation of the people."

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100-26603-370: Teletype to the Bureau dated September 24, 1942, re: "COMMUNIST PARTY, U.S.A., DISTRICT NUMBER 2, NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION; INTERNAL SECURITY - R", advising that a mass demonstration sponsored by the Communist Party and the Young Communist League was held this date at Union Square, New York City. This teletype further advised that the demonstration was preceded by a parade of National Maritime Union Workers, and that V.M. was one of the speakers. All speakers demanded immediate opening of the second front.

100-28715-150, Page 14: Confidential report of Special Agent JEROME M. GARLAND dated November 3, 1942 at New York, N. Y. entitled "NATIONAL MARITIME UNION OF AMERICA; INTERNAL SECURITY - C", reflecting that Confidential Informant NYT 52 revealed that on September 29, 1942 V.M. invited JOSEPH CURRAN to attend a banquet that was held on October 9, 1942.

100-26603-534, Page 1: Report of Confidential Informant [redacted] dated September 30, 1942. This report disclosed that the Communists are becoming well entrenched and are proceeding along definite lines towards an ultimate goal, their intentions, according to this informant, being to have key figures in all unions covering all industry and transportation, city, state, and federal government. In New York City the communist leader is named as PETE SACCHIONE, and, according to this informant, in Congress it is Representative V.M.

100-9786-9, Page 11: Report of Special Agent J. H. DYLLARD dated October 1, 1942 at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma entitled "COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES IN OKLAHOMA; INTERNAL SECURITY - C", reflecting that the Communist Party in Oklahoma widely publicized in press releases the fact that V.M., U. S. Representative from New York City, would attend and head the battery of defense counsels in appealing convictions of convicted Communists. It further reflects that the Communist Party assisted the International Labor Defense in raising funds for their defense.

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100-28627-70, Page 16: Report of Special Agent MARION E. TORRENS dated October 3, 1942 at New York, N. Y. entitled "FOREIGN INSPIRED AGITATION AMONG THE AMERICAN NEGROES IN THE NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION; INTERNAL SECURITY". This report advises that, according to Confidential Informant ND 119, V.M., Dr. MAX YERGAN, HOPE R. STEVENS, ABNER W. BERRY, BENJAMIN DAVIS, and CHARLES COLLINS, are responsible for the success of the first conference of the Negro Labor Victory Committee held in April of 1942 in New York City.

100-7689-23, Page 2: Report of Special Agent JAMES B. HAFLEY dated October 6, 1942 at New York, N. Y. entitled "JUAN ANTONIO CORRETIER; INTERNAL SECURITY (PUERTO RICAN)". According to this report, V.M. obtained employment for JUAN ANTONIO CORRETIER on release from the federal penitentiary at Atlanta, Georgia on June 3, 1942. CORRETIER, according to this report, was a former leader of the Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico, having been sentenced in 1936, together with PEDRO ALBIZU CAMPOS, for an attempt to overthrow the U. S. government by violence.

100-28715-150, Page 28: Report of Special Agent JEROME M. GARLAND dated November 3, 1942 at New York, N. Y. entitled "NATIONAL WARITIME UNION OF AMERICA; INTERNAL SECURITY - C". This report reflects that, according to Confidential Informant NYT 52, under date of October 9, 1942, it was ascertained that V.M. will speak at a coming dinner.

65-4309-22331: Confidential report of O.N.I. dated October 8, 1942, re: "VITO MARCANTONIO, New York City". This report reflects that V.M. signed an open letter to the president sponsored by the American Council on Soviet Relations, urging a declaration of war against Finland.

100-3645-139, Pages 7, 21, 22, 23, 24: Report of Special Agent HERMAN O. BLY dated October 8, 1942 at New York, N. Y. entitled "NATIONAL FEDERATION FOR CONSTITUTIONAL LIBERTIES; INTERNAL SECURITY - C".

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According to this report, the name of V.M. appears on the letterhead of "The National Federation for Constitutional Liberties" as a national officer of the Executive Committee, under date of July 3, 1942. A review of this report gives the following background, activities, and affiliations of V.M.:

According to a New York Times article dated October 19, 1941, Representative V.M. of New York cast the only House vote against the Selective Service Act of 1940. According to this report, V.M. announced that he was "now ready to vote for war".

According to this report, through Confidential Source of Information T-9 (Report of Special Agent ROBERT T. ROSS dated August 8, 1941 at Detroit, Michigan, entitled "NATIONAL FEDERATION FOR CONSTITUTIONAL LIBERTIES; INTERNAL SECURITY - C"), it was ascertained that he wrote an editorial in the New Masses, Communist weekly, entitled "VIGILANTE JUSTICE" on October 15, 1940, and that he sent anniversary greetings to the Soviet Union, which appear in the publication "Soviet Russia Today", a Communist monthly publication, in November 1937. This report further reflects that the New Masses for August 13, 1940 reflects that V.M. was a speaker at the Emergency Peace Mobilization held in Chicago under the auspices of the Committee to Defend America by Keeping America Out of War.

According to Confidential Informant [REDACTED] under date of September 6, 1940, an Anti-Conscription Rally sponsored by the Brooklyn Communist Peace Congress was held at Coney Island Velodrome, where 15,000 people were present. When V.M. was announced as a speaker, the audience stood up and cheered. In fact, V.M. said, "We have the Conscription Bill on the ropes now, so don't let up and wind up for the final knock out". V.M. read a report that was issued May 15th by the Senate Naval Affairs Committee, which told that the United States is not in danger of being attacked. He then asked the audience if they intended to keep up the fight until the Conscription Bill is defeated, and they shouted back "Yes". He then told the audience to keep sending letters, to plan more rallies,

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and to send delegations to Washington and to Chicago Peace Conferences.

This report further reflects that V.M., in addition to being on the Executive Committee of the N.F.C.L., has been, or is, connected with the following organizations: American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born - national sponsor, 1940; American Peace Mobilization - national vice chairman, 1940; Committee for the Release of International Volunteers in Spanish and French Prison Camps - endorser, 1941; Committee to Defend America By Keeping Out of War - sponsor, 1940; International Labor Defense - president, 1941; National Conference on Constitutional Liberties in America - sponsor, 1940; New York Conference for Inalienable Rights - sponsor, 1941; People's Committee Against Hearst (Of American League Against War and Fascism) - 1937; Trade Union Committee to Put America Back to Work - chairman, 1940; Citizens Committee to Free Earl Browder - national member, 1941; American Peace Mobilization - guest of honor at testimonial dinner, 1941; Assembly for Justice to National Minorities - sponsor, 1941; Greater New York Emergency Conference on Inalienable Rights - panel speaker, 1940; Teachers Union of the City of New York - Conference on overcrowding in the schools and national defense - sponsor, 1941; Joint Committee for Defense of Brazilian People - committee member, 1936; Fifth Annual Stenos Ball - sponsor, 1940; Congress of New York Youth - sponsor, 1940; Public Use of Arts Committee - sponsor, 1939; New York City Conference for a People's Delegation to Biro-Bidgan - endorser and sponsor, 1936; Citizens Committee for Striking Seamen - advisory committee and speaker, 1936; Murray Melvin Defense Committee - sponsor, 1936; Lawyers Committee on American Relations with Spain - committee member, 1939; New York State Conference on Legislation for Democracy - sponsor, 1941; School for Democracy - faculty member, 1942; Sixth National Conference, American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born - sponsor, 1942; Free Browder Rally - speaker, March 29, 1942; Harlem Victory Council - member, advisory board, 1942;

100-28715,-172: Confidential report of Special Agent JEROME M. GARLAND dated November 9, 1942 at New York, N. Y. entitled "NATIONAL MARITIME UNION OF AMERICA; INTERNAL SECURITY - C". According to this report, Confidential Informant NYT 52 advised, under date of October 8, 1942, that EDDIE GORDON of N.M.U. contacted an unknown man, advising

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him that TOM CHRISTENSEN suggested that V.M. go to the Immigration authorities in Washington, D. C. It was believed that this was probably in connection with the Greek, Norwegian, and Danish seamen on Riker's Island who have left their ships because of poor conditions, creating a problem as to their disposition.

100-7689-595, Page 39: Report of Special Agent JOHN M. HANSELL dated December 11, 1943 at New York, N. Y. entitled "NATIONALIST PARTY OF PUERTO RICO; VOORHIS ACT, INTERNAL SECURITY - N". This report advises that, according to a report of Confidential Informant T-3, [REDACTED], a banquet was held on October 9, 1942 at the Commodore Hotel by the International Labor Defense, of which V.M. was president. According to T-3, BROWDER and CORRETTJER were in attendance, sitting side by side.

100-4931-2496, Page 2: Confidential letter from O.N.I. dated October 14, 1942 reflecting that a mass second front demonstration sponsored by the Communist Party and the Young Communist League was held at Union Square, New York City, on September 24, 1942. This meeting was opened by GIL GREEN, secretary of the New York State Communist Party. This letter further advised that the speakers were: V.M.; MAX WEISS, national secretary of the Y.C.L.; SADIE VAN-VEIN, chairman of the Women's Division of the Communist Party; WILLIAM A. FOSTER, national chairman of the Communist Party; PETER V. CACCHIONE; ISRAEL AITER, New York State chairman of the Communist Party; EARL BROWDER, general secretary of the Communist Party; and several others connected with various trade unions. According to this letter, all stressed the urgency of the immediate opening of a second front.

100-47343-266, Page 4: A personal and confidential report of Special Agent H. H. HINDERAKER dated April 5, 1944 at New York, N. Y. entitled "COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE RADIATION LABORATORY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA; INTERNAL SECURITY - C". This report reflects that V.M. was chairman of the rally of the organization known as "The Allied Voters Against Coudert", which was held on October 21, 1942 at Carnegie Hall. According to this report, CARL STRAND was listed as a sponsor.

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100-26603-563, Page 3: Confidential report of Special Agent FRANK L. PRICE dated November 10, 1942 at New York, N. Y. re: "COMMUNIST PARTY, U.S.A., DISTRICT NUMBER 2, NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION; INTERNAL SECURITY - R". This report indicates that, according to Confidential Informant NYT 25, under date of October 26, 1942, BEN DAVIS advised MAX FRIMMEL that he had attended a meeting on October 25, 1942, at which he had spoken. DAVIS advised that he attended, not as a candidate, but as a Communist. This meeting was held in a church in his neighborhood and was also attended by Lt. Governor POLETTI, who also spoke.

According to this informant, the meeting was sponsored by the Anti-Lynching Committee headed by Congressman V.M. Other speakers listed were MAX YERGAN, Representative JOE GAVIGAN, Reverend CLAYTON POWELL, Reverend TRIGGS, and FERDINAND SMITH. According to this informant, DAVIS seemed very elated over the fact that "all these guys spoke from the same platform with me and I told them I was a Communist."

65-5839-6124: A confidential report from G-2 dated November 12, 1942 re: a Victory Mass Rally held at the Salem Methodist Church, New York City, on October 25, 1942. According to this report, this meeting was sponsored by the National Negro Congress, the National Emergency Committee to Stop Lynching, and the Salem Church Lyceum, for the purpose of opening a nation-wide campaign for obtaining federal prosecution and punishment of the mobists responsible for lynching the two young Negroes in Mississippi recently, and also to spur action by the Senate on the Geyer-Pepper Anti-Poll Tax Bill.

According to this report, the speakers at this rally were: V.M.; ADAM C. POWELL, JR.; MAX YERGAN; JOSEPH A. GAVIGAN; BENJAMIN DAVIS, JR.; Mrs. INA WOOD; FERDINAND SMITH; Reverend C. Y. TRIGGS; CHARLES COLLINS, and Archbishop E. H. COLLINS.

100-28715-199: Confidential letter to the Director dated October 27, 1942 re: "THE NATIONAL MARITIME UNION; INTERNAL SECURITY - R", advising that, according to Confidential Informant PA-C-15, in

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addition to V.M., the names of CHARLIE CHAPLIN and ORSON WELLES have been added to speak before a contemplated second front rally to be held on October 30, 1942 at the Academy of Music at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

100-28715-128: Teletype to the Bureau dated October 28, 1942 re: "NATIONAL MARITIME UNION OF AMERICA; INTERNAL SECURITY - C". This teletype advised that, according to Confidential Informant NYT 52, JOSEPH ROSE, N.M.U. representative of New Orleans, advised FERDINAND SMITH, vice president of N.M.U., that he obtained a place for a second front rally, which is to be held on November 2, 1942. SMITH, in turn, advised that a national committee had been organized by Representative V.M. to protest lynchings in the south.

100-39007-2: Teletype to the Bureau dated October 29, 1942 re: "NATIONAL MARITIME UNION OF AMERICA; INTERNAL SECURITY - C". According to this teletype, Confidential Informant NYT 52 advised that JOSEPH ROSE, N.M.U. agent from New Orleans, Louisiana, conferred with FERDINAND SMITH, of N.M.U., at which time SMITH advised that JOHN DAVIS, head of the National Negro Congress, left Washington, D. C. for New Orleans. ROSE requested SMITH to get CORLISS LAMONT as speaker for the rally. This teletype further reflected that it is believed that these rallies in New Orleans and Jackson are being sponsored by the National Negro Congress and the National Emergency Committee to Stop Lynching, the chairman of which is Congressman V.M.

100-4931-2553, Page 2: Confidential letter to the Director dated November 6, 1942 entitled "NATIONAL EMERGENCY COMMITTEE TO STOP LYNCHING". According to this letter, Confidential Informant ND 119 advised that V.M. is listed as president of the aforementioned organization; FERDINAND SMITH, vice president of the National Maritime Union, is listed as the secretary; and Dr. MAX YERGAN is listed as the treasurer.

100-28715-172 A: Teletype to the Director dated November 9,

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1942 re: "NATIONAL MARITIME UNION OF AMERICA; INTERNAL SECURITY -C", advising that Confidential Informant NYT 52 disclosed that HERMAN ROSENFIELD, who is the New York City Communist Party attorney, advised EDDIE (believed to be EDWARD GORDON) of the National Maritime Union, that V.M. has assurance from the Visa Division that the matter will be speeded up. It is believed that the foregoing relates to the attempts by GORDON to have his wife, ESPARANZA URDA Y CARDOS, admitted to the United States.

100-22916-8: Report from O.N.I. on a conference held on November 13, 1942 advising that Italian Communists in the November 14th issue of the "L'UNITA DEL POPOLO" publicized their coming November 15, 1942 meeting at Manhattan Center, which is to be presided over by Congressman V.M. It is alleged also that this issue featured a war sketch written by City Councilman PETER CACCHIONE.

100-27339-44: Confidential letter to the Director dated November 19, 1942 re: "NEGRO LABOR VICTORY COMMITTEE, NEGRO QUARTERLY; INTERNAL SECURITY - C". With this letter there were transmitted copies of the report of Confidential Informant ND 119 dated November 14, 1942 and November 16, 1942, which reflected the fact that a Peoples Rally and Drama on the Four Freedoms was held by the captioned organization at the Golden Gate Ballroom on November 15, 1942, at which V.M. spoke. V.M. spoke on the economic conditions existing in Puerto Rico, at which time he stated that he had requested Congress to extend Lend-Lease to Puerto Rico. He blamed the economic situation existing in Puerto Rico on four large sugar companies in Puerto Rico.

100-28715-220, Page 15: Confidential report of Special Agent JEROME M. GARLAND dated November 28, 1942 at New York, N. Y. entitled "NATIONAL MARITIME UNION OF AMERICA; INTERNAL SECURITY - C". This report advised that, according to Confidential Informant NYT 52, under date of November 16, 1942, ED GORDON conferred with V.M.'S secretary concerning the visa he is attempting to obtain for his wife, who is in Cuba.

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100-4931-2590: Confidential letter to the Director dated November 20, 1942 entitled "COMMUNIST PARTY, U.S.A.; INTERNAL SECURITY - C", advising that, according to Confidential Informant NYT 26, under date of November 16, 1942, V.M. agreed to be a regular contributor to "New Masses".

100-39007-5: Report of Special Agent MARION E. TORRENS dated December 2, 1942 at New York, N. Y. entitled "NATIONAL EMERGENCY COMMITTEE TO STOP LYNCHING; INTERNAL SECURITY - C". This report reflects that V.M., who is the president of the captioned organization, took the initiative in forming this group and that he had requested the cooperation of the National Maritime Union.

54-144-7169: Confidential report of O.N.I. dated December 4, 1942 reflecting the fact that V.M. was one of the sponsors of the Chelsea-Clifton Tenants League.

100-7689-31, Pages 2, 15: Report of Special Agent CARL E. STANFORD dated December 11, 1942 at San Juan, Puerto Rico, entitled "NATIONALIST PARTY OF PUERTO RICO; INTERNAL SECURITY". According to this report, JULIO DE SANTIAGO, acting president of the Nationalists in Puerto Rico, stated in his speech that he received a letter from V.M. advising him to the effect that he would present a bill in Congress for the independence of Puerto Rico.

This report further reflects that V.M. made a recommendation before the House of Representatives to give consideration to the granting of independence to Puerto Rico.

65-7718-23: Memorandum dated March 23, 1943 re: "V.M.; INTERNAL SECURITY - C, CUSTODIAL DETENTION". This memorandum called attention to the fact that a photostatic copy of the testimony of V.M. before the Individual Exclusion Order Hearing Board on December 21, 1942, was attached. This memorandum further advised that V.M. had appeared as a witness before this Hearing Board in behalf of

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ARMANDO CENNARAZZO, who was being considered for exclusion by the Army.

100-26603-719: Confidential letter to the Director dated December 28, 1942 re: "COMMUNIST PARTY, U.S.A., DISTRICT NUMBER 2, NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION; INTERNAL SECURITY - R". This letter advised that, according to Confidential Informant NYT 25, under date of December 24, 1942, a girl from the office of V.M. contacted someone at the Communist Party Headquarters, asking for the address of SY GERSON.

100-18000-24, Page 5: Confidential report of G-2 advising that one SERAFINA EVANGELISTA, who appeared before the Individual Exclusion Hearing Board on December 30, 1942, had been released in the custody of Congressman V.M.

97-169-1 A 6: This file, which contains the indices of the Daily Worker, reflects the following information for the year of 1942:

January 12, 1942, Page 3, Column 4: This article advised that V.M. was a speaker at the Workers Alliance Banquet held in honor of one WISEMAN.

April 1, 1942, Page 4, Column 1: This article advises that V.M. addressed a meeting on the subject "Free Browder Congress".

May 2, 1942, Page 3, Column 1: This article advised to the effect that V.M., as president of the International Labor Defense, will support "BIDDLE".

The following information was obtained from the serials which are set out hereafter, and which contain newspaper clippings from

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publications in New York City for the year 1942:

100-0A-428: A clipping from the New York World Telegram dated February 16, 1942. This article advises to the effect that V.M., who consistently opposed every step in the national defense program until the day Hitler broke with Russia, had discovered a Quislingite. According to this article, V.M. is quoted:

"On January 9th one of our most pernicious quislingites, FREDERICK WOLTMAN, wrote an article published in the SCHIPPS HOWARD New York World Telegram accusing Mr. ZYSMAN of being a Communist and berating the Navy for accepting him as a volunteer."

According to this article, V.M. wrote the secretary that he would "give aid and comfort to the quislingites preaching suspicion and attempting to create division", if he took any action against ZYSMAN.

100-734-142: A clipping dated April 8, 1942 from the New York Sun, captioned "These Days" by GEORGE E. SCHOLSKY. According to this article, V.M., who voted against every measure for the national defense prior to June 22, 1941, when Hitler attacked Soviet Russia, delivered an address containing the following paragraph:

"One thing that this Congress (to free Earl Browder) knows, and which my Congress fails to know is that we are engaged, not in a mere war, but in an international civil war, and when I say international civil war, I say that the people of India are just as important to the successful outcome of this civil war as the people of West Virginia and Maryland were of importance to the successful outcome of the Civil War of 1861. -----."

V.M. further stated, in substance, that there was no greater way to prove to the anti-Fascists of Italy, who will some day take over in Italy, that we in America are fighting an anti-Fascist war than by liberating "one of the outstanding anti-Fascists, Mr. Earl Browder."

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100-0A-519: A clipping from the New York Sun dated June 12, 1942 entitled "These Days" by GEORGE E. SOKOLSKY. This article, in effect, attacked V.M.'S record in Congress as being completely isolationist prior to Hitler's attack on Stalin, and alleged that the International Labor Defense, which he heads, is a Communist front organization, this according to a formal statement made by Attorney General FRANCIS BIDDLE in the BRIDGES case, as reflected in this report. This article also states that V.M. has followed the Communist Party line and that he was an obstructionist up to the time when Russia was attacked.

100-42735-A 32: A clipping from the People's Voice dated October 24, 1942. This article, captioned "Mississippi's Lynching Spree Spurs Many Groups Into Action", advised in substance that following the lynching of 2-14 year old Negro boys near Quitman, Mississippi, V.M. headed the "National Emergency Committee to Stop Lynching". Other officers of this committee, according to this article, include FERDINAND SMITH, secretary; Dr. MAX YERGAN, treasurer; and a host of other sponsors.

100-42735 A 83: A clipping from the People's Voice dated December 5, 1942. This article relates that V.M. presented a new bill to the 78th Congress to abolish the poll tax.

The following exhibits, obtained during the year 1942, are on file at the New York Field Office:

100-7689-1 A 6, Page 3: A photostat of an intercept by Postal Censorship dated May 2, 1942 of a communication from [redacted] Street, New York City, to Sr. DON [redacted] San Juan, Puerto Rico, wherein he requests information as to whether the [redacted] brothers, who are in a detention home, should be kept here or returned to New York. This intercept further reflects that he had consulted V.M. in this case.

100-22864-1 A 3: Report of

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Confidential Informant ND 119, under date of October 12, 1942. This report discloses that an "Act Now or Starve Mass Meeting" was held on October 9, 1942 at the Golden Gate Auditorium, New York City, under the auspices of ADAM POWELL and the People's Voice.

According to this report, the chairman of the meeting was DONNELAN PHILLIPS, of the Consolidated Tenants League. According to this report, PHILLIPS is not a Communist. The purpose of the meeting was to acquaint the Negroes as to how the freezing of wages and prices would affect the Negroes, if invoked.

The report further continues by stating that ADAM POWELL read off a list of politicians who were invited to speak, but failed to show up, among which was the name of V.M. POWELL urged those in attendance to vote against these politicians as "They are not interested in the welfare of the Negroes". This caused considerable consternation and indignation among the Communists who, under the leadership of SOLOMON HARPER, openly challenged POWELL on the statement that a telegram had been sent to V.M. inviting him to this meeting. According to the informant, an argument followed, and the Communists left the meeting in a "huff".

100-2936-1 A 55, Page 14: A publication of the FRATERNAL OUTLOOK dated December, 1942. This publication contains a photograph of V.M. and a footnote, "V.M. Heads New York Victory Candidates the I.W.O. Helped Elect -----."

100-28715-339: A confidential letter to the Director dated January 1, 1943 re: "THE NATIONAL MARITIME UNION OF AMERICA; INTERNAL SECURITY - C". This letter states that, according to Confidential Informant NYT 52, EDDIE GORDON is to contact V.M. who is to represent him before the General Visa Committee of the Immigration Bureau, where he is to appear on January 8, 1943.

65-3137-4780, Page 1: Report of Confidential Informant [REDACTED]

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dated January 10, 1943. According to this report, V.M. was present at a party held in honor of State Senator STANLEY NOWAK on January 10, 1943, at which time his (NOWAK'S) coming trial was discussed.

100-26603-845, Pages 8, 9: Confidential report of Special Agent FREDERICK C. ZINCK dated February 6, 1943 at New York, N. Y. entitled "COMMUNIST PARTY, U.S.A., DISTRICT NUMBER 2, NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION; INTERNAL SECURITY - R". This report reflects that, according to Confidential Informant NYT 25, under date of January 22, 1943, SY GERSON conferred with BILL LAWRENCE, stating that he was working on a statement to be signed by the International Ladies Garment Workers Union today and that he would also endeavor to get V.M. to sign same. According to this informant, GIL GREEN had made arrangements to see V.M. on February 1, 1943.

100-28715-462, Page 3: Confidential letter to the Director dated January 26, 1943, concerning "NATIONAL MARITIME UNION OF AMERICA; INTERNAL SECURITY - C". This letter advises that, according to Confidential Informant NYT 52, the N.M.U. National Council held a meeting during the past week, during which a number of resolutions had been passed. One of these resolutions was to lodge a protest to Congress for their failure to place V.M. on the House Judiciary Committee, thereby weakening the war effort.

100-43415-1: Letter to the Director dated January 26, 1943 re: "THE PEOPLE'S COMMITTEE; INTERNAL SECURITY - C", advising that, according to Confidential Informant ND 119, V.M. was a speaker before the aforementioned organization on January 25, 1943. According to this letter, this meeting was called as a protest to the action of PAUL V. MC NUTT in calling off the hearings regarding discrimination in the railroad industry.

100-31551-213, Page 69: Confidential report of Special Agent TRACY R. OSBORNE, JR. dated February 19, 1943 at New York, N. Y. entitled "LYDIA ALTSCHULER, with aliases; ESPIONAGE - R". This report

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reflects that V.M.'S name appears in "Consumers Union of the United States" under the caption "Roosevelt Red Record".

100-53054-61: Letter to the Director dated February 22, 1943 re: "THE NATIONALIST PARTY OF PUERTO RICO; VITO MARCANTONIO, JUAN ANTONIO CORRETJER; INTERNAL SECURITY - PUERTO RICAN". This letter states that a speech was made by V.M. at a banquet at the Commodore Hotel in New York City on February 21, 1943 held to commemorate the birth of an official propaganda organ, the "PUEBLOS HISPANOS". According to this letter, this banquet was held by the Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico. V.M.'S speech was set out in this letter, and the pertinent parts are set forth as follows:

"The launching of this paper is equivalent to the arrival of a large assortment of planes on the battle front. It will mean the destruction of Fascism in New York. I want to congratulate you, its staff and editor. I want to say a word about this editor. He has given six of the best years of his life in his struggle for an ideal. One year was spent in jail in Puerto Rico; five years in the hell-hole of Atlanta, Georgia. This is a tribute not only to the man, but to the courage of the people of Puerto Rico. I flew to Puerto Rico in 1936. All its buildings were blackened with bunting. PEDRO ALBIZU CAMPOS and his colleagues had been found guilty of the crime of wanting to be free. I made a speech from the balcony of the City Hall in San Juan. I told them that the struggle of the people of Puerto Rico was a struggle of the people of the world. I told them that the progressive element would join hands with them and free them. The National Maritime Union is giving its all to aid the people in this struggle for freedom. Labor is joining hands with all the people for freedom. The International Labor Defense Union, of which I am president, is throwing all its weight in an effort to free the great CAMPOS. I make a plea for justice and a plea for freedom. In Congress - the most reactionary Congress that we have seen in the United States is bent towards imperialism. We must have a democratic Congress that will stand up and give Puerto Rico her freedom. There is presently in Congress a pamphlet that was handed around to each Congressman the other day. Do you know what this pamphlet is? A reprint from the Chicago Tribune. It

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"belittles Puerto Rico. So does the SCRIPPS HOWARD paper, the World Telegram -- all are besmirching Puerto Rico. They are bent on a colonial policy. Why? They are corrupted. Do you realize that four corporations who have their offices here in New York own 70% of the arable land in Puerto Rico?"

V.W. thereafter launched into the economic conditions of Puerto Rico, stating that the average salary of the Puerto Rican was \$200 per year. V.W. then stated, "We charge TUGWELL and the administration for this suffering. Puerto Rico has a representative in Congress that is supposed to represent her. He is a fine fellow, a handshaker. You know him -- PAGAN. There is something mighty strange about him. There is an alliance between him and imperialism. There is a move at present in Congress to amend the Puerto Rican laws to do away with Puerto Rican legislature. Why? We are just going back to the principle of the Boston Tea Party. We are trying to legislate for Puerto Rico. This is taxation without representation."

V.W. continued, "Papers like the New York Tribune and others are all ganging up against Puerto Rico. Why? Because the Puerto Rican legislature is trying to give the land back to the people. They say that is Socialism. They say that is putting government in business. Why are they afraid? They are afraid it will take the profit away from the four corporations in New York. They are afraid of something else -- the people's war. They are afraid of a free people. They want to convert the war from a world of four freedoms into an imperialistic war, but they can't stop that. They can't stop the victories of the Great Red Armies in Russia. The victory of ROSTOV was a victory of all free men all over the world. They can't stop us. Bigger things are taking place. They can't stop us. We have in the United States great labor unions, and there are more members in these unions than ever before. These are great things that are taking place. But the puny voices of puny men in Congress are trying to stop them. Right here in the United States, 12,000,000 Negro voices are crying for democracy. We are struggling to defeat imperialism forever, but they are keeping the great DON CAMPOS in jail and Puerto Rico in shackles. Once blood is let loose for that freedom, then we shall have freedom."

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It is alleged that following his speech there was great applause, whistling, and stamping of feet.

100-7689-282, Page 5: Report of Special Agent RUSSELL S. GARNER dated September 14, 1943 at New York, N. Y. entitled "LEONARD LANCHICK, with aliases; INTERNAL SECURITY - C". This report reflects that, according to an article in the Daily Worker under date of February 25, 1943, V.M. delivered the chief address at a meeting called to inaugurate PUEBLOS HISPANOS, a weekly organ of the Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico on February 21, 1943 at New York City.

100-28714-66: Confidential letter to the Director dated March 3, 1943 re: "PAN AMERICAN DIVISION, NATIONAL MARITIME UNION OF AMERICA; INTERNAL SECURITY - C". This letter advises that, according to Confidential Informant NYT 52, a telephone call was made on February 26, 1943 from TOM CHRISTENSEN to BJORNE HALLING, Washington, D. C., in which CHRISTENSEN advised he received word from "MARK" (believed to be V.M.) that the deportation bill may come up Monday. According to this letter, arrangements were discussed to send a wire to each Congressman regarding same.

100-45892-9, Page 5: Report of Special Agent JOHN M. HANSELL dated April 28, 1943 at New York, N. Y. entitled "PUEBLOS HISPANOS (HISPANIC PEOPLES); INTERNAL SECURITY - PUERTO RICAN". This report reflects that an article appearing in PUEBLOS HISPANOS dated March 13, 1943 concludes as follows: "----- Our friends in the United States are men like V.M., ROCKWELL KENT, and EARL BROWDER."

100-9786-27: A copy of a letter to the Director from the Oklahoma City Field division dated March 15, 1943 re: "COMMUNIST PARTY, U.S.A., DISTRICT NUMBER 31, OKLAHOMA CITY FIELD DIVISION". This letter advises that, according to Confidential Informant OC 197, SAMUEL A. NEUBURGER, former chief of the legal staff of the International Labor Defense, and who has been in the United States Army since December,

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1942 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, telephonically communicated with V.M. and complained to him about the fact that his application to the Officers' Candidate Training School had been turned down. V.M., in turn, advised that if the application was not accepted within the next two weeks he would bring this incident up on the floor of the House of Representatives as "rank discrimination". This confidential informant further advised that BROWDER and V.M. are planning to launch a vigorous campaign against so-called discriminations.

100-28714-71: Confidential letter to the Director dated March 18, 1943 re: "PAN AMERICAN DIVISION, NATIONAL MARITIME UNION OF AMERICA; INTERNAL SECURITY - C". This letter advised that a telephone conversation took place between ABNER GREEN and TOM CHRISTENSEN, according to Confidential Informant NYT 52, relative to "that bill" that is coming up. CHRISTENSEN was alleged to have said that he would get in touch with "MARK'S office" (believed to be V.M.'s.)

100-41224-13: Letter to the Director dated March 22, 1943 re: "NATIONAL CONFERENCE TO ABOLISH THE POLL TAX; INTERNAL SECURITY - C". This letter advised that, according to Confidential Informant ND 119, V.M. was a speaker before the above captioned organization, which held a conference at Washington, D. C. on March 9 and 10, 1943.

54-144-9022: Confidential letter to the Director dated March 23, 1943 re: "VITO MARCANTONIO; INTERNAL SECURITY - C". With this letter there were transmitted as enclosures two photostatic copies of the testimony of Congressman V.M., who had appeared before the Individual Exclusion Order Hearing Board, Second Service Command, on behalf of one ARMANDO TERNARAZZO, who was being considered by the Board for exclusion from the eastern military area.

100-28714-74: Confidential letter to the Director dated March 25, 1943 re: "PAN AMERICAN DIVISION, NATIONAL MARITIME UNION OF AMERICA; INTERNAL SECURITY - C". According to this letter, Confidential Informant NYT 52 advised that TOM CHRISTENSEN called ABNER GREEN

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and advised him that he saw MARE (believed to be V.M.) and that the deportation bill was postponed for at least one week.

100-28780-23, Page 4: Report of Special Agent ALFRED B. NOVAK dated April 20, 1944 at New York, N. Y. entitled "CLUB OBRERO ESPANOL, INC., also known as Spanish Workers Club; INTERNAL SECURITY - C". This report reflects that on March 31, 1943 the Daily Worker carried a news item about an intensive campaign to be conducted among the Spanish speaking people in Harlem for the immediate release of Spanish Republican prisoners in North Africa. The meeting was to be held at the CLUB OBRERO ESPANOL, and was to be addressed by the following speakers: Congressman V.M.; JUAN ANTONIO CORRETIER, executive secretary of the Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico.

100-34632-215, Page 3: Confidential report of Special Agent FREDERICK C. ZINCK dated April 30, 1943 at New York, N. Y. entitled "COMMUNIST PARTY, U.S.A., SECTION 28 (Waterfront Section); INTERNAL SECURITY - R". This report reflects that, according to Confidential Informant NYT 53, MITCH HERENSON, of the Chelsea Section of the Communist Party, conferred with JOHN ROBINSON on April 2, 1943, at which time he stated that he had contacted V.M. in Washington, and that he will see him again on Sunday.

100-26603-1133: Report of Confidential Informant NYT 25, which revealed the fact that under date of April 6, 1943 GIL GREEN conferred with V.M., at Washington, D.C., at which time GREEN tried to get V.M. to speak before the "Second Front Rally" to be held at the Yankee Stadium on May 2, 1943. V.M. advised that he was committed to speak on that date at Cleveland, Ohio, and therefore could not attend.

100-3633-194, Page 3: Report of Confidential Informant ND 119 dated April 11, 1943. This report advised that V.M. was one of the speakers at the Eastern Seaboard Conference held by the National Negro Congress, New York City, on April 10 and 11, 1943. Other speakers were MAX YERGAN, president, "ational Negro Congress; THELMA

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—DALE, administrative secretary, National Negro Congress; EDMONIA GRANT, member, national council, Y.W.C.A.; and JAMES B. CAREY, secretary-treasurer of the Congress of Industrial Organizations.

100-26603-1212, Page 9: Confidential report of Special Agent FREDERICK C. ZINCK dated April 24, 1943 re: "COMMUNIST PARTY, U.S.A., DISTRICT NUMBER 2, NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION; INTERNAL SECURITY - R". This report reflects that, according to Confidential Informant NYT 25, under date of April 12, 1943, FRANKIE CRAMER, of the Waterfront Section, talked with ROMAN (believed to be ARMANDO ROMAN) concerning a parade being sponsored by the leading people of Harlem and various unions, including Local 6 of the Food Workers and Local 302 of the Jewelers Union, in connection with the demand for a second front. According to this report, V.M. and CLAYTON POWELL were the speakers.

100-7689-595, Pages 80, 81: Report of Confidential Informant ND 124, which revealed that on April 16, 1943 the Nationalist Party held a meeting to commemorate the birthday of the Puerto Rican poet and patriot JOSE DE DIEGO VATTINEZ. According to this informant, V.M. was the principal speaker. This report further reflects that Confidential Informant T-20 [REDACTED], who is well acquainted with Spanish and Puerto Rican affairs in New York City, advised that V.M. was very close to the Party and depended a great deal upon this Puerto Rican element to obtain his election at the polls.

100-34632-201: Confidential letter to the Director dated April 20, 1943 entitled "COMMUNIST PARTY, U.S.A., SECTION 28, WATERFRONT SECTION; INTERNAL SECURITY - R". This letter advised that, according to Confidential Informant NYT 53, in a conversation between MITCHELL BERENSON, organizer of the 3rd Assembly District, Manhattan Section of the Communist Party, and BELLA V. DODD, of the American Federation of Teachers (A.F. of L.) on April 13, 1943, V.M.'S name was mentioned as connected with some movement developing among the Italian longshoremen in Brooklyn.

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100-47344-14, Page 2: Confidential letter to the Director dated May 13, 1943 re: "INDUSTRIAL SECTION, COMMUNIST PARTY, U.S.A.; INTERNAL SECURITY - C". This letter revealed that, according to Confidential Informant NYT 111, MARTIN YOUNG conferred with JOHN STEUBEN, both of whom are with the Industrial Section of the Communist Party, regarding the attendance of V.M. at some unnamed affair. This event transpired on April 28, 1943.

100-7689-59: Memorandum to the Director dated April 28, 1943 re: "THE NATIONALIST PARTY OF PUERTO RICO; INTERNAL SECURITY - PUERTO RICAN". This letter advised that, according to Informant [REDACTED] V.M. and MUNOZ MARIN, president of the Insular Senate of Puerto Rico, planned to obtain assistance of the Communist Party in New York City and also the Puerto Rican government for the publication of a Spanish Communist Daily to be published in New York City.

100-45892-9, Pages 2, 11: Report of Special Agent JOHN M. HANSELL dated April 28, 1943 at New York, N. Y. entitled "PUEBLOS HISPANOS (HISPANIC PEOPLES); INTERNAL SECURITY - PUERTO RICAN". This report reflects that on February 21, 1943 at the Commodore Hotel, New York City, a banquet was held to commemorate the birth of the official propaganda organ of the Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico, "PUEBLOS HISPANOS". The speakers at this event were listed as: V.M.; JUAN ANTONIO CORRETJER, secretary general of the Nationalist Party and director of the paper; THYLA EDWARDS, the representative of the "People's Voice" and a known communist; Mrs. FAUSTO MARCADO, an ardent nationalist; LEONARD LAMB, a Communist and editorialist for "PUEBLOS HISPANOS"; ANTONIO D. LA VILLE, an ex-diplomat of Republican Spain; and CHARLES A. COLLINS, head of Local Union 7 of the Hotel Employees, and who is a reported Communist. ✓

This report further states that V.M. is a sponsor and a reported "padrinos" (godfather) of "PUEBLOS HISPANOS". According to this report, his name appears with others on the official stationery of the aforementioned publication.

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100-47142-38, Page 3: Confidential letter to the Director dated May 11, 1943 re: "LABOR FOR UNITY AND VICTORY, also known as United May Day; INTERNAL SECURITY - C". According to this letter, Confidential Informant NYT 25 advised that V.M. conferred with GIL GREEN on April 30, 1943, advising him that his secretary received a telephone message from AMSPECK'S office regarding an appearance at a rally (probably GREEN'S appearance) in Cleveland. V.M. advised GIL GREEN to deliver the speech by phone regardless of the expense.

100-26603-1258: Teletype to the Bureau dated May 3, 1943 re: "COMMUNIST PARTY, U.S.A., DISTRICT NUMBER 2, NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION; INTERNAL SECURITY - R". This teletype advised that a "Labor for Victory" May Day Rally was held on May 2, 1943 at Yankee Stadium, New York City, at which it was estimated 51,000 people were in attendance. This teletype further advised that this rally was sponsored by the Labor Unity and Victory Committee, and that the principal speakers were JOSEPH CURRAN; Senator CLAUD E. PEPPER; Mayor LA GUARDIA. Other speakers were V.M.; Reverend A. CLAYTON POWELL; JERRY DUFFY, secretary of the New York Hotel-Trader Council; MICHAEL QUILL; BELLA V. DODD; and JAMES WATERMAN WISE, research director of the Council Against Intolerance in America. The speakers, other than the principal speakers, all demanded opening of a second front, denouncing JOHN L. LEWIS, and praising the Soviet Union and calling for unity among all classes in the United States.

100-47142-34, Page 3: Confidential letter to the Director dated May 4, 1943 re: "LABOR FOR UNITY AND VICTORY, also known as United May Day; INTERNAL SECURITY - C". This letter advised that, according to Confidential Informant NYT 25, GIL GREEN told V.M. that arrangements had been made for him (V.M.) to speak at the May Day Rally in New York City and that the Cleveland engagement had been cancelled.

100-34632-227: Teletype to the Director dated May 12, 1943 entitled "COMMUNIST PARTY, U.S.A., SECTION 28, WATERFRONT SECTION; INTERNAL SECURITY - R". This teletype advised that, according to

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Confidential Informant NYT 53, MITCH BERENSON stated that an affair is to be held at Field's House on May 21, 1943 for the purpose of raising funds to finance a longshoremen's rank and file movement. This teletype further advised that PAUL ROBESON would be the guest speaker and that V.M. would also speak at this affair.

100-26603-Subfile C 39, Serial 12: Confidential letter to the Director dated May 21, 1943 re: "COMMUNIST PARTY, U.S.A., DISTRICT NUMBER 2, NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION; INTERNAL SECURITY - R". According to this letter, Confidential Informant ND 159 revealed that, under date of May 13, 1943 MARGARET CANNON conferred with BEULAH KRESS and asked her if she would go to RUTH BRANSTEIN'S home and fold leaflets after the V.M. meeting on Friday night. BRANSTEIN and Mrs. WILENSKY, according to this letter, then proceeded to Bethlehem Steel Company and distributed about 1,000 leaflets, and they are to distribute 3,000 more leaflets on Friday afternoon. It was noted that three of these leaflets had been forwarded to the Bureau.

100-7689-213, Page 3: Translation of an article from "EL ANUNCIADOR" dated May 15, 1943 reflecting that V.M., in whose Congressional District Number 20 the Puerto Rican colony of Harlem lives, in a speech before the Association PRO INDEPENDENCIA DE PUERTO RICO, promised to present a bill for the eventual independence of Puerto Rico.

100-7689-75, Pages 3, 9: Report of Special Agent JOHN M. HANSELL dated May 22, 1943 at New York, N. Y. entitled "NATIONALIST PARTY OF PUERTO RICO; INTERNAL SECURITY - PUERTO RICAN". According to Confidential Informant ND 124, under date of April 16, 1943, V.M. attended a meeting of the Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico at the CLUB OBRERO ESPANOL, New York City. Others in attendance were Dr. RAMON DEL VALLE, who is described as a Colombian intellectual; OSCAR COLLAZO, president of the Nationalist Party; and JULIO PINTO GANDIA.

This report further reflects that according to Confidential Informant T-3 [REDACTED] V.M. was very close to the Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico

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and depended a great deal upon this Party for votes. Furthermore, V.M. had obtained work for members of this Party upon their release from the penitentiary and he has petitioned the Director of Prisons to allow certain of these Nationalists to live in New York City.

100-7609-80, Page 1: Personal and confidential letter to the Director dated June 1, 1943 re: the same subject matter as above, advising that V.M. actively supports the Nationalist Party and that, according to an article in the New York Sun under date of July 27, 1936, he cabled Judge ROBERT A. COOPER in Puerto Rico to postpone the trial of the eight Puerto Rican Nationalists on trial for conspiracy to overthrow the United States authority. The purpose of this postponement, according to this letter, was so that V.M. could aid them in their defense. This letter further reflects that the request was denied and that subsequently V.M. argued a motion for a new trial contending that the jury was prejudiced.

100-7689-297: A clipping from "La Prensa" dated June 1, 1943, announcing a meeting to be held on June 13, 1943 in charge of the "Congress for the Independence of Puerto Rico", to prepare a program on the independence of Puerto Rico. V.M. was listed as a speaker, together with PEARL S. EUCK; ROCKWELL KENT; ANDRES T. DUARTE; GARFIELD HAYS; EARL BROWDER; Dr. CLAYTON POWER, consul of Haiti; and a Mr. DEFFIE.

100-47403-90: Teletype dated June 2, 1943 from Atlanta to the New York office re: "PEDRO ALBIZU CAMPOS; INTERNAL SECURITY - C". This teletype advised that LUIS F. VELAZQUEZ and PEDRO ALBIZU CAMPOS, of the Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico, would be released from the Federal Penitentiary at Atlanta, Georgia. Both of these men furnished the address of V.M., 20 Vesey Street, New York City, as their residence to the Selective Service Board.

100-4931-3249: Confidential letter to the Director dated June 12, 1943 re: "COMMUNIST PARTY, U.S.A.; INTERNAL SECURITY - R".

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This letter advises that, according to Confidential Informant NYT 26, Congressman V.M.'S secretary called EVELYN at Communist Party National Headquarters, requesting EVELYN to take a message for Mr. BEGUN relative to a speaking engagement for V.M.

100-7689-116: Report of Confidential Informant CRND 171 dated June 12, 1943. This report reflects that V.M., with a very important gentleman from Washington, D. C., held a ^{private} meeting with CAMPOS at the Columbus Hospital. ✓

100-7689-344: A letter to the Bureau re: "NATIONALIST PARTY OF PUERTO RICO; INTERNAL SECURITY - PUERTO RICAN", transmitting a circular announcing a meeting of the Pro Independence and Unity of Puerto Rico on June 13, 1943 at the Manhattan Oddfellow's Temple, New York City. V.M. was listed as one of the speakers.

100-45892-18, Pages 3, 4: Report of Special Agent JOHN M. HANSELL dated June 14, 1943 at New York, N. Y. entitled "PUEBLOS HISPANOS; INTERNAL SECURITY - PUERTO RICAN". According to this report, Confidential Informant T-1 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that among many letters of encouragement to the PUEBLOS HISPANOS appeared one from Congressman V.M. of New York.

This report further reflects that, according to Confidential Informant T-2 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], V.M. is alleged as being ready to back a Spanish Communist Daily in opposition to the "PUEBLOS HISPANOS" because of its Nationalistic trend. It is further alleged that V.M. was to obtain necessary funds for this from the Communist Party of New York, while MUNOZ was to obtain funds from the Communist Party of Puerto Rico to back the new proposed publication.

100-26603-1536, Page 15: Confidential letter to the Director dated June 14, 1943 re: "COMMUNIST PARTY, U.S.A., DISTRICT NUMBER 2,

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"NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION; INTERNAL SECURITY - R". This letter advised that V.M.'S name appears on the key figure list in the New York Field Division.

100-9786-31, Page 10: Report of Special Agent JACK H. BILLARD dated June 16, 1943 at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma entitled "Communist Party, U.S.A., District Number 31, Oklahoma City Field Division; INTERNAL SECURITY - C". This report reflects that BETTY GRAYSON, national Communist Party representative from St. Louis, appeared before various Party branches in Oklahoma, according to Confidential Informant OC 210, urging members to lend their support to the anti-poll tax, recently introduced by Representative V.M. It is alleged that BETTY GRAYSON cautioned Party members not to refer to this bill as the "Marcantonio Bill" inasmuch linking his name to it may lead to its defeat.

100-26603-1551: Confidential letter to the Director dated June 24, 1943 re: "COMMUNIST PARTY, U.S.A., DISTRICT NUMBER 2, NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION; INTERNAL SECURITY - R". This letter advised that Confidential Informant NYT 25 revealed that under date of June 17, 1943 ISRAEL AMTER conferred with PETE CACCHIONE, advising him that they are to go down and see MARK (believed to be V.M.). AMTER further advised CACCHIONE to send V.M. a telegram to determine when they could see him in New York City.

100-26603-1585: Confidential letter to the Director dated June 29, 1943 re: the same subject matter as above, advising that Special Agent J. J. BODLEY, with the assistance of Confidential Informant NYM 36, covered a meeting at the Academy Hall, New York City, on June 17, 1943, which was attended by MARY TESTA, who was associated with the L'UNITA DEL POPOLO, alleged Italian Communist paper.

This report continues that the meeting was attended by members of her Communist Party branch and that a discussion was held at this meeting concerning a rally to be held on July 4, 1943 to be called "The United Nations Rally". They will endeavor to have

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this rally sponsored by various organizations such as the American Legion Post and the C.D.V.O., both of Greenwich Village. According to this letter, it was mentioned that for speakers they would have one from the I.W.O., one from the newspaper (probably the L'Unita del Popolo), one from the C.I.O., one from the A.F. of L., and also Congressman V.M.

100-4931-3313, Page 14: Report of Special Agent RUSSELL S. GARNER dated June 19, 1943 at New York, N. Y. entitled "COMMUNIST PARTY, U.S.A.; INTERNAL SECURITY - R". This report reflects that the International Labor Defense at 112 East 19th Street, New York, N. Y. is listed as a Communist front organization, of which V.M. is national president and ANNA DAMON secretary.

100-7689-114: Report of Confidential Informant CRND 171 dated June 22, 1943, which reflects that a mass meeting is to be held on June 25, 1943 at the Park Palace as a gesture of welcome to PEDRO ALBIZU CAMPOS on his arrival in New York City.

100-4931-3286: Teletype to the Bureau dated June 23, 1943 re: "COMMUNIST PARTY; INTERNAL SECURITY - R", in which V.M. is mentioned as having scored an important victory when he demanded that the Navy Department remove all articles attacking an individual by reason or religion or race, according to Confidential Informant NYT 128.

100-53054-2,3: Letter dated June 23, 1943 from the Director to the New York Field Office re: "VITO MARCANTONIO". Transmitted with this letter were copies of a memorandum from a confidential source containing information concerning the background of the above named individual. This letter further advised that copies of this memorandum should not be made available to outside agencies or incorporated in an investigative report, unless paraphrased. This memorandum from the confidential source reads as follows:

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"Rep. VITO MARCANTONIO, whose appointment to the important House Judiciary Committee has created a storm of protest, has been active in 110 Communist or Communist-front organizations in the past ten years, a survey revealed.

"His prestige as a congressman and his talents as a speaker have been utilized by the Communist Party to advance whatever cause Moscow advocated at the time, the survey revealed.

"The ever-changing 'party line' posed no problem to VM, who veered with the news from the Kremlin and generally found himself in full accord with the policies of the 'Daily Worker'.

"House Democrats opposed to his appointment have joined forces to block confirmation of his seating. The Democratic control of the House is threatened by the bitterness of the intra-party dispute.

"Although the major part of his activity has centered in New York City, V.M. has emerged as a national figure in Communist eyes, due to his impassioned support of whatever cause attracted the party line.

"During the days of the Hitler-Stalin pact, V.M. not only voted in the House against every defense measure, but stumped from Union Square to Columbus Circle, attending every Red rally as an honored speaker denouncing 'imperialist war' at the drop of a hat.

"As long-time president of the International Labor Defense, records of the Dies Committee show V.M. lending not only his name, but vocal cords to the cause of an organization set up at the orders of the Communist International.

"The ILD, which has headquarters at 799 Broadway, a block away from the national headquarters of the Communist Party, was shown by the Dies Committee to be an outgrowth of International Red Aid, which was created by Moscow in 1922.

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"V.M. became president of the American Branch in 1937 and has remained as a leader of the organization since that time.

"Even the Labor Defender, organ of the ILD, proclaimed the political character of the group as far back as 1929 when it stated: 'There is little wonder in the fact that the idea of a world organization for workers' defense has originated in the Soviet Union'.

"When confronted with such evidence, V.M., testifying before the Dies Committee in 1939, said:

"I did definitely ascertain for myself whether or not the International Labor Defense which was convened here in 1937 was connected with the Communist Party, and I ascertained that it was definitely not connected with the Communist Party.'

"He was one of the first orators to whoop it up for the American League Against War and Fascism, an organization which dropped both words when it became apparent that Stalin was against neither.

"As soon as its name changed V.M. quickly joined the group's stepchild, the American League for Peace and Democracy. This was in 1938, according to records of the Dies Committee.

"When the Communists sought to take over the Loyalist cause during the Spanish Civil War, V.M. quickly threw his oratory in the direction of such organizations as the American Friends of Spanish Democracy and the North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy.

"When the signing of the Hitler-Stalin pact in 1939, V.M. dropped from such 'fronts' as the United Action Against Fascism and Anti-Semitism and Stumped for the American Students Union, Emergency Peace Mobilization and other Stalinist outfits dedicated to the pact with Hitler.

"Since 1933 V.M. has either joined or supported the International Workers Order, Unemployment Councils, Workers Alliance, two Leagues for Democracy' and American Youth Congress.

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"All of these organizations, according to the Dies Committee, are major parts of the Communist plan of Trojan horse 'boring from within' revolutionary groups.

"Neither was V.M. adverse to occasional contacts with the Red variety of arts and sciences. On file with the Dies Committee are records of his membership and sponsorship of such versatile proletarian bands as the Theatre Arts Committee, League of American Writers, and Artists Union.

"In addition to these many 'fronts', V.M. at one time or another during his career has supported the followed pro-Red organizations:

"The Refugee Scholarship and Peace Campaign, Lawyers Committee on American Relations with Spain, Coordinating Committee Against Profiteering, Jewish Peoples' Committee, American Friends of the Chinese People, German-American League for Culture, National Negro Congress, Consumers Union, and National Committee for People's Rights.

"Following Hitler's invasion of Russia, V.M. plummeted from his platform of 'The Yanks Are Not Coming' to an all-out espousal of the war effort.

"In 1936 he ran under the Communist nomination as well as the Republican. In 1938, 1940, and 1942 he had the Republican and American Labor nominations and also in 1942, the Democratic nomination. He ran first in 1934 as a Republican.

"Here is the record of V.M. from the Dies Committee's files:

"In a national broadcast on May 30, 1941, just three weeks before Hitler invaded Russia, V.M. attacked the president in the following language:

"You have been saying, and are saying no, to convoys, to an American expeditionary force (V.M. then charges

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"(Roosevelt with) an attempt to set up a dictatorship over the life of every American.

"There is no difference between a Nazi system and a system as set up by the President in his speech...Now conscription is revealed in its true light as training for a war of aggression.

"You, the American people, were even tricked into a phony presidential election... The people are being sneaked into this war.. Fraud and deception has been used throughout this whole scheme and conspiracy.... No, this is not a war for democracy. It is a war for conquest.

"Examine the record of the people who are asking your sons to die for this so-called democracy of theirs...they ask that you sacrifice for their kind of democracy, for a democracy which means war, empire, 52,000,000 empty stomachs....

"More taxes for you, and more profits for them, a destroyed Bill of Rights, persecuted foreign born, lynchings, a shackled labor and an impoverished farmer....

"I appeal to you to unite, stand up as free men and free women... and let the world know that you refuse to be sneaked into this war, that you refuse to be duped by fraud and deception into this war. Unite and fight!"

"In March, 1941, V.M.'S name appeared under the following statement given to the public:

"But even if we don't approve of England's war, isn't her side still preferable to Hitler's; and isn't it better to fight and beat Hitler with England than without her?

"No, an English victory will result in the same sort of imperialist, anti-Democratic peace as will a Nazi victory."

"Among the many Communist front organizations with which V.M. has been publicly identified are the following:

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"Communist Party, Sends greetings (Daily Worker, Sept. 15, 1937, p. 5).

"Communist Party. Speaker at second front demonstration with Browder and Foster (Daily Worker, Sept. 24, 1942, p. 1; Sept. 25, 1942, p. 1).

"Champion (magazine of Young Communist League). Contributor (Champion, Oct. 1936, p. 12).

"American Youth Congress. Speaker (meeting supported by Young Communist League (Daily Worker, March 3, 1936, p. 1).

"American League for Peace and Democracy, Member National Committee (Letterhead, July 12, 1939).

"American Peace Mobilization. Vice Chairman (Daily Worker, Sept. 3, 1940, p. 5, cols. 7-8).

"American Student Union, Columbia Chapter, 'Walkout on WAR' rally. Speaker (Daily Worker, Oct. 9, 1940, p. 2).

"Daily Worker, cited; wires protest on California (ship) mutiny charge (Daily Worker, March 19, 1936, p. 2).

"International Labor Defense. Open letter to Attorney General Jackson demanding intervention in Oklahoma cases. President issues letter. (Daily Worker, Sept. 30, 1940, p. 3).

"International Labor Defense. President (Undated letterhead.)

"International Labor Defense. National president. Speech introducing Earl Browder, praising ILD (Daily Worker, June 26, 1937, p. 6.).

"International Workers Order. Speaker, meeting general executive board (Fraternal Outlook, April 1939, p. 4).

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"League of American Writers. Speaker at public meeting of the fourth Congress of the League of American Writers. (New Masses, May 27, 1941, p. 2).

"New Masses. Contributor, (New Masses, June 4, 1940, p. 6.).

"Sunday Worker. Contributor.

"Daily Worker, April 3, 1936, P. 2. Workers Alliance. Demonstrator. Arrested.

"Daily Worker, arrested. Daily Worker, Feb. 17, 1936, p. 1).

"Mr. V.M.'S political, social and economic views are well known, as he has never hesitated to express them freely. They are not my views nor the views of the Democratic Party.

"It would be most unfortunate to place him on the Judiciary Committee, thereby giving him an effective sounding board and placing him in a position to help foster and promote and propose legislation which will disrupt peace and harmony within the Democratic Party. Remarks by Congressman Starnes.

"Washington, Jan. 19 -- What is Rep. V.M.'S record on the war?

"Rep. STARNES (D. Ala.) quotes the following from V.M.'S speech on the floor of the House on October 16, 1941:

"I believed then, in 1939 and in 1940, that the war of 1939 and 1940, up to the 2nd day of June, 1941, was a war between two axes, the Wall St. - Downing St. Axis versus the Rome-Tokio-Berlin axis contending for empire and for exploitation of more and more people.

"I believe that the war of 1939 and 1940, up

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"to June, 1941, was an imperialist war. I still believe that.... However I maintain that the invasion of the Soviet Union by Hitler transferred that war... into a war which is now essentially one of national defense..."

100-7689-595, Pages 80, 81, 82, 83, 85: Report of Special Agent JOHN M. HANSELL dated December 11, 1943 at New York, N. Y. entitled "NATIONALIST PARTY OF PUERTO RICO; VOORHIS ACT, INTERNAL SECURITY - N". According to this report, Confidential Informant CRND 171 advised that under date of June 25, 1943 a meeting was held in the Park Palace in honor of PEDRO ALBIZU CAMPOS, at which V.M. was a speaker. According to this informant, V.M. arranged through JAMES V. BENNETT, Director of the Bureau of Prisons, special privileges for CORRETIJER and CAMPOS while they were incarcerated in the Federal Penitentiary at Atlanta, Georgia. One of these privileges was given as the fact that CORRETIJER was allowed to visit CAMPOS while he was incarcerated therein, which was contrary to the usual procedure at this penitentiary.

This report further reflects that, according to Confidential Informant ND 186, V.M. always obtained work for members of the Nationalist Party who had been released from prison. This report also reflects that, according to Confidential Informant T-7 (NYT 141), V.M. used the paper PUEBLOS HISPANOS for political announcements. In this particular case it was an announcement of a political nature in furtherance of the candidacy of EUGENE P. CONNOLLY, Right Wing American Labor Party leader, and FRANCIS RIVERS, Negro judge. According to this informant, this occurred during the November, 1943 elections.

100-45892-A 55: A newspaper clipping from the Spanish newspaper PUEBLOS HISPANOS dated June 26, 1943, Volume 1, Page 6, Number 19: This article reflects the fact that V.M. was a speaker at a reception given to welcome ALBIZU CAMPOS to New York City on June 25, 1943.

100-7689-131: Report of Confidential Informant CRND 171 dated June 27, 1943. This report reflects that at a meeting held on June 25, 1943 by the "Committee of Hispanic Unification" at 425 Fourth Avenue, New

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York City, V.M. in his speech remarked that President Roosevelt was dissatisfied with actions of the committee sent to Puerto Rico to investigate the situation and that he, V.M., had presented a bill to Congress asking for the real independence of Puerto Rico.

100-7451-47, Page 3: Confidential letter to the Director from the Newark Field Office dated June 29, 1943 re: "COMMUNIST PARTY, U.S.A., DISTRICT NUMBER 14, NEWARK FIELD DIVISION; INTERNAL SECURITY - R". This letter advises that, according to Confidential Informant NK - CA, MARTHA STONE, Essex County secretary of the Communist Party, had extended a written invitation to V.M. to appear as a speaker before a Negro rally to be held at Newark on July 4, 1943. According to this informant, MARTHA STONE had received no response to her letter.

100-31551-661, Page 9: Confidential report of Special Agent JOHN E. PRATER dated August 2, 1943 at New York, N. Y. entitled "LYDIA ALTSCHULER, with aliases, ET AL; ESPIONAGE -R; CENSORSHIP MATTERS". This report reflects that on July 9, 1943, according to Confidential Informant NYM 23, GRACE COHEN or GOLAT, in conversation with LYDIA stated that she saw Congressman V.M. in Washington relative to doing something about the SMITH-CONNOLLY Bill.

100-7689-141 A, Page 2: Memorandum for the file dated July 10, 1943 re: "NATIONALIST PARTY OF PUERTO RICO; INTERNAL SECURITY - N". This memorandum reflects that V.M., according to Dr. ANGEL RAMON RUIZ, Director of the Good Neighbor Center, 310 Riverside Drive, New York City, has tried to gain control of the Good Neighbor Center, and that he has also requested RUIZ to mention on every possible occasion the importance of Puerto Rican independence.

100-26603-1682: Report of Confidential Informant NYT 25, under date of July 10, 1943, revealing that GIL GREEN conferred with V.M. concerning the "Nation of Sicily" as to whether something could not be done

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to really organize a big monster meeting of Italians at the Port of Liberation of Italy. It was decided by them to await the arrival of the Mayor who was out of the country at the time.

100-4931-3605, Page 12: Report of Special Agent RUSSELL S. GARNER dated September 3, 1943 at New York, N. Y. entitled "COMMUNIST PARTY, U.S.A.; INTERNAL SECURITY - R". This report reflects that, according to Confidential Informant NYM 36, a meeting attended by Trade Union C.I.O. leaders and several Communist Party members was held in New York City on July 13, 1943. This informant further advised that GIL GREEN made a speech at this meeting in which he stated that the Communist Party had made great advances among the Jews and Negroes. He further stated that "we have some good leaders to work among the Italians, for instance CACCHIONE and V.M. ———".

100-34632-291: A photostat of a copy of a letter addressed to G-2 dated July 16, 1943 advising that Congressman V.M.; Councilman CACCHIONE; and State Assemblyman JOHN J. LAMULA appear frequently at the Court Street Restaurant for policy discussions with other Party members and sympathizers.

100-26603-1738: Confidential letter to the Director dated July 28, 1943 re: "COMMUNIST PARTY, U.S.A., NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION; INTERNAL SECURITY - R". This letter reflects that, according to Confidential Informant NYT 25, under date of July 19, 1943, BELLA DODD conferred with GIL GREEN, advising him that she just had a call from "MARC", (probably V.M.) and that he was all steamed up over someone refusing to sign something. According to this conversation, MARC is supposed to have said, "Well, didn't SAUL MILLS refuse to sign it?" BELLA DODD then said that it was because of a question of policy, etc., remarking to GREEN that she "tried to throw water on the thing".

100-26603-1745: Confidential letter to the Director dated July 29, 1943 re: "COMMUNIST PARTY, U.S.A., DISTRICT NUMBER 2, NEW

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"YORK FIELD DIVISION; INTERNAL SECURITY - R". This report reflects that, according to Confidential Informant NYT 111, under date of July 20, 1943 BOB CONNOLLY of the American Labor Party conferred with SHIRLEY FIELDS of the Hotel and Restaurant Employees International Alliance, in which conversation reference was made to the coming primary. Reference was also made to the coming big mass meeting to be held at the Wintergarden, New York City, at which they would need everyone's support. CONNOLLY also mentioned the fact that they are going to have a mass meeting with V.M., QUILL, and POTASH. ✓

100-53017-1, Page 28: Confidential report of Confidential Informant [REDACTED] dated July 21, 1943 re: "GERMAN COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES IN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE". According to this report, V.M. was on the Advisory Board of the German-American Emergency Conference to defeat Hitler and to safeguard American democracy. According to this report, this organization is alleged to be a Communist organization.

100-26603-1792, Page 10: Confidential report of Special Agent FREDERICK C. ZBICK dated August 4, 1943 at New York, N. Y. re: "COMMUNIST PARTY, U.S.A., DISTRICT NUMBER 2, NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION; INTERNAL SECURITY - R". According to this report, Confidential Informant NYT 25 revealed that on July 23, 1943 V.M. conferred with GIL GREEN, at which time he stated that it was O.K. for them to meet at dinner at six o'clock of that day.

100-26603-1757: Report of Confidential Informant [REDACTED] dated July 25, 1943. In this report, this informant revealed that a rally was held at Cooper Union, New York City on this date by the Italian Americans to express their support of the Allied invasion of Italy. The chairman of this rally was NINO CAPRIARO, who is the executive secretary of the Greater New York Clothing Contractors' Association. According to this report, the speakers at this rally, who spoke in Italian, were F. DI SAVO; J. FONDARO, of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers Union; BEAGIO PERREFATO, of the Musicians Union;

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ANGELO ~~DE~~ NOVELIS, of the Shoe Workers Union; PIETRO ALLEGRA, and Dr. GIULIANA TABET. This report further advised that the speakers in English were V.M. and VINCENT CASTIGLIONE.

During this rally, V.M. made the announcement to the effect that MUSSOLINI had resigned, at which time bedlam broke loose in the hall. During this excitement, according to this informant, PETE CACCHIONE, who was sitting in the audience, jumped up on the speakers' platform and hugged V.M. V.M. urged those present to start a committee of anti-Fascists to help in forming a democratic Italy.

100-26603-1692: Teletype to the Bureau dated July 26, 1943 re: "COMMUNIST PARTY, U.S.A., DISTRICT NUMBER 2, NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION; INTERNAL SECURITY - R". This teletype advised that, according to Confidential Informant [REDACTED] a meeting was held of the Sicilian American War Rally at Cooper Union in New York City on July 25, 1943. The chairman of this rally was VINO-CAPRANO, chairman of the Needle Trades Victory Committee. Speakers included V.M.; UBALDO-GAZZOLI, who is chairman of the Italian Food Workers Victory Committee; PETER V. CACCHIONE, New York Communist Councilman; S. D. SARTO, of the Italian Painters' Victory Committee; BIAGIO-BERRETALO, of the Musicians Union; Dr. GIULIANA-TABET; and VINCENT CASTIGLIONE, of the Italian-American Victory Committee.

100-26603-1754: Report of Confidential Informant NYT 25 dated July 26, 1943 revealing that GIL GREEN conferred with V.M. on July 26, 1943, at which time they discussed the Italian situation in Europe.

100-26603-1755: Report of Confidential Informant NYT 25 dated July 27, 1943 reflecting the fact that GIL GREEN called V.M., at which time they discussed, among other things, the fact that the Mayor was in Washington, D. C.

100-26603-1707: Teletype to the Bureau dated July 27, 1943 re: "COMMUNIST PARTY, U.S.A., DISTRICT NUMBER 2, NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION;

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"INTERNAL SECURITY - R". This teletype advised that, according to Confidential Informant NYT 111, ROSE WORTIS, national committee member of the Communist Party, conferred with ESTHER GANTOR of the Industrial Section of the Communist Party, stating that V.M. was calling a meeting at the Hotel Roosevelt, New York City, on July 28, 1943. This meeting, according to the ^{NY 100-111} ~~conference~~, is to be called "The Committee to Free Italy", at which time the problem of organizing a "Madison Square Garden Rally" will be taken up. It is believed that this will be staged in conjunction with the concerted efforts of the Communist Party to obtain the backing of the Italians in New York City, particularly in connection with the coming elections.

100-26603-1753: Report of Confidential Informant NYT 25 dated July 27, 1943 revealing the fact that V.M. conferred with GIL GREEN on the above date regarding a place for a meeting.

100-26603-1789: Confidential letter to the Director dated August 3, 1943, re: "COMMUNIST PARTY, U.S.A., DISTRICT NUMBER 2, NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION; INTERNAL SECURITY - R". With this letter there was transmitted a report of Confidential Informant NYT 25, which disclosed the fact that a conference took place between BELLA DODD and DAVID GOLDWAY under date of July 28, 1943. BELLA DODD advised DAVID GOLDWAY that MORRIS SCHAPPES is to give himself up on August 6, that she just got the news from the District Attorney's office. BELLA advised that V.M. and a friend are seeing the judge and that she herself is also seeing the judge the following day. She suggested that after seeing the judge and ascertaining just how far they could go, that they ought to meet together and decide whether the case should go to the Supreme Court or not.

100-26603-1801: Confidential letter to the Director dated August 4, 1943 re: same subject matter as above. This letter refers to the reports of Confidential Informant NYT 25, which reflect that under date of July 29, 1943 a conference was held between PETER CACCHIONE and GIL GREEN, in which GIL stated, "Well look. He agrees 100% with including those four points as part of the statement of last night". From previous information, according to this informant,

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it is believed that "he" refers to Congressman V.M.

100-7689-182: Letter to the Director dated July 30, 1943 re: "NATIONALIST PARTY OF PUERTO RICO; INTERNAL SECURITY - PUERTO RICAN." With this letter there was enclosed a photostatic copy of a circular issued by the Communist Party of lower Harlem advertising a meeting held in honor of CAMPOS on June 25, 1943. This circular reflected the name of V.M. as one of the speakers.

100-26603-1806: Report of Confidential Informant NYT 25, relative to a conference between GIL GREEN and V.M. on August 2, 1943. According to this report, GIL asked V.M. what could be done in regard to the Harlem situation, to which V.M. replied, "Get our people circulating all over Harlem". The gist of the conversation centered about some trouble that broke out in Harlem with which the police were powerless to cope inasmuch as they were given strict orders not to shoot. GREEN'S proposition was to deputize 1,000 responsible Negroes from the Trade Union to work with the white police in order to restore order. V.M. agreed, stating that it was a good suggestion and that he would make the suggestion to the Mayor.

100-47344-179, Page 2: Confidential report of Special Agent FREDERICK C. ZINCK dated October 7, 1943 re: "COMMUNIST PARTY, U.S.A., INDUSTRIAL SECTION; INTERNAL SECURITY - C". According to this report, Confidential Informant NYT 25 advised that on August 2, 1943 SHIRLEY FIELDS conferred with JOHNNIE (believed to be JOHN GOODMAN), at which time she stated that the trade union forces were expected to support the Mayor and V.M.

100-7689-190: Memorandum for the file dated August 3, 1943 re: "NATIONALIST PARTY OF PUERTO RICO; INTERNAL SECURITY - PUERTO RICAN". This memorandum reflects that V.M., according to [REDACTED] is

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destined to gain some political appointment in Puerto Rico because of his interest in the Puerto Rican situation.

100-26603-1840: Report of Confidential Informant NYT 25 dated August 5, 1943 relative to a conference between GIL GREEN and V.M. on the same date. GREEN advised V.M. that CATALONATTI was calling a conference. V.M. appeared to be disturbed over this and swore, saying he would give them everything we have got, even the chairmanship. GREEN then related that the important thing was a united movement against ANTONINI and company. V.M. advised that he was going out to make two speeches that night, one in the Bronx, and the other at Coney Island.

At a prior conversation between the same two parties, V.M. asked GREEN to give him the names of anybody in the Confectionery Workers that he (V.M.) could get hold of. GREEN then furnished him with the names of PAT HILL and JOE BALDEZZI, stating that he (probably BALDEZZI) was the secretary of the local whose address he gave as 4108 29th Street, Long Island.

100-26603-1844: Report of Confidential Informant NYT 25 dated August 6, 1943 reflecting a conference between GIL GREEN of the Communist Party State Headquarters, and Congressman V.M. GREEN advised V.M. that GERALD L. K. SMITH sent a letter on his stationery to the Daily Worker. GREEN read certain parts of the letter to V.M., which were to the effect that his (GERALD SMITH'S) attention had been called to the fact that the Daily Worker has been condemning his activities. SMITH further stated that due to his continual opposition to the Communist Party this was expected, and that he deemed it an honor to be attacked by the Daily Worker. SMITH further stated, according to this report, that he had instructed all his committeemen having any contacts whatsoever with the Right Wing Element of the American Labor Party to support Mr. LYONS and his compatriots in their attempt to rid the Labor Party of alien and subversive influence. V.M. and GREEN appeared to be elated over this letter and agreed to give it full publicity. GREEN advised that it would appear in the Sunday edition of the Daily Worker. GREEN also suggested that inasmuch as they (probably GERALD L. K. SMITH

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and his friends) are circulating a petition for signatures among trade unionists to make a vicious attack on the Communist Party, they should blast this thing to a press conference so as to get it into the Sunday press with this piece of evidence. GREEN promised to send V.M. a photostatic copy of this letter. It was agreed that V.M. would say he obtained the letter from one HARRY LAYMAN (phonetic).

100-26603-1846: Report of Confidential Informant NYT 25 dated August 7, 1943 reporting a conference between V.M. and GIL GREEN. V.M. was reported to have advised that he answered ANTONINI'S speech over WENX at 11:15. V.M., in his conversation, referred to DUBINSKY as being desperate. He stated that all ANTONINI said was, " ---- all he did was talk about the Communists, V.M., ---- Communists, and so on and so forth --- Communists". GREEN said, "Did ---- the Communists too?"

100-26603-1827: Confidential letter to the Director dated August 9, 1943 re: "COMMUNIST PARTY, U.S.A., DISTRICT NUMBER 2, NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION; INTERNAL SECURITY - R. With this letter was transmitted information as reported by Confidential Informant ND 107 in a two-page mimeographed letter entitled "MARCANTONIO - CONNOLLY COMMITTEE, 10th A.D., American Labor Party, 77 Fifth Avenue, New York City, an open letter to A.L.P. Voters". According to this letter, the above information was obtained by the abovementioned informant.

100-47344-138: Confidential letter to the Director dated August 9, 1943 re: "INDUSTRIAL SECTION, COMMUNIST PARTY, U.S.A.; INTERNAL SECURITY - C". According to this letter, Confidential Informant NYT 111 advised that MAT GORDON (believed to be MAT GORDON of the Daily Worker) conferred with FANNY GALLER and ARNOLD AMES, at which time V.M. was mentioned in connection with an effort of the Right Wing of the American Labor Party to defeat V.M. at the primaries, without success.

100-7689-216: A translation of an article appearing in

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"La Prensa" dated August 10, 1943. This article reflects that V.M. has been invited to speak before representatives of Spanish societies in favor of Puerto Rican independence, which meeting was to be held in the Oddfellow's Temple, New York City on August 15, 1943.

100-26603-1940, Pages 2-5: Confidential Report of Special Agent FREDERICK C. ZINCK dated September 2, 1943 at New York, N. Y. entitled "COMMUNIST PARTY, U.S.A., DISTRICT NUMBER 2, NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION; INTERNAL SECURITY - R". According to this report, the following information was obtained through Confidential Informant NYT 25. On July 29, 1943 V.M. arranged to meet GIL GREEN at 1:00 PM of that date. On August 11, 1943 GIL GREEN conferred with PETER CACCHIONE, at which time he advised CACCHIONE that they were organizing the Italian-American non-partisan committee and that he wanted V.M. to speak on the 19th and the 26th. It is also reported that GIL GREEN conferred with EARL BROWDER on the same date and also with V.M., at which time the discussion had to do with the election. V.M. advised GREEN that he believed that the Right Wing leaders of the A.L.P. would leave the Party as a result of the election.

100-26603-1865: Confidential letter to the Director dated August 18, 1943 re: the same subject matter as above. This letter advised that Confidential Informant NYT 25, under date of August 12, 1943, advised that a conference took place between GIL GREEN, WILLIAM LAWRENCE, and CARL. According to this letter, it would appear from an examination of the information submitted that the Communist Party intends to defray some of the expenses coincidental to the V.M. Italian-American rally, scheduled for Madison Square Garden on September 9, 1943.

100-7689-217: A clipping from La Prensa dated August 13, 1943, reflecting the fact that V.M. had been invited to speak before representatives of Spanish societies regarding the independence of Puerto Rico.

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100-11832-29, Page 9: Report of Special Agent STEPHEN A. SMITH dated August 17, 1943 at Washington, D. C. entitled "COMMUNIST PARTY, U.S.A., DISTRICT NUMBER 34, WASHINGTON FIELD DIVISION". This report advises that, according to Confidential Informant T-1, in a discussion between WILLIAM S. JOHNSON, P. J. D. BRANCA, and others, a person was mentioned by the name of MC PEAK (phonetic), believed to be a member of the Fair Employment Practice Committee. It was indicated that this person was undesirable because he refused to speak at the parade in Washington on May 7th because of the fact that V.M. was also listed as a speaker.

100-28627-216: Confidential letter to the Director dated August 18, 1943 re: "NEGRO LABOR VICTORY COMMITTEE; INTERNAL SECURITY - C", advising that it was ascertained through Confidential Informant NYT 52 that on August 11, 1943 MILDRED ALLEN, of the National Maritime Union, conferred with DOROTHY K. FUNN of the Negro Labor Victory Committee, at which time they discussed a campaign to back V.M.'S bill to break down exclusion of Chinese from America.

100-26603-1928: Confidential letter to the Director dated August 30, 1943 re: "COMMUNIST PARTY, U.S.A., DISTRICT NUMBER 2, NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION; INTERNAL SECURITY - R". According to this letter, Confidential Informant NYT 25 advised that a conference took place on August 20, 1943 between EUGENE CONNOLLY, of the American Labor Party, and SY GERSON, of the New York State Headquarters of the Communist Party. This conversation is reported to have opened by GERSON stating to CONNOLLY, "Oh hello Congressman ----". CONNOLLY then stated, "How did you know I was elected?" GERSON said it was a cinch. GERSON then urged CONNOLLY to make a statement so it would get in all the morning papers, at which time it would then be the topic of conversation. After a general line of conversation CONNOLLY stated, "Well, here is what happened. See it in the A.P. Calls. Well I haven't spoken to MARK (believed to be V.M.) yet, so I didn't want to say too much. But I said 'we'."

100-26603-1959: Report of Confidential Informant [REDACTED] who advised that under date of August 20, 1943 the Bloomingdale's

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People's Committee at 19 West 99th Street, which is staffed by comrades of the 11th Assembly District Club of the Communist Party, are sponsoring a block party on August 29, 1943 at 100th Street, New York City. The following entertainment was scheduled: TEDDY WILSON and orchestra; HAZEL SCOTT, of Cafe Society, uptown; HOWARD DA SILVA; JIMMY SAVO, famous comedian; KENNETH SPENCER, motion picture actor; and DIANA DEL RIO. According to this informant, the speakers were listed as Reverend A. CLAYTON POWELL and V.M. Informant further reported that the Communist Party is making plans to take advantage of this block party to make contacts for the coming recruiting drive, which will open after the election campaign is concluded.

100-26603-2265, Pages 2, 3: Confidential report of Special Agent FREDERICK C. ZINCK dated November 2, 1943 at New York, N. Y. re: "COMMUNIST PARTY, U.S.A., DISTRICT NUMBER 2, NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION; INTERNAL SECURITY - R". According to this report, Confidential Informant NYT 25, under date of August 27, 1943, advised that GIL GREEN had an appointment with V.M. at 6:00 PM of that day. This informant further advised that it also had been ascertained that GARRAMONE had been with V.M. on that date.

100-26603-1945: Confidential letter to the Director dated September 3, 1943 re: "COMMUNIST PARTY, U.S.A., DISTRICT NUMBER 2, NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION; INTERNAL SECURITY - R". This letter advises that, according to Confidential Informant NYT 25, GIL GREEN conferred with Congressman V.M. on August 28, 1943. The conversation was reported as follows: V.M. advised GREEN to the effect that he was going to see some person and report the progress that he was making on ICKES. GREEN then asked V.M. if he had seen MAX (believed to be MAX KAPLAN of V.M.'S office), to which V.M. replied, "He's right here."

100-25781-15: Report of G-2 dated August 28, 1943 re: "10th ANNIVERSARY OF THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF AMERICAN COMMITTEE FOR PROTECTION OF FOREIGN BORN." This report reflects that plans are being

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made to hold a large convention of the organization, which is to be held in New York City on October 30 and 31, 1943 for the purpose of rallying foreign born Americans in an all-out support for President Roosevelt, and his win-the-war policies. This report further reflected that V.M. was listed as one of the many sponsors of this committee.

100-7689-43, Page 3: Report of Special Agent CARL E. STANFORD dated August 30, 1943 at San Juan, Puerto Rico entitled "NATIONALIST PARTY OF PUERTO RICO; INTERNAL SECURITY - R". This report mentions V.M. as proposing independence for Puerto Rico.

100-26603-1936: Confidential letter to the Director dated August 31, 1943 re: "COMMUNIST PARTY, U.S.A., DISTRICT NUMBER 2, NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION; INTERNAL SECURITY - R", advising that, according to Confidential Informant NYT 25, in a conference between WILLIAM LAWRENCE, of the Communist Party State Headquarters, and an unidentified man named GARAMONI (phonetic), LAWRENCE advised that "MARC (believed to be V.M.) is a very good friend of Dr. YERGAN."

100-28715-1582: Confidential letter to the Director dated September 8, 1943 re: "FERDINAND C. SMITH; INTERNAL SECURITY - C", advising that Confidential Informant NYT 52 revealed that SMITH is to meet with V.M. on August 31, 1943.

100-26603-1999: Report of Confidential Informant NYT 25, advising that under date of September 3, 1943 V.M. conferred with GIL GREEN. V.M. advised that he had just spoken with ICKES and expected him to call back in an hour's time; that the "White House said they guaranteed this "guy" as well as MC NUTT, whom he accused of giving him the run around. GREEN said, "We're going to support you as a, in every way we can", to which V.M. replied, "That's fine. I sure appreciate it." It is further reported that V.M. then advised that the following day he was going to chase the Little Flower, that when he catches up with him there'll be a new mayor.

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100-26603-2040: Report of Confidential Informant NYT 25 dated September 3, 1943, advising of a conference between V.M. and GIL GREEN as of the same date. In this conference V.M. was apparently greatly disturbed over something that happened and stated, "----- I'm through, once and for all, I'm through." "I'm pulling out of everything, GIL, I'm going to stay in my district, and that's all." V.M. also requested that a retraction be published in the paper before Tuesday.

100-4931-3725, Page 14: Report of Special Agent JEROME M. GARLAND dated October 5, 1943 at New York, N. Y. re: "COMMUNIST PARTY, U.S.A.; INTERNAL SECURITY - R". This report reflects that AMTER, at a Communist Party meeting held on September 3, 1943 at the Academy Hall, New York City, mentioned V.M. in connection with a coming rally to be held at Madison Square Garden on September 9, 1943. According to this report, efforts were being made to have HAROLD ICKES as a speaker at this rally.

100-28715-1550, Page 6: Confidential report of Special Agent JEROME M. GARLAND dated September 4, 1943 re: "NATIONAL MARITIME UNION OF AMERICA; INTERNAL SECURITY - C". This report advised that, according to Confidential Informant NYT 52, a meeting is to be called by V.M. of the Italian-American Section on September 9, 1943 at Madison Square Garden.

100-7689-269: Letter to the Director dated September 6, 1943 re: "NATIONALIST PARTY OF PUERTO RICO; INTERNAL SECURITY - PUERTO RICAN" regarding Congressman V.M.'S interest in arranging for members of the Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico leaving prison to come to New York.

100-26603-2036: Report of Confidential Informant NYT 25 reflecting conferences between parties mentioned as follows:

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of the State, County, and Municipal Workers of America, conferred with BILL LAWRENCE, of the State Headquarters of the Communist Party. According to this informant MIKE said he had just talked to MARC (believed to be V.M.), who advised him that he promised the mayor that he would "only have it printed on the leaflet" and would not release it to the papers. At a subsequent conversation GEROMONI advised LAWRENCE that he just obtained a call from V.M., who advised him that the mayor said it was approved for release in Thursday morning's paper. The gist of the subsequent conversation was pertaining to the printing of leaflets for the "support the free democratic government of the Italian people". According to this leaflet, there was to be a victory rally at Madison Square Garden, at which time Mayor LA GUARDIA, Congressman V.M., and others would speak.

100-26603-2047: Report of Confidential Informant NYT 25, advising that on September 8, 1943 V.M. conferred with GIL GREEN, at which time V.M. mentioned a meeting of the American Labor Party Committee tonight, stating he was going to repudiate LEVY, otherwise it would look as though they were supporting AURELIO. V.M. referred to LEVY as a crook because he was tied up with BIOFF and BROWN. GREEN persuaded him to hold off for a week to see what the Amalgamated people would do. V.M. agreed to do this.

100-7689-280, Page 6: Report of Special Agent JOHN M. HANSELL dated September 9, 1943 at New York, N. Y. entitled "NATIONALIST PARTY OF PUERTO RICO; VOORHIS ACT, INTERNAL SECURITY - N". According to this report, V.M. was present on June 25, 1943 at a meeting of the Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico held in New York City. ✓

100-7689-290: Contains a clipping from "Fraternal Outlook" dated September, 1943 announcing a rally held on behalf of ALBIZU CAMPOS, chairman of the Puerto Rican Nationalist Party, on his release from Atlanta Federal Penitentiary after seven years' imprisonment. According to this clipping, V.M. was one of the speakers. ✓

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100-26603-2046: Teletype to the Bureau dated September 10, 1943 re "UNITED AMERICANS OF ITALIAN ORIGIN FOR UNITED NATIONS VICTORY; INTERNAL SECURITY - C". This teletype advised that 7,000 people attended a rally at Madison Square Garden on September 9, 1943. Speakers at this rally were Mayor LA GUARDIA; Congressman V.M.; JOSEPH SALERNO, president of the Massachusetts C.I.O.; Magistrate NICHOLAS H. PINTO; HAMLET O. CATENACCIO, New York State Assemblyman; JOHN J. LAMULA; S. ROBERT MOLINARI; RICHARD DI-GOSTANZO, New York State Senator; ARDUILIO SUSI, president of Local 89 of the Hotel and Restaurant Employees A.F. of L.; and BELLA DODU, of the New York Teachers Union. According to this teletype, V.M., in his speech, demanded a second front. This teletype further reflects that a resolution had been framed directed to President Roosevelt, urging support of the Italian people and stressing the opening of a second front.

100-7689-280, Page 12: Report of Confidential Informant NYT 141 dated September 9, 1943, advising that CORRETTIER contacted V.M., at which time he requested that V.M. present him on some program. This same source also reflects that CORRETTIER conferred with SOTO-VELEZ, who advised him that he had a letter from V.M.

100-7689-352: Report of Confidential Informant ND 186 dated September 10, 1943 reflecting the fact that the Communist Party is paying the hospital and doctor bills for Dr. PEDRO ALBIZU CAMPOS.

100-4072-4: A circular dated September 10, 1943 on stationery of the Emergency Peace Mobilization Committee of Greater New York, addressed to all delegates to the Emergency Mobilization. This letter, in effect, stated that the conscription fight is not over and that "Our work has just begun"; that they have succeeded in cutting the House majority for the bill by 100 votes. The letter urged the enlistment of "Volunteers for peace" and 50¢ per year for the employed and 10¢ per year for the unemployed.

This letter also urged the setting up of A.P.M. Community Peace Councils and also urged that every delegate raise a

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minimum of \$2 to defray expenses and to begin their national work. On the long list of sponsors of this organization, appearing on the left-hand margin and also on the reverse side, was V.M.'S name. The chairman of this organization was listed as Mrs. ALINE DAVIS HAYS, of the League of Women Shoppers, and the executive secretary was listed as Dr. WALTER SCOTT NEFF.

100-7689-315: Report of Confidential Informant CRND 171 dated September 12, 1943 reflecting that on September 11, 1943 the Intelligence Committee of the Junta of Manhattan decided to have the following speakers at the celebration of "El Grito de Lares": V.M.; EARL BROWDER; Dr. MOSCOSO; SOTO VELEZ; PINTO GANDIA; Dr. DEL VALLE; JUAN A. CORRETER; and JULIA BURGUS. This informant also advised that the Nationalist Communist Chorus would also be there.

100-45892-A 105: A clipping from the PUEBLOS HISPANOS dated September 18, 1943 reflecting that the anniversary of "El Grito de Lares" is to be held on September 23, 1943 for the purpose of commemorating the 75th anniversary of the proclamation of the Republic of Puerto Rico. V.M. was listed as a speaker, along with EARL BROWDER, Dr. RAMON DEL VALLE, and JUAN ANTONIO CORRETER.

100-26603-2109: Report of Confidential Informant NYT 25, which reflects that under date of September 20, 1943 ISRAEL AMTER called an unknown man, who had a very foreign voice, as to why there had been no publicity in the English press relative to the meeting at Park Palace to be held this coming Thursday. AMTER advised that there would be two English speakers, namely EARL BROWDER and V.M.

100-7689-332, Page 2: Confidential letter to the Director dated September 23, 1943 re: "NATIONALIST PARTY OF PUERTO RICO; VOORHIS ACT, INTERNAL SECURITY - N". This letter advises that Confidential Informant NYT 141 advised that a conference was held between CORRETER and BROWDER on September 17, 1943, and a few minutes later between CORRETER and V.M. From the line of conversation it was evident that

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BROWDER and V.M. had held a recent conversation.

100-7689-595: Report of Confidential Informant CRND 171, advising that JUAN ANTONIO CORREIJER made a speech at a public meeting of the Nationalist Party held on September 23, 1943 at the Park Palace. This meeting was referred to as the "Grito de Lares Celebration". V.M. was referred to as a fighter for the independence of Puerto Rico.

100-20715-1682: Confidential letter to the Director dated September 24, 1943 re: "FERDINAND C. SMITH; INTERNAL SECURITY - C", advising that, according to Confidential Informant NYT 52, V.M. conferred with FERDINAND SMITH regarding candidates for election.

100-26603-2265: Confidential report of Special Agent FREDERICK C. ZINCK dated November 2, 1943 re: "COMMUNIST PARTY, U.S.A., DISTRICT NUMBER 2, NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION; INTERNAL SECURITY - R". This report advised that Confidential Informant NYT 25 reported, under date of September 27, 1943, that it had been ascertained that GIL GREEN had a luncheon appointment with V.M. at 1:00 PM on the following day.

100-45892-A 108: An article from PUEBLOS HISPANOS dated September 25, 1943, Page 3: According to this article, V.M. advised that his bill for the independence of Puerto Rico would be discussed "briefly" in Congress.

100-7689-518: An intercept by Postal Censorship of a communication from [REDACTED] Haiti, to [REDACTED] Avenue, New York City, dated September 25, 1943, in which he extols the work of V.M. and others.

54-144-9635: Report of G-2 dated October 1, 1943 advising that V.M. was one of the sponsors of "The Citizens Emergency Conference for

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"Inter-Racial Unity", which held a meeting at Hunter College, New York City, on September 25, 1943. Some of the other sponsors were MAX BEDACHT, JOSEPH R. BRODSKY, JUAN CORRETTIER, JAMES L. FORD, BEN GOLD, MICHAEL J. QUILL, FERDINAND C. SMITH, and many others, who are said to be Communists or active in Communist front organizations.

100-7689-339: Teletype to the Director dated September 27, 1943 re: "NATIONALIST PARTY OF PUERTO RICO; INTERNAL SECURITY - PULITO RICOAN", advising that at the celebration of "The Grito de Lares" held at the Park Palace, New York City on September 23, 1943 V.M., who had been listed at this affair as a speaker, had failed to put in his appearance.

100-26603-2155: Confidential letter to the Director dated October 1, 1943 re: "COMMUNIST PARTY, U.S.A., DISTRICT NUMBER 2, NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION; INTERNAL SECURITY - R", advising that, according to Confidential Informant NYT 25, a conference had taken place between PETER V. CACCHIONE and GIL GREEN on September 28, 1943. The gist of the conversation follows: A lengthy conversation first transpired between the two concerning one "BILL" relative to whether or not he would be able to get a release from some union to work in the campaign. GREEN told CACCHIONE to get in touch with V.M. as he was in town and try to have him dictate a letter of endorsement for him (probably CACCHIONE) inasmuch as V.M. had told GREEN that he would do so.

100-7689-409: Report of Confidential Informant CRND 171 dated September 30, 1943 reflecting that on discovery of the "apparatus" in CAMPOS' room at the Columbus Hospital, BROWDER and V.M. were sent for by CAMPOS. V.M., on his arrival, made insulting remarks through the "apparatus" and obtained professional photographers to take pictures of the same. ✓

100-53054-4: Confidential letter to the Director dated October 14, 1943 re: "V.M.", advising that Confidential Informant

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ND 183, on October 9, 1943, advised the New York Field Division of the text of a telegram dated September 30, 1943 which was from V.M. to the Daily Worker. The contents of this telegram read as follows: "Judge FRANCIS E. RIVERS will make his first public appearance at a rally in Harlem at 2388 Seventh Avenue and 139th Street, Friday, October 1, at 9:15 PM. Kindly have reporter and photographer present."

100-2936-601, Page 289: Report of Special Agent LAWRENCE G. HEALY dated October 3, 1943 at Boston, Massachusetts entitled "INTERNATIONAL WORKERS ORDER; INTERNAL SECURITY - R". This report reflects that V.M. was invited by FRANCIS O'CONNOR, United Furniture Workers C.I.O., to speak before the United Labor Rally to be held in Boston on either May 1 or May 2. Others, according to this report, who were invited to speak were MICHAEL J. QUILL; JOSEPH GUERAN; State Senator MORRIS M. GOLDMAN from Boston; CLAUDE E. PEPPER, U. S. Senator at Washington, D.C.; and JOSEPH SALERNO, president of the Massachusetts State C.I.O. Industrial Union Council.

100-2936-619, Pages 67, 107, 112: Report of Special Agent ARTHUR E. DOOLEY dated November 6, 1943 at New York, N. Y. re: "THE INTERNATIONAL WORKERS ORDER; INTERNAL SECURITY - R". This report reflects that V.M. is author of Bill HR 2829, designed to give Puerto Rico her independence. This report also sets forth address of Congressman V.M. as 11 Park Place, New York City.

Through a confidential source, according to this report, it was ascertained that V.M. extended greetings by letter to MAY BEDACHT from officers and members of the International Labor Defense. V.M. signed his name as president of the I.L.D. It is not known whether the handwriting is his or that of the secretary, ANNA DAMON.

100-26603-2217, Page 4: Confidential report of Special Agent JEROME M. GARLAND dated October 20, 1943 at New York, N. Y. re: "COMMUNIST PARTY, U.S.A., DISTRICT NUMBER 2, NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION; INTERNAL

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"SECURITY - R". According to this report, Confidential Informant NYM 36 advised that a Communist meeting was held at Academy Hall on October 4, 1943. Following a number of speakers ROBERT MINOR took the floor and spoke in glowing terms of the progress made by the Communist Party, suggesting that at a coming meeting V.M.; PAUL ROBESON; and A. CLAYTON POWELL speak on the same platform with BENJAMIN DAVIS to urge the end of JIM CROWISM.

100-27339-164, Page 17: Report of Special Agent JOHN J. MANNING dated October 18, 1943 at New York, N. Y. entitled "CHARLES AUGUSTINE COLLINS; INTERNAL SECURITY - C". This report reflects that, according to Confidential Informant T-2 (a highly confidential and reliable source having access to the records of the Negro Labor Victory Committee), COLLINS wrote to V.M. suggesting a follow-up meeting of the Negro Freedom Rally at the Polo Grounds. This forum was under the sponsorship of the Young Communist League of New York City.

100-4931-3731, Page 14: Report of Special Agent JEROME M. GARLAND dated October 8, 1943 at New York, N. Y. entitled "COMMUNIST PARTY, U.S.A.; INTERNAL SECURITY - R". According to this report, Confidential Informant NYM 36 reported that a meeting was held by the Communist Party at Academy Hall, New York City, at which time an unidentified woman spoke. She stated that the Communist Party will apparently support the King of Italy, Badoglio. She also mentioned V.M. as having spoken at one of her meetings relative to a democratic form of government for Italy.

100-26603-2219: Confidential letter to the Director dated October 21, 1943 re: "COMMUNIST PARTY, U.S.A., DISTRICT NUMBER 2, NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION; INTERNAL SECURITY - R", reflecting that, according to Confidential Informant NYT 25, a conference was held between GIL GREEN and PETER CACCHIONE on October 9, 1943. During the conversation CACCHIONE advised GREEN that he never obtained the letter of endorsement from V.M. and that he, V.M., was hedging.

100-26603-2265: Report of Confidential Informant NYT 25

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advising that on October 11, 1943 GIL GREEN asked V.M. whether he had written a letter for PETER CACCHIONE. V.M. replied that he had not, but that he would get this letter out as of this date.

100-31551-1261, Page 8: Confidential report of Special Agent JOHN C. PRATERS dated October 16, 1943 at New York, N. Y. entitled "LYDIA ALTSCHULER, with aliases; ET AL; ESPIONAGE - R". This report reflects that, according to Confidential Informant NYM 23, a discussion took place between ALTSCHULER and a woman named DOLLY, at which time V.M. was said to be "the highest on the list" when viewed from tallies kept on the subject as to his voting record on such things as appropriations, subsidies, Dies Committee, Smith-Connolly Bill, etc.

100-45892-A 121: Clipping from the Spanish newspaper PUEBLOS HISPANOS dated October 16, 1943, Page 2: This article reflects that EUGENE CONNOLLY, candidate for the Municipal Assembly, is described as being "very near" to V.M.

100-45892-A 123: Clipping from the Spanish newspaper PUEBLOS HISPANOS dated October 16, 1943. This article describes work of V.M. on behalf of Puerto Rico as being a "just and noble plan".

100-7689-447, Pages 10, 16, 24, 25: Report of Special Agent JOHN W. HANSELL dated October 21, 1943 at New York, N. Y. entitled "NATIONALIST PARTY OF PUERTO RICO; VOORHIS ACT, INTERNAL SECURITY - N". According to this report, V.M. is mentioned as being scheduled to speak along with BROWDER and others at a celebration that the PUEBLOS HISPANOS was having on October 23, 1943. According to this report, an announcement to this effect is to be made in the Daily Worker.

This report further reflects that V.M. made a release to the PUEBLOS HISPANOS of an article entitled "An Appeal by V.M. to Congress for his Puerto Rican Brothers". This report also referred to a coming anti-Fascist dinner to be held

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at the Hotel Roosevelt to be attended by CORRETTJER and V.M.

100-53054-6: Memorandum dated November 23, 1943 re: "NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE, MASS MEETING, NOVEMBER 21, 1943; INTERNAL SECURITY". Attached to this memorandum is a report from Confidential Informant ND 119 dated November 22, 1943 concerning the above captioned meeting, which was held at the Golden Gate Ballroom, New York City, at which V.M. was the principal speaker. According to this, he talked on JIM CROWISM and Fascism, and the anti-poll tax bill, at which time he accused Congressmen RANKIN, SUMNERS, COX, and HOBBS of blocking it, referring to them as, "These are the domestic Fascists that we have to fight."

100-7689-489: Report of Confidential Informant NYT 141 dated October 22, 1943, reflecting a conference held between V.M. and CORRETTJER, in which V.M. in part stated, "I disagree with my friends ----" This conversation was relative to the coming election regarding Candidates CONNOLLY and FRANCIS RIVERS.

100-7689-500, Page 41: Report of Special Agent CARL E. STANFORD dated October 30, 1943 at San Juan, Puerto Rico entitled "NATIONALIST PARTY OF PUERTO RICO; INTERNAL SECURITY - N". According to this report, the New York Branch of the Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico has the support of V.M. ✓

100-7689-567, Pages 1, 2, 5: Intercept by the Office of Censorship from [redacted] Puerto Rico, to [redacted] Lima, Peru. This intercept was a newspaper, which was described as a propaganda paper on the Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico, which was concealed in a package of funnies, apparently for the purpose of evading censorship. This newspaper mentioned a report from Congressman V.M. on the health of the "Nationalist leaders imprisoned at Atlanta, Georgia, and also contained an article referring to F.B.I. agents as the "Yankee gestapo". An article

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in this newspaper also referred to V.M. as an "honest American who cherishes freedom and truth". Another article states that if the Philippines had a "real independence" they would have been able to prevent being dragged into a war when they have nothing to win and much to lose.

100-7689-64: An article appearing in "Fraternal Outlook", an official publication of the I.W.O., dated October, 1943, which refers to a resolution presented by Congressman V.M. in June, 1943 urging independence for Puerto Rico.

100-28715-1970, Page 6: Report of Special Agent JEROME W. GARLAND dated January 11, 1944 at New York, N. Y. re: "NATIONAL MARITIME UNION OF AMERICA; INTERNAL SECURITY - C". This report reflects that, under date of November 8, 1943, Confidential Informant NYT 52 advised that V.M. and FERDINAND SMITH conferred, at which time SMITH congratulated V.M. on the election of Judge RIVEPS and "the other guys". SMITH requested V.M. to give him letters of introduction to the Mayors of Los Angeles and San Francisco.

100-7689-511; Page 2: Letter to the Director dated November 9, 1943 re: "NATIONALIST PARTY OF PUERTO RICO; VORHIS ACT, INTERNAL SECURITY - N", advising that, according to reliable informants, V.M. is only interested in the Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico in New York City because of its voting power.

100-26603-2294, Page 3: Letter to the Director dated November 11, 1943 re: "COMMUNIST PARTY, U.S.A., DISTRICT NUMBER 2, NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION; INTERNAL SECURITY - R". This letter reflects that, according to an article published in the New York Journal American under date of November 11, 1943, due to the success of the Communist Party in electing two Party members to Council that the mayoralty aspirations of Representative V.M. were therefore heightened by the Communist successors.

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64-0-25: Quarterly Intelligence Summary dated November 15, 1943 re: "PUERTO RICAN ACTIVITIES; INTERNAL SECURITY - N", revealing that V.M. is a prominent figure in the activities of the Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico.

100-7689-595, Pages 3, 46, 65, 76, 78: Report of Special Agent JOHN M. HANSELL dated December 11, 1943 at New York, N. Y. entitled "NATIONALIST PARTY OF PUERTO RICO; VOORHIS ACT, INTERNAL SECURITY - N". This report advises that, according to Confidential Informant GRND 171, the Nationalist Party has become less violent under the guidance of EARL BROWDER, secretary of the Communist Party, and V.M., U. S. Congressman, District Number 20. This report further reflects that, according to the same informant, public functions of the Nationalist Party are frequently attended by EARL BROWDER; V.M.; THYFA EDWARD, staff writer for the People's Voice, which is a Negro newspaper; ERNESTINA GANZOLEZ, of the Club Obrero Espanol; CESAR PUENTES, head of the Spanish Section of the I.W.O.; FABRICIANO GUESTA, Communist leader in lower Harlem; CYRIL PHILIP, Communist Party leader; and HUIAN JACK, Assemblyman.

This report further reflects that PEDRO ALBIZU CAMPOS, president of the Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico, and JUAN ANTONIO CORRETIER, secretary general of the Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico, were selected as members of the Executive Committee of the International Labor Defense, of which V.M. was president.

This report also reflects that Congressman V.M. is sponsor of Bill HR 2989, designed to give Puerto Rico full independence, and that he is listed as a contact for the Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico.

100-7689-648: Report of Confidential Informant NYT 141, advising that on December 28, 1943, V.M. conferred with JUAN ANTONIO CORRETIER.

100-7689-617: Teletype to the Bureau dated December 29, 1943

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re: "NATIONALIST PARTY OF PUERTO RICO; VOORHIS ACT, INTERNAL SECURITY - N".
This teletype advised that, according to Confidential Informant NYT 141, V.M. and JUAN ANTONIO CORRETJER visited PEDRO ALBIZU CAMPOS at the Columbus Hospital on December 28, 1943, in company with U. S. Probation Officer LEON DE KALB.

100-7689-715, Page 4: Letter received from a confidential source in Lima, Peru dated December 30, 1943, advising that V.M. wrote to Mrs. CAMPOS sending his personal regards and advising her that her husband's health was improving.

97-169-186: The following information, with exceptions as noted, are the Daily Worker indices, which contain the following information:

January 6, 1943, Page 3, Column 1: This article reflects that V.M. was to address a conference called by the SCHAPPES DEFENSE COMMITTEE. Others to be present were listed as FERDINAND SMITH, DOROTHY BREWSTER, GERALD DUFFY, JAMES MC LEISH, and JACK RYAN. According to this article, MORRIS SCHAPPES was formerly an instructor at City College and was arrested for "perjury".

January 23, 1943, Page 5, Column 6: This contains an invitation to attend a protest meeting, at which time there would be a discussion on the cancellation of public hearings on employment discrimination, said meeting being called by the Negro Labor Party Committee. According to this article, V.M. had been invited to speak.

100-7689-36: A clipping from the Daily Worker dated February 3, 1943, reflecting that a Win-the War Unity Committee, comprised of Latin American Nationalistic Leaders, Fraternalists, and Patriotic Clergymen, was described in this article by the Daily Worker as being responsible for sending V.M., the "Win-the War Leader" to Congress.

February 11, 1943, Page 5: Contains an article entitled "MARCANTONIO HITS COURT ON BRIDGES PLEA". In this article, Congressman V.M. brands the refusal to grant a habeas corpus petition

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as contrary to the law, the facts, and public policy. V.M. is also reported to have stated that "The San Francisco decision merely postpones the day when it must be recognized that the departure of HARRY BRIDGES ordered by the Department of Justice is not merely unfounded, but contrary to all the principles for which this country is at war."

February 21, 1943, Page 8, Column 8: This article reflects that V.M. was a speaker at a meeting held to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation held at Carnegie Hall on February 10, 1943.

March 22, 1943, Page 5, Column 5: This article sets out the fact that V.M. was a signer of a petition to the president requesting him to dismiss the deportation order against BRIDGES.

March 31, 1943, Page 3, Column 7: This article advises that V.M. was invited to attend a conference sponsored by Spanish Unification Committee held for the purpose of urging immediate release of imprisoned Spanish Republicans in North Africa.

100-7689-595: An article dated July 3, 1943, in which there appeared a picture of V.M. with CORRETTIER, ERNESTINA GONZALEZ, and other South Harlem leaders, the title of the picture being "Honor Puerto Rican Leader".

July 6, 1943, Page 3, Column 6: This article states that V.M. appealed to the president with 400 labor and civic leaders for action against "fifth column outbreak of attacks on Negroes".

July 17, 1943, Page 3, Column 6: This article advises that V.M. wrote a letter to WENDELL L. WILLKIE expressing appreciation of his efforts in the Schneiderman Case, stating, "It is a body blow at the bogey of Communism used by defeatists to disrupt national unity."

July 18, 1943, Page 1, Column 7: In this article V.M. hails the invasion of Sicily as the end of Fascism.

July 22, 1943, Page 5, Column 2: This article

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sets forth the fact that V.M. has been reelected president of the International Labor Defense; that DOXEY A. WILKERSON is vice president; ANNA DAMON is secretary; and ROBERT W. DUNN is treasurer.

100-7689-292: Clipping dated September 20, 1943 reflecting a statement made by V.M. regarding the anti-Negro riots in various sections of the country in which he denounced the attempt of "MARTIN DIES and some misguided Department of Justice officials" to find the cause of these outbreaks as "dangerous hokey".

September 30, 1943, Page 2, Column 6: This article sets out the fact that V.M. is a member of the Puerto Rican Freedom Committee, of which Miss RUTH-REEVES is chairman.

December 31, 1943, Page 3, Column 7: In this article V.M. is listed as a speaker before the Emancipation Rally sponsored by the Inter-Racial and Good Will Committee, to be held on January 22, 1944 at Carnegie Hall.

The following serials are news clippings from various publications in New York City as noted:

54-144-A 292: A clipping dated January 24, 1943 from the New York Times captioned "MARCANTONIO FINDS WARFARE IN CAPITOL". In this article V.M. charged that he had been kept off the House Judiciary Committee to insure defeat of his anti-poll tax bill; that certain men and women in Congress were "trying to convert America into a Vichy America". He maintained that redbaiting was part of the Axis anti-comintern technique to bring about Fascism, and that in view of the fact that these forces are trying to convert the United States into a Fascist country, that the redbaiting is treason to the American people.

54-144-7902: A clipping from the New York World Telegram dated February 10, 1943. This article, by FREDERICK WOLTMAN, is captioned "REDS TAKE OVER JAP - AMERICAN VICTORY FORUM". This article reflects the following pertinent information: Following their

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recent pattern of infiltrating foreign language groups, hereby setting up "Victory Councils", the American Communists have started to move in on the loyal "Japanese Americans. This article further states that prominent Communists and leaders of Communist front organizations have virtually taken over a forum on Japanese Americans in the victory program to be held at a future date at the Hotel Commodore. This article further reflects that the co-sponsor of the forum is the American Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born, one of whose founders and principal backers has been Congressman V.M. In its 1941 convention, this article states, the aforementioned organization appealed the deportation action against HARRY BRIDGES and the attempts to revoke the citizenship of the California secretary of the Communist Party as stemming "directly from efforts of the Roosevelt administration to involve America in a European war."

54-144-8130: A clipping from the New York newspaper PM dated March 5, 1943. This article states to the effect that V.M. introduced a resolution inviting three seamen who served aboard torpedoed merchant ships to address Congress if EDWARD V. RICKENBACKER was permitted to deliver a scheduled speech. V.M. continued by stating that Congress should hear from those in the ranks of organized labor whose heroism was less publicized, but equally as striking. The three seamen were named as HENRY JENSEN, TOM FITZSIMMONS, and JOHN ADAMS CARPENTER.

54-144-A 337: A clipping dated May 3, 1943 from the New York World Telegram. This article related the fact that V.M. was one of the speakers at the Communist organized May Day Rally held at the Yankee Stadium, at which 50,000 people cheered demands for a second front. This article further reflected that Mayor LA GUARDIA and New Deal Senator CLAUDE PEPPER of Florida appeared, despite criticism by Right Wing leaders of the American Labor Party and refusal to participate of such groups as the A.F. of L., the State C.I.O. Council, and the City's Garment Clothing or Millinery Workers Unions.

The article further advises that all the city's Left wing unions turned out, particularly the

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Fur Workers and Local 65 of the Wholesale and Retail Workers. A huge poster reading "Invade Europe Now" was stretched across the infield. According to this article, the speakers at this rally were V.M.; JOSEPH CURRAN, president of the C.I.O. National Maritime Union; A. CLAYTON POWELL, Councilman; MICHAEL QUILL, president of the C.I.O. transport workers union; JAMES WATERMAN WISE, of the Council Against Intolerance in America; GENEVIEVE TABOUIS, French journalist; and ZLATKO-BALOKOVIC, president of the American Slav Congress.

100-26603-1406: A clipping from the New York World Telegram dated May 21, 1943, which reflected the fact that the Left Wingers of the American Labor Party are preparing intensive primary election drives in an attempt to captivate the Party's organization in the counties of the Bronx and Kings. This article further advised that Representative V.M. and EUGENE CONNOLLY, secretary of the American Labor Party New York County Committee, are going into the two mentioned counties for several meetings. DAVID DUBINSKY; ALEX ROSE; and LUIGI ANTONINI are being attacked as anti-Soviet by the Left Wingers of the American Labor Party.

39-155-A 141: A clipping from the New York Journal American dated June 6, 1943. This article sets forth the report of JOSEPH A. RYAN, president of the International Longshoremen's Association, on the "Raiding Campaign Attributed to Harry Bridges and the Communist Party". In his report RYAN is quoted as saying, "The Brooklyn rank and file splinter group of the I.L.A. was under the guidance of SAM MADDEL, editor of the pro-Communist newspapers SHAKE UP and LONGSHOREMEN, and was receiving the active support of Representative V.M., pro-Stalin Congressman". RYAN also stated, according to this clipping, that V.M. recently spoke to "this outlaw group", assuring them he would open every government agency to their plea for hiring halls.

100-7689-128 A: A clipping from the "People's Voice" dated July 3, 1943, showing pictures of six people, captioned "Honor Puerto Rican leader". This clipping refers to a celebration held in honor of ALBIZU CAMPOS.

54-1444-360: A clipping from the New York World Telegram dated June 8, 1943. According to this article, V.M.

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was one of the speakers at a Madison Square Garden Rally of 20,000 Negroes. This rally was sponsored by the Negro Labor Victory Committee, the Harlem People's Committee, and the Brooklyn Negro Victory Council. Other speakers, according to this article, were MICHAEL QUILL and FERDINAND C. SMITH. This article further relates that this rally was given wide publicity in the Daily Worker and that Communist leaders JAMES FORD and BEN DAVIS, JR. sat on the platform.

100-42735-A 364: A clipping dated July 3, 1943 from the "People's Voice". In this article V.M. declares himself against anti-Negro riots in various sections of the country, blaming it on domestic Fascists who are thereby helping Hitler by retarding war production. According to this article, V.M. stated that the attempt of the Dies Committee and some misguided Department of Justice officials to find the cause for these outbreaks in pro-Japanese activity among the Negro people was dangerous.

100-42735-A 455: A clipping dated July 31, 1943 from the "People's Voice". This article, captioned "VITO CHARGES PLOT TO BLOCK POLL TAX BILL", reflects the following pertinent information: V.M. charged DAVID DUBINSKY, of the I.L.G.W.U.; LYLE LANE, Harlem school teacher; and other members of the Workers Defense League, with working "hand in glove with MARTIN DIES and JOHN RANKIN" in an effort to defeat HR 7. V.M., according to this article, further charged the "Dubinsky crowd" with being guilty of "high treason to the cause of labor and the Negro people".

100-42735-A 765: A clipping from the People's Voice dated December 25, 1943. This article quotes V.M. on the soldier vote and the necessity for speedy enactment of his anti-poll tax bill, HR 7. V.M. also is reported as having stated that previous laws passed to permit servicemen and women to vote irrespective of poll tax were nullified by crippling amendments.

100-42735-A 767: A clipping from the "People's Voice" dated December 25, 1943. This is an announcement of a coming celebration at Carnegie Hall on January 2, 1944 under the auspices of the H.T.B.C. AFRO PROTECTIVE LEAGUE and cooperating organizations.

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V.M. was listed as one of the speakers.

The following exhibits are on file in the New York Field Office for the year 1943:

100-7689-1A 6, Page 9: A photostat of an intercept by postal censorship of a communication from [redacted] New York City, to [redacted] San Juan, Puerto Rico, dated April 12, 1943, reflecting that the eighth issue of PUERLOS HISPANOS dated April 10, 1943 advocated opposition to Tyding's Bill for the independence of Puerto Rico, and requesting recall of Representative V.M.'S bill. This article also advocated the overthrow of the Franco Regime in Spain.

100-7689-1A 7: A pamphlet in Spanish listing V.M. as one of eight speakers at the meeting of the "Pro Independencia y Unidad Puertorriquena" on June 13, 1943 at the "Manhattan Oddfellow's Temple.

100-7689-1A 8: A pamphlet issued by the Communist Party Lower Harlem Section announcing a mass meeting in celebration of the liberation of ALBIZU CAMPOS from Atlanta Penitentiary and to protest a threatened deportation of VICTORIO CODOVILLA to "the butcher Franco". This pamphlet also urged the destruction of the K.K.K., the GERALD L. K. SMITH COMMITTEE OF 1,000,000, MARTIN DIES, and all other organizations preaching race hatred. This meeting was to take place on June 25, 1943 at the Park Palace, New York City. Speakers listed were Congressman V.M.; MARION BACHRACH, Council for Pan American Democracy; BENJAMIN DAVIS, JR., County Chairman of the Communist Party; ERNESTINA GONZALEZ, United Spanish Women's Committee; CYRIL PHILIP, lawyer, Harlem Section of the Communist Party; JUAN ANTONIO CORRETJER, general secretary of the Puerto Rican Nationalist Party; HULAN JACK, Assemblyman, 17th Assembly District; FAUSTA MERCADO, of the Puerto Rican Fraternal Society; Honorable A. CLAYTON POWELL, JR., Councilman, City of New York; FABRI CUESTA, chairman of the Spanish Unification Committee.

100-7689-1 A 10: This exhibit is a group photograph of V.M. and others.

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100-7689-681, Page 4: Report of Special Agent JOHN JOSEPH SAVAGE dated January 5, 1944 at New York, N. Y. entitled "GILBERTO CONCEPCION DE GRACIA, with aliases; SECURITY MATTER - M". According to this report, the New York Office is in possession of a leaflet announcing the coming meeting of "Pro Independencia and United Puerto Ricans", at which time V.M. will talk on his bill for the independence of Puerto Rico.

100-53054-8: Memorandum dated January 19, 1944 entitled "COMMUNIST PARTY, U.S.A., DISTRICT NUMBER 2, NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION; INTERNAL SECURITY - C", setting forth various conferences taking place between persons on January 11, 1944, as reported by Confidential Informant NYT 25. In this case it relates to a conference between ROSE WORTIS and HY GLICKSTEIN. During this conference GLICKSTEIN advised ROSE that he was terribly busy on some law cases, necessitating trips to Washington. He mentioned the fact that he attended a meeting on Sunday at V.M.'S and that GENE CONNOLLY, IRVING POTASH, SAUL MILLS, and SAM BURKE were also there. He advised that the meeting concerned itself with the "fighting Labor Party".

100-7689-706: A teletype dated January 21, 1944 from New York to Atlanta re: "THE NATIONALIST PARTY OF PUERTO RICO; VOORHIS ACT, INTERNAL SECURITY - N", advising that LUIS F. VELAZQUEZ and PEDRO ALBIZU CAMPOS registered for Selective Service at the penitentiary in Atlanta, giving their address care of V.M. in New York City.

100-28715-2007: Teletype to the Bureau dated January 26, 1944 re: "NATIONAL MARITIME UNION OF AMERICA; INTERNAL SECURITY - C", advising that LOUIS OGULL gave a release to an unidentified paper to the effect that the NATIONAL MARITIME UNION COUNCIL MEETING went on record, among other things, to urge Congress to support V.M.'S bill for the establishment of the F.E.P.C. as a permanent agency; also to call on Governor DEWEY to pardon MORRIS SCHAPPES; also to call on the United States to recognize the Yugoslavian Liberation government.

100-7689-726: A copy of a letter dated January 28, 1944

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from HAROLD R. DEAN, Chief Probation Officer, to MANUEL CABRANES, U. S. Probation Officer at San Juan, Puerto Rico. In this letter V.M. is said to be the attorney for CAMPOS and VELAZQUEZ, and it was also mentioned that he advised them to comply with the terms of their probation.

100-7689-740: A copy of a letter dated January 31, 1944 to HAROLD R. DEAN, Chief Probation Officer, from V.M., in which V.M. advised that he was unable to visit his clients over the week-end.

100-28715-2022, Page 1A: A copy of a letter to the Director dated February 5, 1944 re: "THE NATIONAL MARITIME UNION OF AMERICA", in which, according to Confidential Informant NYT 52, an unknown woman from N.M.U. called Miss DALE (believed to be THELMA DALE of the National Negro Congress) and discussed V.M.'S bill, Number 1732, to make the F.E.P.C. a permanent committee.

100-26603-2665: A memorandum dated February 26, 1944 re: "COMMUNIST PARTY, U.S.A., DISTRICT NUMBER 2, NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION; INTERNAL SECURITY -R". This memorandum sets forth a conference that took place between EUGENE CONNOLLY, of the American Labor Party, and EDWARD BENDER, of the New York County Headquarters of the Communist Party, under date of February 23, 1944, according to Confidential Informant NYT 129.

According to this informant, during the course of the conversation CONNOLLY advised that he was trying to get the Tammany "guys" to send out a letter to all the Negro voters over V.M.'S signature, to which BENDER replied that it was O.K.

100-7689-902: A translation of a publication from LA PRENSA dated February 25, 1944: This article states that a message was sent by the Executive Committee of the Pro Independencia protesting against the reforms, apparently to the bill for the independence of Puerto Rico.

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100-7689-905: A translation of an article appearing in the publication LA PRENSA dated February 26, 1944: This article reflects that the "Day of the Motin of Ponce" (Insurrection of Ponce) will be celebrated at the Park palace on March 21, 1944. According to this article, this is the anniversary date on which twenty Puerto Rican nationals lost their lives. Speakers will be V.M.; HOMER SMITH; Dr. OCTAVIO ELIAS MOSCOSO; Dr. RAMON DEL VALLE; and others.

100-7689-844: Teletype dated February 28, 1944 re: "THE NATIONALIST PARTY OF PUERTO RICO; SELECTIVE SERVICE, VOORHIS ACT, INTERNAL SECURITY - N". This teletype sets forth the fact that V.M. was to meet with HAROLD E. DEAN, Chief Probation Officer.

100-7689-926: A translation of an article appearing in LA PRENSA dated February 29, 1944, which reflects the fact that "The Association Pro Independencia of Puerto Rico" will hold a banquet for V.M. No date was given in this article.

100-7689-883: A translation of the report of Confidential Informant CRND 171 dated March 1, 1944. According to this informant, CORRETIER, in a speech made at the celebration of the first anniversary of PUEBLOS HISPANOS held in New York City, denounced the United States, referring to the United States as "cowards, assassins, octopuses, who suck blood out of the people of Puerto Rico". V.M., who apparently was not present when CORRETIER made this speech, was listed as the fourth speaker of the evening.

100-7689-878: Report of Confidential Informant ND 195 dated March 4, 1944. This report advised that V.M. was a speaker at a celebration of the first anniversary of PUEBLOS HISPANOS held at the Club Obrero Espanol in New York City, in which speech he referred to the present Congress as the most reactionary that ever existed in the country. He stated that Congress was more interested in defeating Roosevelt than Hitler, and that the day was not far off when the people would have a

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real representative Congress in Washington.

100-7689-279, Page 4: Confidential letter to the Bureau dated March 7, 1944, giving the facts of the celebration as outlined in the above serial.

100-53054-10: Confidential report from O.N.I. dated March 7, 1944 re: "V.M., New York City". This report reflects that V.M. is listed by EL UNITA DEL POPOLO, under date of March 4, 1944, as one of the well known Italian-American leaders who are members of the I.W.O.

100-26603-2851: Report of Special Agent WILLIAM E. GRAMLING dated April 17, 1944 at Syracuse, New York, re: "COMMUNIST PARTY, U.S.A., DISTRICT NUMBER 2, SYRACUSE FIELD DIVISION; INTERNAL SECURITY - C". This report reflects that from a highly confidential source it was ascertained that a meeting was to be held at the Ondaga Hotel in Syracuse on March 12, 1944. GIL GREEN spoke at this meeting and stressed the importance of beating the DUBINSKY and ROSE clique so as to show the citizens of New York where the progressive votes of the American Labor Party stand on the issues of the day. He further stated that "we proved that a man like V.M., who is ready to work together with the Communists, could be elected with a greater majority than ever before."

100-26603-2752: Confidential letter to the Director dated March 23, 1944 re: "COMMUNIST PARTY, U.S.A., DISTRICT NUMBER 2, NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION; INTERNAL SECURITY - R", advising that Confidential Informant NYT 25 reported several conferences that took place among different persons of the Communist Party. One of these conferences was between BELLA DODD in Albany and BILL LAWRENCE in New York City, which occurred under date of March 17, 1944. The conversation was relative to a particular bill in Congress prohibiting a candidate from running on any other Party ticket other than the one in which he is enrolled. BELLA stated that the bill would have to be killed and that she had called GENE CONNOLLY'S office three days ago, and he promised to call V.M. on it. BELLA further stated that the bill was aimed at V.M., who

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runs on different parties in the primaries, and that it was people like that who get the American Labor Party endorsement, Democratic endorsement, and the Republican endorsement. BELLA also stated that she asked the American Labor Party office to tell V.M. to get his Tammany leaders to also send word relative to this bill.

100-7689-910: Report of Confidential Informant ND 195 dated March 22, 1944 relative to a rally commemorating the seventh anniversary of "The Massacre of Ponce" held by the Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico on March 21, 1944, at which time V.M. made a speech. V.M. dedicated half of his speech to attacking Director J. EDGAR HOOVER and the F.B.I., accusing them of using gestapo-like methods. He further stated that he had a microphone which he had taken away from the room of ALBIZU CAMPOS and that he had convincing proof that the F.B.I. had violated most of all the rights of free men in a free country. He threatened to expose the F.B.I. in Congress and stated that he would stop "that J. E. Hoover and his gestapo in America."

100-7689-944: A translation of an article appearing in LA PRENSA dated March 28, 1944. This article reflected that the Association Pro Independence of Puerto Rico plans to hold a banquet in honor of Representative V.M. at the Hotel McAlpin. Speakers listed were Dr. GILBERTO CONCEPCION DE GRACIA, president of the Association Pro Independence of Puerto Rico; MICHAEL QUILL; EUGENE P. CONNOLLY; Reverend COLLINS; and Mayor LA GUARDIA.

100-51820-91, Page 77: Report of Special Agent JEROME M. GARLAND dated March 31, 1944 at New York, N. Y. entitled "JEFFERSON SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCE, formerly known as Marxist Institute; INTERNAL SECURITY - C". This report reflects that, according to Confidential Informant T-7 (a reliable and confidential source), under date of October 16, 1943 V.M. was carried on a list of possible lecturers and forum participants by the Organizing Committee of the above named organization.

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100-26603-2862: Confidential letter to the Director dated April 15, 1944 re: "COMMUNIST PARTY, U.S.A., DISTRICT NUMBER 2, NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION; INTERNAL SECURITY - R", advising that, according to Confidential Informant NYM 36, a meeting of the New York State Committee of the Communist Party was held on March 31, 1944 at Academy Hall, New York City. BELIA V. DODD, in her lengthy address, stated that V.M. represents the best of the liberal progressive groups, and that V.M. and the Communists represent a large number of the Italian voters.

100-7689-949: Teletype to the Bureau dated April 4, 1944 re: "NATIONALIST PARTY OF PUERTO RICO; SELECTIVE SERVICE, VOORHIS ACT, INTERNAL SECURITY - N", advising that V.M., in a speech at a banquet given in his honor on April 2, 1944 at the Hotel McAlpin, urged the reelection of Franklin D. Roosevelt, stating that he was the head of a great struggle against domestic Fascism. He also urged equality for the Negroes and independence for Puerto Rico. He further stated that he had approximately seventy-five representatives to support his bill to that effect. He also decried the conviction of CAMPOS and his colleagues, stating that had been "framed, railroaded, and sent to jail". He also stated that in 1936 Puerto Rico was betrayed by many so-called liberals, also the Department of Justice, the Department of Interior, and many others. He also expressed confidence in the fact that at the next convention of the C.I.O. they would adopt a resolution for the independence of Puerto Rico.

65-13809-99: A memorandum dated April 5, 1944 re: "JOSEPH HAROLD CROWN, with aliases, ET AL; ESPIONAGE - G". This memorandum deals with a report of Confidential Informant NYM 89 covering a speech made by JOSEPH HAROLD CROWN on April 2, 1944 at the Hotel McAlpin, New York City at a banquet given in honor of Congressman V.M.

100-26603-2798: A teletype to the Bureau dated April 3, 1944 re: "COMMUNIST PARTY, U.S.A., DISTRICT NUMBER 2, NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION; INTERNAL SECURITY - R", advising that, according to Confidential Informant

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NYT 25, as of this date, IRVING POTASH conferred with GIL GREEN. Among other things, POTASH stated they needed a prominent man as head man, that he would be satisfied in getting V.M.

100-7689-967: This serial contains a photostatic copy of an invitation to the testimonial dinner given by the Association Pro Independencia de Puerto Rico in honor of Congressman V.M.

100-7689-976: Translation of an article from LA PRENSA dated April 6, 1944 mentioning the banquet held in honor of V.M.

100-26603-2831: Confidential letter to the Director dated April 12, 1944 re: "COMMUNIST PARTY, U.S.A., DISTRICT NUMBER 2, NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION; INTERNAL SECURITY - R", advising that, according to Confidential Informant NYT 25, GIL GREEN conferred with Congressman V.M. on April 6, 1944. Conversation evolved about the selection of some committee. GIL GREEN stated that he wanted to see V.M. the following day.

100-53054-15: Memorandum dated April 18, 1944 re: "COMMUNIST PARTY, U.S.A., DISTRICT NUMBER 2, NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION; INTERNAL SECURITY - C". This memorandum advises that, according to Confidential Informant NYT 25, a conference took place on April 7, 1944 between GIL GREEN and Congressman V.M. This conversation related to the coming election, after which they decided to terminate their conversation. V.M. agreed to meet GREEN at his uptown headquarters in forty minutes.

100-7689-959, Page 2: Report of Confidential Informant CRWD 171 dated April 10, 1944, advising that the Communist Party and the Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico are saying that within a year the United States will be at war with Russia, who will join with Japan to end imperialism. One of the individuals stating this is given as one "CHARLIE", who, according to the informant, is a close friend of

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ARMANDO BENIAMINO, a Communist and a Card Captain of V.M.

100-53054-17: A clipping dated April 14, 1944 from the New York Post. This is an article entitled "Labor News and Comment", by VICTOR RIESEL. This article, in part, reflects the following: "Congressman V.M., who emerged from the recent American Labor Party scrap as one of the city's most powerful bosses, is said to be making a deal with Tammany Hall leaders to become the next president of the City Council."

"Democratic district leaders in Manhattan have pledged this nomination to MARCANTONIO in return for the ALP votes which the left-winger can now deliver throughout the city, it is reported in authoritative political circles. The Tammany men are convinced that they can elect 'Marc' on the combined ticket and so get the No. 1 seat in the Council for the first time."

This article further reflects that V.M. is convinced that Mayor LA GUARDIA will not run in 1945; that Congressman V.M. knows that LA GUARDIA is tired, and that he is intensely interested in going to Europe soon to help reconstruct some part of the continent.

100-53054-20: This serial contains handwriting specimens of V.M. consisting of two signatures.

100-7689-989, Pages 17, 28, 31, 152, 166: Report of Special Agent JOHN M. HANSELL dated April 15, 1944 at New York, N. Y. entitled "NATIONALIST PARTY OF PUERTO RICO; SEDITION, SELECTIVE SERVICE, VOORHIS ACT, INTERNAL SECURITY - N". This report reflects that, according to Confidential Informant T-2 (Source D, a confidential source within the Peruvian Post Office Department, furnishing information to the Bureau), V.M. was corresponding with Mrs. CAMPOS regarding her husband's health. This report also reflects that, according to Confidential Informant T-1 (Office of Censorship, New York), [REDACTED] contacted V.M. in person regarding his son who is serving a sentence in a federal penitentiary.

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This report also reflects that according to Confidential Informant T-3 (NYT 141), CORRETJER talked with V.M. relative to a meeting to be held at CA'POS' room in the Columbus Hospital, at which time LEON DE KALB, Probation Officer was to be present.

This report also reflects that V.M. is mentioned as a compatriot of the Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico in New York City in a publication of the Puerto Rico Libre dated June 11, 1943.

Appearing in this report is also the fact that a poem dedicated to V.M. appears in a book entitled ABANICO DE FUEGO (Screen of Flame or Fire), by CESAR GILBERTO TORRES.

100-7689-1047: Translation of an article from LA PRENSA dated April 15, 1944 reflecting that the Puerto Rican Nationalist Junta is to hold a social to celebrate the birthday of a great leader, JOSE DE DIEGO, in which V.M. is to participate.

100-7689-991, Page 3: Confidential letter to the Director dated April 17, 1944 re: "NATIONALIST PARTY OF PUERTO RICO; SEDITION, SELECTIVE SERVICE, VOORHIS ACT, INTERNAL SECURITY - N", advising that, according to Confidential Informant CRND 171, Mayor LA GUARDIA and Congressman V.M. worked closely together.

100-7689-988: Report of Confidential Informant ND 195 dated April 17, 1944. According to this report, V.M. was one of the speakers at a meeting of the Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico to commemorate the birthday of JOSE DE DIEGO. In his speech he stated that a fight was being waged for their liberty and that the president of the United States was in sympathy with them. He stated that just as the Soviet Republic of Russia resulted from the last war, the freedom of not only Puerto Rico, and India, but of millions of North Americans, who were still living

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enslaved, would result from this war. He stated that they were fighting for a better world and that when they returned, if that world is not better, there would be a revolution in order to get what they wanted, and that there is no one who can stop that revolution.

100-26603-2855: Confidential letter to the Director dated April 15, 1944 re: "COMMUNIST PARTY, U.S.A., DISTRICT NUMBER 2, NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION; INTERNAL SECURITY - R", advising that, according to Confidential Informant NYT 25, a conference took place between GIL GREEN and V.M. on March 28, 1944. In this conference GREEN advised V.M. that SIDNEY (believed to be SIDNEY HILLMAN) had not made any concessions. The rest of the conversation appeared to be guarded inasmuch as persons were referred to as "the other fellow", "the little fellow", etc. V.M. also mentioned the fact that EMIL REEVE was going to be chairman.

100-26603-2928: Confidential letter to the Director dated May 6, 1944 re: "COMMUNIST PARTY, U.S.A., DISTRICT NUMBER 2, NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION; INTERNAL SECURITY - R", advising that Confidential Informant NYT 25 reported conferences between persons named hereafter, under date of May 2, 1944, as follows:

EUGENE GORDON, of the Daily Worker, conferred with MAE relative to the JAMES PEMBERTON case, a Negro who attempted to obtain an appointment as confidential clerk to the New York Supreme Court Justices. GORDON advised that, according to an article in the Herald Tribune, the reason PEMBERTON was not appointed was because of his close association with V.M. GORDON said that V.M. called him on this this A.M. and advised that it was a lie, stating PEMBERTON was not appointed because he was a Negro.

Thereupon GORDON conferred with AMTER and finally with GENE CONNOLLY, who advised GORDON that he was a close friend of the Congressman. They discussed the PEMBERTON case also. GORDON stated that V.M. called him from Washington, asking him not to use certain statements that he (V.M.) made, that there were certain justices who

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want PEMBERTON appointed and furthermore that V.M. did not want anything said that would imply that he was going to make an attack on the Supreme Court itself. GORDON then read an item he was going to print regarding the affair and wanted to get his (CONNOLLY'S) opinion of it. He read as follows:

"The World Telegram's FREDERICK WOLTMAN has read the attack on Mr. PEMBERTON, the reason given being friendship between PEMBERTON and V.M. That paper alleges that the Congressman is a 'Red' and that any friend of his in a Supreme Court clerkship would be controlled by Reds."

GORDON said he would conclude this article by blaming the attack on the conspiracy of reactionary mystic Fascists, Christian fronters, and white supremacy gangsters. He quoted V.M. as saying, "These people gang up on anybody and everybody who fights for equality and progress."

CONNOLLY agreed with the item, with the exception of the part where it mentioned "that the Congressman is a Red", and requested that it be changed to, "This was consistent with the World Telegram's campaign of smearing."

100-7689-1040: A translation from the report of Confidential Informant CRND 171 dated May 8, 1944. According to this report, the Nationalist Party has decided to support V.M. in his next election campaign. ✓

100-7689-1065, Page 2: Report of Confidential Informant ND 218, which reported that Congressman V.M. will speak before the "Casa Borinquen", a new Nationalist organization, supplementing the "Club Cultural Hispano Del Bronx, on May 8, 1944.

100-53054-23: Memorandum dated May 26, 1944 re: EUGENE P. CONNOLLY; INTERNAL SECURITY - C". This memorandum refers to information

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supplied by Confidential Informant NYT 25 with reference to a conversation between GIL GREEN and ALEX (believed to be EUGENE CONNOLLY of the American Labor Party), which conference took place on May 12, 1944. At the very outset of the conversation, which was not complete, GREEN said, "----- up to MARC'S (believed to be V.M.) tonight. Are you going to be up there?" ALEX replied in the affirmative, but that he had a meeting first and that he would be there between 10:30 and 11:00.

The rest of the conversation was meaningless, and reference was made to persons such as "that fellow", "the lady hat people", "our friend", etc.

100-53054-25: Memorandum dated June 17, 1944 re: "V.M.; INTERNAL SECURITY - C". This memorandum advises that copies of the report of Confidential Informant ND 132 are attached, concerning her activities in obtaining registrations in favor of the renomination of V.M. This report, dated June 8, 1944, reads as follows:

"I went to report to 1484 First Avenue at 7 PM. A list of 20 names, all registered Democratic voters, was given to me with two registration forms, to sign up as many people as possible in favor of the renomination of V.M. These 20 people were all on 79th Street.

"Sue and Abner Green were present. Both of them were signing up the volunteers for this work. Also there was Elizabeth Barker, executive for the county. Jacqueline and Thelma Lipsha were the only two members of the Midtown Club present. I collected seven signatures and turned them to V.M. Headquarters at 9:45 PM."

100-26603-2987: Confidential letter to the Director dated May 26, 1944 re: "COMMUNIST PARTY, U.S.A., DISTRICT NUMBER 2, NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION; INTERNAL SECURITY - R", advising that, according to Confidential Informant NYT 25, under date of May 17, 1944, V.M. conferred with GIL GREEN; at which time he advised that he wanted TONY

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(probably FIZZOLIO, of local 430, United Electrical, Radio, and Machine Workers of America, who worked as an A.L.P. organizer during the primaries) released by the U.E.W. until August 2nd. It was also indicated that V.M. had to see the "little fellow" (Mayor LA GUARDIA) about the rule preventing use of the sound trucks until two weeks before the primaries.

100-7689-1088: A transcription of the report of Confidential Informant CRND 171 dated May 24, 1944 reflecting that the "Casa Borinquen" wants GILBERTO CONCEPCION DE GRACIA expelled from the Comité Pro Independencia. CORRETTIER told V.M. he would not attend meetings whenever DE GRACIA was present.

100-7689-1089: A translation of the report of Confidential Informant CRND 171 dated May 30, 1944, reflecting that V.M. promised the executive of the Nationalist Party that he would make a confederation of all the societies he directs to make an appeal for the independence of Puerto Rico, and that from now on PEDRO ALBIZU CAMPOS should be recognized as the president of the Republic of Puerto Rico. ✓

V.M. is alleged to have said that inasmuch as he has been named the adopted son of Puerto Rico, that he (V.M.) will take up his residence there as soon as Puerto Rico gains her independence; that the Yankee empire in Puerto Rico must be ended, as well as the criminal act which is being committed by keeping CAMPOS in a hospital prison. He referred to the American government as wanting to rob the people of Puerto Rico.

100-7689-1087: Report of Confidential Informant CRND 171 dated June 1, 1944 reflecting that V.M. was holding street corner meetings in Harlem twice weekly, probably in connection with the coming election, and that there were many fraudulent voters in V.M.'s district, mostly from the National Maritime Union.

100-7689-1090: A transcription of the report of Confidential

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Informant CRND 171 dated June 1, 1944. This report reflected that V.M. may withdraw his candidacy and retire from Congress and that RAFAEL HERNANDEZ, of Mexico City, had been asked to take charge of the Nationalist Party movement there. This report further reflected that JACINTO RAMOS, the president of the "Casa Borinquen", which has 36 members, told CORRETTIER that they had decided to act independently of the Communist Party and that it did not wish to be known as part of it.

100-7689-1105: Transcription of a circular obtained by Confidential Informant CRND 171, which reflects the fact that V.M. was to be present at a large celebration of the "Casa Borinquen", 914 Prospect Avenue, Bronx, New York.

100-7689-1106: Translation of a report of Confidential Informant CRND 171 dated June 9, 1944, reflecting that V.M. held a meeting at the corner of Madison Avenue and 100th Street, New York City, on June 7, 1944, at which time he asked to be reelected so he could eliminate the Fascists in Washington and also fight for the independence of Puerto Rico.

100-31551-4297, Page 83: Confidential report of Special Agent WILFRED H. ERWIN dated September 5, 1944 at New York, N. Y. entitled "LYDIA ALTSCHULER, with aliases; ET AL; ESPIONAGE - R, CENSORSHIP MATTERS." According to this report, through a highly confidential source it was ascertained that on June 10, 1944, HELEN SIMON conferred with one HELEN, at which time she asked for STAROBIN (phonetic). HELEN SIMON left a message requesting STAROBIN, who was out at the time, to write a story stressing the Italian cabinet and to include a note about V.M.'S resolution coming up in the House Foreign Affairs Committee on Tuesday morning.

100-26603-3033, Pages 62, 67: Report of Special Agent RUSSELL S. GARNER dated July 8, 1944 at New York, N. Y. re: "COMMUNIST POLITICAL ASSOCIATION, DISTRICT NUMBER 2, NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION; INTERNAL SECURITY - C". This report reflects information on the New York State Communist Party Convention held at Manhattan Center on June 10 and 11, 1944. One

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of the resolutions passed at this convention was one urging that the Congressional Committee approve passage of Congressman V.M.'S resolution for recognition of Italy and Congressman DICKSTEIN'S resolution asking establishment of a free port for refugees. This report further reflected that a resolution was also adopted calling for the reelection of Representative V.M. and also the election of Reverend ADAM CLAYTON POWELL for Representative in the 22nd Congressional District of Harlem.

100-45892-114, Page 10: Memorandum dated August 12, 1944 re: "NATIONALIST PARTY OF PUERTO RICO", setting forth names, addresses, and telephone numbers in connection with the captioned organization, which were furnished by Confidential Informant NYT 126, under date of June 13, 1944. In this list appears the name and address of Congressman V.M., Washington, D. C., telephone National 3120.

100-53054-30: Memorandum dated July 1, 1944 re: "V.M.; INTERNAL SECURITY -C". This memorandum refers to copies of reports of Confidential Informant ND 132, indicating the great amount of work being done by the Communist Political Association in connection with the re-nomination of V.M. for Congress. These reports, dated June 14, 15, and 16, 1944, briefly state as follows:

"My district for these three days was in the Puerto Rican district. I found them very responsive and enthusiastic about the election of V.M. These petitions were for the American Labor Party (the previous signatures I had collected were for the Democratic Party)."

These reports further stated that on Friday, June 16, ELIZABETH BARKER, secretary of the County organization, came to see this informant, asking her to go and see ANNA WAX KRAEM, who was the president of the Midtown Club. This informant also stated that Sue, wife of Abner Green, is at the V.M. headquarters, First Avenue and 77th Street, every evening.

100-31551-4297, Page 85: Report of Special Agent WILFRED H.

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ERWIN dated September 5, 1944 at New York, N. Y. entitled "LYDIA ALTSCHULER, with aliases; ET AL; ESPIONAGE - R, CENSORSHIP MATTERS". According to this report, through a highly confidential source it was ascertained that under date of June 8, 1944 one SIMON told MARY that she was working for the "Daily Worker", and is also working on MARC'S (believed to be V.M.) campaign at night.

100-53054-31: Memorandum dated July 11, 1944 re: "COMMUNIST POLITICAL ASSOCIATION, DISTRICT NUMBER 2, NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION; INTERNAL SECURITY - C". This memorandum referred to a report of Confidential Informant NYT 52, under date of June 21, 1944, setting forth a conference between Mr. GRILL of V.M.'S office and CURRAN'S secretary. The pertinent parts of this conversation are set forth as follows:

Key: A - Girl
B - Grill
C - Curran's Secretary

A: "Yes.

B: "And MARCANTONIO has asked me to contact Mr. CURRAN and MYERS (phonetic), BLACKIE MYERS (phonetic), to have them available one night during the week."

At this time there was an interruption, when A stated that she would place CURRAN'S secretary on the phone.

C: "Hello.

B: "Hello. This is MARCANTONIO'S headquarters, and the Congressman has asked me to contact Mr. CURRAN and Mr. MYERS for the purpose of having appointments for them to speak in his campaign for the 18th Congressional. Now I would like to know if there are any nights that we could make appointments for them to come down and speak. It's a public sound addressing system.

C: "Oh. Is it from a truck or open air?

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B: "It's on a truck with a loud speaker.

C: "Well, supposing I take that up with Mr.
CURRAN. Mr. MYERS is out of town and isn't expected back for a short while.
But suppose that I ask Mr. CURRAN. I'll have a chance tomorrow morning.

B: "Alright. This is for next week. I want to
line him up.

C: "For next week sometime. Alright. Uh huh.
I know that Mr. CURRAN plans to personally come up to our headquarters and
have at least one or two evenings and perhaps we can work it out in that
connection. What is your phone number then?

B: "Whineland 4-6450.

C: "6450. And what is your name?

B: "Grill."

On the same date a conference took place between
GENE CONNOLLY and JOE CURRAN, which in part is as follows:

Key: J - Curran
G - Gene Connolly

G: "I hate to drag you out, but this thing has
come up. There is a committee working on MARC'S (phonetic) literature,
and they got to go to press almost immediately and they want a number of
one or two sentence statements from prominent trade union leaders on why
they are supporting MARC. Now I wanted to ask you if you could do this.
The girl who is taking charge of the literature is a girl by the name
of HILDA ~~MSADOW~~ at the Russian War Relief. I wonder if you could give
your secretary a brief note, you know, and have her send it to her so
she could get it tomorrow. -----

J: "Alright. Alright."

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100-31551-B 1: This serial advises that through a highly confidential source it was ascertained that V.M. had addressed mail to the following people:

On June 24, 1944 and June 29, 1944 to HELEN
SIMON.

On July 25 and July 27, 1944 to RITA BIEGEL.

100-27339-161: Report of Special Agent JOHN J. MANNING dated October 14, 1944 at New York, N. Y. entitled "PEOPLE'S COMMITTEE, NEW YORK CITY; INTERNAL SECURITY - C". This report reflects that V.M. was a speaker at the Negro Freedom Rally held at Madison Square Garden on June 26, 1944 sponsored by the People's Committee and Negro Labor Victory. Other speakers were Reverend Dr. THOMAS S. CLARTEN; Dr. STEPHEN S. WISE; Dr. CHARLOTTE HAWKINS BROWN; FERDINAND C. SMITH; CHARLES A. COLLINS; Reverend Dr. ADAM CLAYTON POWELL, JR.; Honorable FIORELLO H. LA GUARDIA; and Honorable BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, JR.

100-31551-4297, Pages 90, 98: Report of Special Agent WILFRED H. ERWIN dated September 5, 1944 at New York, N. Y. entitled "LUDIA A. TSCHULER, with aliases, ET AL; ESPIONAGE - R, CENSORSHIP MATTERS". This report reflects that through a highly confidential source on June 30, 1944 it was ascertained that SIMON conferred with one ADELAIDE regarding a party sponsored by the Spanish Committee. According to this report, SIMON advised that she was starting her V.M. work.

This report further reflects that through means of a mail cover placed on the residence of HELEN L. SIMON, 350 East 77th Street, New York City, it was ascertained that she received mail from V.M. and many others, including various organizations.

100-31551-4344, Pages 66, 78, 81: Report of the same agent on the same subject matter as above dated September 13, 1944 reflecting that

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through a highly confidential source it was ascertained that SIMON advised one BRYAN HEALD, 9908 Wogan Terrace, Brooklyn, New York, that she was campaigning for V.M. According to this same source, SIMON has been ringing doorbells for V.M. in connection with his campaign. This report further reflects that through this same source it was ascertained that on July 1, 1944 SIMON conferred with one "LIL", advising her that she was doing campaign work for V.M.

100-2936-999, Pages 7, 58, 62: Report of Special Agent ARTHUR E. DOOLEY dated August 9, 1944 at New York, N. Y. re: "INTERNATIONAL WORKERS ORDER, NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION; INTERNAL SECURITY - C". This report reflects that in July, 1944 V.M. was honorary president of the GARIBALDI AMERICAN FRATERNAL SOCIETY of the I.W.O.; and that at the 6th convention of the I.W.O., held from July 2 to July 7 at the Manhattan Center, New York City, V.M. made a speech expressing pride in being an I.W.O. member. This report further reflects that V.M. also spoke before the Italian-American Section of the I.W.O. at Washington Square, New York City on July 4, 1944.

100-26603-3124: Memorandum dated July 19, 1944 re: "COMMUNIST PARTY, U.S.A., DISTRICT NUMBER 2, NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION; INTERNAL SECURITY - C". This memorandum reflects that, according to Confidential Informant NYT 52, a conference took place between Mr. HEDLEY STONE, of the National Maritime Union, and IRVING (believed to be IRVING POTASH), of the Furriers Union, at which time IRVING asked STONE if he thought they could get money for V.M.'S campaign, advising that, "We gave him \$2,000 already".

100-26603-3134: Confidential letter to the Director dated July 15, 1944 re the same subject matter as above, advising that, according to Confidential Informant NYT 52, conferences took place on July 6th and 7th of 1944 between the following persons:

On July 6, 1944 FERDINAND SMITH conferred with Mr. C. B. BALDWIN of the C.I.O. Political Action Committee. BALDWIN

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inquired as to "How does MARC'S fight look?" SMITH replied it looked pretty good and that they were concentrating on him.

On July 7, 1944 IRVING POTASH of the Furriers Union conferred with GIL GREEN. GREEN advised that he had just received a frantic call from V.M.'S headquarters, advising him that V.M. wished to see him, on something urgent, at 1:00 PM. The conversation that followed indicated that they were considering ways of raising money by calling together the "top people".

On the same date GIL GREEN conferred with V.M., who was at his office, at which time GREEN advised V.M. that he would have to see him later on in the day because of numerous appointments that he had. V.M. then complained to GREEN about the morning's meeting because of the fact that, with the exception of MIKE and POTASH and BLACKIE MYERS, he didn't have a single responsible union leader there; that what they pledged was entirely inadequate insofar as forces or funds go. The conversation then terminated and GREEN and V.M. agreed to meet at 6:30.

On the same date BARNET CONAL, of the Greater New York Industrial Union Council, C.I.O., conferred with GIL GREEN. GREEN advised CONAL that MARC'S campaign was "in a disgraceful state of affairs". He indicated that at the meeting V.M. "really dealt on the problems of dough and gave them an insight on it. -----."

100-7689-1149: Confidential letter to the Director dated July 7, 1944 re: "NATIONALIST PARTY OF PUERTO RICO; SEDITION, SELECTIVE SERVICE, VOORHIS ACT, INTERNAL SECURITY - N". With this letter there was transmitted a report of Confidential Informant ND 195, which reflected that expenses being incurred by CAMPOS are being met by a group of wealthy friends of V.M. ✓

100-53054-43: Memorandum dated August 2, 1944 re: "NATIONAL MARITIME UNION OF AMERICA; INTERNAL SECURITY - C". This memorandum referred to a report of Confidential Informant NYT 52, which described

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that under date of July 14, 1944 conferences were held between SCOTTY EDWARDS, MC CONNELL, MALLOY, and JOSEPH SWEAT. According to this memorandum, this report shows the activity of the National Maritime Union in connection with V.M.'S campaign. The conversation of the aforementioned people is reported as follows:

SCOTTY EDWARDS advised MALLOY that the fellow that works down at the South African Lines, who is working with V.M. on contact work, has suggested that a launch be used on the East River with a sign on it worded as follows: "National Maritime Union Keeps Them Sailing. Reelect V.M." He stated that a lot of people do not like to stand at street meetings and that here was a good chance to get to the people inasmuch as a great many of them sit out there at night.

SCOTTY then talked to JOE SWEAT, suggesting that he talk to MC CONNELL down at the American South African Line because he had a good idea. He then turned JOE SWEAT over to MC CONNELL. MC CONNELL advised that after talking it over with GENE CONNOLLY and V.M. it was decided it would be a good idea to make a sign reading as aforementioned and to have it placed on a launch to cruise up and down the East River.

It was MC CONNELL'S idea that the National Maritime Union should handle this end of the launch idea. JOE SWEAT stated that he talked to TONY RIRATTO (phonetic) and that they decided the best thing to do would be to do the house-to-house canvassing. When the expense of the launch project was brought up, MC CONNELL placed SCOTTY back on the phone with JOE. JOE then told SCOTTY to let MC CONNELL make arrangements to get the launch, and that "We will get the sign printed, get it mounted on there, and get the thing manned." When JOE said, "We can't foot the bill", SCOTTY ventured as to whether the N.M.U. couldn't volunteer to do this and foot the bill. JOE protested and stated that, "We spent \$5,000 already, for Christ's sake." SCOTTY then suggested that maybe they could get the patrolmen to chip in \$5 a piece. JOE requested SCOTTY to make the recommendation and that a patrolman would then be assigned to take care of getting the whole job done.

100-7689-1170: A translation of the report of Confidential

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Informant CRND 171 dated July 15, 1944. This report reflects that V.M. holds the independence of Puerto Rico as one of the most important points in his program and places great hope in President Franklin D. Roosevelt for the freedom of Puerto Rico.

100-31551-3570: Memorandum for the file dated July 17, 1944 re: "ALTO CASE". This memorandum advises that through a highly confidential source it was ascertained that HELEN L. SIMON was campaigning for V.M.

100-26603-3143: Memorandum dated July 22, 1944 re: "COMMUNIST PARTY, U.S.A., DISTRICT NUMBER 2, NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION; INTERNAL SECURITY - C". This memorandum advises that, according to Confidential Informant NYT 25, a conference was held between JOSEPH ROBERTS, of the Kings County Brooklyn Communist Political Association, and TONY RIBAUDO, of the East Harlem Section, and also campaign manager for V.M. This event occurred on July 17, 1944. TONY requested that ROBERTS come up with PETE to see him (TONY) and his friend on Wednesday when he came in (believed to have reference to V.M.) to his office. TONY gave his friend's address as 1484 First Avenue. According to TONY, his friend was under the impression that PETE wants to "sabotage" his work and wants an explanation.

100-26603-3168: Memorandum dated August 2, 1944 re: same subject matter as above. This memorandum reflects that, according to Confidential Informant NYT 25, under date of July 17, 1944, a conference took place between GIL GREEN and V.M. The substance of the conversation follows:

V.M. wanted an appointment with GREEN, but was refused until the following day because GREEN was busy. V.M. complained about the fact that only fourteen people showed up on Saturday and feared that there was something wrong and that someone was trying to "give him the works". They agreed to meet the following date at 10 o'clock.

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100-26603-3136: Memorandum dated July 19, 1944 re: the same subject matter as above, advising that, according to Confidential Informant NYT 52, TONY RIBAUDO, who is connected with the East Harlem Section of the Communist Political Association, told FREDERICK NELSON MYERS' secretary that he is V.M.'S manager.

100-7689-1176: Teletype to the Bureau dated July 20, 1944 re: "NATIONALIST PARTY OF PUERTO RICO; INTERNAL SECURITY - PUERTO RICAN", advising to the effect that, according to Confidential Informant CRND 171, President Roosevelt promised V.M. that he would see to it that the Justice Department would stop persecuting PEDRO ALBIZU CAMPOS. It is also alleged, according to this informant, that President Roosevelt promised he would allow CAMPOS to leave the country so he could set up a residence in some Latin American country. ✓

100-53054-35: Memorandum dated July 29, 1944 re: "FOREIGN INSPIRED AGITATION AMONG THE AMERICAN NEGROES IN NEW YORK CITY". This memorandum advised that attached to it was a report submitted by Confidential Informant ND 225, reflecting that this informant had attended a number of political rallies held throughout Harlem, New York in connection with the Congressional campaigns of ADAM CLAYTON POWELL and V.M., and that in this connection the informant reported that the Communist Political Association members are active in the various campaign headquarters set up by POWELL and that practically the entire New York County membership is concentrating on V.M.'S campaign. This report, submitted by Confidential Informant ND 225, was under date of July 21, 1944.

100-26603-3180: Memorandum dated August 9, 1944 RE: "COMMUNIST PARTY, U.S.A., DISTRICT NUMBER 2, NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION; INTERNAL SECURITY - C", reflecting that Confidential Informant NYT 25 reported a conference held between EUGENE CONNOLLY and one SAM (believed to be SAM WEISMAN) on July 27, 1944. The text of the conversation was as follows:

CONNOLLY advised that V.M. was "raising Cain"

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after he had seen someone and that he was angry because "We wouldn't go along -----". He further stated that V.M. "raised Cain" with SEON and that he wanted SEON to put on an active campaign.

100-26603-3128; Memorandum dated August 9, 1944 re: the same subject matter as above, reflecting that Confidential Informant NYT 25 advised on July 28, 1944 that a conference was held between GIL GREEN and MICHAEL QUILL. A summary of the conference follows:

QUILL advised GREEN that a serious mistake had been made in the editorial on MARCANTONIO and POWELL and that the fight was being neglected in the Bronx. He further stated that the church people are putting up a fight, including every Christian Mobilizer, including the Commander of the Brooklyn American Legion, who is up there to help elect DEVANEY. He further stated that they had plenty of speakers, but needed protection for the sound trucks and that the N.M.U. was sending men for that purpose, adding that it was getting to the point of strong-arm methods now.

100-26200-69, Page 6: Report of Special Agent WILLIAM J. LOSTY dated July 31, 1944 at New York, N. Y. entitled "AMERICAN SLAV CONGRESS; INTERNAL SECURITY". This report advised that through a highly confidential and reliable source it was ascertained that V.M. is a member of the nominating committee of the aforementioned organization.

100-26603-3206; Memorandum dated August 18, 1944 re: "COMMUNIST PARTY, U.S.A., DISTRICT NUMBER 2, NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION; INTERNAL SECURITY - C", advising that Confidential Informant NYT 25 reported the following pertinent information:

On July 31, 1944 this informant advised that ROSE WORTIS contacted RUTH YOUNG, of the United Electrical Radio and Machine Workers of America C.I.O., concerning the money from the U.E. for V.M.'S campaign. RUTH YOUNG replied that she had sent over \$250,000 from Radio

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Local (Local 430). According to this report, RUTH reportedly explained that they had 54 locals in the U.E., 38 of them in New Jersey, and that they had spent about six times as much money from the districts in New York as they spent in New Jersey. ROSE reportedly advised RUTH to explain this by talking along the lines that the campaign was not a New York or a New Jersey campaign and that V.M. was not only a New York Congressman, but that the work he was doing affected New Jersey and everybody else, as he was the only American Labor Party Congressman.

100-53054-45: Confidential report from G-2 dated August 2, 1944, advising that Representatives V.M. and FISH were renominated to Congress; that ADAM CLAYTON POWELL was nominated to Congress.

100-7689-1196: Personal and confidential letter to the Director dated August 5, 1944 re: "NATIONALIST PARTY OF PUERTO RICO; SEDITION, VOORHIS ACT, SELECTIVE SERVICE, INTERNAL SECURITY - N". This letter advised in substance that, according to Confidential Informant CRND 171, CAMPOS was warned by Mother SUPERIOR BARTHOLOMEW that the wires were tapped at the Columbus Hospital and that CAMPOS knew beforehand that a microphone was to be installed in his room. It is further reported that after the installation he warned BROWDER and V.M. to come and view the handiwork and to take pictures of the instruments. According to this letter, V.M. had stated that he would produce the instrument on the floor of the House of Representatives. ✓

100-26603-3238, Pages 13, 16: Confidential letter to the Director dated August 30, 1944, advising that Confidential Informant NYT 52 reported that on August 9, 1944, FERDINAND SMITH conferred with V.M., at which time they discussed the fact that the Democrats wanted to suggest that WATSON be named to the City Court. V.M. advised that he was not dealing with the Democrats, that BLUMBERG was dealing with them. SMITH advised that if the A.L.P. agrees to back WATSON it would force the Democrats to act. V.M. replied that he would go along with them.

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100-4931-4558: Confidential letter to the Director dated August 25, 1944 re: "COMMUNIST POLITICAL ASSOCIATION; INTERNAL SECURITY - C", advising that, according to Confidential Informant NYT 52, Congressman V.M. has been invited to speak before the 25th anniversary of the Communist movement to be held on September 28, 1944 in Madison Square Garden, New York City.

100-45892-130, Pages 4, 13: Report of Special Agent ALFRED B. NOVAK dated September 4, 1944 at New York, N. Y. entitled "PUEBLOS HISPANOS (HISPANIC PEOPLES); REGISTRATION ACT, INTERNAL SECURITY - CN". This report reflects that in a list of names, including well known Communists, Communist front organizations, and members of Communist front organizations, appears the name of V.M., U. S. Congressman, Washington, D. C. This report further reflects that PUEBLOS HISPANOS strongly supported V.M. with a full page ad at the time of his candidacy for Congressman in the primary election which terminated on August 1, 1944.

100-31551-4297, Page 74: Confidential report of Special Agent WILFRED H. ERWIN dated September 5, 1944 at New York, N. Y. entitled "LYDIA ALTSCHULER, with aliases, ET AL; ESPIONAGE - R, CENSORSHIP MATTERS". This report reflects that through a highly confidential source it was ascertained that HELEN SIMON communicated by letter with Sr. MARIO MONTAGNANO, Avda. Rio de La Piedad 45, D.P.T.O. 10, Mexico, D.F. This letter, written in French, reflected that V.M. had just presented a resolution to Congress asking the president to recognize Italy and send it Lend-Lease.

100-28715-2292: Memorandum dated September 11, 1944 re: "NATIONAL MARITIME UNION OF AMERICA; INTERNAL SECURITY - C", reflecting that JOSEPH SWEAT, a known Communist, was appointed Political Action Director of the National Maritime Union; that the union membership was very active in the recent primary election in which V.M. was nominated.

100-53054-49: Memorandum dated September 2, 1944 re: "V.M.; INTERNAL SECURITY - C". This memorandum referred to the report of Confidential

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Informant NYT 52 under date of September 12, 1944 relating to a conference held between one MILDRED ~~LEWIS~~ and Miss DE WITT, of V.M.'S office. The substance of the conversation was as follows:

MILDRED advised Miss DE WITT that she received a letter from the D.A.'s office requesting her to appear as a witness in a criminal action by the State of New York vs. JOHN DOE. MILDRED advised Miss DE WITT to the effect that she did not know whether this had any connection with V.M.'S campaign or not, but that it might be as she had no other idea as to what it would be. From the conversation that followed it appeared that MILDRED had signed a petition for V.M., although she did not reside in his district. MILDRED further advised Miss DE WITT that she lived at 170 Second Avenue, upon which Miss DE WITT advised her that this certainly was not in V.M.'S district and that she should not have signed the petition. Miss DE WITT further stated that she would take it up with V.M. as she did not know what else to advise her to do.

100-26603-3339: Confidential letter to the Director dated October 14, 1944 re: "COMMUNIST PARTY, U.S.A., DISTRICT NUMBER 2, NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION; INTERNAL SECURITY - C", advising that Confidential Informant NYT 25 reported on October 6, 1944 that ISRAEL AMTER, Communist Political Association, New York State, conferred with BURFEE (phonetic), (believed to be identical with GIUSEPPE BERTI, editor of EL UNITA DEL POPOLO) and BURFEE advised AMTER that he and V.M. had been invited to a banquet on October 12, 1944 at the Roosevelt Hotel and that all the leaders of the union had also been invited and that BELLANCA (believed to be AUGUST BELLANCA, Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America C.I.O.) will make a report. LA GUARDIA, according to this letter, was also expected to be there. BURFEE further stated that at this banquet they would try to shake up the workers as they are the ones that have contact in the unions with the Italian workers; and that he had been seeing V.M. "very much lately"; and that they had discussed the situation and certain things which he said he could not repeat over the phone.

100-28627-1031: Report of Confidential Informant ND 268 dated October 7, 1944, advising that a pre-registration rally to be

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held by the Negro Women, Inc., New York City, was scheduled for October 8, 1944 at the Abyssinian Baptist Church. Speakers listed were V.M.; ADAM CLAYTON POWELL; DOROTHY BELLANCA; MARVEL COCKE; WILLIAM T. ANDREWS; PHILLIP WATSON; LUCILLE CHANCE; ANNE ARNOLD HEDGEMAN.

100-13336-17, Pages 14, 18: Report of Special Agent CHARLES J. MC CREADY dated November 21, 1944 at New York, N. Y. entitled "AMANCIO RODRIGUES ROMAN, with aliases; INTERNAL SECURITY - C". This report reflected that Confidential Informant T-1 [REDACTED] advised that under date of October 19, 1944 V.M. wrote a letter to the aforementioned subject, who is a known Communist, making an appointment with him for October 19, 1944 at 8:30 PM at the A.L.P. Club at 23 East 113th Street, New York City.

100-28715-2357: Confidential letter to the Director dated October 23, 1944 re: "FERDINAND C. SMITH; INTERNAL SECURITY - C", advising that, according to Confidential Informant NYT 52, V.M. conferred with BLACKIE on October 20, 1944. V.M. advised BLACKIE that he had met with a couple of Italian longshoremen from Brooklyn, who wanted to get active in doing things. V.M. also stated that a mass meeting was to be held in Brooklyn before the election, which would be attended by Mayor LA GUARDIA, and BELLANCA, and he also wanted him (BLACKIE) there. He further stated that a JIM MC GRANNERY told him that the Republicans were after him (MC GRANNERY) to arrest FERDINAND SMITH. MC GRANNERY suggested that FERDINAND SMITH be "pulled off" his tour.

100-26603-3400: Confidential letter to the Director dated November 1, 1944 re: "COMMUNIST PARTY, U.S.A., DISTRICT NUMBER 2, NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION; INTERNAL SECURITY - C", advising that Confidential Informant NYT 25, under date of October 26, 1944, reported a conference between BELLA DODD, IDA SILVERSTEIN, GIL GREEN, and ROSE MORTIS, all of the Communist Political Association. Most of the conference had to do with the approaching election and getting people to work over Saturday and Sunday to address envelopes for a special mailing to all the A.L.P. enrollees upstate, this being a job which they were doing for the A.L.P.

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It was also ascertained that FRANK SINATRA would be in town and that he and V.M. would make speeches at the Rex Theater in Harlem on November 3, 1944.

100-53054-54: Memorandum dated November 3, 1944 re: "V.M.; INTERNAL SECURITY - C". This memorandum advised as follows:

In a tribute to ANNA DAMON, former secretary of the International Labor Defense, appearing in the form of a pamphlet entitled: "Equal Justice and Democracy in the Service of Victory" published in September 1944 by the I.L.D., the following individuals were listed as officers and members of the national committee of the I.L.D. These individuals listed below are all located in New York City:

President V.M.; Vice President DOXEY WILKERSON; Secretary LOUIS COLMAN; Treasurer ROBERT W. DUNN; National Committee Members: Dr. JOSEPHINE TRUSLOW ADAMS; WILLIAM ALBERTSON; ROSE BARON; Dr. PEDRO ALBIZU CAMPOS; CHARLES COLLINS; EUGENE P. CONNOLLY; JUAN ANTONIO CORRETTIER; THELMA M. DALE; Dr. BELLA V. DODD; MURIEL DRAPER; FREDERICK FIELD; DOROTHY K. FUNN; BEN GOLD; JOHN GOODMAN; ABNER GREEN; ANGELO HERNDON; CONRAD KAYE; GEORGE KLEINMAN; CLIFFORD T. MC AVOY; GEORGE B. MURPHY; FREDERICK W. MYERS; SAMUEL A. NEUBERGER; Professor WALTER RAUTENSTRAUCH; PAUL ROBESON; AARON SCHNEIDER; JOSEPH P. SELLY; SASHA SMALL; FERDINAND SMITH; HOPE STEVENS; RICHARD WRIGHT; Dr. MAX YERGAN.

It will be noted that case files have been opened on each name appearing in the above list.

100-53054-55: Letter to the Director dated November 23, 1944 on the same subject matter as above transmitting a card to the Bureau bearing three photographs of V.M.

100-53054-56: Teletype to the Bureau and San Juan dated November 24, 1944 re: "NATIONALIST PARTY OF PUERTO RICO; SEDITION, SELECTIVE SERVICE,

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"ETC." This teletype advises that the New York office is in receipt of information that PEDRO ALBIZU CAMPOS has received assurance from V.M. to the effect that he is to receive an unconditional pardon. Based on this there has been some talk about CAMPOS leaving the hospital, but, according to this teletype, this has not been verified. The teletype further advises that Confidential Informant NYT 256 advised that ANTONIO CORREIJER made a reservation with Pan American Airways for Congressman V.M. for a trip to Puerto Rico, and that he is to leave on December 8, 1944. This teletype further reflects that it was possible that V.M. planned to attend the Pro Independence Congress in Puerto Rico on December 10, 1944 and that it is possible that V.M. may contact Local Board 066 in connection with the case of JULIO PINTO GANDIA, who contacted V.M. in connection with his attempt to evade reporting for a physical examination in New York City.

100-26603-3602: Memorandum dated January 11, 1945 re: "COMMUNIST PARTY, U.S.A., DISTRICT NUMBER 2, NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION; INTERNAL SECURITY - C", advising that, according to Confidential Informant NYT 25, on December 29, 1944 a conference took place between EUGENE CONNOLLY, of the Communist Party, and GIL GREEN, Communist Party New York State Headquarters. During this conversation, GREEN advised he was going to see V.M. either this day or the next.

100-53054-57: Letter from the Director dated November 29, 1944 re: "V.M.; INTERNAL SECURITY - C", advising that this individual is being removed from the key figure list at the Bureau and that the New York office should likewise discontinue carrying him as a key figure.

97-169-1A 6: The following information, unless otherwise noted, is taken from the said file, which contains the Daily Worker indices, in this particular case for the year of 1944:

January 9, 1944, Page 5, Column 1: Contains a photograph of V.M. and also an article calling upon the people of the

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United States to express their indignation against the Attorney General's action in connection with the case of ~~RAISSA~~ BROWDER.

March 15, 1944, Page 3, Column 4: An article in which V.M. is listed as a speaker at a conference called by the People's Committee, which was to be held on March 18, 1944 in New York City, at which time the issues facing the Negro people would be discussed.

100-53054-14: A clipping from the Daily Worker dated April 15, 1944. This article reflects briefly that Congressman V.M. characterized VICTOR RIESEL, New York Post columnist, "the filthiest liar in the newspaper business". This article further reflects the fact that "The American Labor Party Congressman (V.M.) charged that RIESEL'S column, which suggested that V.M. was angling for the Democratic candidacy for president of the City Council in 1945, is a complete falsehood, without a shred of truth in it."

April 28, 1944, Page 2, Column 3: According to this article, V.M. was to speak before a gathering of the Italian-American Section of the I.W.O. and several C.I.O. and A.F. of L. unions on April 30, 1944 at Cooper Union Institute to celebrate the new Italian cabinet in Italy. According to this article, GUISEPPE BERTI, editor of EL UNITA DEL POPOLO, and LUCIEN MIDOL, president of the French Railway Union and French Communist Deputy, would also speak.

100-53054-18: A clipping from the Daily Worker dated May 1, 1944. An article captioned "V.M. Asks U. S. Recognition for Italy". The information appearing in this article is summarized as follows:

Representative V.M., in his speech before the Italian Americans gathered at Cooper Union, advised that he would fight in Congress to insure: "1. that the U. S. recognize Italy's government as a full and equal Ally. 2. that we extend full Lend-Lease aid to Italy."

This article further reflects that LUCIEN MIDOL, French Communist Deputy and secretary of the French Railways

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Union, also addressed the rally, at which he greeted Italy's anti-Fascist government, stating that it included all political tendencies and parties seeking Italy's independence.

According to this article, the speakers ripped into LUIGI ANTONINI and GENEROSO PEPE, editor of ~~IL~~ PROGRESSO ITALO-AMERICANO, who attacked the new Italian government. GIUSEPPE BERTI, editor of EL UNITA DEL POPOLO, said ANTONINI appears afraid that Teheran policies will come down to Local 89, International Ladies Garment Workers Union, which he hates.

100-53054-19: A clipping dated May 3, 1944 from the Daily Worker. This article reflects in part as follows:

"Representative V.M. (A.L.P. - N.Y.) yesterday retorted sharply to the unnamed person, allegedly a Supreme Court Justice, who, according to the Herald Tribune, spoke against JAMES M. PEMBERTON'S appointment to a clerkship because the Negro district leader is too close a friend of the Congressman's."

This article also stated in part that the Herald Tribune's story was another in a series on the application of PEMBERTON, Democratic leader of the 17th Assembly District, who had applied for the job of confidential clerk to the 36 Supreme Court justices in Manhattan and the Bronx. This article reflected the fact that PEMBERTON had been recommended for the job by Democratic county leader EDWARD V. LOUGHLIN.

This article further reflected that, according to V.M., "The whole history of the case has been marked by conspiracy on the part of reactionaries and domestic fascists, Christian fronters, and white-supremacy gangsters. These people gang up on anybody and everybody who fights for equality and progress."

100-53054-24: A clipping from the Daily Worker dated June 2, 1944. This article, captioned "MARCANTONIO, POWELL BACKED BY CITY CIO IN PRIMARIES", advises in part as follows:

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"The Greater New York CIO Council last night threw its powerful weight behind the campaign to elect Rep. V.M. and the Rev. A. CLAYTON POWELL in the Aug. 1 primaries. Meeting at the Fraternal Clubhouse, 110 W. 48th St., the Council cheered a declaration by its secretary SAUL MILLS, that election of both candidates was the number 1 job on the political action front in New York.

"The Council endorsed both in a strong resolution which praised their records and denounced the opposition of 'Dewey Republicans and dissident Democrats'."

This article further advised that the Council hailed the record of Representative V.M. in Congress and also his support to President Roosevelt, and vowed to work for his election on the Democratic, Republican, and A.L.P. tickets. This article further stated that delegates from more than 250 affiliates said that V.M. had served the country "fearlessly and brilliantly".

100-53054-28: A clipping dated June 2, 1944 from the Daily Worker. This article briefly states the following: The Democrats had selected Representative MARTIN J. KENNEDY in the new 18th Congressional District and they expected V.M. would make a primary fight for the Democratic Congressional nomination.

100-53054-26: A clipping from the Daily Worker dated June 17, 1944. This article advised to the effect that representatives of Italian-American organizations came together at a Congressional Committee hearing held recently to testify in favor of Representative V.M.'S resolution for Lend-Lease and recognition for the new democratic Italian government.

This article further advised that Representative JAMES M. CURLEY was a star witness and emphasized that his Italian-American constituents, who give so much to the war effort, deserve passage of this resolution which is so close to their hearts.

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This article further reflected the fact that ERNEST DE MAIO of Chicago was present, and that he represented not only the district United Electrical Workers, but also the Chicago Italian American Victory Council with 100,000 members. GUSTAV CATORALE, president of the Pittsburgh Paper Workers Organizing Committee, was also there and represented virtually all Italian Americans in the Allegheny Valley.

100-53054-27: A clipping from the Daily Worker dated June 19, 1944, the pertinent parts of which reflect the following:

Prominent leaders in trade unions, civic and political groups joined the campaign to reelect V.M., according to EUGENE P. CONNOLLY, secretary of the New York County, American Labor Party.

This article also sets out a long list of supporters of V.M.

100-53054-29: A clipping from the Daily Worker dated June 25, 1944. This is a full page article showing a photograph of V.M. entitled "Able Legislator". This article briefly states that Representative V.M.'S record in Congress is one of achievement; that his qualities in skillful parliamentary technique and ability to make alliances and exploit political realities and a real gift for stating issues forcefully, make him unique among progressive and administrative supporters.

This article, by ADAM LARIN, goes on to show V.M.'S popularity in the East Harlem district, his brilliant record as a legislator, his work in connection with the F.E.P.C., his courage in fighting alone at times. In conclusion this article states that the people of his district will work hard to send him back to Congress for a fifth term.

It was noted that at the bottom of the page appeared three political announcements by the C.I.O. Political

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Action Committee entitled, "Have you registered?", "Register now", and "Only five months to November 7".

June 26, 1944, Page 4, Column 4: This article contains a photograph of V.M. and also advises that V.M. is to speak before the Negro Rally to be held at Madison Square Garden as of this date and that other speakers would be Mayor LA GUARDIA; A. CLAYTON POWELL; PAUL ROBINSON; BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, JR.; Rabbi STEPHEN S. WISE; and CHARLES A. COLLINS.

July 3, 1944, Page 2, Column 3: This article reflects that V.M. made a speech before the 6th Annual Convention of the I.W.O. held at Carnegie Hall, New York City. Other speakers listed were MAX BEDACHT; PETER SHIPKA; LOUISE THOMPSON; ROCKWELL KENT; and RUBIN SALTZMAN. According to this article, V.M. stated in his speech that he was proud to be a member of the I.W.O.

100-53054-47: A clipping dated August 30, 1944 from the Daily Worker. In this article MAX YERGAN of the N.M.U. and Representative V.M. commended the Army's ban on segregation in post exchanges, theaters, and buses, as a great step forward for morale in both the Armed Forces and the civilian population.

100-53054-48: A clipping from the Daily Worker dated August 31, 1944. This article advised in substance that the nominating petition of Lt. ROBERT C. PALMER, candidate for Congress in the 12th Congressional District in Manhattan, against Representative V.M. was declared invalid by the Board of Elections. This article further reflected that of the 3391 signatures filed, 2000 of them were challenged by V.M. and about 900 were found to be defective by the Board, thus throwing out the petition.

September 4, 1944, Page 4, Column 1: This article contains a photograph of V.M. and also comments made by V.M. on

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the progress of labor made on the home front. According to this article, he is quoted as saying, "On this Labor Day, I greet the Daily Worker and the workers for the militant fight on behalf of the best interests of the American people."

September 11, 1944, Page 2, Column 3: In this article V.M. is mentioned as being one of many sponsors of a testimonial dinner to be given on September 20, 1944 in honor of FERDINAND C. SMITH, national secretary of the N.W.U., to be held at the Hotel Commodore, New York City.

September 12, 1944, Page 2, Column 5: This article advises that V.M. was a speaker at the Roosevelt Registration Rally held in the Bronx. Other speakers listed were LEO KNYZCKI, president of the American Star Congress; CHAPLOTTE CARR, New York State Director of the Political Action Committee; and MICHAEL J. QUILL, New York City councilman.

September 21, 1944, Page 12, Column 1: This article refers to V.M.'S appearance at the testimonial dinner given in honor of FERDINAND C. SMITH.

100-53054-50: A clipping from the Daily Worker dated October 3, 1944. This article in part reflects that the Ladies Garment Center Club of the A.L.P. will hold a rally at Manhattan Center in New York City, and that V.M. and Reverend A. CLAYTON POWELL will head a list of outstanding speakers at this rally. Other speakers mentioned were Representative EMANUEL CELLAR; HYMAN BLUMBERG, state secretary of the A.L.P.; and ARNOLD AMES, executive secretary of the Ladies Garment Center A.L.P. Club, who also will be chairman.

October 5, 1944, Page 9, Column 4: This article listed V.M. as a speaker at the coming American Labor Party Registration

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Rally for President Roosevelt to be held on October 16, 1944. This article listed other speakers as General HENRY EPSTEIN; JOHANNES STEELE, radio commentator; CASPARE M. CUSUMANE, American Labor Party candidate for judge; as well as other speakers.

100-53054-53: A clipping from the Daily Worker dated October 31, 1944. This article reflects that V. M. addressed over 600 Italian Americans at the 14th Congressional District, Brooklyn, endorsing JAMES V. KING, A.L.P. candidate for Congress, and County Judge NICHOLAS H. PINTO. According to this article, this rally was held by the A.L.P.

100-53054-58: This article, from the Daily Worker of December 1, 1944, reflects that V.M. would be the guest of honor at the 2nd National Independence Congress meeting in San Juan, Puerto Rico the following week. This article commented on the fact that V.M. was known and loved by Puerto Ricans for his championship in Congress of the island's independence and well being.

100-53054-59: A clipping from the Daily Worker dated December 6, 1944. This article, captioned "Congressmen Score Reaction in Greece", in substance reads:

"Progressive and Administration members of Congress are frankly alarmed at the Greek situation where the resistance movement is being bloodily suppressed by an unrepresentative government aided by British troops.

"Reps. ADOLPH SARATH (D-Ill), who heads the House Rules Committee, and V.M. (ALP - NY) expressed their resentment in statements to the Daily Worker.

"Rep. JOHN COFFEE cited a secret report by a British agent to his Foreign Office last year which warned

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"that the Nazis in Greece 'have deliberately stressed the Communist bogey and instilled moderate opinion with fear of a Communist coup on the liberation of Greece.'

"COFFEE praised the EAM, the Greek liberation movement, as 'strongly democratic.'

"Rep. V.M. said that Greece and Italy were the 'testing grounds of postwar Europe determining whether or not the liberating forces who have sacrificed everything against the "nazis will be permitted to set up genuinely democratic governments.'"

100-53054-60: A clipping dated December 15, 1944 from the Daily Worker. In this article Representative V.M. is named as one of many sponsors of the "Provisional Committee for Equal Justice", in the case of Mrs. RECY TAYLOR, Alabama Negro rape victim.

The following information appears in serials bearing news clippings of publications having circulation in the New York City area;

100-42735 A-854: A clipping dated January 22, 1944 from the People's Voice. This article reflects that V.M. has requested the Department of Justice to investigate the distribution of anti-Semitic literature by pro-Nazi groups in Boston to soldiers in camps throughout the country. This anti-Semitic literature is purported to be an anti-Semitic parody on the Marine hymn.

100-42735 A-866: A clipping from the same paper as above dated January 29, 1944. This article announces the fact that the President's Fair Employment Practices Committee, referred to as the MARCANTONIO F.E.P.C. Bill, was ready for signatures. It also set forth the features of this bill in comparison with a similar bill.

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100-42735 A-905: A clipping dated February 12, 1944 from the same paper as above to the effect that Congressman V.M. represented the two soldiers who are now serving life sentences on conviction of rape at a hearing brought about by an appeal for clemency.

100-42735 A-959: A clipping dated March 4, 1944 from the same paper as above reflecting that V.M. defended the presidential veto of the tax bill and called upon New York legislators in Congress to uphold the veto.

100-53054-11: A clipping from the Brooklyn Daily Eagle dated March 13, 1944. This article in part reflects as follows:

"The factional split in the American Labor Party in the city was widened today, with DEAN ALFANGE, chairman of the Liberal and Labor Committee to Safeguard the American Labor Party, charging a plot is being hatched by left-wing party leaders, working with Tammany machine politicians 'to get a stranglehold on the city government' in 1945.

"ALFANGE charged that Representative V.M., left-wing leader in Manhattan, is 'in alliance with the worst elements of Tammany Hall' and is the head of SIDNEY HILLMAN'S Committee for a United Labor party in Manhattan, which, he asserted, is a 'combine of machine politicians, Communists, and underworld elements.'"

This article further reflects that, "MARCANTONIO replying termed the right-wing leader's statement an attempt to becloud the fight for control of the A.L.P. at the March 28 primary.

"Regarding the charge he is trying to capture the Mayoralty, he said, 'I merely recall that while Mr. Alfange was supporting the Tammany candidates for Mayor in 1937 and 1941, I supported FIORELLO LA GUARDIA.'"

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100-42735 A-1001: * clipping from the People's Voice dated March 18, 1944. This article states in part:

"Congressman V.M. and EUGENE P. CONNOLLY, chairman and secretary respectively of the New York County Committee of the American Labor Party, Monday called upon all A.L.P. enrollees to vigorously repudiate redbaiting and splitting tactics on the part of the ROSE-ALFANGE-DUBINSKY group. According to the fact that primary date is March 28th -----"

54-144 A-522: A clipping from the New York World Telegram dated April 10, 1944, which is an editorial reflecting in substance the following:

"Last Saturday, in this state, Communists saw their powerful ally, SIDNEY HILLMAN, chairman of the C.I.O. Political Action Committee, elected State Chairman of the captured American Labor Party.

"They saw the deposed A.L.P. right-wing leaders, the COUNTS - ROSE - ARMSTRONG - DUBINSKY group definitely abandon the Party to its HILLMAN captors. They saw the appointment of new HILLMAN-approved Party officers and committees.

"They saw this new state A.L.P. set-up dominated, not alone by HILLMAN, who was recently declared by the Dies Committee to have replaced BROWDER as the leader of American Communists, but also by Representative V.M., whose Communist sympathies and affiliations are well and widely known.

"The NEAL-MARCANTONIO deal, disclosed by the World Telegram for applying Tammany pressure to Supreme Court justices to secure the appointment of JAMES PEMBERTON, MARCANTONIO protege, to a \$6,500 a year court clerkship, is regarded as a sign and symptom of what is going on in a Tammany now reported to be bossed far more by district leader NEAL than by Tammany leader LOUGHLIN."

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54-144 A-524: A clipping dated April 11, 1944 from the New York Daily Mirror. This article in substance reflects that Congressman V.M. accused JOHN L. BUCKLEY and DENNIS J. MAHON, Tammany leaders of Manhattan's west side, of seeking his political aid during the past several months. This article further states, "V.M. said that in 1942 BUCKLEY 'wore out his pants at the knees by begging for the A.L.P. nomination for State Senator.'"

100-26603-2955: A clipping from the New York World Telegram dated May 15, 1944 reflecting that the Communist Party of New York went on record as favoring a fourth term for President Roosevelt. This article further stated that ISRAEL AMTER, state chairman of the Communist Party, making the keynote address at the Party's state convention held in Manhattan Center on May 14, 1944, had demanded the release from prison of MORRIS U. SCHAPPES, former instructor at City College, and also endorsed the candidacies of Representative V.M. and the Reverend ADAM CLAYTON POWELL. This article also reflected the fact that AMTER also concurred with the recommendation of EARL BROWDER that the Party change its name.

100-42735 A-1237: A clipping dated June 10, 1944 from the People's Voice reflecting the fact that, "Representative V.M., candidate for re-election to Congress ----- will be guests of honor at a testimonial dinner to be given by the Fraternal Election Campaign Committee at Pythian Plaza, 135 West 70th Street, on Wednesday, June 21."

100-42735 A-1273: A clipping dated July 1, 1944 from the same paper as above, which relates to the testimonial dinner given in honor of Congressman V.M. and Representative CLAYTON POWELL. This article further reflects that, "Among those paying tributes to the records of the two progressive leaders on behalf of the Advancement of Democracy in America and expressing endorsements of their candidacy for Congress were MAX BEDACHT, general secretary of the I.W.O.; City Councilman BENJAMIN DAVIS; and JOHN MIDDLETON, New York executive secretary of the I.W.O. and chairman of the Fraternal Election Campaign Committee."

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"Portraits of Mr. MARCANTONIO and Mr. POWELL made by HUGO GELLERT, well known New York artist, were presented."

100-53054-44: A clipping dated June 21, 1944 from the New York Herald Tribune to the effect that V.M.'S thanks, sent to 500 Party foes, through a mail mix-up, went to the wrong Republicans. This article stated that representative V.M. was likewise surprised and that he had ordered an investigation of this mix-up.

100-45892-108: A full page advertisement which appeared in PUEBLOS HISPANOS dated July 5, 1944. This advertisement reflects eleven reasons why Puerto Ricans should vote for V.M. The most pertinent of these reasons as related by this article are quoted as follows:

"1. V.M. defends the independence of Puerto Rico and he has placed before Congress a bill for its recognition, guaranteeing all economic and international rights.

"2. V.M. defended generously and free of charge the political prisoners of Puerto Rico.

"3. V.M. was successful in bringing about the removal of tyrant BLANTON WINSHIP.

"5. V.M. obtained guarantees of citizenship for Puerto Rican immigrants.

"6. V.M. has defended the right of the Puerto Ricans of New York to obtain work and to get relief benefits.

"9. V.M. defends the reelection of the New Deal and the Good Neighbor Policy."

100-42735 A-1291: A clipping from the People's Voice dated

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July 8, 1944, mentioning the fact that V.M. and others attended the Negro Freedom Rally held at Madison Square Garden. Others present, according to this article, were Republicans CHANNING TOBIAS and HUBERT DELANEY; Communist BENJAMIN DAVIS, JR.; ADAM CLAYTON POWELL; FERDINAND C. SMITH; CHARLES COLLINS; Southern Educator CHARLOTTE HAWKINS BROWN; and others.

100-42735 A-1297: A clipping from the same paper as above dated July 8, 1944. This article refers to the two Negro boys serving life sentences at MC NEIL Island Federal Penitentiary, for whom V.M. made a formal appeal for clemency, and in which he succeeded by having the sentence reduced by the War Department from life to 8-10 years. This article went on to say that Congressman V.M. is now appealing to the President for a full clemency in view of the circumstances connected with the case.

100-53054-34: A clipping dated July 20, 1944 from the "New York Post. This article, captioned "Fraud Charged in MARCANTONIO G.O.P. Petitions", reflects in part that JOHN S. MC COOK, former president of the New York Young Republican Club charged that V.M.'S petitions, purporting to include signatures of Republicans in the district, were "fraudulent and forgeries". This article states that, according to MC COOK, he first discovered how the petitions were getting around when he received a personal letter thanking him for an endorsement of V.M. "To the best of my knowledge," MC COOK said, "I never signed one of the petitions."

100-53054-39: A clipping from the New York Times dated July 21, 1944. This article briefly states that the Republicans are making an investigation of all signatures on petitions designating Representative V.M. as a candidate for the Republican Congressional nomination in the new 18th Congressional District.

100-53054-36: A clipping dated July 25, 1944 from the New York World Telegram. This article advises to the effect that,

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"Representative V.M., accusing his opponents of trying to stop his election in the new 18th Congressional District with 'punches below the belt', said today that he had submitted to the district attorney photographic copies of 750 'forged' signatures on the nominating petitions of Representative MARTIN J. KENNEDY, regular Democratic candidate.

"That's about one-third of the evidence I have," the left wing American Labor Party leader said after a conference with ALEXANDER DREIBAND, assistant district attorney. "I will supply Mr. DREIBAND with the rest of the names as soon as I can."

100-53054-41: A clipping dated July 29, 1944 from the New York Times. This article reflects that fifteen American Legion leaders from the five New York boroughs urged in a joint statement that "All patriotic men and women, irrespective of partisan politics", vote against V.M. in Tuesday's primary. He was attacked as being "a Communist who during 1940 consistently voted against measures vitally needed in the interest of national defense". Signers of this statement were set out in the article by counties.

100-53054-40: A clipping from the New York Daily Mirror dated July 31, 1944. This editorial, entitled "Moscow's Vito", reflected in part the following:

["V.M., sniveling little pro-Communist who stood out against this country as Joe Stalin's sole representative in the Congress of the United States, will seek the Republican and Democratic nominations, in addition to that of the ALP, which he already owns, in the primary elections tomorrow.

"In our opinion, as an official he is utterly no good, a liability to the City of New York, a disgrace to the nation's Congress and an enemy of everything that American democracy should stand for.

"If elected, he will continue to represent, as he has represented in the past, the Communist Party of Moscow and the

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"interests of the Soviet Union in our Nation's Congress, which he despises."]

This article further advises that V.M. was vice president of the so-called American Peace Mobilization, referred to as the "Communist front organization created to resist any American policy that ran counter to the policies of Stalin and Hitler, then allies in a non-aggression pact."

This article further reflects that this organization had picketed the White House and slandered the President for the cause of "Mother Russia"; that V.M. screamed "Dictator", and other epithets when President Roosevelt, in his 1941 Jackson Day speech, called for a firm stand against Communists, Nazis, and defeatists.

This article further set forth the fact that V.M. voted against all national defense appropriations up until June 22, 1941, on which date the alliance of "the earth's two blackest dictatorships was broken; Hitler attacked Russia."

This article further states that overnight V.M. and all Communists "achieved the mental and moral flip-flop that put them behind the defense effort 100 per cent -- not for this country's good, but for Russia's."

100-53054-38: A clipping dated August 2, 1944 from the Daily News. This is a photograph of Congressman V.M. leaving the polls after voting.

100-42735 A-1373: A clipping from the People's Voice dated August 12, 1944, relating to the successful election at the primaries of V.M. and ADAM POWELL. According to this article, V.M. claimed it was a victory on the part of the people over the conspiracy of reaction, domestic Fascism, and their stooges, the political bosses.

100-42735 A-1454: A clipping from the same paper as above

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dated September 23, 1944, reflecting the fact that 1,100 prominent citizens had endorsed the appeal made by V.M. and WILLIAM HASTIE in behalf of the two soldiers in the "Scottsboro Case".

100-53054-51: A clipping dated September 26, 1944 from the New York Journal American. This is an article by HOWARD BUSHMORE captioned "Vito's Pamphlet Extolls FDR". This article in part reflects as follows:

"Rep. V.M. today lived up to his political reputation of remembering his friends.

"In honor of Earl Browder's herd, the pro-Communist CIO and the various other pinks and leftist s who banded behind Sidney Hillman's PAC to re-elect the 18th District Congressman last August, pro-Red VITO has:

"1. Bent his fine literary hand to a panegyric extolling the indubitable benefits of a fourth term in the form of a gaudy pamphlet, 'Security with FDR'.

"2.. Paid off at least one political debt to the International Workers' Order, Communist welfare, insurance and burying agency by allowing these MARCANTONIO supporters officially to distribute the pamphlet.

"3. Allowed MAX BEDACHT, head of the IWO, and a member of the Communist Party's Central Committee, to write a foreword in which, suprising enough, the Communists agree with VITO that FDR should be returned to office."

According to this article, 100,000 copies of this pamphlet will be distributed by the "Comrades".

100-42735 A-1547: A clipping dated November 4, 1944 from the

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People's Voice reflecting that V.M. was to be a speaker at a final wind-up rally for the reelection of President Roosevelt and Senator Wagner at the Golden Gate Ballroom on November 5, 1944, sponsored by the Harlem Club of the American Labor Party. Other speakers listed were Senator ROBERT WAGNER; Congressman-Elect ADAM CLAYTON POWELL, JR.; and CHARLES COLLINS, secretary of the Negro Labor Victory Committee. This rally, according to this article, will feature several Broadway and Hollywood stars, namely JEAN LUIR, JOSH WHITE, PEARL PRINUS, and others.

The following exhibits appear in the files of the New York office for the year 1944:

100-2936-1A 155, Page 13: In the January, 1944 issue of the publication entitled FRATERNAL OUTLOOK is a photograph of V.M.

100-2936-1A 155, Page 23: In the June and July, 1944 issues of the FRATERNAL OUTLOOK appears the picture of V.M., under which is a footnote which states, "V.M. of New York is a vigorous defender of the people's rights in Congress. His anti-poll tax measure is intended to restore the ballot to millions of Americans in poll tax states. Reactionaries ganged up to sidetrack this vital measure."

100-2936-1A 367: A pamphlet dated September, 1944 entitled "Security with FDR", of which V.M. is the author.

100-3620-1A 10: A circular letter advising of a coming Hungarian program and dance to be held November 16th (year not given) at the Hunt's Point Palace, New York City, sponsored by the New York Hungarian Society's Central Committee. This circular was printed on the stationery of the American Committee for Protection of the Foreign Born. CAREY MC WILLIAMS was listed as chairman; PEARL M. HART and D. MAX YERGAN as vice chairmen; and V.M.'S name was listed among the names of 47 other sponsors of this organization.

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