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REFERENCE

New York report of SA [redacted], June 3, 1954.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-360261) DATE: July 26, 1954

b7c [redacted] FROM : SAC, WFO (100-25829)

SUBJECT: LEONARD BERNSTEIN, was.
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DATE 7-9-80 BY SP4 [redacted]
AGREE 9803 [redacted] 5/18/93

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Rerep of SA [redacted] dated June 16, 1954, at Washington, D. C.

The files of the House Committee on Un-American Activities were checked in connection with the above investigation, and it is to be noted that these files contain numerous references to one LEONARD BERNSTEIN.

The following references concerning one LEONARD BERNSTEIN were reflected in the House Committee report #1954 dated April 19, 1954, entitled a "Review of the Scientific and Cultural Conference for World Peace", arranged by the National Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions and held in New York City March 25, 26 and 27, 1949.

There is being listed herein below the names of various organizations to which the name of LEONARD BERNSTEIN, not further identified, was reflected in the above HCUA report and the page number where located:

Name of Organization	Page Where Located
Sponsor of Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences and Professions	2
Affiliated with American Youth for Democracy	22
Affiliated with American Council for a Democratic Greece	22
Affiliated with Committee for a Democratic Far Eastern Policy	24
Affiliated with Civil Rights Congress	25
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Affiliated with National Negro Congress	32
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Name of Organization	Page Where Located
Signer of Statement in Defense of Communist Cases	37
Sponsor of Artists, Writers and Professionals Division of the Committee for Re-election of BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, Communist	41
Signer of Petition to Attorney General Clark on Behalf of HANS EISLER	43
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Sponsor of HANS EISLER Concert	43
Affiliated with American-Soviet Music Society	52
Sponsor of Scientific and Cultural Conference for World Peace at Waldorf-Astoria, March 25, 1949	57

It appears from a check of the general indices of the HCUA that the above information was compiled therefrom. A review of the general indices of the House Committee reflects the following references concerning one LEONARD BERNSTEIN:

In regard to these references the following were attributed to the Daily Worker or the Worker:

Signer of letter from Civil Rights Congress scoring Subversive Control Act of 1948. DW 4/26/48, p. 3;
Signer of statement attacking American policy in Germany. DW 1/28/48, p. 3;
National Council of American-Soviet Friendship, signer of statement. DW 10/17/47, p. 4;
National Negro Congress, Judge of musical talent. DW 9/9/47, p 11;
Peoples Song Book, published by Peoples Songs, Inc., praises book. DW 1/29/48, p 12;
Arts, Sciences and Professions Council Progressive Citizens of America - signer of letter against Committee on Un-American Activities and ouster of Communists in film industry. DW 12/1/47, p 3;
National Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions - sponsor of conference. DW 1/10/49, p 11 (?) DW 1/19/49, p 11;
Committee for the Re-election of BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, Communist - sponsor. DW 9/25/45, p 12;
American Soviet Music Society - Director. Worker 4/27/47, p 29;

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Signer of petition to the Attorney General in behalf of HANS EISLER. DW 12/17/47;

National Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions, Cultural and Scientific Conference for World Peace - sponsor. DW 2/21/49, p 9;

In regard to reference attributed to other than the Daily Worker or the Worker, the following was noted:

Committee for the First Amendment - speaker on "Hollywood Fights Back" broadcast, 11/2/47 (ABC program; source mimeographed circular.)

American Council for a Democratic Greece Committee for a Democratic Far Eastern Policy - officer or sponsor, The Shield, July, 1947, p 13, c 4-5;

American Council for a Democratic Greece - member, Board of Directors, PM 3/9/47, p 12;

American Council for a Democratic Greece - Board of Directors. Source, Press Release, 3/17/48;

Committee for a Democratic Far Eastern Policy - Sponsor, source - letterhead, 7/11/47; letterhead 5/28/48;

American Youth for Democracy - attended "Salute to Young America" dinner - National Board Report...to Second National Convention, June 13-17, 1946, p 12;

American Youth for Democracy, Salute to Young America Committee - sponsor, program of dinner on first anniversary of AYD, 10/16/44;

Salute to Young America dinner on first anniversary of AYD - receives award; source - program 10/16/44;

American Youth for Democracy - speaker at dinner 12/12/45; source - The Shield, July, 1947, p 13;

Civil Rights Congress - sponsor, National Conference, Chicago, 11/21-23/47 (program "Let Freedom Ring");

Civil Rights Congress - signer of open letter to Congress for defeat of Mundt Bill, HR 5852 (full page ad, Chicago Sun-Times, May 11, 1948, p 37);

World Youth Conference - sponsor (The Shield, July, 1947, p 6);

Southern Conference for Human Welfare - member, Executive Board, NY Committee (undated leaflet, "The South is Closer Than You Think") published by NY office (received about 2/47);

Save the Voice of Freedom Committee - member, PM 3/3/47, p 19;

Voice of Freedom Committee - sponsor (letterhead 6/16/47);

Peoples Songs, Inc. - member, Board of Sponsors (undated letterhead) WALTER S. STEELE, Exhibit #50 Public Hearings 7/22/47;

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Young Progressive Citizens of America Youth Lobby, Washington, D. C., June 15-16, 1947 - sponsor (program);

Progressive Citizens of America, listed as having supported Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences and Professions or National Citizens Political Action Committee (Progressive Citizens of America Mailing List 1947);

National Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions - sponsor, Cultural and Scientific Conference for World Peace, NYC, 3/25-27/49. (conference program, p 12);

Committee for the First Amendment - speaker on radio broadcast attacking Committee on Un-American Activities (NY Times 11/3/47, p 18);

Citizens United to Abolish the Wood-Rankin Committee - supporter (NY Times 3/14/46, p 18);

Spanish Refugee Appeal of the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee - national sponsor (letterhead dated 2/3/48)(letterhead 2/26/46)(letterhead 4/28/49, and letterhead 5/18/51);

Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences and Professions, member, Board of Directors, (letterhead 5/28/46);

The American-Soviet Music Society - Vice Chairman (American-Soviet Music Review, fall issue - 1946, p 3);

HANS EISLER Concert - sponsor (NY Times 1/13/48, p 13);

Signer of protest against deportation of HANS EISLER (Times Herald, Washington, D. C. 12/16/47, p 5).

It is to be noted that the references concerning one LEONARD BERNSTEIN, as mentioned herein, as reflected in the HCUA report #1954, dated April 19, 1954, entitled a "Review of the Scientific and Cultural Conference for World Peace," is apparently identical with the references concerning one LEONARD BERNSTEIN, as located in the general indices of the HCUA.

In regard to references concerning one LEONARD BERNSTEIN, attributed to sources other than the Daily Worker or the Worker, it is estimated it would take several days in order to trace them to their original source due to the shortage of personnel in the files section of the HCUA.

It is further to be noted that subject in his affidavit dated August 3, 1953, furnished to the Passport Office, Department of State, a copy of which was made available to the Bureau and the New York Division, characterized his sponsorhip in several organizations as set out herein.

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There is enclosed herewith to the New York Division one negative and five photographs of LEONARD BERNSTEIN obtained from his passport application dated May, 1954.

WFO will report any additional information obtained from the files of the Passport Office re subject. P

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT New York

REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
WASHINGTON, D. C.	8/10/54	8/2,4/54	[redacted]

TITLE: LEONARD BERNSTEIN, was.

CHARACTER OF CASE: SECURITY MATTER - C

AGENCY [redacted]
REQ. REC'D 10-19-60
REPT. FOR'D NOV 2 1960
BY [redacted]

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: [redacted]

LEONARD BERNSTEIN applied for a passport on 5/20/54 and was given a passport, No. 402860, on 6/8/54.

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AGENCY [redacted]
REQ. REC'D 9-26-55
REPT. FO. 9-14-55
B [redacted]

DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

The files of the Department of State, Passport Office, reflect that LEONARD BERNSTEIN applied for a passport on May 20, 1954, and that a passport, number 402860, was issued to BERNSTEIN on June 8, 1954 and was limited to four months for travel in the Netherlands, Italy, and all necessary countries en route. There was no other additional pertinent information in the file.

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AGENCY [redacted]
REQ. 9-24-54
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AGENCY [redacted]
REQ. REC'D 9-26-54
DATE FOR'D
HOW FORW.
BY [redacted]

AGENCY [redacted]
REQ. REC'D 1-12-55
REPT. [redacted]
BY [redacted]

[redacted] INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 2-9-80 BY [redacted] REF 9803 5/18/93

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REFERENCES

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Report of SA [redacted] dated 6/17/54, at Washington D.C.

Washington Field letter to Director dated 7/26/54.

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b7c TO : Director, FBI (100-360261) DATE: 8/25/54

[redacted]OM : SAC, New York (100-99895)

[redacted]UBJECT: LEONARD BERNSTEIN, was
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b7c Re reports of SA [redacted] dated 6/17/54 and SA [redacted] dated 8/10/54 both at WFO.

The report of SA [redacted] set out a lead to obtain a b7c copy of subject's photograph. Report of SA [redacted] did not enclose a photograph of the subject for NY.

It is requested that WFO obtain five copies of subject's photograph from his passport which was issued on 6/8/54.

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9-10-54
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DATE 7-9-80 BY SP4 [redacted]
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-360261) DATE: September 1, 1954

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SAC, WFO (100-25829)

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SUBJECT: LEONARD BERNSTEIN, was
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Re NY letter to the Director, dated August 25, 1954.

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WFO files reflect that a letter dated 7/26/54 to the Director, captioned as above, carbon copies to New York, had one negative and five photographs of LEONARD BERNSTEIN, which had been obtained from his application for a passport, dated in May, 1954.

Enclosed herewith for the New York Office is one negative and five photographs made of the subject's photograph as it appears on the subject's application for a passport dated 5/20/54, for which he received a passport on 6/8/54.

This case will be considered RUC.

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NEW YORK	9/8/54	4/28;5/6;8/2,3,4,5,6,12,26/54	[redacted] b7c [redacted]

TITLE: LEONARD BERNSTEIN, was.

AGENCY [redacted] b2
REQ. REC'D 1-12-56
REP'T FORM 1-27-56
BY [redacted] b7c

CHARACTER OF CASE: SECURITY MATTER - C
APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND FIELD OFFICES ADVISED BY ROUTING SLIP (S) OF Class b7c 9-5-80 [redacted]

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: [redacted] b7c

Subject resides at 205 West 57th Street, NYC, and is presently on vacation in Massachusetts. Subject is not affiliated with any specific employment and is a free lance conductor. Reliable informant advised subject in 4/54 was associated with the Broadway musical "Wonderful Town" and was a free lance conductor. Reliable informants [redacted] and [redacted] have no knowledge of the subject. (U) b2

AGENCY [redacted] b2
REQ. REC'D 10-18-60
REP'T FORM NOV 2 1960
BY [redacted] b7c

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ON 5/19/93

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DETAILS: All informants used in this report are of known reliability unless otherwise stated.

AGENCY [redacted] b2
REQ. REC'D 1-12-55
REP'T FORM 1-27-55
BY [redacted] b7c

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A. BACKGROUND

1. Residence

(U) [redacted] advised on August 12, 1954 that the subject resides at 205 West 57th Street, New York City. He further advised the subject is currently on vacation somewhere in Massachusetts. b2

AGENCY [redacted] b2
REQ. REC'D 1-6-55
REP'T FORM 1-14-55
BY [redacted] b7c

2. Employment

(U) [redacted] advised on August 12, 1954 that the subject [redacted] employed or associated with any Broadway shows because he is on vacation. b2

(U) [redacted] advised on April 28, 1954 that the subject was then [redacted] b7c

CC TO: [redacted] b2
REQ. REC'D 1-18-
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B. MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNIST PARTY ACTIVITY

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b2 [redacted] and [redacted] X (u) who are familiar with some phases of Communist Party activity in the New York area, advised that they did not have any knowledge of the subject.

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INFORMANTS

Identity of Source	Date of Activity and/or Description of Information	Date Received	Agent to Whom Furnished	File and Serial Where Located
b2 b7D [redacted]	subject's residence, subject on vacation	8/12/54	[redacted]	Instant report
	employment	4/28/54	" b7C	100-99895-37
b2 b7D [redacted]	Negative	8/4/54	[redacted] b7C	Instant report
b2 b7D [redacted]	"	"	"	"
b2 b7D [redacted]	"	8/5/54	[redacted] b7C	Instant report
b2 b7D [redacted]	"	8/2/54	[redacted] b7C	Instant report
b2 b7D [redacted]	"	8/3/54	[redacted] b7C	Instant report
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b2 b7D [redacted]	"	8/6/54	[redacted] b7C	Instant report
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b2 b7D [redacted]	Used to document LILLIAN HELLMAN			

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At New York, New York

Will continue to follow and report the activities of the subject.

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Report of S[redacted] 2/19/54 at New York.
Letter to the Bureau from NY, 5/6/54.
Letter to New York from the Bureau, 5/19/54.

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[redacted] : Director, FBI (100-360261) DATE: 9/8/54

[redacted] : SAC, New York (100-99895)

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DATE 7-9-80 BY [redacted]
AGREE 9803 [redacted] 5/18/93

[redacted] SUBJECT: LEONARD BERNSTEIN, was.
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b7c Enclosed herewith is the original and four copies of the report of [redacted] dated as above.

The following information was not incorporated in the report because of the nature of the source and is being set out below.

A copy of the publication, "Counterattack" dated 7/16/54 which stated that last March, "Counterattack" obtained a letter circulated by the Offices of the Spanish Refugee of the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee. The article continued:

"Remember this was sent out in March, 1954. On the letterhead, as national sponsors, were 100 prominent names. The obvious ones stood out: HOWARD FAST, DALTON TRUMBO, and ALVAH BESSIE of Hollywood's 'unfriendly nine' and PAUL ROBESON. There were some shockers - names whose appearance on a front's letterhead in this day and age were unbelievable. They were: PIERRE MONTEUX, the distinguished conductor, YEHUDI MENUHIN, the violinist, HAZEL SCOTT and her husband, Representative ADAM CLAYTON POWELL, Jr., the composer LEONARD BERNSTEIN and BARTLEY C. CRUM.

"Counterattack" wrote to each of them, as well as to others whose names seemed out of place on a Communist appeal because of their actions of recent years. From those persons named and from several others, prompt replies were received. In each case, the person either denied ever having given authority for the use of their name- and said they would demand withdrawal or produced good evidence that they had demanded that the appeal drop their names as far back as 1948 (It is only fair, the editors feel, to omit the names of persons who did not reply or whose address was unknown.)"

[redacted] b7c thus appears that the subject answered "Counterattack's" letter, as his name was among the few published. b7c [redacted]

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LEONARD BERNSTEIN
SECURITY MATTER - C

Rerep of Special Agent [redacted] b7c dated September 8, 1954.

It is not clear whether the information attributed to [redacted] on page two of referenced report b2 pertains to the subject of this investigation or to Lillian Hellman. In the event this information pertains to Hellman submit an amended page.

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b7c TO : Director, FBI (100-360261) DATE: 9/30/54

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FROM : SAC, New York (100-99895)

SUBJECT: LEONARD BERNSTEIN
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b7c Rerep of SA [redacted], 9/8/54.
Rebulet 9/24/54.

b2 The information attributed to (a) [redacted] on page 2 of rerep pertains to LILLIAN HELLMAN.

Five copies of amended page 2 are enclosed herewith.

b7c SA [redacted] advises that in dictating referenced report he inadvertently failed to note the information in question was not clear. Supervisor [redacted] advised that he also through inadvertence did not notice that the information attributed to [redacted] in referenced report was not entirely clear.

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(a) b7c Supervisor [redacted] and SA [redacted] have been instructed that Bureau reports must be clear and complete and that the highest degree of care must be exercised in their preparation.

Copies of this letter are being placed in the personnel folders of both Supervisor [redacted] and SA [redacted] Under the circumstances no further administrative action is recommended.

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Internal Sec Sec agrees

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Mr. Boardman
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Mr. Mohr
Mr. Parsons
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tamm
Mr. Sizoo
Mr. Winterrowd
Tele. Room
Mr. Hollomann
Miss Gandy

FBI b7c [redacted]

TO : Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: October 1, 1954

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FROM : William F. Tompkins, Assistant Attorney General, Internal Security Division

SUBJECT: LEONARD BERNSTEIN
SECURITY MATTER - C
FRAUD AGAINST GOVERNMENT
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DECLASSIFIED BY SPG ON 4/11/95 [illegible] per DOJ letter dated 12/8/94

FBI b7c [redacted]

Reference is made to your memorandum of July 1, 1954, enclosing a copy of an affidavit executed by the subject on August 3, 1953, in which he categorically denied ever holding membership in the Communist Party or the Communist Political Association. It is to be noted that the subject also alleged in this affidavit in part "I have never knowingly engaged in activities which supported the Communist movement under circumstances which would warrant the conclusion that I engaged in such activities as a result of direction, domination or control exercised over me by the Communist movement".

According to the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated April 9, 1951, Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that the subject was described as an adherent of the Communist Party and had agreed to submit to Communist discipline. In this same report information is contained therein by Confidential Informants [redacted] that the subject was active as an officer, member, and sponsor of numerous Communist front groups. (U)

CLASS. & EXT. BY [illegible] REASON FCIM II, 1-2 DATE OF REVIEW 12-2-80

According to the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated April 30, 1952, Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that the subject was a member of the National Board of the American Council for a Democratic Greece. (U)

According to the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated June 9, 1953, Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that the subject was a sponsor of the Spanish Refugee Appeal of the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee. In this same report Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that the subject was a sponsor of the Stage for Action. It is also to be noted that [redacted] advised that the subject was a member of the National Committee of the American Birobidjan Committee. (U)

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It is requested that Confidential Informant [redacted] in the report of Special Agent [redacted] mentioned above, be recontacted to ascertain whether he has direct personal knowledge of the subject's willingness to submit to Communist Party discipline. It is also requested that the above-mentioned Informants in the reports of Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted] dated April 9, 1951, April 30, 1952, and June 9, 1953, respectively, be recontacted to determine whether they have personal knowledge of the information attributed to them, and whether they have any knowledge that the subject was aware of the Communist Party's direction and control of the organizations in which they alleged activity on the part of the subject, if so, the basis for this knowledge.

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Ltr to NY w/encl 10-12-54

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SAC, New York (100-99895)

October 12, 1954

Director, FBI (100-360261)

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LEONARD BERNSTEIN
SECURITY MATTER - C
FRAUD AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT

DECLASSIFIED BY 9803 [redacted]
ON 5/20/93

There are attached two copies of a memorandum from William F. Tompkins, Assistant Attorney General, Internal Security Division in the above-captioned matter dated October 1, 1954.

You are requested to initiate an investigation along the lines set forth in the attached communication. In the event the informants mentioned in the Departmental memorandum are not within your territory, leads should be set forth for the appropriate offices. X (U)

b2 In this communication, it is noted that Security Informant [redacted] referred to in paragraph two of the attached communication is a foreign source and is unavailable for recontact. Security Informant [redacted] mentioned in paragraph two is a trash cover of the Los Angeles Office and unavailable for recontact. (X) (U)

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This matter should be handled immediately and upon the completion of the investigation a report submitted reflectin the results thereof. By cover letter you should list the informants unavailable for recontact and set forth the reason why.

At [redacted]

7-9-90
CLASS. & EXT. BY [redacted]
REASON FCIM II. 1-2.4.2
DATE OF REVIEW 7-9-90

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Office Memorandum • ~~UNITED STATES~~ GOVERNMENT

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b7c TO : Director, FBI (100-360261) DATE: 11/3/54

[redacted] FROM : SAC, New York (100-99895)

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SUBJECT: LEONARD BERNSTEIN, was
SM - C

Rebulet to New York dated 10/12,54.

For the information of the other offices receiving copies of this letter, Mr. WILLIAM F. TOMPKINS, Assistant Attorney General, Internal Security Division, requested the Bureau to recontact certain informants mentioned in New York reports of SAS [redacted] dated 4/9/51, [redacted] dated 4/30/52, and 6/9/53. (U)

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The information attributed to each informant which is outside the New York Division is set out below under the specific report in which it was reported along with the "T" symbol used in that report. If available, the reference of the original communication in which the information was received by the New York Office is also set forth. (U)

b7c The New York report of SA [redacted] dated 4/9/51: (X) (U)

b2 [redacted] of known reliability, advised about February, 1945, that at a meeting of the Missouri State AYD Council held February 9, 1945, at St. Louis, it was announced the ADA would sponsor a reception for LEONARD BERNSTEIN, National Sponsor of the AYD. The same informant advised that the AYD [redacted] held a reception at St. Louis to honor BERNSTEIN, the reception being held for the benefit of the American Youth Orchestra. (X) (U)

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b2 b7D [redacted] is [redacted] The above information was furnished to New York by Bureau letter dated 1/17/51, which indicated that the Bureau obtained the information from St. Louis report of 3/19/45, re "AMERICAN YOUTH FOR DEMOCRACY; IS-C", 61-777-42-19, and St. Louis report of 5/18/45, re [redacted] WAS, IT AL; SM - C." [redacted] (X) (U)

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DECLASSIFIED BY 9803 [redacted]
ON 5-20-93

b7c 7-9-89 [redacted] b7c [redacted]

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2 - St. Louis (RM) (Enc. 1)
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b2 [redacted] of known reliability, advised that the AYD National Convention was held in June, 1946, at NYC and a report by the AYD National Board mentioned that one of the notable Americans who received awards from the AYD within the period 1943 to 1946, was LEONARD BERNSTEIN. X (U)

b2 [redacted] is [redacted] b7D confidential informant [redacted] b2 b2D The above information was furnished to New York by Bulet of 1/17/51, which indicated that the Bureau obtained the information from the [redacted] report of 7/12/46, re "AMERICAN YOUTH FOR DEMOCRACY; INTERNAL SECURITY - C," 61-777-742, page 41. X (U) b7D

b2 (U) X [redacted] of known reliability, advised in 1946, that the Progressive Citizens of America held a reception in the Gannett House in Rochester, NY, in honor of LEONARD BERNSTEIN, guest conductor of the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra. During the reception BERNSTEIN addressed the group speaking about 30 minutes on the conditions of the world today and the US in particular. BERNSTEIN expressed a desire that all progressive groups merge into one, stating that that one group should be the Progressive Citizens of America.

b2 [redacted] is [redacted] b2 b2D The above information was furnished to New York by Bulet of 1/17/51, which indicated they obtained the information from Buffalo report of 10/18/49, re [redacted] AKA: [redacted] b7C [redacted] United States Public Health Service, Federal Security Agency, Columbus; Ohio; LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES. [redacted] X (U) X (U)

b2 [redacted] of known reliability, advised that [redacted] b7C of the Civil Rights Congress in NYC discussed with a [redacted] (unknown to informant) HANNS EISLER's appearance before the House Committee on Un-American Activities and [redacted] suggested that the leaders in the musical world throughout the US issue a statement in behalf of HANNS EISLER and in this connection express the opinion that BERNSTEIN would be willing to sign a statement in behalf of EISLER. b7C b7C (X) (U)

b2 [redacted] is WFO confidential informant [redacted] b2 The above information was furnished to New York by Bulet of 1/17/51, which indicated that the Bureau obtained the information from WFO HT summary dated 9/24/47; [redacted] X) (U) b2

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NY 100-99895

The subject has been carried as a prominent individual in the New York Office. He is a music composer and former director of the New York Philharmonic Orchestra.

The Assistant Attorney General requested that in recontacting these informants it be determined whether they have personal knowledge of the information attributed to them and whether they have any knowledge that the subject was aware of the Communist Party's domination and control of the organizations in which they alleged activity on the part of the subject; if so, the basis for this knowledge.

The Bureau has instructed that this matter be handled immediately. Therefore, all offices receiving copies of this letter are requested to expedite their investigation.

Enclosed for Buffalo, Detroit and St. Louis is one photograph of the subject to aid them in their investigation.

Any informants not available for recontact should be explained by that office giving the reason why.

LEADS

b2 b7D Buffalo will recontact [redacted] and determine information requested by Assistant Attorney General. (X) (U)

b2 b7D [redacted] will recontact [redacted] and determine the information requested by the Assistant Attorney General. (X) (U)

b2 b7D St. Louis will recontact [redacted] and determine the information requested by the Assistant Attorney General. (X) (U)

b2 Washington Field will recontact [redacted] and determine the information requested by the Assistant Attorney General. (X) (U)

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Office Memorandum [redacted] UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-360261) DATE: 11/12/54

FROM : SAC, WFO (100-25829)

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN OTHERWISE.

SUBJECT: LEONARD BERNSTEIN, was.
SM - C

Rebulet in above caption dated November 3, 1954. Page 2, paragraphs 5 and 6 reflected information attributed to confidential informant [redacted] is WFO confidential informant [redacted] (X) (U)

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[redacted] will not be recontacted inasmuch as the informant was a TESUR. (X) (U) BUC

b7c [redacted]

2 - New York (100-99895) (Info.) (RM)

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DECLASSIFIED BY 9803 [redacted]
ON 5/20/93

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7-9-82 BY SP4 [redacted] b7c
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Transmit the following Teletype message to: [redacted]U (100-360261)

FBI BUFFALO 11/9/54 5-05 PM EST

DIRECTOR

LEONARD BERNSTEIN, WAS, SM DASH C. RE NY LET TO BUREAU, 11/3/54. BY LETTER DATED 8/27/53 TO DIRECTOR, CC NY,

b7c UNDER CAPTION [redacted] WA., SM - C, THE ONE

b7c REMAINING COPY OF REPORT OF SA [redacted] DATED

b7c 10/18/49, CAPTIONED [redacted] ETC., LGE, WAS FURNISHED TO NY OFFICE. NY IS REQUESTED TO RETURN THIS REPORT, OR A PHOTOSTATIC COPY OF IT, TO BUFFALO OFFICE SO THAT THE LEAD IN RELET MAY BE COVERED.

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b7c [redacted]

AIR MAIL

2 - NEW YORK (AM) (100-99895)

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

NEW YORK, 11/15/54

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Mr. FD-36
Mr. Leardman
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Parsons
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tamm
Mr. Sizoo
Mr. Winterrowd
Tele. Room
Mr. Holloman
Miss Gandy

Transmit the following Teletype message to: BUREAU

LEONARD BERNSTEIN, WAS; SM - C. REBUFFALOAIRTEL TO THE BUREAU AND NY, 11/9/54. ENCLOSED FOR BUFFALO IS ONE PHOTOSTAT OF b7c THE REPORT OF SA [redacted] DATED 10/18/49 b7c CAPTIONED, [redacted] ETC; LGE."

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3 - BUREAU (100-360261) (REGISTERED)
2 - BUFFALO (REGISTERED) (1 Encl)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-360261) DATE: November 22, 1954

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FROM [redacted] SAC, [redacted] (100-99895)

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SUBJECT: LEONARD BERNSTEIN, was.
SECURITY MATTER - C

7-9-80 CLASS. & EXT. BY [redacted]
REASON-FCIE II, 1-2.4.2
DATE OF REVIEW 7-9-90

Re New York letter to the Bureau, November 3, 1954, cc [redacted] requesting [redacted] contact [redacted] regarding information furnished by her as set forth in referenced letter. (U)

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This is to advise that records of the [redacted] Office reflect [redacted] to be [redacted] last known address being [redacted] California, where she has previously been contacted by the Los Angeles Office. (U)

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Records of the [redacted] Office further reflect that the original report of [redacted] setting forth the information contained in referenced letter is a 57-page undated report received by SA [redacted] on June 18, 1946 setting forth the results of the 1946 AYD National Convention held June 13-16, 1946 at the Irving Plaza, New York City. The pertinent paragraph of that report is set forth for possible assistance to the Los Angeles Office in interviewing [redacted] and for the information of New York and the Bureau: (U)

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DECLASSIFIED BY 9803 [redacted] ON 5/18/93

[redacted] (U)

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cc: 2-Los Angeles [redacted]
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Letter to Director, FBI

Re: LEONARD BERNSTEIN, was.
SM - C

In view of the above, the Los Angeles Office is requested to handle the leads set forth for [redacted] in referenced New York letter to the Bureau, one copy of which is being enclosed herewith, along with a photograph of the Subject.

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Office Memorandum UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : Director, FBI (100-360261)

[redacted] SAC, Buffalo (100-12342)

SUBJECT: LEONARD BERNSTEIN, was.
SM-C
(New York CO)

DATE: 12/20/54

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DECLASSIFIED BY 98031 [redacted]
ON 5/18/95

Reference New York let dated 11/3/54 and New York Air-Tel dated 11/15/54.

b2 b7D [redacted] is a former confidential informant of this office. He has not been contacted within the past six years by this office. Within the last few years, he has been known to make public statements concerning his past relationship with the Bureau and in general attempts to capitalize on this relationship for his personal benefit. (X)(U)

It is felt that if he were recontacted by a representative of the Bureau, he may attempt to capitalize on this also, with possible embarrassment to the Bureau.

b2 b7D It is believed that former [redacted] has personal knowledge of the information in question as a result of his attendance at the PCA meeting. There is no information in the files of this office, including reports submitted by former [redacted] indicating the subject had any personal knowledge of any connection between the PCA and the Communist Party. (X)(U)

b7c [redacted]

b2 b7D [redacted] will not be recontacted UACB. (X)(U)

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b7c [redacted]

7-9-80
CLASS. & EXT. BY [redacted]
REASON-FCIM II, 1-2.4,
DATE OF REVIEW 7-9-80

REGISTERED MAIL

b7c [redacted]
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cc: (2) New York (100-99895) (RM)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-360261) DATE: 12/20/54

[redacted]

FROM : SAC, New York (100-99895)(12-15)

SUBJECT: LEONARD BERNSTEIN, was
SM - C; FAG

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[redacted]

Re New York letter, 11/3/54; and Detroit letter to Bureau and Los Angeles, 11/22/54.

This is to advise the Bureau that at the time of dictation of this letter all investigation and leads have been covered in the New York Division, and New York is awaiting investigation to be completed in Buffalo, Los Angeles, and St. Louis.

It is again pointed out to other offices having leads in this matter that this is a Departmental request and should be handled expeditiously.

If, upon receipt of this letter, these offices have not submitted the results of their investigations, it is requested that they please expedite it so that a report can be prepared as soon as possible.

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2 - Buffalo (RM)
2 - Los Angeles (RM)
2 - St. Louis (RM)

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Office Memorandum ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-360261) DATE: 1/14/55

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-50297)

SUBJECT: LEONARD BERNSTEIN, WAS.
SECURITY MATTER - C

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DECLASSIFIED BY 9903 [redacted]
ON 5/18/93

[redacted] b7c

ReBulet to New York dated 11/3/54 and Detroit letter to the Bureau dated 11/22/54, captioned as above.

[redacted] advised on 1/14/55 that she had no personal knowledge of LEONARD BERNSTEIN or the presentation of an award to him by the American Youth for Democracy (AYD). She stated that she had no recollection of [redacted] (u) b2 b7c b7D

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b7c b7D [redacted] further advised that she did not know if the subject was aware of the Communist Party's domination and control of the AYD. She recalled, however, that [redacted] (u) b7D

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CLASS. & EXT. BY [redacted]
REASON-FCIM II, 1-2.4.2
DATE OF REVIEW 7-9-82

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Office Memorandum · UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-360261) DATE: 1/25/55

[redacted] SAC, ST. LOUIS (100-21908)

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN OTHERWISE.

[redacted]T: LEONARD BERNSTEIN, was.
SM - C

Re: New York letter to Bureau, dated 11/3/54

b2 b7D [redacted] was contacted by SA [redacted] b7c on
b2 b7D December 29, 1954. At this time [redacted] confirmed the meeting of the AYD Council on February 9, 1945, as set out in referenced letter (X) (U)

The informant further confirmed the AYD sponsored reception of LEONARD BERNSTEIN on [redacted] and that BERNSTEIN was
b7D present at this reception. [redacted] Informant further stated that he has no information as to whether or not BERNSTEIN knew that the reception was sponsored by AYD or that he was aware of the Communist Party's domination and control of AYD.

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b7c [redacted]

CC: 2 - New York (100-99895) (Reg.)

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APPROPRIATE AGENCIES
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ON 5/18/93 b7c

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January 28, 1955

LEONARD BERNSTEIN Summary
Born: August 25, 1918
Lawrence, Massachusetts

A review of the records of this Bureau has disclosed that you have been furnished with copies of the reports of Special Agent [redacted], dated April 9, 1951, at New York City; of Special Agent [redacted] dated April 30, 1952, and June 9, 1953, at New York City; and of Special Agent [redacted], dated February 19, 1954, at New York City in the case entitled "Leonard Bernstein; Security Matter - C." Your attention is directed to those reports inasmuch as they relate to the captioned individual.

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For your additional consideration, there are transmitted four reports also relating to the captioned individual. (100-360261-23,24,26,29)

The foregoing information is furnished to you as a result of your request for an FBI file check and is not to be construed as a clearance or a nonclearance of the individual involved. This information is furnished for your use and should not be disseminated outside of your agency.

Attachments (4)

Orig to USIA
Req. Rec'd. 1-12-55.
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b7c [redacted]

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- Mr. Belmont
- Mr. [redacted]

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Assistant Attorney General
William F. Tompkins

March 11, 1955

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Director, FBI

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LEONARD BERNSTEIN
SECURITY MATTER - C
FRAUD AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT
FBI File 100-360261-42

Reference is made to your memorandum dated March 7, 1955, captioned as above.

This is to advise that the requested investigation is presently being conducted and the results will be made available to you in the near future.

2cc - New York (100-99895)

NOTE TO SAC NEW YORK:

You are requested to surep results of investigation up to date to reach the Bureau by March 21, 1955.

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Subject not on SI.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT NEW YORK

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED EXCEPT [redacted] WHERE SHOWN OTHERWISE.

REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
NEW YORK	3/18/55	10/13,14;11/3,4,9,12,15-18,21;12/1,20,22-24,28,31;1/18-20,27;2/2,4,8,9,17;3/1-4,7-9/55	[redacted] b7c

TITLE LEONARD BERNSTEIN, was: Lenord Bernstein, Leonard Bernsteine, Leo Bernstein, Louis Bernstein

CHARACTER OF CASE: SECURITY MATTER - C; FRAUD AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Subject resides at 205 West 57th Street, NYC and presently is self-employed as a free lance music writer and conducto[r]. Informants previously furnished information linking subject with CP[redacted] movement recontacted and results of investigation set forth. (X) (W)

b2 AGENCY [redacted] — [redacted]
REQ. REC'D. — P* 9-9-80 b2
REP'T FORW. — AGENCY [redacted]
b7c BY [redacted] REQ. REC'D.
REP'T FORW.
BY [redacted]

DETAILS: [redacted] BACKGROUND b7c
ON 5/19/93 b7c Class 9-5-80 [redacted] b7c

Residence

(W)(X) b2 [redacted] of known reliability, advised SA [redacted] on February 8, 1955 that the subject resides in the Osborne Apartments, 205 West 57th Street, New York City. b2 [redacted]
REQ. REC'D. 10-19-60
REP'T FORW. NOV 2 1960
b7c BY [redacted]

Employment

(W)(X) b2 [redacted] revealed on the aforementioned date that the subject is presently self-employed as a free lance music writer and conductor.

The January 20, 1955 edition of the "New York Journal American" indicated that LEONARD BERNSTEIN on the previous evening conducted a concert at Carnegie Hall, New York City.

[redacted] b2 [redacted] b2 AGENCY [redacted]
TO: [redacted] REQ. REC'D. 1-18-56
REQ. REC'D. 12-18-61 REP'T FORW. 1-27-56
DEC [redacted] Class 9-5-80 [redacted] BY [redacted] b7c

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: ENCLOSURE DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES
ANS [redacted]
BY: [redacted] b7c
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Miscellaneous

The December 23, 1954 edition of the "New York Journal American" in an article written by JACK O'BRIAN, New York newspaper columnist, reflects that FELICIA MONTELEAGRE, wife of composer-conductor LEONARD BERNSTEIN, was expecting a baby.

AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT

b2 [redacted] of known reliability, advised on June 30, 1950 that in 1945 when the committee to aid BEN DAVIS was being considered, both BEN DAVIS and JACK STACHEL described LEONARD BERNSTEIN to the informant as an adherent to the Communist Party. The same informant stated that ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG and V. J. JEROME had also described the subject as a Communist. The informant further advised that in 1945 JACK STACHEL told him, the informant, that Mr. BERNSTEIN had agreed to submit to Communist discipline. (X)(W)

b2 [redacted] of known reliability, advised in March, 1947 that ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG was a member of the National Review Commission of the Communist Party, USA, and secretary of the International Publishers, Incorporated, a Communist publishing firm. (X)(W)

It is to be noted that ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG and V. J. JEROME were convicted for violation of the Smith Act of 1940, in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, on January 2[illegible], 1953.

It is to be noted that BEN DAVIS and JACK STACHEL were members of the National Board of the Communist Party who were tried and convicted in 1949 of violation of the Smith Act.

b2 (W)(X) [redacted] was recontacted on December 9, 1954 and advised that he had no direct personal knowledge of the subject's willingness to submit to Communist discipline.

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b2 [redacted] explained that the information previously furnished represented his complete knowledge of the subject and that he had no direct personal knowledge of these facts. He stated that his original statement concerning BERNSTEIN was based upon information furnished him by BEN DAVIS, JACK STACHEL, ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG and V. J. JEROME.

American Youth for Democracy (AYD)

b2 [redacted] of known reliability, advised in the early part of 1945 that at a meeting of the Missouri State AYD Council held February 9, 1945 at St. Louis, Missouri, it was announced that the AYD would sponsor a reception for LEONARD BERNSTEIN who was described as national sponsor of the AYD. (X) (U)

The same informant advised that the AYD on b7D [redacted] held a reception at St. Louis, Missouri, to honor BERNSTEIN, the reception being held for the benefit of the American Youth Orchestra. (X) (U)

The American Youth for Democracy has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

b2 [redacted] was recontacted on December 29, 1954 at which time he confirmed the meeting of the AYD Council on February 9, 1945 and the AYD sponsored reception for LEONARD
b7D BERNSTEIN [redacted]
b2 [redacted]. [redacted] went on to say that he has no information as to whether or not BERNSTEIN knew that the reception was sponsored by the AYD or that he was aware of the Communist Party domination and control of the AYD. (X) (U)

b2 [redacted] of known reliability, advised in June, 1946 that [redacted]
b7D [redacted] advised that [redacted] (U)
b2 b7D

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b7D [redacted] (X) (U)

b2 [redacted] advised on January 14, 1955 that she had no personal knowledge of LEONARD BERNSTEIN or of the presentation of an award to him by the AYD. The informant stated that she had no recollection of [redacted]

b2 b7D [redacted] further advised that she did not know if the subject was aware of the Communist Party domination and control of the AYD. She recalled, however, that [redacted]

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b2 [redacted] (U)

Page 75 of the report of the Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, dated July 21, 1947, lists ROLF CAHN and PHIL SCHATZ as members of the National Council of the AYD from the State of Michigan who were elected to that office in June, 1946 at the convention of the AYD.

b2 [redacted] of known reliability, advised in October, 1948 that LEONARD BERNSTEIN of New York City was among the group of "supporters of PAUL ROBESON - Communist-led group" in the organization conflict that existed during that period in the Council on African Affairs. (X) (U)

The Council on African Affairs has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

b2 (U) [redacted] previously described, advised that in June, 1950 PAUL ROBESON was known to him as a concealed Communist in the years prior to 1945.

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b2 [redacted] was recontacted on November 17, 1954 (U) and advised that although the subject was on the Council on African Affairs, he had no personal knowledge that the subject was a member of the Communist group within the Council.

b2 (U) [redacted] explained that in 1947 and 1948 there was a struggle within the Council with the pro-Communist on one side, such as PAUL ROBESON, who obtained the proxy vote of the subject, and because of this the informant believed that the subject was a member of this Communist group.

b2 (U) [redacted] revealed that he did not have any personal knowledge that the subject was aware of the Communist Party direction and control of the Council. In fact, the informant asserted he had never seen the subject and only knew him by name.

b2 [redacted] and [redacted] (U) of known reliability, who are familiar with certain phases of Communist Party activity in the New York City area, were contacted and advised that the subject was unknown to them and they could furnish no information concerning him.

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Identity of Source	Date of Activity And/or Description of Information	Date Received	Agent to whom Furnished	File Number where Located
b2 b7D [redacted]	Employment and residence of subject	2/8/55	SA [redacted] b7C	Instant Report
b2 b7D [redacted]	BERNSTEIN'S affiliation with CP	6/30/50	SA [redacted] b7C	100-99895-2
	Recontact	12/9/54	SA [redacted] b7C	Instant Report
	USED TO DOCUMENT PAUL ROBESON			
b2 b7D [redacted]	USED TO DOCUMENT ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG			(21)X
b2 b7D [redacted]	Meeting of the Missouri State AYD Council 2/9/45	2/19/45	SA [redacted] b7C	SL file 100-3755-1A8
b7D [redacted]	AYD Reception	2/19/45	"	"
	Recontact	12/29/54	SA [redacted] b7C	100-99895-65
b2 b7D [redacted]	Subject's association with AYD	6/18/46	Undated report rec'd. by SA [redacted] b7C	Detroit file 100-12730 A-116 p. 37
	Recontact	1/14/55	Agents of Los Angeles Office	100-99895-66 (LA letter to Bureau, 1/14/55)

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INFORMANTS (CONT'D.)

Identity of Source	Date of Activity And/or Description of Information	Date Received	Agent to whom Furnished	File Number where Located
b7 b7D [redacted]	BERNSTEIN'S association with Communist group in Council on African Affairs	10/17/48	Letter from informant to AG, US, 10/7/48, Photostats of which were sent to NYO by Bulet, 11/1/48.	100-19377-430
	Recontact	11/17/54	SA [redacted] b7C	100-99895-61
b7 b7D [redacted]	Negative	2/4/55	SA [redacted] b7C	Instant report
b7 b7D [redacted]	"	"	"	"
b7 b7D [redacted]	"	2/9/55	SA [redacted] b7C	"
b7 b7D [redacted]	"	2/17/55	SA [redacted] b7C	"

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At New York, New York

Will continue to follow and report activities of the subject.

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REFERENCES

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Report of SA [redacted], 4/9/51, New York.
Report of SA [redacted] 4/30/52, New York.
Report of SA [redacted] 6/9/53, New York.
Report of SA [redacted], 9/8/54, New York.
Bureau letter to New York, 10/12/54.
New York letter to Bureau, 11/3/54.
Washington Field letter to Bureau, 11/12/54.
Detroit letter to Bureau, 11/22/54.
Buffalo letter to Bureau, received by the New York Office 12/22/54.
Los Angeles letter to Bureau, 1/14/55.
St. Louis letter to Bureau, 1/25/55.
New York letter to Bureau, 3/18/55.

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INFORMANTS

Identity of Source	Date of Activity And/or Description of Information	Date Received	Agent to whom Furnished	File Number where Located
b2 b7D [redacted]	Employment and residence of subject.	2/8/55	SA [redacted] b7C	Instant report
b2 b7D [redacted]	BERNSTEIN'S affiliation with the CP	6/30/50	SA [redacted] b7C	100-99895-2
	Recontact	12/9/54	SA [redacted] b7C	Instant report
	Used to document PAUL ROBESON			
b2 b7D [redacted]	Used to document ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG			(U)
b2 b7D [redacted]	Meeting of the Missouri State AYD Council, 2/9/45	Awaiting Documentation		
b7D	AYD reception, [redacted]	"	"	
	Recontact	12/29/54	SA [redacted] b7C	100-99895-65
b2 b7D [redacted]	Subject's association with AYD	6/18/46	Undated report received by SA [redacted] b7C	Detroit file 100-12730 A-116 p. 37
	Recontact	1/14/55	Agents of Los Angeles Office	100-99895-66 (LA letter to Bureau, 1/14/55)

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

[redacted]

TO : Director, FBI (100-360261) DATE: 3/18/55

FROM : SAC, New York (100-99895)

SUBJECT: LEONARD BERNSTEIN, was
SM-C ; FAG

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN OTHERWISE.

Rerep of SA [redacted] 4/9/51, NY; reports of SA [redacted] 4/30/52 and 6/9/53, NY; Bulet to NY, 10/12/54; WFO letter to Bureau, 11/12/54; Detroit letter to Bureau, 11/22/54; Buffalo letter to Bureau, received in NY 12/22/54; St. Louis letter to Bureau, 1/25/55; Los Angeles letter to Bureau, 1/14/55; report of SA [redacted] 3/18/55, NY.

In accordance with Departmental request set forth as an enclosure in Bureau letter to New York dated 10/12/54, attempts were made to recontact informants in the report of SA [redacted] 4/9/51, New York, the results of which are set forth in referenced report of SA [redacted]

Informants who were available for recontact were assigned new T symbols in the report of SA [redacted] and the following is the key to the identity of these informants:

Report of SA [redacted] 4/9/51, New York	Report of SA [redacted] 3/18/55, New York

[redacted] b2 [redacted] b7C [redacted] b2 b7D [redacted] b2

The following informants in the report of SA [redacted] b7C dated 4/9/51, were found to be unavailable for recontact due to the following reasons:

[redacted] is an anonymous source [redacted] and, therefore, unavailable for recontact.

[redacted] is [redacted] a trash cover which is unavailable for recontact. b2 b7D

[redacted] is [redacted] a foreign source unavailable for recontact.

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[redacted] a source of information not known. X (U)

[redacted] is former [redacted] and was not recontacted inasmuch as he has been known by the Agents of the Buffalo Office to have made public statements concerning his past relationship with the Bureau and, in general, attempts to capitalize on this relationship for personal benefit. As set forth in referenced Buffalo letter to the Bureau, the Buffalo Office felt that recontact of this informant might result in possible embarrassment to the Bureau. Buffalo letter reflects that it was believed that former [redacted] has personal knowledge of the information in question as a result of his attendance at the Progressive Citizens of America meeting. There is no information in the files of the Buffalo Office indicating the subject had any personal knowledge of any connection between the Progressive Citizens of America and the Communist Party. It is to be noted that in 1946, [redacted] advised that the Progressive Citizens of America held a reception in Rochester, New York in honor of LEONARD BERNSTEIN, guest conductor of the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra. During the reception, BERNSTEIN addressed the group speaking for about 30 minutes on the condition of the world today and the United States in particular. BERNSTEIN expressed the desire that all progressive groups merge into one stating that one group should be the Progressive Citizens of America. X (U)

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Per Bureau letter to New York dated 10/12/54, [redacted] is a foreign source unavailable for recontact. X (U)

Bureau letter also sets forth the fact that [redacted] is a trash cover of the Los Angeles Office and, therefore, unavailable for recontact. X (U)

[redacted] represents the records of the Bureau of Special Services and Investigation, NYCPD. On 11/18/54, SA [redacted] recontacted BSSI and ascertained that the original information attributed to BSSI was obtained by [redacted] who attended the organization meeting of the New York Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions on 6/8/48. X (U)

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b7c [redacted] presently residing in the State of Maine and [redacted] (U)

b2 [redacted] is [redacted] a tesur unavailable for recontact. (U)

b7c In the report of SA [redacted] dated 4/3/52, New York, information was furnished by [redacted] linking the subject with the American Council for a Democratic Greece.
b2 It is to be noted that [redacted] is [redacted] a technical surveillance that is unavailable for recontact. (U)

b1 [redacted] (C)

b2 [redacted] in this same report represents an address book furnished 4/15/49 by [redacted] which
b7c, b7D he, [redacted] found on a downtown "D" train of the Independent Subway line and which he brought to the New York Office because it contained numerous names of known Communists and Communist front organizations. A notation inside the front cover of this book requested that if the book was found, it was to be returned to [redacted] It was determined that [redacted] was identical to the subject of the case
b7c entitled, [redacted]a; SM-C", New York file [redacted] which is presently a closed case of the New York Office. (U)

The name of LEONARD BERNSTEIN appeared on a list of sponsors of Stage for Action, Inc. which list was stapled inside the book cover of the address book. Inasmuch
b7c as the finding of this address book by [redacted] was a chance
b7D occurrence, it was determined that there was no logical reason for recontacting him inasmuch as he furnished no information from personal knowledge about the owner of the book or the individuals whose names appeared therein. (U)

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Assistant Attorney General
William F. Tompkins

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April 7, 1955

Director, FBI

DECLASSIFIED BY 9363 [redacted] b7c [redacted]
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LEONARD BERNSTEIN
SECURITY MATTER - C
FRAUD AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT
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CLASS. EXT. BY [redacted]
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Reference is made to my memorandum dated March 11, 1955, and your memorandum of March 7, 1955.

The investigation previously requested by you concerning recontacts with informants mentioned in the reports of Special Agent [redacted] dated April 9, 1951, at New York, and Special Agent [redacted] dated April 30, 1952, and June 9, 1953, at New York, has been completed. The results are set forth in the enclosed report of Special Agent [redacted] dated March 18, 1955, at New York. (C) (U)

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To assist you in evaluating this matter it is noted that the informants referred to as [redacted], [redacted] and [redacted] in the afore-mentioned report of Special Agent [redacted] are now referred to in the attached report as [redacted] respectively. (X) (U)

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For your further assistance there are set forth pertinent comments concerning additional informants whose recontacts were requested by you. (C) (U)

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Concerning the afore-mentioned report of Special Agent [redacted] dated April 9, 1951:

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[redacted], and [redacted] are confidential informants who are unavailable for recontact.

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[redacted] is a former confidential informant who is known to have made public statements concerning his past relationship with the Federal Bureau of Investigation and, in general, attempts to capitalize on this relationship for personal benefit. In view of this, [redacted] was not recontacted. Information available reflects that [redacted] probably has personal knowledge concerning the information attributed to him in the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated April 9, 1951. There is no information in the files of this Bureau indicating that the informant had any personal knowledge of any connection between the Progressive Citizens of America and the Communist Party.

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b2 [redacted] represents the records of the Bureau of Special Services and Investigation, New York City Police Department. By a recontact with this source on November 18, 1954, it was ascertained that the original information attributed to [redacted] in the report of Special Agent [redacted] was obtained by [redacted] He is presently residing in the State of Maine and was not recontacted [redacted] (U)

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Concerning the afore-mentioned report of Special Agent [redacted] dated April 30, 1952:

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[redacted] is a confidential informant who is unavailable for recontact.

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Concerning the afore-mentioned report of Special Agent [redacted] dated June 9, 1953:

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[redacted] and [redacted] are confidential informants who are unavailable for recontact.

b2

[redacted] is an address book containing numerous names of known Communists and Communist front organizations. The name of Leonard Bernstein appeared on a list of sponsors of Stage for Action, Inc., which list was stapled inside the cover of this address book. This book was made available to the New York Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation by [redacted] New York, New York, who found it on a subway train in New York City. [redacted] was not recontacted since he furnished no information from personal knowledge about the owner of the book or the individuals mentioned therein.

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X(U)

The above is forwarded for your further consideration with regard to possible violation on the subject's part of the Fraud Against the Government statutes. X(U)

NOTE ON THE YELLOW:

Subject is prominent orchestra conducter. He has not been identified as member of Communist Party; however, has been affiliated with numerous front organizations. He is one of the prominent individuals whose case was referred to the Department for decision re inclusion on SI. Concerning the informants mentioned above in report of Special Agent [redacted] [redacted] is [redacted] [redacted] and [redacted] are X(U)

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foreign sources; [redacted] and [redacted] are trash covers; [redacted] is an unknown source and [redacted] is [redacted] all of which are unavailable for recontact. [redacted] in report of Special Agent [redacted] dated April 30, 1952, is [redacted] Rerep of Special Agent [redacted] dated June 9, 1953, [redacted] and [redacted] are trash covers. Subject not on SI. X (u)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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[redacted] : Director, FBI (100-360261) DATE: 6/7/55

[redacted] : SAC, New York (100-99895)

[redacted]BJECT: LEONARD BERNSTEIN, was
SM-C; FAG.
(SUPPLEMENTAL DOCUMENTATION)

G.I.R.-7 b7c 1-1 [redacted]

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Re report of SA [redacted] dated 3/18/55, NY.

Forwarded as an enclosure with this letter are five copies of the amended Administrative Page (page 6) of referenced report.

Documentation was obtained from the St. Louis Division and is being forwarded in accordance with SAC letter 55-26, dated 3/29/55 relating to Supplemantal Documentation.

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SAC, Albany June 17, 1955

Director, FBI (100-398030)

EMERGENCY DETENTION PROGRAM

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated May 31, 1955, addressed to the New York Office, carbon copies for all offices listed herein with the exception of New Haven and Cleveland.

Referenced letter pointed out that the Bureau by letters dated April 14, 15, 1955, requested the Department's opinion concerning the continued inclusion in the Security Index of 23 prominent individuals whose names had previously been approved by the Department for inclusion in the Security Index under the old standards, and instructed that the Security Index cards on these subjects be placed in the Special Section of the Security Index.

The Department has now reviewed all cases of prominent individuals and has approved for inclusion in the Security Index the following individuals:

Albany - [redacted] Rockwell Kent

Boston - [redacted]

Minneapolis - Elmer Austin Benson

New York - [redacted]

Mobile - [redacted]

28cc - New York
2cc - Baltimore
12cc - Boston
2cc - Denver
4cc - Los Angeles
2cc - Minneapolis
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Letter to Albany
June 17, 1955

The Security Index cards presently maintained by the offices indicated in the cases of the above subjects will now be removed from the Special Section of the Security Index and placed in the regular section. These cases will be handled in the future as any other Security Index case; however, the Bureau desires that they be brought up to date by the submission of a report by January 1, 1956. The report should be accompanied by a memorandum setting forth briefly the facts in the case and containing your recommendation with regard to the continued retention of their names in the Security Index.

The Department advised that the names of the following individuals, previously approved by the Department for retention in the Security Index, should now be deleted therefrom:

Baltimore - Owen Lattimore

b7c Boston - [redacted]

Denver - Frank Friedman Oppenheimer

b7c Los Angeles - [redacted]

b7c New York - [redacted] Joseph Fels Barnes, [redacted] Bartley Cavanaugh Crum, Olin Downes, Stanley Meyer Isaacs, [redacted] Donald Ogden Stewart

The Security Index cards on the above individuals should be disposed of in accordance with the instructions contained in SAC Letter 55-31 dealing with cancelled Security Index cards.

The following individuals were never approved by the Department for inclusion in the Security Index and are not presently included

therein. The Department advises that their names should not be included in the Security Index as their past activities do not bring them within the current criteria.

Boston - [redacted]

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Cleveland - [redacted]

New Haven - [redacted]

New York - Leonard Bernstein, Leon Pressman, [redacted]

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Assistant Attorney General
William F. Tompkins

August 11, 1955

Director, FBI

LEONARD BERNSTEIN
SECURITY MATTER - C
FRAUD AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT
FBI File 100-360261

Reference is made to my memorandum dated April 7, 1955, and your memorandum dated March 7, 1955.

My referenced memorandum forwarded additional information for your consideration with regard to a possible violation on the subject's part of the Fraud Against the Government Statutes. It is requested that you advise this Bureau of any decision reached by you relative to this matter.

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Subject prominent orchestra conductor. He has not been identified as CP member; however, has been affiliated with numerous front organizations. Department advised subject's activities do not warrant inclusion on Security Index.

b7c [redacted]
(4) [redacted]

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DIRECTOR, FBI, AND SAC, LOS ANGELES....U R G E N T....

LEONARD BERNSTEIN, SM DASH C. [redacted]

[redacted] ANAHEIM, CALIF., WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST, ADVISED SANTA ANA RESIDENT AGENCY NIGHT OF AUG. FIFTEEN, FIFTYFIVE THAT SUBJECT IS CONDUCTOR, COMPOSER AND CHAIRMAN OF THE FESTIVAL OF AMERICAS AND VICE PRESIDENT NIXON HAS ACCEPTED HONORARY CHAIRMANSHIP OF THIS ORGANIZATION. ACCORDING TO [redacted] VICE PRESIDENT RICHARD NIXON IS TO MAKE AN APPEARANCE BEFORE THIS ORGANIZATION AUG. SIXTEEN AND BELIEVES HE IS ALSO SCHEDULED TO SPEAK IN HOLLYWOOD BOWL, LOS ANGELES SAME DATE BEFORE SAME GROUP. [redacted] STATES BERNSTEIN HAS LONG RECORD OF CP FRONT ACTIVITY. THE CALIFORNIA COMMITTEE ON UN AMERICAN ACTIVITIES NINETEEN FORTYNINE REPORT REFLECTS ONE LEONARD BERNSTEIN, ADDRESS NOT GIVEN, AS A SPONSOR OF THE SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL CONFERENCE FOR WORLD PEACE WHO HAS BEEN AFFILIATED WITH FROM ONE TO TEN COMMUNIST FRONT ORGANIZATIONS INCLUDING [redacted] AMERICAN COUNCIL FOR DEMOCRATIC GREECE, AYD, COMMITTEE FOR A DEMOCRACTIC FAR EASTERN POLICY, CRC, JAFRC, NATIONAL NEGRO CONGRESS, PEOPLES SONGS INC., SOUTHERN CONFERENCE FOR HUMAN WELFARE AND OTHERS. [redacted]

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Mr. Belmont

BELIEVES INDIVIDUAL CITED ABOVE IS IDENTICAL WITH THE LEONARD BERNSTEIN WHO IS CONNECTED WITH FESTIVAL OF AMERICAS BECAUSE OF PHOTO OF BERNSTEIN APPEARING IN DAILY PEOPLES WORLD JUNE TWELVE, FIFTYTHREE, PAGE THREE OF MAGAZINE SECTION, IN WHICH SENATOR MC CARTHY BRANDS

b7C b7D BERNSTEINS WORK AS SUBVERSIVE. [redacted] STATES PHOTO OF LEONARD BERNSTEIN CONNECTED WITH FESTIVAL OF AMERICAS APPEARING IN LOS ANGELES TIMES AUGUST FOURTEEN, FIFTYFIVE SEEMS TO BE IDENT WITH PHOTO IN ABOVE DAILY PEOPLES WORLD. [redacted]

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b7C b7D SECRET SERVICE AGENT STATED ACCORDING TO [redacted] NIXON WELL AWARE BERNSTEINS REPUTATION BUT SINCE NIXON ARRANGED TO BE ON PROGRAM PRIOR TO TIME BERNSTEIN RECEIVED INVITATION NIXON COULD NOT NOW WITHDRAW.

b7C b7D UNABLE TO IDENTIFY LEONARD BERNSTEIN REFERRED TO BY [redacted] IN SD INDICES. BUREAU REQUESTED TO ADVISE LA ANY ACTION DESIRED BASED ON ABOVE.

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LA TO BE ADVISED

END AC PLS

3-06 AM OK FBI WA [redacted]

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I Advised Rose Woods of Substance of Above she will advise the VP when he calls later today 8/16 [illegible]

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CC: MR. BELMONT
[redacted]
DOM. INTEL. DIVISION

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

CONFIDENTIAL

TO : Mr. L. V. Boardman [redacted] DATE: August 16, 1955

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FROM : Mr. A. H. Belmont [redacted]

SUBJECT: LEONARD BERNSTEIN
SECURITY MATTER - C
Bufile 100-360261

CLASS. & EXT. BY [redacted]
REASON FOR EXT. 1.2.4.
DATE OF REVIEW 7-9-93

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By teletype received August 16, 1955, San Diego advised [redacted] Anaheim, California, who has furnished reliable information in the past advised subject is conductor, composer and chairman of the Festival of Americas and that Vice President Richard Nixon has accepted honorary chairmanship of this organization. According to [redacted] Vice President Nixon is to make an appearance before this organization today and believes he is also scheduled to speak in Hollywood Bowl, Los Angeles today before same group. [redacted] states Bernstein has long record of Communist Party front activity. [redacted]

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Secret Service Agent stated according to [redacted] that Nixon is well aware of Bernstein's reputation but since Nixon arranged to be on the program prior to time Bernstein received invitation, Nixon could not withdraw. It is noted that this is the first notification the Bureau has received that Nixon was to appear on a program with Bernstein.

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BACKGROUND OF BERNSTEIN:

Bernstein is a prominent orchestra conductor who was last reported to be self-employed as a free lance composer and conductor. [redacted] advised on June 30, 1950, that in 1945, both Ben Davis and Jack Stachel, National Communist Party Board members described Bernstein as an adherent of the Communist Party. He stated that Alexander Trachtenberg and V. J. Jerome, Communist Party functionaries also described the subject as a Communist. [redacted] further advised that Bernstein had agreed to submit to Communist discipline. During 1945 to 1949, Bernstein was connected in some way with at least 13 organizations which have been cited by the Attorney General. From 1945 to 1949, Bernstein was also connected in some way with at least six organizations cited by the House Committee on Un-American Activities or the California Committee on Un-American Activities. Attached is a more detailed memorandum dated June 20, 1951, concerning the subject's activities.

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Enclosure - See memo 4-20-51

cc - Mr. Boardman
Mr. Belmont
Mr. [redacted]
Mr. Nichols

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Memorandum for Mr. Boardman:

Bernstein is one of the group of prominent individuals whose cases were referred to the Department for a decision as to whether their names should be included in the Security Index. The Department has advised that the subject's name should not be included in the Security Index as his past activities do not bring him within the current criteria.

Bernstein is presently the subject of a Fraud Against the Government investigation inasmuch as he executed a sworn affidavit on August 3, 1953, in connection with an application for passport in which he denied membership in the Communist Party or support of the Communist movement.

RECOMMENDATION:

Vice President Nixon's office has been advised concerning this matter by Mr. Nichols' office. This is for information.

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Mr. Tolson
Mr. Boardman
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Parsons
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tamm
Mr. Sizoo
Mr. Winterrowd
Tele. Room
Mr. Holloman
Miss Gandy

TO : Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: August 22, 1955

FROM : William F. Tompkins, Assistant Attorney General
Internal Security Division

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SUBJECT: LEONARD BERNSTEIN
SECURITY MATTER-C
FRAUD AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT
FBI FILE 100-360261

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CLASS. & EXT. BY SP4 [redacted]
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DECLASSIFIED BY SP4 [redacted] ON 4/11/95 declassified per DOJ letter dated 12/8/94

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Reference is made to your memorandum of April 7, 1955, on the captioned subject forwarding the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated March 18, 1955 at New York in which are contained the results of certain re-interviews regarding Leonard Bernstein.

As is noted in your memorandum of July 1, 1954, the subject, in connection with a passport application, submitted a sworn affidavit dated August 3, 1953, stating that he was not then and had never been a member of the Communist Party or the Communist Political Association and had never knowingly engaged in activities which supported the Communist movement. A review of the available material, indicates that the subject has an extensive record of association with various Communist front organizations, a fact which the subject himself admits. In his affidavit, however, he claims that because he is a prominent musician, his support for various humanitarian and cultural causes is constantly being solicited, and, with insufficient information and time on his part to exercise appropriate discrimination, his name has inevitably become linked not only with many legitimate organizations, but a number of Communist front groups as well.

From the above-mentioned report of Special Agent [redacted] dated March 18, 1955, it is noted that [redacted] advised he was told by other Communists in 1945 that the subject was also a Communist, adhered to the Communist Party, and had agreed to submit to Communist discipline. [redacted] however, has no direct personal knowledge of these facts.

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[redacted] advised that on [redacted] the American Youth for Democracy, held a reception in honor of the subject at St. Louis, Missouri, and that the subject was present at that reception. He had no information, however, as to whether or not the subject knew that the reception was sponsored by the American Youth for Democracy or that the subject was aware of the Communist Party domination of the American Youth for Democracy.

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b2 [redacted] advised that it was mentioned at the American Youth for Democracy National Convention in 1946 that the subject was among a group of notable Americans to whom the American Youth for Democracy
b2 recently presented awards. [redacted] however, advised that she had no personal knowledge of the subject or of the presentation of awards to him by the American Youth for Democracy [redacted]
b7D [redacted] She further advised that she did not know if the subject was aware of the Communist Party domination and control of the American Youth for Democracy. She did recall, however, hearing discussion by other people to the effect that the subject had given a private recital for the benefit of the American Youth for Democracy sometime during 1945-1946. (U)

b2 [redacted] advised that the subject was among the group of "supporters of the Paul Robeson Communist-led group" in an organizational conflict that existed during 1948 in the Council of African Affairs. However, he had no personal knowledge that the subject was a member of the Communist group within the Council but only assumed as much since Paul Robeson had obtained a proxy vote from him. In fact, the informant asserted he had never seen the subject and only knew him by name. (U)

Thus, the only available evidence linking the subject with the Communist Party is based on hearsay rather than personal knowledge. As such it is insufficient to warrant prosecution of the subject under Title 18, United States Code, Section 1001 and Section 1541, for his denial of Communist Party membership or having ever been knowingly engaged in activities connected with the Communist Party movement.

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TO : Mr. L. V. Boardman [redacted] b7c

DATE: August 29, 1955

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FROM : A. H. Belmont

SUBJECT: HOLLYWOOD BOWL FESTIVAL OF AMERICAS
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

Anonymous letter postmarked 8-18-55 at Los Angeles inquires why Vice President Richard M. Nixon opened the captioned festival which was reported in the "Herald Express" on 8-17-55 inasmuch as the names of some individuals who reportedly also participated have been mentioned in one or more of the 1947, 1948, 1949 and 1951 reports of the California Senate Fact-Finding Committee on Un-American Activities. The letter lists the names as follows: Isaac Stern, Leonard Bernstein, William Schuman, Lucas Foss, Gregory Peck, Martha Graham and Aaron Copland.

Bufiles reflect that none of these individuals are on the Security Index and that only Leonard Bernstein has a long record of Communist front activities and is presently subject of an investigation, a Fraud Against the Government case. His scheduled appearance at the festival was reported by San Diego teletype dated 8-16-55 and brought to the attention of Mr. Nixon's Office by Mr. Nichols' Office. A Secret Service Agent advised San Diego Office that Mr. Nixon had received numerous calls about Bernstein's appearance at the festival, but since arrangements had been made for Mr. Nixon to appear, Mr. Nixon would not withdraw. (100-360261)

RECOMMENDATION:

Inasmuch as only Bernstein is subject of current investigation and information has been furnished concerning him to Mr. Nixon's Office, no further dissemination or action is deemed necessary concerning the individuals mentioned in the anonymous letter.

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Attachment
cc - Mr. Boardman
Mr. Belmont
[redacted]

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SEP 7 1955

Records of participants in the "Hollywood Bowl Festival of Americas".

(See Herald Express news item, Aug.,17,1955 ,Page , C-3)

as taken from :

Index of Un-American activities in California for the Reports of- 1943,1945,1947,1949,1951, published by the Senate of California;

Soloist Jennie Tourel -	not listed	
Isaac Stern	- 1949,	Page 482
Leonard Bernstein	-1948,	Pages 210 and 392
	1949,	Pages 480,484,489,499,494 501,502,503,505,506 509,512,513,514,515 516,517,521,523,532 543
William Schuman	-1948,	Page 331
Lucas Foss	1949,	Pages 481,489
Gregory Peck	-1947,	Pages 235,and 239
	1948	Pages 97,198,208,210 255,355
	1949	Page 689
	1951	Pages 290 and 291
Martha Graham	-1948	Page 310
Aaron Copland	-1948	Pages 113,114,248,262 316,317,330,377 392
	1949	Pages 480,483,484,488 489,494,499,501 502,503,504,508 511,512,513,516 518,519,521,523 524,525,530,531 532,537,543

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ENCLOSURE

STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

b7c TO : Director, FBI (100-360261) DATE: 9/16/55

FROM : SAC, New York (100-99895)

SUBJECT: LEONARD BERNSTEIN, was
SM-C, FAG

ReBulet to Albany, 6/17/55, captioned "EMERGENCY DETENTION PROGRAM" (Bufile 100-398030), and letter to Director, FBI, 8/22/55, from WILLIAM F. TOMPKINS, Assistant Attorney General, Internal Security Division.

ReBulet set forth the fact that the subject was never approved by the Department for inclusion on the Security Index and was not so tabbed at the time of relet. The Department advised that BERNSTEIN'S name should not be included on the SI, inasmuch as his past activities did not bring him within the current criteria.

By letter, 8/22/55, WILLIAM F. TOMPKINS, Assistant Attorney General, Internal Security Division, advised the Bureau that inasmuch as the only available evidence linking the subject with the Communist Party was based on hearsay evidence rather than personal knowledge, it was deemed insufficient to warrant prosecution of the subject under Title 18, USC, Section 1001 and Section 1541 for his denial of CP membership or having been knowingly engaged in activities connected with the CP movement.

In the light of the above, no further investigation will be conducted in this matter and this case is being placed in a closed status pending the receipt of additional information, which would warrant investigation by this Bureau.

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NAME CHECK

November 10, 1955

LEONARD BERNSTEIN
Born: August 25, 1918
Lawrence, Massachusetts

Leonard Bernstein
Summary

In regard to your present name check request, you are referred to a memorandum dated January 28, 1955, which was sent by this Bureau to your agency concerning Leonard Bernstein, described as in the caption above.
(100-360261-41)

In compliance with your specific request for additional data concerning Bernstein, there is attached the report of Special Agent [redacted], made March 18, 1955, at New York City.

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The foregoing information is furnished to you as a result of your request for an FBI file check and is not to be construed as a clearance or a nonclearance of the individual involved. This information is furnished for your use and should not be disseminated outside of your agency.

Enclosure

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Req rec'd: 10/25/55
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Office Memo[illegible]m • UNITED STA[illegible]OVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-360261) DATE: 4/23/56

[redacted] : SAC, NEW YORK (100-99895)

[redacted]JECT: LEONARD BERNSTEIN,
SM - C.

On 4/23/56, [redacted] New York City, telephonically advised she had learned from [redacted] New York City, that the United States Information Service had requested [redacted] to furnish 12 favorable photographs of the subject together with "only favorable" press clippings of him.

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According to [redacted] could not understand why the USIS desired only "favorable" publicity on BERNSTEIN due to his past "front" record.

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Above is furnished for information and no further action is contemplated by this office.

USIA [redacted]

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3 - NEW YORK (100-99895)
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August 23, 1956

Director, FBI ([redacted]

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SECURITY MATTER - C

Reurlet dated August 8, 1956.

Authority to interview Leonard Bernstein is denied at this time in view of his prominence and past subversive activities.

b7c cc-Bufile [redacted]
cc-Bufile 100-360261 (Leonard Bernstein)

Note on yellow:

b7c [redacted]. Subject reportedly friendly with Leonard Bernstein. Bernstein is prominent orchestra conductor and was the subject of SM-FAG investigation which was closed in September, 1955. Bernstein has not been identified as CP member; however, from 1945 to 1949 he was connected in some way with at least 13 organization cited by the Attorney General and also 6 organizations cited by HCUA or California Committee on Un-American Activities. Bernstein was included in the SI as a prominent individual. His SI card was cancelled in March, 1952, and his case was referred to the Department for a decision as to whether his name should be included in the SI. The Department has advised Bernstein's activities do not warrant inclusion of his name in SI. b7c

b7c [redacted]

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-360261) DATE: 3/3/58

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[redacted]OM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-99895)

SUBJECT: LEONARD BERNSTEIN, was.
SM-C

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 7-9-80 BY [redacted]

On 2/6/58 and 2/12/58, [redacted] who resides [redacted] (protect identity per request) advised SA [redacted] that he believes that LEONARD BERNSTEIN (155 East 96th Street, NYC), [redacted] is a Communist because BERNSTEIN was refused a passport when the [redacted]tra made a recent good-will tour in Europe; also that [redacted] has come to his conclusion from the way BERNSTEIN talks. In this regard he stated that BERNSTEIN has continually made anti-American and pro-Russian statements but [redacted] was unable to furnish any specific details pertaining thereto.

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b7c b7D [redacted] stated that [redacted] orchestra is going to make a good-will tour of South America and that BERNSTEIN has been granted a passport; that he also believes that the following members of the NY Philharmonic Orchestra are Communists because they are all social friends of BERNSTEIN and because they have made statements similar to those he attributed to BERNSTEIN. [redacted] was again unable to furnish any specific details regarding the alleged statements made and stated that he never heard BERNSTEIN [redacted] discuss the Communist Party (CP) or make any reference to the CP. He named [redacted] as follows:

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2- Bureau (100-360261) (RM)
2- Newark (100-) [redacted] (RM)
1- New York (100-99895)

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b7C b7D [redacted] stated that [redacted] he felt that this information should be brought to the attention of the FBI. He stated that because he was unable to furnish specific details regarding the aforementioned allegations and had no proof to substantiate same, he would not be willing to testify to this in court nor did he wish to furnish signed statements regarding the foregoing.

b7C b7D [redacted] also furnished the names of [redacted] whom he also suspects as being Communists because he has heard them make pro-Russian and anti-American statements but he could not furnish any specific details to support his allegation. Due to the non-specific nature of [redacted] allegations, the NYO contemplates no action regarding the latter mentioned [redacted] other than to disseminate his information to existent case files or to the "100-0" file.

b7C b7D It is noted that while [redacted] was able to furnish a physical description of all individuals referred to in this letter, in few instances did he have any knowledge of their residence addresses and in some cases he was inaccurate in his spelling of their names. The addresses appearing in parentheses beside the above-mentioned names were obtained from the [redacted] Directory of Local 802, American Federation of Musicians, NYC, in order that appropriate search of office indices could be made.

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b7D Regarding BERNSTEIN and [redacted] mentioned herein, the NYO will submit current reports where there are existent case files on such persons and will submit blank memoranda, under individual case caption, incorporating information available in NYO files concerning such persons where no case files exist. This action is being taken in the event the Bureau should desire to furnish such information to the Department of State.

b7C Newark Division is requested to take similar action regarding [redacted] noted previously, and to advise NYO of the action taken.

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office . . . . . UNITED S. GOVERNMENT

b7c TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-360261) DATE: 4/2/58

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-99895)

SUBJECT: LEONARD BERNSTEIN, was
SM-C

Re NY letter to Director dated 3/3/58 captioned as above.

Referenced communication reflects that information suitable for dissemination will be furnished the Bureau concerning [redacted] indicated he believed to be Communists. b7c b7D

A review of captioned subject's case file in the New York office reflects no pertinent subversive information concerning subject has been developed since the report of SA [redacted], dated 3/18/55 at NY. b7c

In view of the above, no current report will be submitted concerning captioned subject and instant case is being placed in a closed status in the NYO.

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AGREE 9803 5/20/93

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC New York (Your file

DATE: 4/15/58

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FROM [redacted] Director, FBI (Bufile and serial 100-360261

[redacted] b7c

SUBJECT [redacted]

Office of Origin: NY

The deadline in this case has passed and the Bureau has not received a report. You are instructed to submit a report immediately. In the event a report has been submitted, you should make a notation of the date on which it was submitted on this letter and return it to the Bureau, Room No. 260

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Report submitted .....

Report will be submitted Reuslet 3/3/58 expected

Reason for delay "Leonard Bernstein, SM-C" (Bufile 100-99895, Bufile 100-360261,

no [illegible] in NY. files in addition to that in NY let. 3/3/58 re "Leonard Bernstein". Letter follows.

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2. ( ) Advise Bureau re status of this case.

3. (+) Advise Bureau when report may be expected.

4. ( ) Surep immediately.

b7c [redacted]

(Place your reply on this form and return to the Bureau. Note on the top serial in the case file the receipt and acknowledgment of this communication.)

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Office Memorandum · UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York (Your file

DATE: 4/15/58

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[redacted]

FROM : Director, FBI (Bufile and serial

[redacted] b7c

SUBJECT: Office of Origin: NY

1. ( ) The deadline in this case has passed and the Bureau has not received a report. You are instructed to submit a report immediately. In the event a report has been submitted, you should make a notation of the date on which it was submitted on this letter and return it to the Bureau, Room No. 1200

b7c [redacted]

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Reason for delay ..... Leonard Bernstein, ...

Letter will be (Bufile 100-99715, ... file

submitted by 4/21/58. 100-360261)

NYO files contain no information re subject except that noted in relet.

2. ( ) Advise Bureau re status of this case.

3. ( ) Advise Bureau when report may be expected.

4. ( ) Surep immediately.

b7c [redacted]

(Place your reply on this form and return to the Bureau. Note on the top serial in the case file the receipt and acknowledgment of this communication.)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York (Your file 100-99895 DATE: 4-2-58

[redacted] M : Director, FBI (Bufile and serial 100-360261-51 re Leonard Bernstein

SUBJECT: [redacted] b7c Office of Origin: NY

1. [redacted] The deadline in this case has passed and the Bureau has not received a report. You are instructed to submit a report immediately. In the event a report has been submitted, you should make a notation of the date on which it was submitted on this letter and return it to the Bureau, Room No. 1260

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Report submitted .....

~~Report~~ Letter will be submitted 4/11/58

Reason for delay [illegible]

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[redacted] b7c

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(✓) Advise Bureau re status of this case.

3. (✓) Advise Bureau when report may be expected. [redacted]

4. ( ) Surep immediately.

(Place your reply on this form and return to the Bureau. Note on the top serial in the case file the receipt and acknowledgment of this communication.) b7c

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-360261) Date: 4/21/58

[redacted]

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-99895)

SUBJECT: LEONARD BERNSTEIN, was.
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Reference is made to NY letters, 3/3/58 and 4/2/58, captioned as above; Newark letter to Bureau, 3/21/58, re [redacted] NY letter to Bureau, 4/8/58, re [redacted] aka. [redacted] NY letter to Bureau, 4/11/58, re [redacted] NY letter to Bureau, 4/9/58, re [redacted]

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1 - New York (100-99895) (LEONARD BERNSTEIN)

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Relet dated 3/3/58, reflects that [redacted] (protect identity), [redacted], advised on 2/6,12/58 that he believed LEONARD BERNSTEIN and the following [redacted] are Communists and that [redacted]

[redacted]

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Relet dated 3/3/58 also states that the NYO would submit current reports on the aforementioned individuals where case files exist, otherwise blank memoranda would be submitted under individual case caption, incorporating information available in NYO files concerning such persons. Newark Division was requested to take similar action regarding [redacted]

b7c [redacted]

The Bureau was advised by relets dated 4/2/58, 3/21/58, 4/8/58, 4/11/58 and 4/9/58, regarding the action taken, as outlined above, concerning

b7c BERNSTEIN, [redacted]

Except for background information

b7c b7D furnished [redacted] on 2/6,12/58, NYO files contain only that information set forth in relet dated 3/3/58,

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Except for background information

b7c b7D furnished [redacted] on 2/6,12/58, NYO files contain no information identifiable with [redacted]

b7c [redacted] and [redacted] in addition to that set forth in relet dated 3/3/58.

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Regarding [redacted], NYO files

b7c b7D reflect that on 4/20/51, [redacted] furnished substantially the same information concerning him as noted in relet dated 3/3/58. Except for background information furnished [redacted] on 2/6,12/58, NYO files contain no other information identifiable with [redacted]

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b7c b7D [redacted] Due to the non-specific nature of allegation set forth in relet dated 3/3/58 regarding [redacted] and [redacted] no further action is contemplated by NYO concerning these.

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LEONARD BERNSTEIN
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Reurlets 3-3-58 and 4-2-58 setting forth information obtained from [redacted]

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It is desired that you submit a memorandum suitable for dissemination embodying pertinent information from your file concerning Bernstein and particularly the information from [redacted] This memorandum should be submitted under the Bernstein caption and should pertain only to him, not to [redacted] mentioned by [redacted] referred to in your letter of 3-3-58.

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Subject not on Security Index. He is prominent musician and orchestra conductor. During period 1945 to 1949 he was connected in some way with 13 organizations designated by the Attorney General and 6 organizations cited by the House Committee on Un-American Activities. On 8-3-53 in connection with passport application he denied membership in Communist Party or support of communist movement. [redacted] advised New York Office he believed Bernstein was a communist [redacted]

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SUBJECT: LEONARD BERNSTEIN, was.
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ReBulet dated 4/28/58.

Attached herewith are original and 4 copies of a letterhead memorandum pertaining to captioned subject as requested in referenced Bulet.

The following sources were utilized in attached memorandum:

b7D [redacted] — Subject agreed to submit to Communist disipline

b7c b7D [redacted] — Subject believed to be CP member

b2 b7D [redacted] — Subject connected with American Committee for Spanish Freedom

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Mr. Leonard Bernstein (sp)

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New York, New York
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Re: Leonard Bernstein, with aliases

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On June 30, 1950, a source who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that in 1945 when the committee to aid Ben Davis was being considered, both Ben Davis and Jack Stachel described Leonard Bernstein to the source as an adherent of the Communist Party. This source stated that other Communist Party functionaries had also described Leonard Bernstein as a Communist. The source advised that in 1945 Jack Stachel informed him that Bernstein had agreed to submit to Communist discipline. This source advised on December 9, 1954 that he has no direct personal knowledge of Bernstein's willingness to submit to Communist discipline.

Ben Davis and Jack Stachel were members of the National Board of the Communist Party who were tried and convicted in 1949 for violation of the Smith Act of 1940.

Leonard Bernstein, by notarized affidavit dated August 3, 1953, submitted in connection with his application for passport, stated "...although I have never, to my knowledge, been accused of being a member of the Communist Party, I wish to take advantage of this opportunity to affirm under oath that I am not now or at any time ever been a member of the Communist Party or the Communist Political Association. I have never knowingly engaged in activities which supported the Communist movement under circumstances which would warrant the conclusion that I engaged in such activities as a result of direction, domination or control exercised over me by the Communist movement..."

In February, 1958, a source of unknown reliability, but who is acquainted with the subject, advised that he believed Leonard Bernstein to be a Communist. This source based this belief on the way Bernstein talks, that is, that he has continually made anti-American and pro-Russian statements. Source was unable to furnish any specific details pertaining thereto. (X)(U)

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All organizations mentioned hereafter have been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450, unless otherwise described.

The House Committee on Un-American Activities review of the Scientific and Cultural Conference for World Peace held March 25,26,27,1949, which conference was arranged by the National Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions, reflected Leonard Bernstein was affiliated with the following organizations:

American Council for a Democratic Greece
American Youth for Democracy
Committee For a Democratic Far Eastern Policy
Civil Rights Congress
Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee
National Negro Congress

The National Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions was cited in the aforementioned review as a Communist front.

Records of the Bureau of Special Services, New York City Police Department, reflect that Bernstein was a member of the Council on African Affairs, Incorporated, as of February 3, 1948.

The "New York Times", issue of March 3, 1945, contained an advertisment by the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade entitled "For America's Sake-Break With Franco Spain" wherein Bernstein was listed as a sponsor.

A source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised during 1946 that Leonard Bernstein was identified on a letterhead of the American Committee for Spanish Freedom dated January 21, 1946, as being one of the sponsors of this organization.

The "Daily Worker" issue of May 16, 1946, page four column three, lists Leonard Bernstein as a conductor and composer and one of the endorsers of the Three Day Tag Drive of the American Committee for Yugoslav Relief.

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New York, New York
April 29, 1959

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LEONARD BERNSTEIN
"Committee of 100"
NAACP Legal Defense and
Educational Fund, Inc.

LEONARD BERNSTEIN is a white male who was born on August 25, 1918, at Lawrence, Massachusetts. He graduated from Harvard University in 1939 and attended the Curtis Institute of Music, 1939-1941. His occupation is musical composition and orchestra conducting. He is currently employed as conductor of the New York Philharmonic Orchestra. He resides at 205 West 57 Street, New York City.

Characterizations of organizations mentioned herein are set out in appendix attached to this memorandum.

On June 30, 1950, a source who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that in 1945 when the committee to aid Ben Davis was being considered, both Ben Davis and Jack Stachel described Leonard Bernstein to the source as an adherent of the Communist Party. This source stated that other Communist Party functionaries had also described Leonard Bernstein as a Communist. The source advised that in 1945 Jack Stachel informed him that Bernstein had agreed to submit to Communist discipline. This source advised on December 9, 1954, that he has no direct personal knowledge of Bernstein's willingness to submit to Communist discipline. (C)

Ben Davis and Jack Stachel were members of the National Board of the Communist Party who were tried and convicted in 1949 for violation of the Smith Act of 1940. (C)

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LEONARD BERNSTEIN - Summary
Born: August 25, 1918
Lawrence, Massachusetts

You are referred to information previously furnished to your agency on January 28 and November 10, 1955, concerning Leonard Bernstein. For your additional information, there is enclosed a copy of a memorandum dated May 27, 1958, concerning the captioned individual.
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COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE (NAACP)
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Leonard Bernstein

Rebulets 2/5/59, 2/25/59 and NYlet 3/2/59.

Enclosed are letterhead memoranda and cover memoranda on 13 individuals who are additions to the NAACP and NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund letterheads for the year 1959.

All letterhead memoranda are complete with the exception of [redacted] aka, on whom the NYO has not received the results of the HCUA check from WFO. Upon receipt of the HCUA results from WFO, the NYO will process and submit addendum pages.

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LEONARD BERNSTEIN
"Committee of 100"
NAACP Legal Defense and
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Background information concerning LEONARD BERNSTEIN was obtained from passport records.

Sources concealed are as follows:

b7D [redacted] BERNSTEIN agreed to submit to Communist discipline

b7c b7D [redacted] Believes BERNSTEIN to be a Communist

b2 b7D [redacted] American Committee for Spanish Freedom

b7D [redacted] Metropolitan Music School

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Information concerning HCUA records is set out from Washington Field Office letter to Director dated April 8, 1959, with the exception of the material on page nine and ten of the Washington Field Office letter, which is summarized elsewhere in the memo on BERNSTEIN. HCUA records were checked by Special Agent [redacted] on April 2, 1959.

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N In February and March, 1958, an individual who had been associated professionally with BERNSTEIN advised that he believed LEONARD BERNSTEIN was a Communist since BERNSTEIN had been refused a passport and BERNSTEIN has continually made anti-American and pro-Russian statements. This individual was unable to furnish any specific details regarding the above allegations and was not able to describe any of the anti-American and pro-Russian statements allegedly made by BERNSTEIN. The source stated that he had never heard BERNSTEIN discuss the Communist Party or make any reference to the Communist Party.

In an affidavit subscribed and sworn to by LEONARD BERNSTEIN on August 3, 1953 in connection with his application for a United States passport BERNSTEIN stated in part as follows:

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"Although I have never, to my knowledge, been accused of being a member of the Communist Party, I wish to take advantage of this opportunity to affirm under oath that I am not now or at any time ever been a member of the Communist Party or the Communist Political Association. I have never (to paraphrase the language of the Regulation) knowingly engaged in activities which supported the Communist movement under circumstances which would warrant the conclusion that I engaged in such activities as a result of direction, domination or control exercised over me by the Communist movement.

"I have not adhered to the so-called Communist Party line or followed it 'on a variety of issues and through shifts and changes of that line...'

"The Regulations referred to are said to have a possible application to my case by reason of the fact that my name has been linked in various ways with a number of organizations which have been denominated as subversive by the Attorney General in connection with the government employee program.

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"I wish to state generally as to all the organizations involved that my connection, if any, with them has been of a most casual and nebulous character. Almost without exception, their very names are practically unknown by me except in the vaguest kind of way. In fact, in new attempting to recall them and my connection with them, I have had to rely on the memory of my secretary and refer to old scrapbooks, clippings, etc. Needless to say I never knew their real character as they were later denominated by the Attorney General of the United States. I never could claim any exact knowledge as to their objectives or purpose except the humanitarian, benign or cultural one mentioned at the moment I was accosted by some person or scanned the letter or other sugar coated communication soliciting funds, the use of my name or my services as a musician and conductor.

"I wish to emphasize that the name and real purpose of the organizations to which my name became linked through a charitable and well intended impulse and obviously without the probing deliberation required are hardly more than a blur in my memory. The link, if any, was on 'paper' and not a personal one. Besides my ignorance of their underlying purposes, I have no recollection or knowledge of ever having really joined any of them which had a membership roll in the true sense. I do not recall the address of most of them or the years or the city in which they functioned or the names of the officers or principals. I have no knowledge or recollection of ever having attended an organizational meeting of any one of them. It is my general recollection that my name or sponsorship was usually requested in connection with some public function or <u>or</u> activity such as a banquet, benefit or concert."

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BERNSTEIN's affidavit goes on to state his explanation for his association with various groups and to outline his activities with regard to many legitimate charitable and philanthropic organizations. The affidavit concludes as

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"I have attempted in the foregoing pages to set forth some of the facts which may be of assistance to the State Department in the consideration of my passport application. I express the hope that they may place in better perspective the allegation which has given rise to the long delay in passing upon the problem.

"I realize now that I might have made the task of the Passport Division of the State Department an easier one if in 1949, when I came to realize that I had been imposed upon, I had made a public disavowal of the harmful significance which had been attached to the use of my name and prestige by questionable organizations. Unfortunately I did not do so and confined my efforts to advising only my friends and associates of the true situation. I recall that in 1949, in discussing the matter in correspondence with Mr. Edward A. Norman, President of the American Fund for Israel Institutions I stated in part as follows:

> "'Let me state for you and for the record that I am not and never have been a member of the Communist Party, nor have I ever subscribed to communist doctrine or ideology. I have been away from the United States for many months on an extended concert tour, and I have not seen a copy of 'Red Channels', and I do not, therefore, know to what associations or organizations you refer, but I can say unequivocally that I have never belonged or subscribed to any cause which I understood committed me to support of a subversive doctrine, either communist or fascist.
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> "'It is possible that, in the turmoil of life to which an artist is subject, and particularly during those days when the necessities of war created many temporary alliances, that I did

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"sponsor activities without closely examining their affiliations. If so, and if any of these have been investigated and found subversive by the government of my country, I disown and disavow them completely.

"I assure you again I have only one allegiance to one flag and to one country, the United States of America, whose democratic form of life I cherish and will defend at any time.'

"I wish to conclude this affidavit by repeating in the most solemn way the affirmation of loyalty to the United States and opposition to Soviet Communism which I expressed at that time.

"/s/ LEONARD BERNSTEIN"

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Lincoln Brigade entitled "For America's Sake-Break With Franco Spain" wherein BERNSTEIN was listed as a sponsor.

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The "Daily Worker" issue of May 16, 1946, page four column three, lists LEONARD BERNSTEIN as a conductor and composer and one of the endorsers of the Three Day Tag Drive of the American Committee for Yugoslav Relief.

The "Daily Worker" was an east coast Communist daily newspaper which suspended publication on January 13, 1958.

The "New York Journal American," issue of April 17, 1948, contained an article captioned "Red Fronters Hit United States-Italy Policy" in which it was stated that LEONARD BERNSTEIN, a conductor and a member or sponsor of eight Communist fronts including the Council of American-Soviet Friendship, was one of the signers of a protest sent to President TRUMAN concerning American interference in the Italian elections.

The "Daily Worker," issue of October 27, 1947, contained an article captioned "Stars Fly East to Fight Probe" wherein it was stated LEONARD BERNSTEIN was traveling from Broadway to Washington to protest along with Hollywood movie stars the activities of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, which was at that time investigating Communist in filmland.

Set out below is a summary of information contained in records of the House Committee on Un-American Activities pertaining to LEONARD BERNSTEIN:

Source:	Material: LEONARD BERNSTEIN (LB)
PM, 3/9/47, pg.12 (PM, defunct NY newspaper).	American Council For a Democratic Greece, Member, Board of Directors.
"Worker", 4/27/47, pg. 29	American Soviet Music Society, National Council American-Soviet Friendship LB, Member.
"American-Soviet Music Review", Fall Issue, 1946, pg. 3	LB, Vice Chairman American Soviet Music Society
PM, 2/9/45, pg. 9	American Committee for Spanish Freedom, Artists and Scientists Division; LB, Signer of Statement Asking for Severance of Diplomatic Relations with FRANCO Spain.
Press Release, 3/17/48	American Council for a Democratic Greece LB, Board of Directors.
"The Shield", July 1947, pg. 3, C4-5	American Council for a Democratic Greece, Committee for a Democratic Far Eastern Policy; LB, officer or/and sponsor of same.
Program, 10/16/44	"Salute to Young America", dinner, celebrating first anniversary of American Youth for Democracy (AYD). LB, functionary.
"New York Times" 3/14/46, pg. 18	LB, Supporter: "Citizens United to Abolish the WOOD-RANKIN Committee".
Dinner Program, "A Tribute to Jewish Youth"	LB, to appear on program of dinner sponsored "on the occasion of the 4th Anniversary of the American Youth for Democracy (AYD) at the Benjamin Franklin Hotel, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 11/18/47".

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National Board Report... to Second National Convention 6/13-17/46, pg. 2	LB, attended "Salute to Young America" dinner, American Youth for Democracy.
"The Shield", 7/47, pg. 13	"Speaker at Dinner, 12/12/45, American Youth for Democracy".
Program, "Let Freedom Ring"	Civil Rights Congress, National Conference, Chicago, Illinois, 11/21-23/47. LB, Sponser
"Daily Worker" (DW) 9/25/45, pg. 12	LB, Sponsor. Committee for the reelection of BENJAMIN H. DAVIS, Communist.
Letterhead, 1946-1947	Committee for A Democratic Far Eastern Policy, LB, Sponsor
Pamphlet, "What Price Phillippine Independence" by GEORGE PHILLIPS, pgs. 30-31.	LB, Signer of Open Letter to President TRUMAN, released 10/7/46.
Letterhead, 5/28/48	LB, Sponsor. Committee For a Democratic Far Eastern Policy.
Letterhead, 7/11/47	LB, Sponsor. Committee For a Democratic Far Eastern Policy.
DW, 4/26/48, pgs. 1,3	LB, Signer. Letter for Civil Rights Congress (CRC) scoring Subversive Control Act, 1948.
Chicago "Sun-Times" 5/11/48, pg. 37	LB, Signer. Civil Rights Congress Open Letter to Congress for Defeat of MUNDT Bill; H.R. (House Report) 5852.
Pamphlet, Committee For the First Amendment, pg. 4	LB, Signer. Statements of Committee for the First Amendment.

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Mimeographed Circular: "Now Available on Records" 11/18/47	LB, Speaker. Committee for the First Amendment on subject "Hollywood Fights Back" broadcast on 11/2/47 (ABC Program).
"New York Times" 11/3/47, pg. 18	Committee for the First Amendment. LB, Speaker, on radio broadcast attacking US House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA).
Pamphlet, "Equal Justice Under Law", pg. 14	LB, Sponsor. Committee For Equal Justice For Mrs. RECY TAYLOR.
"Metropolitan Music School Catalog", 1956-57. pg.29	LB, Sponsor. Metropolitan Music School, Inc.
Also advertised in above "Catalog", 1951-1952	
Leaflet, 2/11-12/49	LB, Sponsor. Legislative Assembly and Rally to End Segregation and Discrimination.
Pamphlet, "Seeing is Believing" 1947, (back cover).	LB, Council Member, Council on American Affairs.
"New Leader" 2/5/49, pg. 4	LB, Sponsor. National Council of the Arts, Sciences, and Professions (NCASP)"Cultural and Scientific Conference for World Peace, 3/25-27/49".
DW, 1/10/49, pg. 11	LB, Sponsor of above NCASP conference.
DW, 12/1/47, pg. 3	Arts, Sciences and Professions Council, Progressive Citizens of America. LB, Signer of Open Letter Against Committee on Un-American Activities and ouster of Communists in film industry.

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Letterhead, 5/28/46	LB, Member, Board of Directors. Independent Citizens Council of NCASP.
DW, 10/17/48	LB, Signer. National Council of American-Soviet Friendship. Statement.
Program, pg. 12 and "Conference Call"	NCASP Cultural and Scientific Conference For World Peace, New York City, 3/25-27/49. LB, Sponsor.
DW, 2/21/49, pg. 9	NCASP Conference, 3/25-27/49. LB, Sponsor.
DW, 9/9/47, pg. 11	LB, Judge of Musical Talent Contest, National Negro Congress.
"Peoples' Songs" First Anniversary Issue, February-March, 1947, pg. 19	LB, Sent "Birthday Greetings" to "Peoples' Songs".
Undated Letterhead	"Peoples' Songs". LB, Member, Board of Directors. LB praises above song book.
Membership List of Committee dated 3/26/48.	LB, Member. National WALLACE for President Committee.

Also noted in DW, 3/26/48, pg. 7

Report to Clerk of the US House of Representatives 6/10/48	LB contributed $100.00 to Progressive Citizens of America.
"Peoples' Songs" 2/3/48, pgs. 21, 19 Second Anniversary Issue	LB sent "Birthday Greetings".

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Letterhead, 2/26/46	Spanish Refugee Appeal of the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee. LB, National Sponsor.
New York Young Progressive Lobby Issue	Young Progressive Citizens of America (Youth Lobby to Washington, D. C.,) 6/5-6/47.
Program of above	LB, Sponser.
1947 Progressive Citizens of America Mailing List	LB listed as having supported Independent Citizens Committee of NCASP and/or National Citizens Political Action Committee.
Letterhead, 5/18/51 and 3/3/48	LB, National Sponsor. Spanish Refugee Appeal of the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee.
Invitation to Dinner, New York City, 3/31/48	Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee. LB, Member, National Reception Committee for Madame IRENE JOLIOT-CURIE.
Letterhead, 4/28/49	Spanish Refugee Appeal of the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee. LB, Sponsor.
Letterhead, 6/16/47	LB, Sponsor Voice of Freedom Committee.
Voice of Freedom Committee Leaflet	LB, Signer of Petition. Voice of Freedom Committee.
Circular of the film of the NCASP, 1949	LB, Participant. Prague Music Festival.
Undated Leaflet "The South is Closer Than You Think".	Southern Conference for Human Welfare (SCHW). LB, Member, Executive Board, New York Committee.

Washington, D. C. "Times Herald" 12/16/47, pg. 5	LB, Signer. Petition of Protest against Deportation of HANNS EISLER.
"The Shield" July, 1947, pg. 6	LB, Sponsor. World Youth Conference.
Advertisement "For America's Sake. Break with FRANCO Spain" in "New York Times" 3/3/45, pg. 8	Veterans of ABRAHAM LINCOLN Brigade. LB, Sponsor and Supporter of statement issued by Veterans of ABRAHAM LINCOLN Brigade calling for severance of all relations with FRANCO government.
PM, 3/3/47, pg. 19	LB, Member. Save the Voice of Freedom Committee.
DW, 1/23/48, pg. 5	LEONARD BERNSTEIN refuses to answer questions concerning Communist Party membership.
Release "All-EISLER Program at Town Hall, 2/28, New York" (1948)	LB, Sponsor, HANNS EISLER Concert.
also in "New York Times" 1/31/48, pg. 13	
DW, 12/17/47, pg. 7	LB, Signer. Petition to Attorney General CLARK in behalf of HANNS EISLER.
DW, 7/9/56, pg. 6	Story by HARRY RAYMOND states BERNSTEIN has written music for "Candide" to be produced on 11/22 by ETHEL REINER (Book by LILLIAN HELLMAN, Photograph).

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Washington, D. C. "Evening Star" 4/20/47, pg. A7	LB attended dinner, Campaign dinner for HENRY A. WALLACE.
"Worker" (Southern Edition) 2/1/48, pg. 11	LEONARD BERNSTEIN refuses to confirm or deny Communist Party membership.
DW, 1/28/48, pg. 3	LB, Signer. Statement attacking American policy in Germany.
DW, 3/23/49, pg. 12	LB, Signer. Greetings to DMITRI SHOSTAKOVICH.
Speech of J. B. MATTHEWS at American Legion Seminar, Washington, D. C., 11/19/47, pg. 6, concerning "Communist Party Front Organizations".	LEONARD BERNSTEIN classified by MATTHEWS as "confirmed fellow traveller".
Testimony of FRANCIS J. MCNAMARA, 5061 Glenwood Road, Bethesda, Maryland, the Director of the American Sovereignty Campaign of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. (Investigation of the so-called "Blacklisting"). HCUA Hearings, Volumn 2, 84th Congress, 2nd Session, 1956. Pg. g5374.	Mentions LEONARD BERNSTEIN'S name as being on letterhead of the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee as quoted from article in "Counter-attack" entitled "Red Front Uses Phony Sponsor List".
Hearings, ch 102,105. Testimony of WALTER S. STEELE, regarding "Communist Activity in United States", 7/21/47, Washington,D. C.	LEONARD BERNSTEIN noted on the Board of Directors of "Peoples' Songs"; and, as Sponsor of same.

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The following organizations have been designated by the Attorney General of the United States, pursuant to Executive Order 10450:

American Council For a Democratic Greece
American Youth For Democracy
Civil Rights Congress
Committee For a Democratic Far Eastern Policy
Communist Party
Council on African Affairs
Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee
National Council of American-Soviet Friendship, Inc.
National Negro Congress
Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade
Voice of Freedom Committee

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AMERICAN COMMITTEE FOR SPANISH FREEDOM CONFIDENTIAL

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of January 2, 1957, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the American Committee for Spanish Freedom:

"1. Cited as Communist.
(Attorney General Tom Clark, letter to Loyalty Review Board, released April 27, 1949.)

"2. A 'recently established Communist-front organization whose avowed objective is to force a break in diplomatic relations between the United States and Spain.'
(Committee on Un-American Activities, Annual Report, H. R. 2233, June 7, 1946, p.29, also p. 37.)"

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AMERICAN COMMITTEE FOR YUGOSLAV RELIEF

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of January 2, 1957, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the American Committee For Yugoslav Relief:

"1. Cited as subversive and Communist.
(Attorney General Tom Clark, letters to Loyalty Review Board, released June 1, 1948 and September 21, 1948.)

"2. Cited as a Communist front whose 'collection of funds for 'relief' was only incidental to and a cover for its propaganda activities in behalf of the Communist regime in Yugoslavia.'
(Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1951 on the American Slav Congress, April 26, 1950, originally released June 26, 1949, pp. 77-81.) "

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COMMITTEE FOR THE FIRST AMENDMENT

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of January 2, 1957, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the Committee For The First Amendment:

> "1. 'A recently created Communist front in the defense of Communists and Communist fellow travelers. Its immediate purpose is to create favorable public opinion for the Communists who refused to testify before the House Committee on Un-American Activities in Washington, D.C.' (California Senate Fact-Finding Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1948, p.210.) "

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METROPOLITAN MUSIC SCHOOL, INC.

The Metropolitan Music School, Inc. (MMS), catalogue for 1957-1958, reflects the school is located at 18 West 74th Street, New York 23, New York. The catalogue states the school was founded in 1935 and is a nonprofit cooperative, progressive both in teaching methods and social outlook.

On November 16, 1954, a confidential informant advised that he believes the MMS was organized for the purpose of developing the cultural aspects of the Communist movement, particularly in the field of music. The informant advised on November 2, 1954, he was of the impression that the MMS was always in the hands of the Communist Party. The school's director, LILLY POPPER, was known to the informant as a Communist Party member.

The "New York Times," issue of June 30, 1957, contains an article reflecting that as a result of hearings held in New York City in April, 1957, the House Committee on Un-American Activities had concluded the MMS "is controlled by identified Communists." In support of its conclusion, the Committee named seven present and former officials as having been identified as Communist Party members or as having invoked the Fifth Amendment when interrogated.

The source concealed has furnished reliable information in the past.

APPENDIX

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE ARTS, SCIENCES, AND PROFESSIONS

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of January 2, 1957, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the National Council of the Arts, Sciences, and Professions:

> "National Council of the Arts, Sciences, and Professions
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> "1. Cited as a Communist front. (Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1954 on the Scientific and Cultural Conference for World Peace arranged by the National Council of the Arts, Sciences, and Professions and held in New York City on March 25, 26, and 27, 1949, April 26, 1950, originally released April 19, 1949, p. 2.)
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> "2. Cited as a Communist front which is 'used to appeal to special occupational groups * * *' (Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91.)"

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SOUTHERN CONFERENCE FOR HUMAN WELFARE

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of January 2, 1957, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the Southern Conference For Human Welfare:

"1. Cited as a Communist front which received money from the Robert Marshall Foundation, one of the principal sources of funds by which many Communist fronts operate.
(Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 147.)

"2. Cited as a Communist-front organization which seeks to attract southern liberals on the basis of its seeming interest in the problems of the South' although its 'professed interest in southern welfare is simply an expedient for larger aims serving the Soviet Union and its subservient Communist Party in the United States.'
(Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 592 on the Southern Conference for Human Welfare, June 16, 1947.) "

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TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT DATE: [redacted] 31, 1959

FROM : MR. G. H. SCATTERDAY [redacted] b7c

SUBJECT: LEONARD BERNSTEIN
UNITED STATES MUSICAL
CONDUCTOR NOW IN RUSSIA

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Rememo Mr. DeLoach to Mr. Tolson 8-27-59 setting forth statements by [redacted] of the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA) to Mr. R. E. Wick concerning visit of Bernstein to Moscow and Khrushchev's plan to visit the United States [redacted] b7c

Bernstein subject of security investigation 1951-1958. Also subject of fraud against the Government investigation 1954-1955 based on affidavit filed with State Department for passport wherein he denied Communist Party (CP) affiliation or support of communist movement; Department declined prosecution as evidence of CP affiliation hearsay. Bernstein placed on Security Index [redacted] 5-2-51 and such canceled 3-18-52 when Prominent Individuals Subdivision, Security Index, discontinued. Matter referred to Department which on 8-22-55 advised Bernstein's past activities not within criteria of Security Index. b7c

Bernstein prominent orchestra conductor and free-lance composer. [redacted] on 6-30-50 advised CP leaders described Bernstein to him as an adherent to CP and as a communist who agreed to submit to CP discipline. From 1945 to 1949 Bernstein associated with at least 13 organizations cited by the Attorney General and 13 organizations cited by the HCUA or California Committee on Un-American Activities.

During security investigation of Bernstein, Washington Field Office reviewed HCUA files which were found to be replete with information concerning Bernstein's connection with CP front organizations. (100-360261)

The 8-28-59 issue of the "Washington Post and Times Herald" contained an article indicating Bernstein had been criticized by the official organ of the Ministry of Culture for encoring a number his audience did not want encored during a concert in Moscow. Bernstein indicated it was a lie but he was more upset about it being a "breach of taste." Bernstein is quoted as stating he was going to complain to the chairman of the Soviet Composers Organization. 100-360261-27

Enclosure
1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Belmont
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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont
RE: LEONARD BERNSTEIN

RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached blind memorandum containing public source information only (not including information in HCUA files or reports) be forwarded to Mr. DeLoach and consideration be given to making such available to [redacted] In view of [redacted] statement in referenced memorandum, it should be considered [redacted] possibly would utilize such information in a speech attacking President Eisenhower, Vice President Nixon and the current Administration.

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[redacted] made available blind memorandum to [redacted] of House Committee on Un-American Activities on September 14, 1959.

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1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Belmont
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[redacted] LEONARD BERNSTEIN

In the May 15, 1944, edition of "The Worker," an east coast communist newspaper, an article captioned "Boston to Hear Paul Robeson" stated that the Boston Chapter of the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee (JAFRC), together with the Council on African Affairs, New York, New York, was sponsoring an evening with Paul Robeson, Leonard Bernstein and Muriel Smith on May 14, 1944, at the Boston Opera House, Boston, Massachusetts. The JAFRC and the Council on African Affairs have both been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

"The New York Times" in its issue of March 3, 1945, published an advertisement by the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade which was captioned "For America's Sake--Break With Franco Spain." Leonard Bernstein was listed as one of the sponsors of the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade which has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

"Live Wires," the official publication of the American Youth for Democracy (AYD), published in Boston, Massachusetts, May, 1945, listed Leonard Bernstein as a sponsor for a Boston youth symphony orchestra supported by the AYD in Boston. The AYD has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

A letterhead dated August 24, 1945, revealed Leonard Bernstein to be a national sponsor of the Spanish Refugee Appeal, 192 Lexington Avenue, New York, New York. The Spanish Refugee Appeal has been cited by the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA) as a "subsidiary of the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee."

In the September 25, 1945, edition of the "Daily Worker," a former east coast communist newspaper which ceased publication in January, 1958, Leonard Bernstein was listed as a sponsor of the Artists, Writers and Professional Division of the Davis Nonpartisan Committee for the Re-election of Benjamin J. Davis, Jr., New York, New York, communist councilman. [redacted] b7c

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NOTE: Cover memo Mr. Scatterday to Mr. Belmont 8-31-59 captioned "LEONARD BERNSTEIN, UNITED STATES MUSICAL CONDUCTOR NOW IN RUSSIA," [redacted] (8) [redacted] b7c

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Benjamin J. Davis, Jr., was one of the members of the National Board of the Communist Party who was convicted in 1949 in Federal Court, New York, New York, on charges of conspiracy to violate the Smith Act.

The "Newsletter" published by the Japanese-American Committee for Democracy in March, 1945, contained an article which announced Leonard Bernstein was one of the sponsors of the "World Youth Week" rally which was to be held March 21 through March 28, 1945, at Carnegie Hall, New York, New York. The Japanese-American Committee for Democracy has been cited by the United States Senate Judiciary Committee in its report number 2050 dated July 2, 1952, as a "communist-controlled" organization.

The November 11, 1945, issue of the "Daily Worker" published an article which reported the names of individuals scheduled to participate in the First Conference on American-Soviet Cultural Cooperation. This conference was presented by the committees of the Arts, of the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship. It was reported this conference would be held on November 18, 1945, at 29 West 39th Street, New York, New York, and that Leonard Bernstein would be a participant in the Music Panel of the conference. The National Council of American-Soviet Friendship has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The "Daily People's World," a west coast communist newspaper, in its issue of November 23, 1945, reported that the Emergency Committee on KFI had expanded and become part of the National Committee for Radio Freedom. It was indicated that the National Committee for Radio Freedom was under the leadership of Leonard Bernstein of the New York Philharmonic Symphony Society. During January, 1946, the Emergency Committee on KFI published a pamphlet entitled "The People of the United States Against Radio Station KFI and the Cartelization of the Air." This pamphlet identified Leonard Bernstein as a sponsor of the National Committee for Radio Freedom and announced the purpose of the Emergency Committee on KFI as an organization formed to protest the dismissal of six radio commentators by Radio

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Station KFI. The Emergency Committee on KFI has been cited by the California Committee on Un-American Activities in its report, 1947, page 180, as an organization formed to protest the discharge by Los Angeles, California, Radio Station KFI of the afore-mentioned commentators who were the media of "pro-Soviet, Red-slanted propaganda."

The letterhead of the American Committee for Spanish Freedom dated January 21, 1946, listed Leonard Bernstein as a sponsor of this organization. The American Committee for Spanish Freedom has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The "San Francisco Chronicle" in its issue dated February 10, 1946, published an article captioned "Spanish Refugee Appeal Banquet to Honor Monteaux." This article reported that Pierre Monteaux, San Francisco Symphony conductor, and Leonard Bernstein, assistant conductor of the New York Philharmonic, would be guests of honor at a banquet sponsored by the Spanish Refugee Appeal.

The February 13, 1946, issue of "The Independent," published twice monthly by the Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences, and Professions, listed Leonard Bernstein as a member of the Board of Directors of that Committee. The Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences, and Professions has been cited as a communist front organization by the HCUA in U.S. House of Representatives Report 378 dated April 25, 1951.

The May 16, 1946, issue of the "Daily Worker" listed Leonard Bernstein as conductor and composer and one of the endorsers of the Three-Day Tag Drive of the American Committee for Yugoslav Relief, 235 East 11th Street, New York, New York. The American Committee for Yugoslav Relief has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The December 5, 1946, issue of the "Daily Worker" reported an announcement that the AYD Third Anniversary Salute to Young America Rally was to be held at Manhattan Center on

December 20, 1946, and that Leonard Bernstein and Ferdinand Smith were cochairmen of the sponsoring committee.

The July, 1947, issue of "The Shield," Volume I, Number 1, contained an article captioned "Reds Employ Lofty Terms for Fronts." The article stated that on December 12, 1945, the AYD held a dinner at the Hotel Roosevelt, New York, New York, and that Leonard Bernstein was a cochairman for this dinner.

The letterhead of the Voice of Freedom Committee, 122 West 71st Street, New York, New York, in 1947 listed the name of Leonard Bernstein as a sponsor of this organization. The Voice of Freedom Committee has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The "New York World Telegram" in its issue dated February 7, 1947, published an article captioned "Group Hiring Eisler Tricked Notables," which stated that the name of Leonard Bernstein appeared on the letterhead of the JAFRC, 192 Lexington Avenue, New York, New York. The article explained that this organization had carried Gerhardt Eisler, well-known German communist, on its payroll for years.

In a news release issued May 16, 1947, by the Progressive Citizens of America, 205 East 42nd Street, New York, New York, it was announced that Leonard Bernstein, composer and conductor, was one of the sponsors of a "National Youth Lobby" to be held in Washington, D. C., June 15 and 16, 1947, under the auspices of the Young Progressive Citizens of America. The Young Progressive Citizens Committee of America has been cited by the California Committee on Un-American Activities as a communist front organization which is "a youth section of the Communist Progressive Citizens of America...its chapters are active in universities and colleges. It has never deviated from the Communist Party line in any field."

The September 10, 1947, edition of the "Daily Worker" published an article which stated that Leonard Bernstein was one of the judges for the National Negro Congress auditions

designed to discover unknown musical talent. It was reported that these auditions were to take place in the Town Hall, New York, New York, in September, 1947. The National Negro Congress has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The letterhead of the American Council for a Democratic Greece, New York, New York, dated September 9, 1947, listed Leonard Bernstein as a member of the Board of Directors. The American Council for a Democratic Greece has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The October 24, 1947, edition of "The New York Times" published an article which announced that Leonard Bernstein was one of the signers of a statement protesting against the activities of the HCUA, which statement was drawn up and distributed by the Hollywood branch of the Committee for the First Amendment. The Committee for the First Amendment was cited by the California Committee on Un-American Activities in its report, 1948, page 21, as "a recently created communist front in the defense of communists and communist fellow travelers. Its immediate purpose is to create favorable public opinion for the communists who refuse to testify before the HCUA in Washington, D. C."

The Fall of 1947 issue of "The Campus Progressive," Volume I, Issue 1, a quarterly publication of the Young Progressive Citizens of America, published an article which listed Leonard Bernstein as a sponsor on cultural freedom and civil liberties, which conference was sponsored by the Arts, Sciences, and Professions Division of the Progressive Citizens of America and was scheduled to be held October 25 and 26, 1947, at New York, New York.

A pamphlet entitled "Let Freedom Ring" issued by the Civil Rights Congress announced a national conference to be held November 21-23, 1947, at Chicago, Illinois. This pamphlet listed Leonard Bernstein as a sponsor of this conference. The Civil Rights Congress has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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The fourth report of the California Committee on Un-American Activities dated 1948 reported that Leonard Bernstein was a member of the Board of Sponsors of People's Songs, Inc., which was described as an organization which followed the "Communist Party line."

The official letterhead of the American Birobidjan Committee dated January 12, 1948, listed Leonard Bernstein as a national committee member of this organization. The HCUA in its report dated March 29, 1944, cited the Ambijan Committee for Emergency Aid to the Soviet Union (also known as the American Birobidjan Committee) as a communist front organization.

The June 6, 1948, issue of the "Daily Worker" published an article which listed the name of Leonard Bernstein as one of the individuals who had expressed opposition to the Mundt-Nixon Bill. The Mundt-Nixon Bill was introduced in the United States Congress on March 15, 1948, for the express purpose of combatting un-American activities by requiring the registration of communist front organizations.

In a press release issued by the National Council of the Arts, Sciences, and Professions on January 7, 1949, Leonard Berstein was listed as a signer to the call for the peace conference to be staged by the Arts, Sciences, and Professions Council in New York, New York, March 25 through March 27, 1949. The National Council of the Arts, Sciences, and Professions was cited by the HCUA as a communist front organization in its report dated April 26, 1950.

The letterhead of the Committee for a Democratic Far Eastern Policy, 11 West 42nd Street, New York, New York, dated February 8, 1949, listed Leonard Bernstein as a sponsor of this organization. The Committee for a Democratic Far Eastern Policy has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The 1949 report of the California Committee on Un-American Activities reported that Leonard Bernstein was a sponsor of the Scientific and Cultural Conference for World Peace held

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at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, New York, New York, March 25 through March 27, 1949. The Scientific and Cultural Conference for World Peace has been cited by the California Committee on Un-American Activities in its report number 378 dated April 25, 1951, as a communist front organization.