

# These Days . . . . . By George E. Sokolsky

## The First Lady

IT WAS SUGGESTED to me that I read an article on Jacqueline Kennedy, wife of the President, which appeared in "Esquire." This I did. And as I read it, written by Norman Mailer, I thought that I could not have been as brutal toward Eleanor Roosevelt in the days of the "New Deal" as this Mailer is toward Jacqueline Kennedy, whose bread he ate. I do not know Norman Mailer and bear him neither malice nor good-will.



Sokolsky

I read the piece in "Esquire" and wondered why we subject our Presidents' wives to the kind of nonsense which we call human interest. It seems that, having received a letter from Mrs. Kennedy, Norman Mailer felt like writing to her to say:

"... that while I was now engaged in certain difficulties of writing about the present, I hoped one day when work was done to do a biography of the Marquis de Sade and the 'odd strange honor of the man.'"

He knew he was being wicked like a school-boy who writes a dirty word, for he says further in this piece:

"Now sociology has few virtues, but one of them is sanity. In writing such a letter to Mrs. Kennedy I was losing my sociology. The Cath-

olic wife of a Catholic candidate for President was not likely to find de Sade as familiar as a tea cozy. I received no reply. I had smashed the limits of such letter-writing. In politics a break in sociology is as clean as a break in etiquette."

This article drools on and on in a similar vein of slight ridicule and colossal impudence, all done to give the impression of ridicule, as, for instance:

"SINCE Jackie Kennedy was not visible during that time, there was an opportunity to listen to her voice. It produced a small continuing shock. At first, before the picture emerged from the set, I thought I was turned to the wrong station, because the voice was a quiet parody of the sort of voice one hears on the radio late at night, dropped softly into the ear by girls who sell soft mattresses, depilatories, or creams to brighten the skin."

After all, a person's voice is what it is. I never heard Norman Mailer's voice but whatever the Lord gave him, baritone or tenor, soprano or bass, it is what it is and he can thank the good Lord that he does not suffer from cerebral palsy or some such thing.

My good friend, Westbrook Pegler, could take me apart more competently than I can, for Pegler is a surgeon who knows how to cut vanity out of the human heart and bring the concealed down to their proper level.

At such a sport, I, alas, am an amateur. Nevertheless, I wonder why everyone with a typewriter, bought or borrowed, feels privileged to pillory a woman who happens, by the accidents of marriage, to be wife to a President or Governor, or even a Congressman. Marriage, being a sacrament, means that one takes the other for better or for worse, and surely the wife of a politician has a tough time.

SHE IS cut off from privacy, which is a woman's dearest prerogative and she becomes a prey to everyone who needs to sell an article to a magazine or who wants to cut a phrase. It is not customary in these days to respect human beings for what they are. Rather, we live in an era when there is joy in seeing a fat man slip on a banana peel.

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Mailer.*

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The Washington Daily News \_\_\_\_\_  
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New York Herald Tribune \_\_\_\_\_  
New York Journal-American \_\_\_\_\_  
New York Mirror \_\_\_\_\_  
New York Daily News \_\_\_\_\_  
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The Worker \_\_\_\_\_  
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The National Observer \_\_\_\_\_  
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UNITED STATES

## Memora

TO Mr. W. C. Sullivan *wcs*DATE: June 29, 1962 *wcs*FROM Mr. J. F. Bland *JFB*SUBJECT: NORMAN KINGSLEY MAILER  
SECURITY MATTER - C

1-Mr. Belmont  
1-Mr. Sullivan  
1-Mr. DeLoach  
1-Mr. Bland  
1 - Mr. Haack  
1-Mr. Kitchens

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George Sokolsky in his column 6-29-62 criticizes Norman Mailer for writing an "Esquire" magazine article on Jacqueline Kennedy which he states drools on and on in a "vein of slight ridicule and colossal impudence." The Director requested a memorandum on Mailer. *B.C.*

Mailer, 39, resides New York City and is in Section A of the Reserve Index. He is author of the novel "The Naked and the Dead," a best seller. In November, 1960, he received much notoriety for the stabbing of his wife for which he received a three-year suspended sentence. Mailer has been characterized as an "off-beat crusader for peace." In March, 1960, he appeared on a radio panel show and admitted being a "leftist." He charged the FBI with being a secret police organization and said it should be abolished. On a television show on 8-8-61 he said that no one is happier than the FBI to see communism and Castro succeed in Cuba since it gives the FBI something to do.

Louis Budenz, former managing editor of the "Daily Worker," who broke with the Communist Party in 1945, advised on 6-30-50 that Mailer was a concealed communist and that until at least 1945 he was closely connected with the Communist Party. During the period 1948-1950 subject was a member of a citizens committee to elect Simon W. Gerson, communist and American Labor Party candidate, to the City Council of New York City; was active in the campaign of Henry Wallace, Progressive Party candidate for President in 1948; and was a sponsor of the Freedom Crusade of the Civil Rights Congress to be held in Washington, D. C., the day after the trial of the communist leaders opened in Federal court in New York City. The "Daily Worker" issue of 3-28-49 reported that Mailer made the statement, "So long as there is capitalism, there is going to be war." Mailer received an invitation to attend a reception to be held on 7-22-53 at the Polish Consulate in New York City but the source did not know whether he attended it. In 1956 Mailer was listed as a member of the National Committee of the Kutcher Civil Rights Committee, which had been organized to fight the dismissal on loyalty charges of James Kutcher, a legless veteran, from his position with the Veterans Administration. *ENCLOSURE*

ACTION: For your information.

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Per OGA letter dated 06-24-2008

SAC, New York (100-98909)

July 16, 1962

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Director, FBI (100-370223) - 47

1 - Mr. Haack  
1 - Mr. Kitchens

NORMAN KINGSLEY MAILER  
SECURITY MATTER - C

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- ReWFOlet 6-27-62 captioned [redacted]

New York requested to determine if subject actually plans to visit Cuba as indicated in relet and advise the Bureau in form suitable for dissemination.

WFO is requested to recheck Passport Office files to determine if Mailer has applied for necessary approval for travel to Cuba. For information of WFO, Mailer is included in Section A of the Reserve Index of New York. He was born on 1-31-23 at Long Branch, New Jersey. He graduated from Harvard University with a Bachelor of Science degree in 1943 and is occupied as a writer.

2 - Washington Field

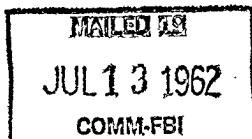
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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Cuban visa has been granted to subject. No record State 6-20-62 of subject having received approval for such travel. State [redacted] in possession of information on Mailer.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-7-210)

DATE: 6/27/62

FROM : SAC, WFO (105-40884) (C)

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]  
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CC TO: [REDACTED]  
REQ. REC'D [REDACTED]  
JAN 5 1966  
ANS. [REDACTED]  
BY: [REDACTED]

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(S) Enclosed are nine copies for the Bureau and one for New York for info of a LHM dated as above and captioned "NORMAN MAILER; setting forth info from [REDACTED]

(S) The enclosure is classified "~~Secret~~" due to the sensitive nature of [REDACTED]

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In the event this info is later downgraded it should receive the classification of "Confidential" inasmuch as it [REDACTED]

(S) [REDACTED] and also because the info reported could reasonably result in the identification of a confidential informant of continuing value and compromise his future effectiveness. b2

On 6/20/62, [REDACTED] Adjudication Branch, Passport Office, U. S. Dept. of State, advised SA [REDACTED] that the files of her office contain no record of MAILER having applied for or having received approval of validation of travel to Cuba. b6 b7C

Sources used in characterization of FPCC are [REDACTED] and CG 5824-S\*. b2 b7D

- ② - Bureau (Encs. 9) ENCLOSURE  
1 - New York (Enc. 1) (Info) (RM) REC-38  
2 - WFO  
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NORMAN MAILER

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It is noted that one Norman Mailer authored a novel entitled "The Naked and the Dead" and further that the name Norman Mailer appeared as a sponsor in a full page advertisement by the Fair Play for Cuba Committee which appeared in "The New York Times" on April 6, 1960.

A characterization of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee appears in the appendix attached hereto.

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APPENDIX

FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA COMMITTEE (FPCC)

The April 6, 1960, edition of "The New York Times" newspaper contains a full page advertisement captioned, "What Is Really Happening in Cuba," placed by the FPCC. This advertisement announced the formation of the FPCC in New York City, listed various sponsors of the Committee and declared the FPCC intended to promulgate "the truth about revolutionary Cuba" to neutralize the distorted American press on Cuban affairs. U

"The New York Times" edition of January 11, 1961, reported that at a hearing conducted before the United States Senate Internal Security Subcommittee on January 10, 1961, Dr. CHARLES A. SANTOS-BUCH identified himself as one of the organizers of the FPCC. Also, Dr. SANTOS-BUCH identified ROBERT TABER as a co-organizer of the FPCC and said TABER drafted the aforementioned FPCC advertisement. Dr. SANTOS-BUCH further testified that he and TABER obtained \$3,500 from the Cuban Government through the son of Cuba's Foreign Minister, which funds, along with about \$1,100 collected from supporters of the FPCC, paid for the cost of aforementioned advertisement in "The New York Times". U

On October 3, 1960, a source advised that the Socialist Workers Party (SWP) in New York had become active in the FPCC, and that SWP members, in a recent FPCC election, had been able to remove several Communist Party members who were on the Executive Board of the FPCC and gain control of the organization. This source asserted that the SWP members believed that they had achieved a great influence in the course of the Cuban revolution through their control of the FPCC. X

On February 10, 1961, a second source advised that PHIL BART, National Organizational Secretary and member of the National Committee, CP, USA, had reportedly stated recently that the FPCC had been captured by the Trotskyites, but that the CP had not given up in the FPCC. U

The SWP and the CP, USA, have been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450. U

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All sources (except any listed below) whose identities  
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W. Kitchens, Jr.

SAC, NEW YORK (100-98909)

6/29/62

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Director, FBI (100-370923)

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Name: *NORMAN MAILER*

Address: *(not furnished)*

Date of request: *6/14/62*

Additional data: *A United States citizen and writer for  
the MacMillan Company publishing house.*

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## Memorandum

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DATE 07-11-2008 BY 60324 UC BAW/RS/VCF

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-370923)

DATE: 8/2/62

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-98909) (P)

SUBJECT: NORMAN KINGSLEY MAILER  
SM-C  
(OO:NY)

ReBulet to NY, dated 7/16/62, captioned as above.

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On 7/31/62, [redacted]  
Court of General Sessions, 100 Centre St., NYC, advised SA [redacted]  
[redacted] that he knows of no contemplated travel by the  
subject in the near future. [redacted] further stated that  
he contacted MAILER on 7/25/62, at which time the subject commented  
to [redacted] that he planned to stay close to home inasmuch as  
his wife was expecting a baby in September, and she was not feeling  
well.

[redacted] advised that the subject resides at 142  
Columbia Heights, Brooklyn, NY, and is half owner of the apartment  
building at that address.

An FD 122 has been submitted concerning subject's  
residence.

This case is being maintained in a pending status in  
the NYO, for annual review under the RI-A program.

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1-New York (100-98909)

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## Memorandum

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DATE 07-11-2008 BY 60324 UC BAW/RS/VCF

TO : Director, FBI (Bufile- 100-370923 )

DATE: 7/18/62

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-98909)

SUBJECT: NORMAN KINGSLEY MAILER  
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OO:NYCards UTD  
Cards Sent 007/25/62  
an☐ It is recommended that a "Section A"  
Reserve Index Card be prepared on  
the above-captioned individual.☒ The "Section A" Reserve Index  
Card on the captioned individual  
should be changed as follows  
(specify change only):

Name			
Aliases			
<input type="checkbox"/> Native Born	<input type="checkbox"/> Naturalized	<input type="checkbox"/> Alien	
<input type="checkbox"/> Communist	<input type="checkbox"/> Socialist Workers Party		
<input type="checkbox"/> Miscellaneous (specify) _____			
Date of birth	Place of birth	Race	Sex <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
Business Address (show name of employing concern and address)  <div style="position: absolute; top: 50px; left: 50px; transform: rotate(-45deg);">             01/6/61              100-98909              100-98909           </div>			
Key Facility Data			
Geographical Reference Number _____		Responsibility _____	
Interested Agencies _____			
Residence Address		142 Columbia Heights Brooklyn, New York	

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1- NEW YORK (100-98909)

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JUL 26 1962

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DATE 07-11-2008 BY 60324 UC BAW/RS/VCF

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-370923)

DATE: 9/13/62

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-98909) P.

SUBJECT: NORMAN KINGSLEY MAILER  
SM - C

(OO: New York)

ReNYlet to Bureau dated 8/2/62.

Enclosed for the Bureau are six copies of a letterhead memorandum concerning the subject's travel to Scotland on 8/21/62.

It is noted that [redacted] stated the delay in furnishing this travel information concerning the subject was due to the fact that he had been on vacation.

WFO is requested to check passport records, US Department of State, Washington, D.C. for any information concerning possible travel by the subject.

This case is being maintained in a pending status in the NYO for annual review under the RIA Program.

The confidential sources used in the attached letterhead memorandum in the order used are LOUIS F. BUDENZ, a self-admitted former CP member (protect by request) and [redacted]

CC TO: S.S.  
REQ REC'D 8-23-72  
AUG 31 1972  
BY: [signature] AEL

- 2 - Bureau (100-370923) (Encls. 6) (RM)
- 2 - Washington Field (100- [redacted]) (Encls. 2) (RM)
- 1 - New York (100-98909)

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CC TO: [signature]  
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AUG 8 1972  
ANS. [signature] [signature]

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Norman Mailer

CC TO: ONT  
REQ. REC'D 8-23-62  
JAN 5 1966  
ANS. [signature]  
BY: [signature]

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NY 100-98909

The enclosed letterhead memorandum is classified confidential inasmuch as it contains information from confidential sources of continuing value the unauthorized disclosure of which might reasonably reveal the identity thereof and jeopardize the future effectiveness and be injurious to the national security.





UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York  
September 13, 1952

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ON 09-25-2008

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Bufile 100-370923  
NYfile 100-93909

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Re: Norman Kingsley Mailer  
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On September 7, 1952, [redacted]  
[redacted] Court of General Sessions, 100 Centre Street, New  
York City, furnished the following information to Special  
Agent [redacted]

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On August 27, 1952, Mailer advised [redacted] that  
he had attended a Writers' Conference in Edinburgh, Scotland,  
leaving New York on August 21, 1952, and returning on August  
24, 1952. [redacted] was unable to furnish any further  
information concerning travel by the subject.

Norman Mailer resides at 142 Columbia Heights,  
Brooklyn, New York, and is a self-employed writer from his  
residence.

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable  
information in the past, advised on June 30, 1950, that Norman  
Mailer was a "concealed" Communist. The source stated that  
a "concealed" Communist is one who does not want himself known  
as a Communist and would deny membership in the Party.

A second confidential source, who has furnished  
reliable information in the past, advised on April 5, 1960,  
that Norman Mailer, author of "The Naked and the Dead"  
apparently is known by many individuals within the Communist  
Party (CP). The informant reported that from general  
conversations with individuals within the CP, it may be assumed  
that Mailer at the present time is anti-Communist and that  
apparently CP members do not like him personally or approve  
of his writing. According to the source, Communists have  
indicated that his writing is considered "disruptive" in  
nature.

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AGENCY [redacted] RAO  
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BY WHF/and

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Re Norman Kingsley Mailer

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The following is a description of Norman Mailer:

Sex	Male
Race	White
Date of birth	January 31, 1923
Place of birth	Long Branch, New Jersey
Height	Five feet eight inches
Weight	145 pounds
Build	Medium
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Blue

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DATE 07-11-2008 BY 60324 UC BAW/RS/VCF

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-370923)

DATE: 9/17/62

FROM: SAC, WFO (100-41074)(RUC)

SUBJECT: NORMAN KINGSLEY MAILER  
SM-C

ReNYlet dated 7/16/62.

On 9/10/62, [redacted] Domestic Operations Division, Passport Office, United States Department of State, advised SA [redacted] that a thorough search of her files reflect no record of a request for or issuance of validation for the subject to travel to Cuba.

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- 1-New York (100-98909)(RM)
- 1-WFO

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# Memorandum

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-370923)

DATE: 10/5/62

7/2 FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-98909) (C)

1 SUBJECT: NORMAN KINGSLEY MAILER  
SM - C

ReNYlet to Director dated 9/13/62, and  
WFOlet to Director dated 9/17/62. 49 50

In view of checks made by WFO of records of  
the United States Department of State, Passport Office,  
on 6/20/62, and 9/10/62, regarding the subject, lead  
set out in reNYlet should be discontinued. e

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1-Washington (100-41074) (Info) (RM)  
1-New York (100-98909)

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## REFERENCES

New York report of SA [redacted]  
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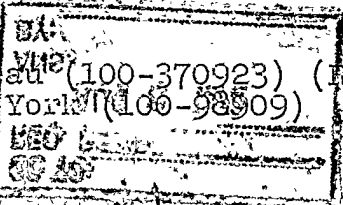
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INFORMANTS

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(S) [REDACTED]

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The informants mentioned in this report as being unable to furnish any information concerning the subject are as follows:

Informant

Date of Contact

Contacting Agent

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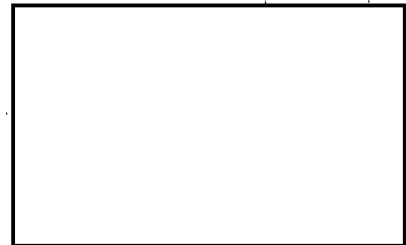
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2. ☒ Subject's name is included in Section ☒ A or ☐ B of the Reserve Index.
3. ☒ The data appearing on the Reserve Index Card are current.
4. ☐ Changes on the Section A Reserve Index Card are necessary and Form FD-122a has been submitted to the Bureau.
5. ☒ A suitable photograph ☒ is ☐ is not available.
6. ☒ Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.
7. ☐ Subject is employed in a key facility and \_\_\_\_\_ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are \_\_\_\_\_.
8. ☒ This report is classified ~~Secret~~ because (state reason)  
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9. ☒ Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason)  
he is a prominent author who has been critical of the FBI in public appearances and an interview might be embarrassing to the Bureau. He is presently on probation for stabbing his wife, and she was quoted by the NYCPD in a newspaper article as saying that her husband had "homicidal tendencies".
10. ☐ This case no longer meets the Section A Reserve Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Section A Reserve Index card.
11. ☒ This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Reserve Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason)  
the subject is a self-admitted "leftist" and has shown sympathies with FPCC and CAMD. He is a well known author.

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Field Office File No.: 100-98909

Bureau File No.: 100-370923

Title:

NORMAN KINGSLEY MAILER

Character:

SECURITY MATTER - C

## Synopsis:

NORMAN MAILER resides at 142 Columbia Heights, Brooklyn, NY, and is a self-employed writer from his residence. Background and arrest record information set forth. Subject was speaker at a meeting sponsored by the Committee to Aid the Monroe Defendants (CAMD), 2/15/62, NYC. Subject reportedly sponsor of Fair Play for Cuba Committee (FPCC). Subject travelled to Edinburgh, Scotland, August, 1962. Informants contacted August, 1962, and were unable to furnish any information concerning the subject.

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DETAILSI. BACKGROUNDA. Residence and Employment

On September 25, 1962, [redacted] Court of General Sessions, 100 Centre Street, New York City, advised that the subject resides at 142 Columbia Heights, Brooklyn, New York, and is a self-employed writer from his residence.

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B. Marital Status

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The "New York Times", a daily newspaper published in New York City, in an article on May 13, 1962, reflected that NORMAN MAILER confirmed on May 17, 1962, that he and Lady JEAN CAMPBELL, 33 year old daughter of Britain's Duke of Argyle, had been secretly married. The bride first mentioned the marriage in a column she wrote for the "London Evening Standard" a newspaper owned by her grandfather. *England, N.Y.*

Mr. MAILER said he and Lady JEAN had been married "for some time", and plan to live in Brooklyn. MAILER declined to give the exact date or place of the wedding.

C. Status of Health

The "New York Post" edition of November 22, 1960, page 1, carried an article concerning the subject's arrest for stabbing his wife at their residence on November 21, 1960. In the article it was noted that the New York City Police Department quoted the subject's wife as saying that her husband had "homicidal tendencies", and that his family had been trying to induce him to see a psychiatrist. The newspaper article additionally quoted the New York City Police Department as stating that the subject's sister, Mrs. BARBARA ALSON, stated "she has been trying to get him to see a psychiatrist".

D. Arrest Record

[redacted]  
Division of Supervision, Probation Department, Court of General Sessions, 100 Centre Street, New York City, on September 15, 1961, advised SA [redacted] that the subject is currently under deferred sentence supervision in the Court of General Sessions, New York City, awaiting sentencing on November 13, 1961, after pleading guilty on March 9, 1961, to third degree assault [redacted] on November 21, 1960; [redacted] in New York City.

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The November 14, 1961 edition of the "New York Times" on page 45, carried an article reporting that NORMAN MAILER had received a suspended sentence on November 13, 1961, on his plea of guilty to the stabbing of his wife, ADELE, last year. The suspended sentence was given by General Sessions Judge, MITCHELL D. SCHWEITZER who continued the subject on probation for a period not to exceed three years. U

The Identification Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington, D.C. in August, 1961, furnished the following arrest record for NORMAN MAILER under Federal Bureau of Investigation number 218795B: U

CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
Army	NORMAN K. MAILER #42 127 367	3-27-44 Camp Upton NY.		U
PD NY NY	NORMAN MAILER #B-471516	11-21-60	felonious aslt (knife) 240 PL	
Prob Dept Crt of Gen Sess NY NY	NORMAN MAILER #84276	11-21-60	aslt 3rd deg	PG

The following descriptive information was included in the identification record: U

Residence 250 West 94th Street  
New York City in 1960  
(as on prt #84276)

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II. AFFILIATION WITH THE SOCIALIST  
WORKER'S PARTY (SWP) (Designated  
under Executive Order 10450)

A. Evidence of SWP Sympathies

NY T-1, NY T-2 and NY T-3 on February 16, 1962, and NY T-4 on February 19, 1962, advised that the subject was a speaker at a meeting sponsored by the Committee to Aid the Monroe Defendants (CAMD) held on February 15, 1962, at The Hotel Riverside Plaza, 253 West 73rd Street, New York City. ✓

During the above meeting MAILER confessed he was not very familiar with the Monroe "frame-up". He stated if given a chance the Negro, if given equal rights, would some day be the superior of the white man. ✓

A characterization of the CAMD is included in the appendix attached hereto. ✓

III. FOREIGN TRAVEL

The Passport Office, United States Department of State (USDS), Washington, D.C. by a memorandum dated August 14, 1961, advised that captioned subject had, on August 2, 1961, renewed his passport number 1710603 which had been issued to him on August 28, 1959, at New York. The subject's travel plans at that time were unknown. ✓

On September 15, 1961, [redacted] Division of Supervision, Probation Department, Court of General Sessions, 100 Centre Street, New York City, Room 1029, advised SA [redacted] that the subject had departed by air from New York City on September 12, 1961, on a flight to London, England, where he will conduct business "in connection with his literary efforts", and is expected to return to New York City in three to four weeks. [redacted] advised that the Court of General Sessions granted permission to the subject to leave its jurisdiction for the above stated purpose. [redacted] advised that the

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subject's itinerary while abroad is unknown and his return date has not been decided upon. MAILER is under instructions to report by mail to the probation department the address where he is residing abroad and when he plans to return to the United States. U

[redacted] Court of General Sessions, New York City, advised SA [redacted] on September 29, 1961, that the subject is currently residing at the Ritz Hotel, Hyde Park, London W1, England, and is not expected to return to the United States before October 15, 1961. U

[redacted] Court of General Sessions, 100 Centre Street, New York City, advised SA [redacted] on October 13, 1961, that the subject had returned from England via British Overseas Airways Corporation on October 8, 1961, and resides with [redacted] New York City. U

The subject advised [redacted] that he had spent his entire time abroad in London, England, where he appeared on four television shows. U

[redacted] further advised that the subject had flown to Mexico City between June 20-25, 1961, and returned to New York City on July 11, 1961. The subject advised [redacted] that he had gone to visit [redacted] U

Mr. MAILER further advised that [redacted] had remarried but has since been divorced. [redacted]

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It is noted that NORMAN MAILER authored a novel entitled "The Naked and the Dead", and that the name NORMAN MAILER appeared as a sponsor in a full page advertisement by the Fair Play for Cuba Committee (FPCC) which appeared in the "New York Times" on April 6, 1960.

A characterization of the FPCC is included in the appendix attached hereto.

On June 20, 1962, [redacted] Adjudication Branch, USDS, advised SA [redacted] that the files of her office contain no record of MAILER having applied for or having received approval for validation of travel to Cuba.

On July 31, 1962, [redacted] Court of General Sessions, 100 Centre Street, New York City, advised that he knows of no contemplated travel by the subject in the near future. [redacted] further stated that he contacted MAILER on July 25, 1962, at which time the subject commented to [redacted] that he planned to stay close to home inasmuch as his wife is expecting a baby in September, and she was not feeling well.

On September 10, 1962, [redacted] Domestic Operations Division, Passport Office, USDS, advised SA [redacted] that a thorough search of her files reflect no record of a request for or issuance of validation for the subject's travel to Cuba.

On September 7, 1962, [redacted] mentioned above, furnished the following information concerning travel by the subject:

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On August 27, 1962, MAILER advised [redacted] that he had attended a Writers' Conference in Edinburgh, Scotland, leaving New York on August 21, 1962, and returning on August 24, 1962. [redacted] was unable to furnish any further information concerning travel by the subject. U

#### IV. MISCELLANEOUS

Certain other informants who are familiar with some phases of Communist Party and related activity in the Greater New York area were shown a photograph of the subject during August, 1962, and all advised that they could furnish no information concerning the subject. U

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APPENDIX

COMMITTEE TO AID THE MONROE DEFENDANTS

A source advised on May 10, 1962, that the Committee to Aid the Monroe Defendants (CAMD) was formed during September, 1961, by the Socialist Workers Party (SWP) in New York City. The SWP originally proposed the formation of this committee during discussions with various left-wing and liberal tendencies and offered a sum of money to initiate activities. U

Source advised that the SWP, however, was unsuccessful in forming a committee of various tendencies and proceeded to organize the CAMD and promote its activities under the domination and control of the SWP. U

Source advised that the aims of the CAMD are to afford financial support and counsel for ROBERT F. WILLIAMS and four other defendants who were involved in a racial incident on August 27, 1961, at Monroe, North Carolina. The SWP hopes to dramatize this incident nationally and internationally through the CAMD and thus attract individuals to the SWP aims and principles by playing a leading role in the integration struggle. U

The organization and impetus of CAMD activities throughout the various parts of the United States such as obtaining sponsors and the raising of funds, are the results of the efforts of various SWP branches. U

Source advised that the headquarters of the CAMD are located in Suite 117, 141 Broadway, New York, New York, however, all CAMD office work is actually carried on at SWP headquarters, 116 University Place, New York City. U

The SWP has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450. U

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APPENDIX

FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA COMMITTEE

The April 6, 1960, edition of "The New York Times" newspaper contains a full page advertisement captioned "What Is Really Happening In Cuba," placed by the Fair Play for Cuba Committee (FPCC). This advertisement announced the formation of the FPCC in New York City and declared the FPCC intended to promulgate "the truth about revolutionary Cuba" to neutralize the distorted American press. U

"The New York Times" edition of January 11, 1961, reported that at a hearing conducted before the United States Senate Internal Security Subcommittee on January 10, 1961, Dr. CHARLES A. SANTOS-BUCH identified himself and ROBERT TABER as organizers of the FPCC. He also testified he and TABER obtained funds from the Cuban Government which were applied toward the cost of the afore-mentioned advertisement. U

On October 3, 1960, a source advised that the Socialist Workers Party (SWP) in New York had become active in the FPCC, and that SWP members, in an FPCC election, had been able to remove several Communist Party (CP) members who were on the Executive Board of the FPCC and gain control of the organization. U

A second source advised that an announcement from National Headquarters of the SWP was made on September 24, 1961, to the effect RICHARD GIBSON had fired the secretary in the FPCC headquarters and was trying to break the SWP influence in the FPCC. U

Column 2, page 8, of the February 22, 1962, edition of "The New York Times" contains an article captioned, "CASTRO Backer Resigns," which announced that ROBERT TABER had resigned as Executive Secretary of the FPCC and as President of the Institute for the Improvement of Inter-American Relations, Incorporated, which had organized the FPCC in April, 1960. U

On May 17, 1962, a third source advised that National Headquarters of the FPCC is located in Room 329 at 799 Broadway, New York City, and that the FPCC is operating under the direction of RICHARD GIBSON, Acting National Executive Secretary of the FPCC. U

The SWP and the CPUSA have been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York

October 5, 1962

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Title        Norman Kingsley Mailer

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Reference is made to the report of  
Special Agent  dated and  
captioned as above at New York.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities  
are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable  
information in the past.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

## Memorandum

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 6-4-63

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: NORMAN KINGSLEY MAILER  
 CRITICISM OF BUREAU DURING LECTURE  
 AT CARNEGIE HALL, 5-31-63

Norman "The New York Times" of 6-2-63, carried an article concerning a lecture by Mailer at Carnegie Hall on 5-31-63, in which Mailer was critical of the Bureau. This article, written by Brian O'Doherty, not identifiable in Bufiles, treats Mailer's comments in a caustic manner, stating that since Mailer had become famous through his novel, "The Naked and the Dead," he has spent his time "putting himself on display."

The article states that Mailer, in commenting on various aspects of the national scene, bemoaned the lack of a "hero in government and the F.B.I. and the implacable facelessness of capitalism and communism." He also made the comment that "The F.B.I. has done more damage to America than the Communist Party." The article contains no additional pertinent reference to the FBI.

The writer pokes fun at Mailer throughout the article and rather effectively blunts the sharp edge of Mailer's criticism against the FBI.

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Mailer, a well-known author in his early 40's, is probably best known for his post World War II best seller, "The Naked and the Dead." He was described by Louis Budenz as an adherent of the Communist Party and as being closely associated with the Party until 1945. Investigation conducted as a result of this information disclosed that Mailer has been active in various communist fronts since the late 1940's.

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Mailer, a New York City resident, received a great deal of notoriety in early 1961 when he stabbed his wife after a party. He was committed to Bellevue on that occasion for observation and his condition was described as acute paranoia with homicidal-suicidal tendencies. Mailer subsequently received a suspended sentence for stabbing his wife and was placed on probation for a period of three years. He is currently listed on the Reserve Index.

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
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M. A. Jones to DeLoach Memo  
RE: Norman Kingsley Mailer

On 3-20-60, Mailer made extremely critical statements concerning the FBI during his appearance on a Chicago television program. He claimed that the FBI was a secret police organization and should be abolished. During this program he admitted to being a "leftist" but denied Communist Party membership. Mailer was also critical of the FBI on 8-8-61, while appearing on a New York City television program as a guest panelist. He stated in substance that the FBI liked to tell people what to do and that we were happy to see communism and Castro succeed in Cuba since that gave us something to do. He also implied that communism was no longer a menace in the United States. Both these television appearances were made the subjects of memoranda submitted by the Crime Records Division.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

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# Carnegie Hall Audience Listens To Norman Mailer's Thoughts

By BRIAN O'DOHERTY

Norman Mailer, having achieved early immortality with a novel, "The Naked and the Dead," is filling out the rest of his earthbound interval by putting himself on display.

At Carnegie Hall Friday night he gave an audience his ideas and opinions on matters so diverse as Premier Fidel Castro, Premier Khrushchev, fallout shelters, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the American myth. He focused repeatedly on President Kennedy. Throughout the evening he made repeated reference to back issues of Esquire, The Village Voice and a philosophy he called "political existentialism."

Dressed in a crumpled navy blue suit, smoking incessantly and sweating, Mr. Mailer began the evening by rejecting his publicity. A last-minute press release said the trustees of Carnegie Hall were using a clause in the contract with Richard Fulton, the impresario of the evening, to insure that "Mailer must not be vulgar."

"Mailer," it added, "must not use profanity. Mailer must not be disturbing."

The release also said Carnegie Hall Friday night for the York-detective to enforce the agreement.

Scorning such attention-getting devices, Mr. Mailer said, "I was the last to see the publicity release—I was in a fury." He directed a question to the wings: "Is the Burns detective guard in the house?"

He wasn't, so Mr. Mailer called for a policeman with whom he could "discuss the ground rules of the evening."

Speaking rapidly, with silences abruptly inserted, Mr. Mailer reflected, "I must be a masochist or something, because I'm enjoying this." One of his audience muttered: "I think we're the masochists. I paid \$4.50."

For 20 minutes Mr. Mailer bewailed the lack of the existential hero in government and the F.B.I. and the implacable facelessness of capitalism and communism. He performed what must be the dialectic trick of the year by presenting himself as a Nietzschean liberal.

He hooked his audience—a

collection of individuals that refused to become a crowd—with this comment: "The F.B.I. has done more damage to America than the Communist party." And in a description of President Kennedy he painted a neat self-portrait:

"He is not provocative nor predictably dull. He is not entertaining, he is always potentially of interest."

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

## Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 11/5/62

FROM : M. A. Jones

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OTHERWISE~~CONFIDENTIAL~~SUBJECT: DWIGHT MACDONALD  
REVIEW OF "EXPERIMENT  
IN TERROR"  
IN "ESQUIRE"  
NOVEMBER, 1962Classified by SP7 MAC/RPM  
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"Experiment in Terror," a movie produced by Columbia Pictures, Inc., was originally serialized as a story in a leading reputable magazine. It was written by former Special Agent Gordon Gordon and his wife. Columbia Pictures first contracted for the story to be done as a movie and then came to us for cooperation. We refused cooperation in view of the exploitation of the FBI by the Gordons and because of the abrupt manner in which Sam Briskin, head of Columbia Pictures, talked to our SAC in Los Angeles when our SAC, following Bureau instructions, told Briskin that we would be unable to cooperate with him. We gave no assistance whatsoever but did not object once the movie had been put into production. The Director told former Attorney General William P. Rogers that the FBI's name should not be used in advertising the movie and that there should be no exploitation whatsoever of the FBI's reputation in promoting the film. Following this the head of the advertising department of Columbia Pictures wrote a memorandum to the firm's field service representative containing instructions along these lines.

The November, 1962, issue of "Esquire" contains a review of "Experiment in Terror" written by Dwight MacDonald. He does not like the movie. This is of no concern to us except MacDonald takes the occasion to viciously criticize the FBI. He says for example, "Mr. Ford (Glenn Ford--the star), is supposed to be an FBI Agent...but he and his superiors are even greater bunglers than the real article...it has been clear to me for a long time that J. Edgar Hoover is as adept at public relations as he and his G-men are inept at actual detective work. They have the most primitive notion, for example, of The Communist Menace, judging from my contacts with them in the Forties...." MacDonald then goes on to describe contacts he had with Agents in the 1940s and says, "FBI Agents of this touchingly amateur kind, I imagine, were responsible for allowing Dr. Soblen to jump bail and leave the country."

A security matter investigation of Dwight MacDonald was instituted in April, 1944, predicated on censorship reports that MacDonald was in correspondence with one Victor Serge in Mexico City concerning the possible creation of a new international socialist group. MacDonald was born March 24, 1906, at New York City,

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Review of "Experiment in Terror"  
In "Esquire," November, 1962

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and was educated at Yale University. He joined the Socialist Workers Party, a Trotskyite group, in about 1937 or 1938 and reportedly left this group in April, 1940. He later became identified with the Workers Party which he left in 1941. He has authored articles which have been published by the Socialist Workers Party in New York City and by the Pioneer Publishing Company, the Socialist Workers Party press.

During the 1940s MacDonald edited a bimonthly magazine, "Politics," which was pacifist in nature and which, in the winter of 1948, contained a vicious attack on the Director and the Bureau from a self-styled anarchist who received a five-year sentence in 1945 as a draft dodger. MacDonald has also been associated with the magazine, "New Yorker."

In January, 1958, MacDonald addressed a forum of the Young Socialist League in New York, at which he gave a literary analysis of "Mass Culture versus High Culture." The name, Dwight MacDonald, appeared on a letter to the editor of the New York Times in February, 1960, appealing for the release from prison of Morton Sobell. [MacDonald was reportedly present at a board meeting of the New York Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in April, 1960.] He spoke at a similar meeting in New York in May, 1960, at which time he said that Sobell may have been guilty but that his sentence was too severe.

① Interestingly, this issue of Esquire magazine also contains an article by Norman Mailer in which he writes of Marilyn Monroe, Ernest Hemingway and assorted subjects. Mailer is the subject of a security matter investigation in the New York Office.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

*HPM, Dnt/s* ✓

*[Signature]*

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Dear

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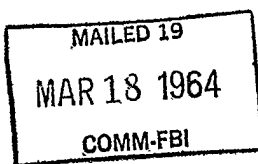
Although I would like to be of service, the FBI being an investigative agency of the Federal Government, neither makes evaluations nor draws conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. Also, it has been my policy over the years not to comment on any material not prepared by the FBI or me. In view of the foregoing, I am sure you will understand why it is not possible for me to comment in the manner you requested concerning the novel, "The Naked and The Dead," by Norman Mailer.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. The novel, "The Naked and The Dead," was a best-selling book concerning World War II. The author, Norman Mailer, is well known to the Bureau and has been highly critical of the Bureau in the past. He was committed to Bellevue Hospital, New York, after stabbing his wife. Hospital authorities diagnosed his problem as acute paranoia, homicidal-suicidal tendencies.

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Mr. Edgar Hoover  
Director F.B.I.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

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Thank you so very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]

[Redacted Name]

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Director, FBI  
Attn.: Crime Records Division

11/7/63

SAC, NYC

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NORMAN MAILER  
THEODORE ROETHKE  
COMMENTS CONCERNING DIRECTOR  
IN "HARPER'S BAZAAR", JULY 1963

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There are attached hereto pages 74 and 75 of the July 1963 issue of HARPER'S BAZAAR, purporting to set forth "the anathemas of five noted Americans." It will be noted that NORMAN MAILER and THEODORE ROETHKE are quoted as expressing disparaging comments concerning the Director.

This material was brought to my attention on 11/4/63 by an employee who noted it while perusing this magazine at a local hairdresser's on the preceding Saturday, 11/1/63. It is forwarded for information of Bureau, although it is realized it may, of course, have come to the Bureau's attention previously.

NY indices reflect MAILER is subject of NY 100-98909 and is included in Section A of the Reserve Index. He is alleged to have made critical statements concerning the FBI in the course of a TV program on 8/8/61. Indices also reflect his membership on Committee for Justice to Puerto Rico, Sponsor for Monroe Defense Committee, Cleveland, and several Daily Worker Items.

Indices of this office contain only one reference to THEODORE ROETHKE, with address University Club, State College, Penna., describing him as member of League of American Writers, 1941.

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# ANTI-DOTES

**PLAY:** The Blacks. I feel guilty enough about the colored people. Also, Romeo and Juliet; I'm sick of teen-age problems.  
**BOOK:** Lord of the Flies. Aside from its being a bore, the thesis of the book is silly. It's as absurd to say that man is inherently bad as it is to say that he's inherently good. The split is our own invention.

**FOOD:** Any food that has been improved by American ingenuity: turkeys that are all white meat, plump of breast, and taste like cotton wool. When was the last time you saw a really red tomato?

**FILM:** Sundays and Cybele: a sadistic fake.  
**MUSICAL WORK:** Modern Jazz Quartet introverted type music.

**CELEBRITY:** Congressman Walter (Dem.), Pa., for his cruelty in deporting people.  
**ACTIVITY:** The battle of the sexes. One-upmanship with women. Social intercourse.  
**VIRTUE:** Morality. The attempt to better human nature. Leave it alone. It's the only nature we have.

**MENTAL ATTITUDE:** Bogus humility. Inside most humble men an egomaniacal bore is waiting to get out.

**TYPE OF HUMOR:** Unfunny humor. The test of bad taste is: is it funny? This sounds glib but it's the only test that works.  
**ANTI-DOTE IN A CATEGORY OF MY OWN:** The periodical, The National Enquirer. This disgusting rag is a result of the absurd practice of making pornography illegal. The sick minds who want to see photographs of deformed babies and headless corpses would probably be satisfied and much better off with good clean dirty pictures.

**PLAY:** The Connection (Gelber).

**BOOK:** Beatitude (a beatnik anthology).

**PAINTER:** George Mathieux, Winston Churchill and Dwight D. Eisenhower.

**FOOD:** Waldorf Salad at the Waldorf.

**FILM:** Any nudie.

**MUSICAL WORK:** Ring Lardner's "Hundred and Twenty-First Sonata for the Flute and Cuspidor," as played by me.

**CELEBRITY:** Not Henry Luce, not Bennett Cerf, not Lenny Bernstein, not Dean Acheson—that pretentious power-mad popinjay, not Dr. Edward Teller; but J. Edgar Hoover, head of our thought police—a martinet, a preposterous figure, but not funny.

**ACTIVITY:** Hunting with guns of any kind, particularly those who drive-hunt deer, shoot birds like quail, or tigers from elephants (Prince Philip), or hunt mountain lions with dogs on horseback.

**VIRTUE:** Humility as usually practiced. "The Lord Himself adores/Only Beasts upon all fours/—Humility's for bores."

**PLACE:** West Berlin. Give it to the Russians for Outer Mongolia; and throw in Texas. But make Mr. K also give us some East Prussia.

**MENTAL ATTITUDE:** That the Id is unimportant, that the unconscious doesn't matter.

**TYPE OF HUMOR:** All 'sick' comedians.

I must admit that the single area of our culture that I find more "dismal, astrous, and distasteful" than any of you have listed is this pathetic, hurtful, destructive business of game playing

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THIS GAME—DEvised BY MICHAEL MENZIES, AND WHICH ANY NUMBER CAN PLAY—PROVIDES THE TOP EXHILARATION OF VOICING ANATHEMAS. IT IS A MATTER OF ANSWERING A DOZEN QUESTIONS. WHICH PLAY...BOOK...PAINTER...FOOD...FILM...MUSICAL WORK...CELEBRITY...ACTIVITY...VIRTUE...PLACE...MENTAL ATTITUDE...TYPE OF HUMOR HAS SEEMED TO YOU DISMAL, DISASTROUS AND DISTASTEFUL? HERE ARE EXPRESSED THE ANATHEMAS OF FIVE NOTED AMERICANS.

**PLAY:** Desire Under the Elms (original production): a gigantic inability to proceed, of which one cannot remember the detail. Equally dismal, La Plume de ma Tante; I cannot think of anything more risqué, hackneyed, or more uncomplimentary to an audience.

**BOOK:** The Prince by Machiavelli: so dull; the advice, obvious (win the obstacle's favor, enslave, or extirpate has not been working very well). Whereas the History of Florence says all by implication and sparkles like a diamond.

**PAINTER:** Mary Cassatt: a near-Renoir without Renoir's novelty; a kind of pictorial breakfast food.

**FOOD:** Cold soup—vichyssoise or bean.

**FILM:** Gushing little girl sirens in adult roles rescued by a bloodhound galloping out of dark woods, climbing an alp and jumping into space, finding refuge in a kind of Graybar Building.

**MUSICAL WORK:** A certain andante cantabile (I don't know what opus) by Tchaikovsky for trio, with undulant theme, repeating itself with nondescript contrast at too short intervals to infinity.

**CELEBRITY:** Mike Wallace with no more concept of Deity or touch of compassion than to ask Roy Campanella if he thought God meant to punish him by allowing him to disable himself.

**ACTIVITY:** Complying with the inconsiderate R.S.V.P. which omits the proviso: 'If you are able to be present.'

**VIRTUE:** Persistent humanitarian compassion which asks, "Why don't you ever say 'no'; you are wearing yourself out."

**PLACE:** The prosaic approach to the Hall of Fame.

**MENTAL ATTITUDE:** Apathy.

**TYPE OF HUMOR:** Jeweled thousand-dollar out-of-scale animal lapel ornaments with human aptitudes: scotties, kittens, skyinks, oranges or pelicans.

**ANTI-DOTE IN A CATEGORY OF MY OWN:** A really rough sea in a middle-sized ship that is thought to be seaworthy.

Here are my Anti-Dotes. I detest Pommes Persilles, Clams Casino, Crabmeat Crêpes Maison. Full stop. Bay Scallops Sauté à l'Orange are an abomination of the root. They tend to create such banquets as the Macnamara McBundy Megadeathburger. The worst celebrity in America is of course J. Edgar Hoover; the worst play would be the one he most enjoyed—was it J. B.? One is tempted to say that Pigeon Feathers is a dreadful book but I might be doing Mr. Updike an irreparable injustice since I've not looked into his pages. Not yet. Hiroshima, Mon Amour made me think of a suicide on tranquilizers. Leonard Bernstein deserves to be insulted—he's a decent, hardworking, wildly alive host, but there's something executive about his musical art; it is plastic like styrene. So he never saves, he never misses. The worst place in America is the ground floor of the Time-Life Building—it looks like a vast operating room for sick whales and sclerotic sharks. The worst mental attitude: attention to mental hygiene; the worst humor inevitably is clean humor (cleanliness prefers, after all, a voyage into the realm of wit), and so the one virtue nobody can support is patriotism without wit. God bless Vice President Johnson, Governor Barnett. The only certain activity to which I can in good conscience object is an informal White House supper to which one is not welcome. Alas, the nearest I come to the White House is the whites of the Secret Service eye to eye.

Yours,

*Norman Mailer*

Norman Mailer

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# Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 8-6-63

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: NORMAN KINGSLEY MAILER  
CRITICISM OF THE DIRECTOR  
DISSENT MAGAZINE

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## BACKGROUND:

Captioned individual's introduction to his "The Presidential Papers" appears in the Summer, 1963, issue of "Dissent." According to a footnote, the book is to be published by Putnam this September. Mailer styles himself as a "special self-appointed Presidential advisor" and states that his book will contain a discussion of "all the topics a President ought to consider and rarely does, and some of all the topics he considers every day, but rarely in a fashion which is fresh." One of Mailer's complaints, in the introduction, is that the President has a wealth of statistical information at his fingertips, such as "the number of FBI men in the American Communist Party," but he is guilty of doing nothing to remedy "a total and depressing lack of attention for that vast heart of political matter which is utterly resistant to categorization, calculation, or statistic." He avers that no President "can save America from a descent into totalitarianism without shifting the mind of the American politician to existential styles of political thought." Mailer states one must read his book for an explanation of "existential styles of political thought;" however, he will give a clue to its definition. He then states that it has long been his thesis that the FBI has done more damage to America than the American Communist Party, through putting a sense of inhibition into the popular arts and the popular mind. He alleges this has happened because of the lack of an heroic man as its leader. Mailer claims the FBI has a leader, but not a hero and alleges the Director is a man who embodies his time but is not superior to it. He cites Franklin D. Roosevelt as a hero of his description and lists as merely leaders, Calvin Coolidge, Herbert Hoover and Dwight Eisenhower. The gist of his remarks concerning the FBI is that the organization would prosper with an heroic leader, and it would deserve to prosper because existential politics is rooted in the concept of the hero who enriches whatever corner of the world he finds himself by using his imagination, strength, timing, wit and bravery.

## INFORMATION IN BUFILES:

"Dissent" is a self-styled quarterly socialist opinion."

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M. A. Jones to Mr. DeLoach Memo  
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RECOMMENDATION:

None. For information.

*[Handwritten signature: King]*

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

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Theodore Roethke is listed in "Who's Who" as the winner of a Pulitzer award for poetry in 1953. He was also awarded the Tietjens prize in 1947 and the Levinson prize in 1951. He won the Edna St. Vincent Millay award in 1959 and the Bollingen prize for poetry in 1958. His office, as of 1963, was listed as the University of Washington, Seattle. There are only limited references concerning Roethke in Bureau files. During the course of an applicant investigation in 1949 a University of Washington official advised that Roethke was a brilliant professor and near genius. The official stated, however, that he had become mentally defective and at one time was placed in a local sanitarium for the insane. In 1949 he called in person at the Seattle Office and it was obvious to the receptionist that he was mentally unbalanced.

During the course of an applicant investigation in 1949 it was determined that Roethke was an ardent pacifist.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. For information.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

The telephone call on 9/28/64, to the subject's residence (telephone number MA 5-2273) was made by SA  using the pretext of a personal friend of the subject attempting to contact him. This information was obtained from an individual who identified himself as the subject's father.

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The confidential informants mentioned in the details of this report, who were unable to furnish any current information concerning the subject, were contacted by the following agents on the dates indicated:

Informant

Date of Contact

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1. ☒ Subject's name is included in Section ☒ A or ☐ B of the Reserve Index.
2. ☐ The data appearing on the Reserve Index Card are current.
3. ☒ Changes on the Section A Reserve Index Card are necessary and Form FD-122a has been submitted to the Bureau.
4. ☒ A suitable photograph ☒ is ☐ is not available.
5. ☐ Subject is employed in a key facility and \_\_\_\_\_ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are \_\_\_\_\_.
6. ☒ This report is classified Confidential because (state reason)  
it contains information from NY T-1, the unauthorized disclosure of which could reveal his identity and compromise his future effectiveness. This would be injurious to the national defense.
7. ☒ Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason)  
because he is a prominent author who has been critical of the FBI in public appearances. The NYCPD has quoted the subject's former wife as stating that MAILER had "homicidal tendencies."
8. ☐ This case no longer meets the Section A Reserve Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Section A Reserve Index card.
9. ☒ This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Reserve Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason)  
the subject, who is a well-known author, is a self-admitted "Leftist;" he has shown sympathies with the FPCC and the CAMD.

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Report of:

Date:

10/5/64

Office: New York, New York

Field Office File No.: 100-98909

Bureau File No.: 100-370923

Title:

NORMAN KINGSLEY MAILER

Character:

SECURITY MATTER-C

Synopsis:

Subject resides at 128 Willow St., Brooklyn, NY. He is a self-employed writer from his residence; his probation was terminated by the Court of General Sessions, New York City, New York, on 6/5/63. Subject's name appeared as a sponsor on a letter of appeal written on the letterhead stationery of the Committee to Aid the Monroe Defendants (CAMD). Informants contacted during September, 1964, could furnish no information concerning subversive activity on the subject's part.

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DETAILS:I. BACKGROUNDA. Residence and Employment

On September 28, 1964, a Special Agent (SA) of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) determined by means of a pretext that the subject is currently residing at 128 Willow Street, Brooklyn, New York, and is self-employed as a free-lance writer from his residence.

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B. Marital Status

~~MS. NORMAN KINGSLEY MAILER~~  
The New York "Daily News" in its issue of December 23, 1963, contained an article "Norman Mailer Mexicoed By Lady Campbell." This article reflects that "Lady Jean Campbell divorced Norman Mailer last Monday at Juarez, Mexico, on grounds of incompatibility, her lawyer, Witman Knapp, revealed here yesterday. Knapp said Mailer did not contest the action....the divorce <sup>Born 1962</sup> became final Thursday. An agreement gave Lady Jean, custody of their only child, one-year old Kate." MAILER *N.Y.*

C. Arrest Record

On September 28, 1964, [redacted] Division of Supervision, Probation Department, Court of General Sessions, 100 Centre Street, New York, New York, advised SA [redacted] that the subject's probation was terminated by this Court on June 5, 1963.

It is noted that the subject received a suspended sentence on November 13, 1961, after pleading guilty on March 9, 1961, to third degree assault for stabbing [redacted] on November 21, 1960, in their apartment in New York City. *N.Y.*

~~MS. NORMAN KINGSLEY MAILER~~  
II. AFFILIATION WITH THE SOCIALIST WORKER'S PARTY (SWP).

The SWP has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

A. Evidence of SWP Sympathy

On January 22, 1964, NY T-1 made available information which reflects the subject's name appeared

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A characterization of the CAMD is contained in the appendix attached hereto.

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APPENDIX

COMMITTEE TO AID THE  
MONROE DEFENDANTS

A source advised on October 10, 1961, that the Committee to Aid the Monroe Defendants (CAMD) was formed during September, 1961, by the Socialist Workers Party (SWP) in New York City.

Source advised on May 6, 1964, that the aims of the CAMD were to afford financial support and counsel for ROBERT F. WILLIAMS and four other defendants who were involved in a racial incident on August 27, 1961, at Monroe, North Carolina. The SWP hoped to dramatize this incident nationally and internationally through the CAMD and thus attract individuals to the SWP aims and principles by playing a leading role in the integration struggle. The CAMD was also active in promoting the philosophy of utilizing counter-violence to achieve integration as espoused by WILLIAMS.

According to the source, the organization and impetus of CAMD activities throughout the various parts of the United States, such as obtaining sponsors and the raising of funds, were the results of the efforts of various SWP branches.

The March 23, 1964, issue of "The Militant," a weekly SWP newspaper, stated the CAMD suspended activities. This article related that this action was taken following the rejection of this committee by the defendants just prior to the trial held February 18-28, 1964, at Monroe, North Carolina, which resulted in the conviction of all of the defendants, except ROBERT F. WILLIAMS.

ROBERT F. WILLIAMS has fled the United States and is reportedly residing in Cuba.

The SWP has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
New York, New York

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Bufile 100-370923  
NYfile 100-98909

Title            Norman Kingsley Mailer

Character       Security Matter-C

Reference       is made to the New York report  
of Special Agent  dated and captioned as  
above.

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All sources (except any listed below) whose identities  
are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable  
information in the past.

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# Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (Bufile- 100-370923 )

DATE: 9/29/64

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-98909)

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10/5/64

SUBJECT: NORMAN KINGSLEY MAILER  
SM-C  
(OO: NEW YORK)

☐ It is recommended that a "Section A"  
Reserve Index Card be prepared on  
the above-captioned individual.

☒ The "Section A" Reserve Index  
Card on the captioned individual  
should be changed as follows  
(specify change only):

Name			
Aliases			
<input type="checkbox"/> Native Born	<input type="checkbox"/> Naturalized	<input type="checkbox"/> Alien	
<input type="checkbox"/> Communist	<input type="checkbox"/> Socialist Workers Party		
<input type="checkbox"/> Miscellaneous (specify) _____			
Date of birth	Place of birth	Race	Sex <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
Business Address (show name of employing concern and address)			
Key Facility Data			
Geographical Reference Number _____		Responsibility _____	
Interested Agencies _____		100-370923	
Residence Address		NOT RECORDED	
128 Willow Street, Brooklyn, New York		18 SEP 30 1964	

2-Bureau  
1-New York  
RTJ:jad  
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OCT 5 1964  
REGISTERED MAIL

M.F. ROW

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AND HANDLED SEPARATELY



## UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York  
September 29, 1964In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.NYfile 100-98909  
Bufile 100-370923

SUBJECT: NORMAN KINGSLEY MAILER

REFERENCE: Memorandum dated 12/3/63.

Referenced communication contained subject's residence and/or employment address. A recent change has been determined and is being set forth below (change only specified):

Residence: 128 Willow Street, Brooklyn, New York

Employment:

FD-122 <sup>A</sup> DETACHED

100-370923

NOT RECORDED

18 SEP 30 1964

Copy to Secret Service  
by routing slip for  
☒ info ☐ action  
date 10-2-64  
by JDH

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SAC, New York (100-98909)

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Director, FBI (100-370923) *56*

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1 - Mr. Haack  
1 - Mr. Franck

NORMAN KINGSLEY HAILER  
SECURITY MATTER - C

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*act*  
ReWFOlet with enclosure 2/5/65. *cf*

Referenced enclosure set forth in part that subject indicated that he would like to go to Cuba on or about 2/1/65 for one or two weeks.

New York is instructed to remain alert for any information concerning subject's proposed travel to Cuba and upon receipt of same, furnish pertinent data in letterhead memorandum form suitable for dissemination.

Washington Field Office is requested to ascertain whether subject has a current passport and to remain alert for any attempt by the subject to request validation of his passport for travel to Cuba.

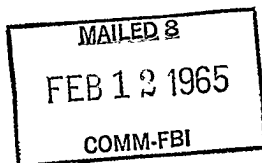
2 - Washington Field (100-41074)

NOTE:

Subject's name is included in the Reserve Index - Section A.

RRF:baf

(7) *Jrf*



Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
Conrad \_\_\_\_\_  
Felt \_\_\_\_\_  
Gale \_\_\_\_\_  
Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_  
Tavel \_\_\_\_\_  
Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Holloman \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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MAIL ROOM ☐ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

*RRF*

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# Memorandum

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DECLASSIFICATION  
AUTHORITY DERIVED FROM:  
FBI AUTOMATIC DECLASSIFICATION GUIDE  
EXEMPTION CODE 25X(1, 6)  
DATE 07-11-2008

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-370923)

DATE: 2/5/65

FROM: SAC, WFO (100-41074) (RUC)

SUBJECT: NORMAN KINGSLEY MAILER  
SM - C

(S) (OO:NY)

CC TO: *ONI*  
REQ. REC'D *12-23-65*  
JAN 5 1966  
ANS BY: *BRJ KLB*

Enclosed for the Bureau are nine copies, and  
for New York, two copies of an LHM, dated and captioned  
as above.

Information attributed to [redacted]  
[redacted] was obtained by SA [redacted] on 1/6/65, 1/14/65.

Information attributed to [redacted] was  
received by SA [redacted] on 12/31/64.

Information attributed to [redacted]  
was received by SA [redacted] on 1/21/65.

Information attributed to [redacted] was  
received by SA [redacted] on 1/21/65.

Information attributed to [redacted] was  
received by SA [redacted] on 12/31/64.

(S) WF T-1 is [redacted]

WF T-2 is LOUIS F. BUDENZ, a self-admitted former  
Communist Party member. (By request).

WF T-3 is [redacted] of the New York Office.

- 2 - Bureau (Encs. 9) ENCLOSURE  
2 - New York (100-98909) (Encs. 2) (RM)  
2 - WFO  
(1 - 105-36709)

GBN:kmr  
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for routing slip for  
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date 2-11-65  
by RRE/can

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ADD. DISSEMINATION.

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WFO 100-41074

Any additional information received by WF T-1, will be made known to the Bureau and New York.

LHM classified "Secret" due to the sensitive nature of WF T-1. In the event information is later downgraded, it would be classified "Confidential", since

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[redacted] and because unauthorized disclosure of information could result in identifying confidential informants (WF T-2 and WF T-3) of continuing value, and compromise their future effectiveness.

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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.  
February 5, 1965

NORMAN KINGSLEY MAILER  
SECURITY MATTER - C

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All confidential informants used in this communication  
have furnished reliable information in the past.

WF T-1 on

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WF T-1 had no additional information.

On June 30, 1950, WF T-2 advised that Norman Mailer was  
a "concealed" communist. This informant stated that a "concealed"  
communist was one who does not want himself known as a communist  
and would deny membership in the Communist Party.

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On April 6, 1960, WF T-3 advised that Norman Mailer,  
author of "The Naked and the Dead", apparently was known by many  
individuals in the Communist Party. The informant reported that  
from general conversation with individuals in the Communist Party,

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downgrading and  
declassification~~

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it was assumed that Mailer was anti-communist, and that apparently Communist Party members did not like him personally, or approve of his writing. According to WF T-3, communists have indicated that his writing was considered "disruptive" in nature. U

Representatives of the United States Department of State (USDS) Adjudication Branch, Passport Office. [redacted]

[redacted] on January 6 and 14, 1965; [redacted] on December 31, 1964; and [redacted] on January 21, 1965; advised that their records contain no information that the subject has requested validation of any current passport held by him for travel to Cuba. U

Representatives of the Bureau of Security and Consular Affairs. USDS. [redacted] on December 31, 1964; and [redacted] on January 21, 1965, advised that their records contain no information that the subject has requested validation of any current passport held by him for travel to Cuba. U

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DATE 08-05-2008

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-370923)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-98909) - C

SUBJECT: NORMAN KINGSLEY MAILER  
SM-C

(S) [REDACTED]  
(OO:NY)

ReWFOlets and LHM dated 2/5/65 and 2/15/65 and  
Bulet 2/16/65.

On 2/11/65, SA [REDACTED] conversed in  
person with the subject at his residence, 142 Columbia  
Heights, Brooklyn, NY. SA [REDACTED] used the pretext  
that he was looking for a family that supposedly lived  
at 142 Columbia Heights during the early 1950's.  
No identity was used.

Inasmuch as the subject has not renewed his  
passport and is still in the United States, New York  
is closing this case but will remain alert for any  
information indicating that the subject will leave in  
the future.

FD-122A is being submitted reflecting subject's  
change of residence.

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- 2 - Bureau (RM)  
1 - Washington Field (100-41074)  
1 - New York

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
New York, New York  
February 19, 1965

In Reply, Please Refer to

File No. BUfile 100-370923  
NYfile 100-98909

SUBJECT: NORMAN KINGSLEY MAILER

REFERENCE: Memorandum dated 9/9/64.

Referenced communication contained subject's residence and/or employment address. A recent change has been determined and is being set forth below (change only specified):

Residence: 142 Columbia Heights, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Employment:

100-370923 -  
NOT RECORDED  
16 FEB 23 1965

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by routing slip for  
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date 2-25-65  
by RRF/cm

FEB 26 1965

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-370823)

DATE: 2/19/65

FROM : SAC, WFO (100-41074) (RUC) *NY 1/17 to WFO, 1/24*

SUBJECT: NORMAN KINGSLEY MAILER  
SM - C  
(OO:NY)

ReBulet to New York 2/16/65, requesting WFO  
recheck subject's passport file. ReWFOlet to New York  
2/15/65 (interoffice), showing check of passport record  
for subject contains no additional information.

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On 2/17/65, IC [ ] reviewed subject's  
passport file, Passport Office, U. S. Department of State,  
and there is no indication that subject has applied for, or  
has received a current passport.

Copies of subject's 1959 passport photo are being  
processed and will be furnished New York by routing slip,  
inasmuch as WFO file does not reflect that these photos  
were previously sent to New York.

- 2 - Bureau
- 2 - New York (100-98909) (RM)
- 1 - WFO

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16 FEB 23 1965



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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-370923)

DATE: 7/28/65

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-98909) (C)

SUBJECT: NORMAN KINGSLEY MAILER  
SM - C  
(OO: NY)

CC TO: ONI  
REQ. REC'D 12-23-65  
JAN 5 1966  
ANS.  
BY: WBJ/KED

Enclosed for the Bureau are nine copies of an LHM reflecting subject's travel to Europe.

Subject is on the RI-A of the NYO.

The sources used in the LHM are as follows:

SA [redacted] used the pretext of delivery service organization which had a package for MAILER during his European trip.

LOUIS F. BUDENZ, a self-admitted former CP member (by request).

[redacted]

This LHM is classified "~~Confidential~~" in order to protect the above sources. The disclosure of these sources would hamper security investigations in the future and this would be detrimental to the security and defense of the United States.

2 - Bureau (Encls. 9) (RM)  
1 - New York

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CC TO: S.S.  
REQ. REC'D 8-23-72  
AUG 31 1972  
ANS.  
BY: BVH DEH

CC TO: [redacted]  
REQ. REC'D 8-19-72  
AUG 20 1972  
ANS.  
BY: WRS

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14 JUL 29 1965

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info [ ] action [ ]  
Date 8-10-65  
By RPF/cary  
AUG 12 1965

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CC TO: Sec. Serv.  
REQ. REC'D 8/13  
AUG 8 1972  
ANS.  
BY: [redacted]

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ON 09-25-2008

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NYfile 100-98909

Norman Kingsley Mailer  
Security Matter - C

The New York Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) is in receipt of information from the Passport Office, United States Department of State, Washington, D.C., that the subject was issued Passport Number F584770 to travel to England, France, Germany and Italy. The subject was to leave on April 19, 1965 for a period of 17 days. During this period he was to lecture in England and visit publishers in Europe.

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Records of Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), 20 West Broadway, New York City, which were reviewed on July 20, 1965, by Special Agent [redacted] reflected that the subject departed from Kennedy International Airport, Queens, New York, aboard British Overseas Aircraft Carrier Flight 538 on April 19, 1965.

On July 19, 1965, it was determined by means of a pretext made by a Special Agent of the FBI that the subject had returned to the United States during the first week of May 1965.

Subversive Background

On June 30, 1950, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Norman Mailer was a "concealed" Communist. This source further stated that a "concealed" Communist was one who does not want himself to be known as a Communist and who would deny membership in the Communist Party (CP).

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Norman Kingsley Mailer

On April 6, 1960, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Norman Mailer, author of "The Naked and the Dead", apparently was known by many individuals in the CP. This source further advised that from general conversation with individuals in the CP, it was assumed that Mailer was anti-Communist and that apparently Communist Party members did not like him personally or approve of his writing. According to this source, the Communists have indicated that Mailer's writing was considered "disruptive" in nature.

Background

The subject is a white male who was born on January 21, 1923 at Long Beach, New Jersey. The subject is described as being 5'8" tall, 145 pounds, medium build, gray hair, and is a resident of 142 Columbia Heights, Brooklyn, New York. The subject is a self-employed author.

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## Memorandum

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DATE 07-11-2008 BY 60324 UC BAW/RS/VCF

TO: SAC, new YORK (Your file 100-98909) DATE: 7/13/65

FROM: Director, FBI (Bufile and Serial 100-370923)  
Room No. AMBA

☐ Post in file and destroy 0-1  
(For SOG use only)

SUBJECT: NORMAN KINGSLEY MAYER  
SM-C

☐ 1. Bufiles indicate this case is delinquent. Give specific reason for delinquency.

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☒ 2. DATE ☐ airtel ☒ letterhead memo ☐ submitted  
☐ report ☒ letter ☐ 90-day progress letter ☒ will be submitted 7/30/65

Reporting employee \_\_\_\_\_

☐ 3. If valid reason exists for not submitting report at this time, state reason specifically and when report will be submitted \_\_\_\_\_

☐ 4. Status of ☐ Appeal ☐ Inquiry ☐ Investigation ☐ Prosecution  
☐ airtel ☐ letterhead memo

☐ 5. Submit ☐ report  
☐ letter

☐ 90-day progress letter by \_\_\_\_\_ (Date)

(Place reply hereon and return to Bureau. Note receipt and acknowledgment on top serial in case file.)

Re State Dept memo 6/7/65 re subject's travel abroad.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

## Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (Bufile- 100-370923 ) DATE: 2/19/65

FROM : SAC,

NEW YORK (100-98909)

SUBJECT:

NORMAN KINGSLEY MAILER  
SM - C  
(OO: NEW YORK)

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<input type="checkbox"/> Miscellaneous (specify) _____			
Date of birth	Place of birth	Race	Sex <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
Business Address (show name of employing concern and address)			
Key Facility Data			
Geographical Reference Number		Responsibility	
Interested Agencies		NOT RECORDED	
Residence Address 142 Columbia Heights, Brooklyn, New York 10023 1965			

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1-New York

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MAR 2 1965

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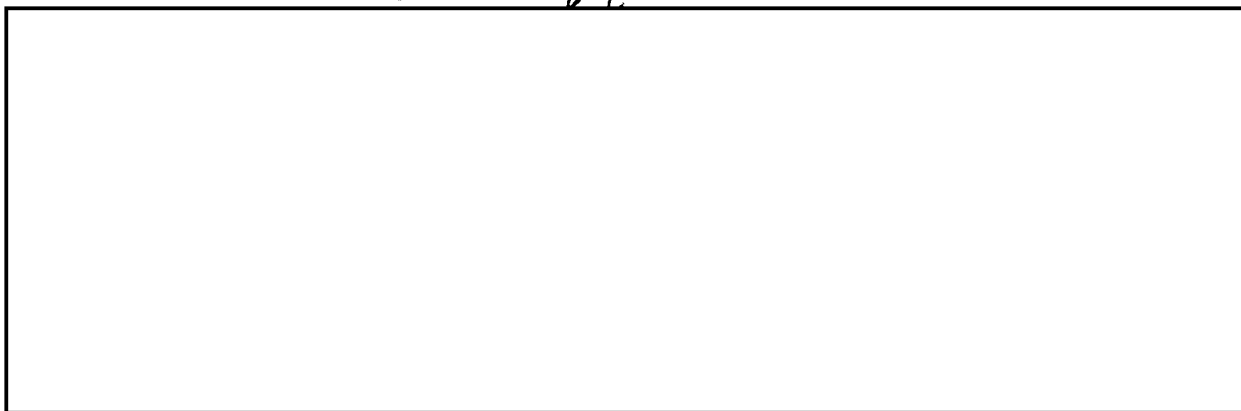
TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-370923)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-98909) (-C-)

SUBJECT: NORMAN KINGSLEY MAILER  
SM-C  
(OO:NY)

DATE: 6/13/66

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MAILER is on the RI-A of the NYO.

The confidential sources mentioned in enclosed

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LHM are:

- ENCL State
- Copy to State
- by routing slip for
- info ☒ action ☐
- Date 6-23-66
- by ERS/jcs
1. LOUIS F. BUDENZ, self-admitted former CP member (by request)
  2. [redacted]

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LHM is classified "Confidential" in order to protect the above sources. Unauthorized disclosure of information furnished by these sources would hamper security investigations. This would have adverse effects on the National Defense interests of the US.

The NYO will reopen this case 7/20/66, to ascertain if subject plans to attend Tokyo conference mentioned in LHM.

- 2 - Bureau (ENCLS 6) (RM)  
1 - New York

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ENCLOSURE

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York

June 13, 1966

In Reply, Please Refer to  
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NYfile 100-98909

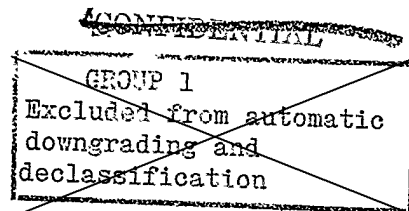
Re: Norman Kingsley Mailer  
Security Matter - C

An article in the April 22, 1966 issue of the Mainichi Daily News, an English language newspaper published in Tokyo, Japan, stated that an anti-Vietnam war group announced that it will invite United States novelist Norman Mailer to a Japan-United States citizens conference to be held in Tokyo from August 13-15, 1966. The Federation of Citizens and Cultural Organizations for Peace in Vietnam which is sponsoring the conference will conduct a demonstration march and a mass rally against the Vietnam war to coincide with the conference. A federation spokesman said the conference is aimed at reinforcing the international solidarity for peace drive.

Subversive Background

On June 30, 1950, a confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Norman Mailer was a "concealed" Communist. The source further stated that a "concealed" Communist was one who does not want himself to be known as a Communist and who would deny membership in the Communist Party (CP).

On April 6, 1960, a second confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Norman Mailer, author of "The Naked and the Dead" apparently was known by many individuals in the CP. This source further advised that from general conversation with individuals in the CP, it was assumed that Mailer was anti-communist and that



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Re: Norman Kingsley Mailer

apparently CP members did not like him personally or approve of his writing. According to this source, the Communists have indicated that Mailer's writing was considered "disruptive" in nature.

Description

Norman Mailer is a white male, born January 21, 1923, at Long Beach, New Jersey. He is 5'8" tall, weights 145 pounds, has grey hair and medium build. He resides at 142 Columbia Heights, Brooklyn, New York, and is a self-employed writer from residence. Passport Number F 584770 was issued to Mailer on April 19, 1965, at New York, New York.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-370923)

DATE: 8/15/66

FROM : *Jm/BZ* SAC, NEW YORK (100-98909) (P)

SUBJECT: NORMAN KINGSLEY MAILER  
SM - C  
(OO: NEW YORK)

ReNYlet to the Bureau, 6/13/66, with LHM setting forth information that an anti-Viet-Nam war group had announced that it would invite captioned subject to a Japan - United States Citizens Conference to be held in Tokyo from August 13-15, 1966.

Attempts to contact subject or his father at their residences in Brooklyn, New York, during July - August, 1966 met with negative results. On 8/10/66 it was observed that subject's mailbox at his residence, 142 Columbia Heights, Brooklyn, was filled with mail but neither subject nor other tenants at that address were available for contact. On 8/12/66,  Brooklyn, advised during a pretext (friend of subject) telephonic contact that MAILER has been spending the summer since early June at his summer home in Provincetown, Massachusetts and was not expected to return to his Brooklyn residence until late September, 1966.

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Review of subject's file in NYO reflects that subject in the past has been a summer resident at Miller Hill Road, Provincetown, Massachusetts.

It is noted that the "New York Times" issue of 8/15/66, page 11, column one, contains an article datelined Tokyo, August 14th, which stated "Nine Americans and 61 Japanese opponents of United States policy in Viet-Nam ended a 4-day meeting here today by adopting a 'People's Treaty Against War and for Peace'. It condemned the 'aggressive and indiscriminate use of military force in Viet-Nam by the government of the United States and the collaboration of the Japanese government in this effort'."

- 3 - Bureau (RM)  
(1-Legat, Tokyo)  
1 - Boston (100-33864) (INFO) (RM)  
1 - New York

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It is requested that the Legat, Tokyo advise if  
MAILER was present at the abovementioned meeting in Tokyo.

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TO : Director, FBI (100-370923)

FROM : Legat, Tokyo (100-294) (RUC)

SUBJECT: NORMAN KINGSLEY MAILER  
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REPORTING OFFICE NEW YORK	OFFICE OF ORIGIN NEW YORK	DATE 10/24/66	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 9/7 - 10/19/66
TITLE OF CASE  NORMAN KINGSLEY MAILER		REPORT MADE BY  [REDACTED]	TYPED BY kmf
		CHARACTER OF CASE  SECURITY MATTER - C	

## REFERENCE

Rerep of SA [REDACTED] dated 10/5/64 at  
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## ADMINISTRATIVE

Subject's residence and employment were verified  
on 10/5/66 by SA [REDACTED] through a pretext  
interview (friend of subject) with an unnamed female at  
142 Columbia Heights, Brooklyn, NY, who stated that MAILER  
resided at that address but was out of town for a few days.

Case has been: Pending over one year ☐ Yes ☒ No; Pending prosecution over six months ☐ Yes ☒ No

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On 2/11/65, SA [ ] conversed in person with the subject at his residence using a pretext.

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SA [ ] reviewed records of INS on 7/20/65 and ascertained subject's return to the U.S. through means of a delivery service pretext on 7/19/65.

INFORMANTS

Identity of Source

File No. Where Located

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1. ☒ Subject's name is included in Section ☒ A or ☐ B of the Reserve Index.
2. ☒ The data appearing on the Reserve Index Card are current.
3. ☐ Changes on the Section A Reserve Index Card are necessary and Form FD-122a has been submitted to the Bureau.
4. ☒ A suitable photograph ☒ is ☐ is not available.
5. ☐ Subject is employed in a key facility and \_\_\_\_\_ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are \_\_\_\_\_.
6. ☒ This report is classified ~~SECRET~~ \_\_\_\_\_ because (state reason)  
of the sensitive nature of NY T-1. Unauthorized disclosure of information furnished by confidential informants NY T-1 thru NY T-7 could possibly result in identification of confidential informants of continuing value and compromise their future effectiveness. This would have an adverse effect upon the national defense interest of the U.S.
7. ☒ Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason)  
he is a prominent author who has been critical of the FBI and U.S. Government policies in public appearances. The NYCPD has quoted the subject's former wife as stating that MAILER had homicidal tendencies.
8. ☐ This case no longer meets the Section A Reserve Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Section A Reserve Index card.
9. ☒ This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Reserve Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason)  
subject is a well known author, and is a self admitted "leftist".

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. Bureau 100-370923  
New York 100-98909  
Director  
United States Secret Service  
Department of the Treasury  
Washington, D. C. 20220

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

Re: Norman Kingsley Mailer

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.
2. ☐ Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.
3. ☒ Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U. S.
4. ☐ U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.
5. ☐ Subversives, ultrarightists, racists and fascists who meet one or more of the following criteria:
  - (a) ☐ Evidence of emotional instability (including unstable residence and employment record) or irrational or suicidal behavior;
  - (b) ☐ Expressions of strong or violent anti-U. S. sentiment;
  - (c) ☐ Prior acts (including arrests or convictions) or conduct or statements indicating a propensity for violence and antipathy toward good order and government.
6. ☐ Individuals involved in illegal bombing or illegal bomb-making.

Photograph ☐ has been furnished ☒ enclosed ☐ is not available  
☐ may be available through \_\_\_\_\_

Very truly yours,

  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s) 2)  
U. S. Secret Service, New York City (RM)

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Report of:

Date:

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Office: New York, New York

Field Office File #: 100-98909

Bureau File #: 100-370923

Title: NORMAN KINGSLEY MAILER

Character: SECURITY MATTER - C

## Synopsis:

NORMAN MAILER resides 142 Columbia Heights,  
Brooklyn, NY, and is a self employed writer from residence. U  
In 1965 subject stated that he was a "left Conservative".  
Protest activity re war in Viet Nam set out.

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DETAILSI - BACKGROUNDResidence and Employment

On 10/5/66, a Special Agent (SA) of the Federal  
Bureau of Investigation (FBI) ascertained through pretext J  
that NORMAN MAILER was then residing at 142 Columbia Heights,  
Brooklyn, NY, and was a self employed writer from his residence.

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In December, 1964, NY T-1 furnished information

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On February 11, 1965, an SA of the FBI ascertained that NORMAN MAILER was present at his residence, 142 Columbia Heights, Brooklyn, New York, on that date. U

In 1965, records of the Passport Office, United States Department of State, Washington, D.C., reflected that NORMAN MAILER, 142 Columbia Heights, Brooklyn, New York, on April 19, 1965, was issued Passport Number F584770 for indicated travel to England, France, Germany and Italy. MAILER in applying for passport indicated that he was to leave the United States on April 19, 1965 for a period of 17 days during which period he was to lecture in England and visit publishers in Europe. U

Records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), United States Department of Justice, 20 West Broadway, New York, New York, reviewed on July 20, 1965, reflected that MAILER departed from John F. Kennedy International Airport, New York, New York, aboard British Overseas Airways Corporation Carrier Flight 538 on April 19, 1965. U

On July 19, 1965, an SA of the FBI ascertained through pretext that MAILER had returned to the United States during the first week of May, 1965. U

An article in the April 22, 1966 issue of "Mainichi Daily News" an English language newspaper published in Toyko, Japan stated that an anti Viet Nam war group announced that it will invite United States novelist NORMAN MAILER to a Japan - United States Citizen Conference to be held in Toyko from August 13-15, 1966. The Federation of Citizenship and Cultural Organizations for Peace in Viet Nam which is sponsoring the conference would conduct a demonstration march and a mass U

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rally against the Viet Nam war to coincide with the conference. A Federation spokesman said the conference was aimed at reinforcing the International Solidary for Peace Drive. U

On August 24, 1966, NY T-2, [REDACTED]

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## II - MISCELLANEOUS

A booklet entitled "We Accuse", published in 1965 by Diablo Press, Berkeley, California, reflects that NORMAN MAILER was one of the speakers at the May 21-22, 1965 "Viet Nam Days Community Meeting" held at the University of California, Berkeley, California. In his speech, MAILER stated "I've a very odd set of politics - I'm a left conservative". U

The July 12, 1965 edition of "Harvard Summer News" which is published twice weekly under the auspices of Harvard University Summer School Session, Cambridge, Massachusetts, contained an article captioned "12 will lecture at 'Teach-in'". The article stated the speakers would "rake the Johnson Administration over the coals in an all-night session in Sanders Theatre, Harvard University 7/14/65". Among the listed speakers were "NORMAN MAILER, Novelist". U

Publicly distributed in Harvard Square, Cambridge, Massachusetts, during the evening July 13, 1965, was a circular entitled "All Night Teach-In" which set out the tentative program and stated the purpose of "Teach-In" was "to dispel public ignorance of our policy in Viet Nam and in the Dominican Republic and to encourage democratic debate on those crucial issues are the purpose of this teach-in". U

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The July 15, 1965 edition of the "Boston Herald", a metropolitan daily newspaper, Boston, Massachusetts, contained an article concerning the teach-in at Harvard University on July 14, 1965 which quoted novelist NORMAN MAILER as stating "The great fear that lies upon America is not that LYNDON JOHNSON is privately close to insanity so much as that he is the expression of the near insanity of most of us, and his need for action is America's need for action; not brave action, but action; any kind of action; any move to get the motors going". U

In February, 1966, NY T-3, NY T-4 and NY T-5 furnished information that NORMAN MAILER was one of the Readers at a "Read-In for Peace in Viet Nam" held February 20, 1966 at Town Hall, 113 West 43rd Street, New York City. U

In March, 1966, NY T-6 and NY T-7 furnished information that NORMAN MAILER was one of the speakers at a rally held in Central Park, New York, following the Fifth Avenue Peace Parade for Peace in Viet Nam held on March 26, 1966. U b6 b7c

Records of the Bureau of Special Services, New York City Police Department, caused to be searched by SA [redacted] on September 19, 1966, reflect the following information regarding NORMAN MAILER, author: U

Speaker at post-parade rally on March 26, 1966 in Central Park Mall, sponsored by Fifth Avenue Viet Nam Peace Parade Committee. U

Performed at a Read-In-For-Peace in Viet Nam, held at Town Hall, New York City, February 20, 1966, sponsored by Committee of the Professions, opposing war in Viet Nam. U

Mentioned in article in November 11, 1965 issue of "Village Voice". The article was entitled "Does the Peace Movement Need the Communists!" U



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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York  
October 24, 1966

In Reply, Please Refer to

File No. Bufile 100-370923  
NYfile 100-98909

Title Norman Kingsley Mailer

Character Security Matter - C

Reference is made to report of Special  
Agent [redacted] dated and captioned as above at  
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All sources (except any listed below) whose identities  
are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable  
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-370923)

DATE: 12/11/67

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-98909) (P)

SUBJECT: NORMAN MAILER  
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ReBulet captioned  
dated 11/13/67.

Per reBulet, the NYO was requested to obtain copies of public source material indicating that the subject, NAT HENTOFF (Bufile 100-359477) and [redacted] (Bufile 105-104779) and five others travelled to Cuba in connection with the Latin American Solidarity Conference (LASO) July 31-August 10, 1967. This lead was set forth as result of a similar request from the USDS by memo dated 10/18/67, incidental to a possible revocation of passport proceedings against these individuals.

The NYO reviewed the case files on all three of the NY subjects for information indicating presence at (or intention to visit) the LASO conference, with negative results. Newspaper clippings pertaining to these subjects maintained in individual "sub" files also failed to disclose any mention of attendance at the LASO conference.

On 12/7 and 8/67, respectively, the "morgue" files of the "New York Daily News" and the "New York Times" were reviewed. Although several articles were available concerning the Conference, none of the NY subjects in whom the Bureau has an interest, were mentioned.

It was noted, however, that the 8/2/67 issue of the "New York Times" contains an article regarding the Conference wherein

- 2 - Bureau (RM)
- 1 - New York (100-115452) (NAT HENTOFF)
- 1 - New York (105-52506) [redacted]
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mention is made of a [ ] of Palo Alto, California, and described him as a writer with British Citizenship who covered the conference in Havana for the "San Francisco Chronicle."

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The NYO will attempt to obtain and review copies of the Cuban magazine "Bohemia", published in Havana, Cuba, and frequently available at the Casa De Las Americas (CDLA), a Cuban social center in NYC. These will be reviewed if available, for the material desired by the Bureau.

*no* The Bureau may want to consider contact of [ ] in re matter.

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1 - Mr. Wannall  
1 - Mr. Floyd

SAC, New York

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1 - Mr. Mullins  
1 - Mr. Broyles

Director, FBI (105-7-210)

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Enclosed herewith for New York are four copies  
and for Atlanta, Boston, Newark and WFO one copy each of

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which is self-explanatory.

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In accordance with the request contained in the  
enclosed memorandum, Atlanta, Boston, Newark, New York and  
WFO attempt to locate public source data indicating that

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Bufiles indicate that James J. Storrow, Jr., is  
the publisher of "The Nation" magazine in New York City  
and has not been the subject of an investigation by the  
Bureau. Investigations have been conducted or are now  
being conducted regarding the following individuals men-  
tioned in the memorandum:

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	Bufile	
1. [redacted]	105-170144	BS file 105-15424
2. [redacted]	100-433878	NI file 100-49331
3. Nat Hentoff	100-339477	NY file 100-115432
4. Norman Mailer	100-370923	NY file 100-83069
5. [redacted]	105-104779	NY file 105-32503
6. I. F. Stone	100-37078	WFO file 100-22286

[redacted] cannot be identified in Bufiles; however,  
references to this name indicate that one [redacted] was among  
companions of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., described as U. S. Negro  
leaders who attended the LASO Conference and answered many  
questions put to them by national and foreign journalists.

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1 - 100- 359477 (Nat Hentoff)  
1 - 100-370923 (Norman Mailer)  
1 - 105-104779 [redacted]  
1 - 100-37078 (I.F. Stone)  
1 - 105- [redacted] (James J. Storrow Jr.)

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1 - 105- [redacted]

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1 - 105-149973 (LASO)

1 - 105-170144 [redacted]

1 - 100-433878 [redacted]

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(C) Letter to SAC, New York  
RE: [REDACTED]  
105-7210

The name [REDACTED] could be a name utilized by another individual who attended the LASO Conference and desired that his true identity not become known.

WFO review records of the Passport Office, Department of State, and attempt to identify [REDACTED]. If an identification is made, passport records should be reviewed to determine if this individual received authorization to travel to Cuba.

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Atlanta review your files and contact appropriate sources and informants regarding [REDACTED] who may be an associate of Cornichael. If [REDACTED] is identified, efforts should be made to obtain public source data regarding his travel to Cuba as indicated above.

Pertinent information developed regarding travel by the individuals mentioned in the memorandum should be submitted in form suitable for dissemination to the Department of State under the above caption with copies designated for appropriate Bureau files on each individual.

NOTE:

Instructions being set forth for recipient offices to attempt to obtain copies of public information indicating

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[REDACTED] and I. F. Stone are maintained on the Security Index and Norman Mailer is maintained on the Reserve Index - A. [REDACTED] won an essay contest on "Solidarity with Cuba," sponsored by Radio Havana and the prize was an invitation to Cuba to attend the 7/26th (1967) celebration. Bufiles have been reviewed for the data requested by State and none was located.

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☐ Regular Request (Analytical Search)  
☐ All References (Subversive & Nonsubversive)  
☒ Subversive References Only  
☐ Nonsubversive References Only  
☐ Main References Only

Type of Search Requested:

☐ Restricted to Locality of \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Exact Name Only (On the Nose)  
☐ Buildup ☐ Variations

Subject Norman Mailer  
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<u>61-10170-A</u>	
<u>Daily People's World 10/26/48</u>	
<u>62-109090-A</u>	
<u>Wash. Post &amp; Times Herald 9/25/46</u>	
<u>97-4196-A DEC 12/6/63</u>	
<u>97-4196-A</u>	
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SUBJECT: NORMAN MAILER  
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(U) ReNYlet captioned "NORMAN MAILER, SM-C", dated 12/11/67.

The NYO has obtained and reviewed copies of the Cuban magazine "Bohemia", which is published weekly in Havana, Cuba, and which is a major propaganda vehicle of the present Cuban Government.

(C) [REDACTED] that covered the period of the Latin American Solidarity Organization Conference (LASO) in Havana. Although there were several articles dealing with the LASO, no mention was made of any of the three captioned subjects.

Also received was the article by LAURA BERQUIST which appeared in the national magazine "Look". Again, there was no reference to the subjects.

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    (2 - 100-359477) (HENTOFF)  
    (2 - 105-104779) [REDACTED]  
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1 - New York (105-52506) [REDACTED]  
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(U) The following periodicals were also reviewed for reference to the subjects. No reference to any of the subjects was contained: "Partisan", "National Guardian", and "Workers World". In addition, an article appears in the current issue of "Playboy" magazine, devoted to NORMAN MAILER. This article also does not contain any reference to the time spent in Cuba at the LASO conference.

(U) Finally, there were three issues of the magazine "Cuba" obtained. They were the July, August and September, 1967 issues. "Cuba" is a monthly magazine published in Havana and it is a propaganda vehicle of the present regime in Cuba. The July, 1967 issue deals largely with the LASO conference. However, no reference to the subjects was seen.

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-370923)

DATE: 2/1/68

FROM : SAC, WFO (100-41074) (RUC)

SUBJECT: NORMAN KINGSLEY MAILER

(S) [REDACTED]  
(OO: NEW YORK)

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Re New York airtel 12/15/67 captioned "CULTURAL  
CONGRESS, HAVANA, CUBA, 1/4 - 11/68; [REDACTED]

(S) Enclosed are five copies for the Bureau and two  
for New York of a letterhead memorandum dated and captioned  
as above. Informants in the enclosure are [REDACTED] and  
[REDACTED] who are mentioned in that order.

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(S) The enclosure is classified "~~Secret~~ - No Foreign  
Dissemination" since it repeats information from referenced  
New York airtel furnished by [REDACTED] which is so  
classified.

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Subject's passport file reviewed by SA [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] WFO files contain no additional pertinent information.

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New York should make recommendation as to further  
investigation to be conducted based on additional information  
in its files.

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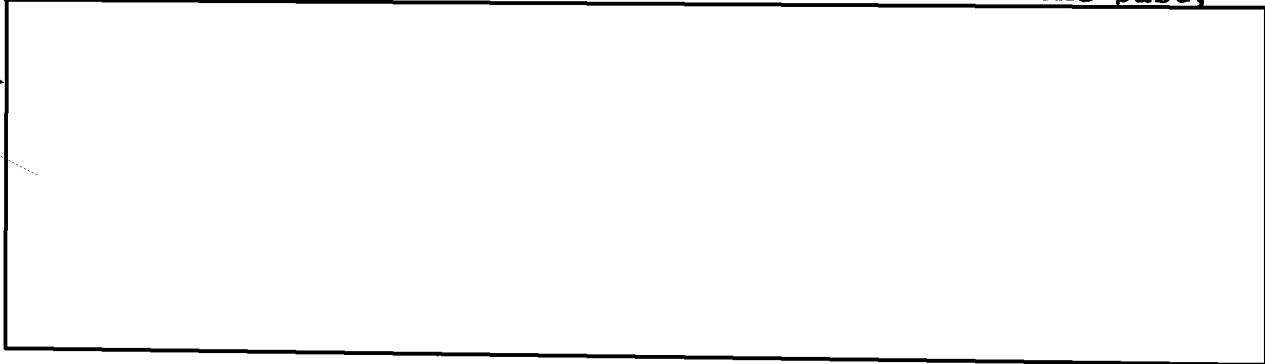
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On December 14, 1967, according to a confidential  
informant who has furnished reliable information in the past,



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On October 30, 1967, "The New York Post"  
advised that author Norman Mailer had appealed  
his conviction for disorderly conduct in the  
October 21, 1967 anti-war march on the Pentagon."

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A second confidential informant who maintains contact with numerous news media and is familiar with Cuban political matters advised prior to December 29, 1967, that the Cultural Congress of Havana was scheduled for January 4 - 11, 1968 at Havana, Cuba. It was to be held at the Havana Libre Hotel, Havana, under the auspices of the National Union of Writers and Artists of Cuba, Afro-Asian - Latin American Peoples' Solidarity Organization, and the Cuban Preparatory Committee. W

The purpose of the Cultural Congress of Havana was to obtain unity of action in the anti-imperialist fight and in defense of the cultural nucleus of each country. W

On January 22, 1968, a representative of the Passport Office, U. S. Department of State, made available a file containing the following information: W

On April 14, 1965, Norman Kingsley Mailer applied for a passport at the New York Passport Agency (NYPPA). He stated in an attached certification that his last passport, issued to him in 1962, had been lost. The file showed that on August 3, 1961, passport number 1710603 issued to him on August 28, 1959 was renewed for four years ending August 27, 1963 and there was no record that a passport was issued to him in 1962. W

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Mailer stated in his application that he was born at Long Branch, New Jersey on January 31, 1923 and was a writer by occupation, residing at 142 Columbia Heights, Brooklyn, New York. His parents were Isaac Barnett Mailer who was born in Capetown, South Africa on January 18, 1892, and Fanny Schneider who was born in Long Branch, New Jersey on January 2, 1898. Both were United States citizens. The subject stated he was last W

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married on December 29, 1963 to [redacted] also  
known as [redacted] who was born in Atlanta, Georgia  
on [redacted] This marriage had not been terminated.  
Mailer requested that his father be notified in the event  
of emergency at 128 Willow Street, Brooklyn, New York. ✓  
Mailer proposed to depart from Kennedy Airport, New York  
City on April 19, 1965, for a trip of 17 days to England,  
France, Germany, and Italy, to lecture in England and  
visit publishers in Europe. In accordance with authorization  
of the Passport Office, the NYPPA, on April 19, 1965,  
issued passport number F584770 to Mailer.

There was no indication in the passport file or  
in records of the Adjudication Branch, Passport Office, that  
the subject had requested or received validation for travel  
to Cuba. ✓

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-370923)

FROM : *J.F.M.* SAC, NEW YORK (100-98909) (E)

SUBJECT: *0*  
NORMAN KINGSLEY MAILER  
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Re WFO let and LHM dated 2/1/68.

The Morgue Files of "The New York Times" and "New York Daily News" were reviewed on 2/13/68 and 3/4 and 5/68, respectively, for any information regarding attendance by the subject at the Cultural Congress at Havana, Cuba, 1/4-11/68. There was no record of attendance by MAILER at this Congress at either newspaper.

Also review were the following: "The Nation"; "Daily Worker"; and the "U.E. News"; as well as the "National Guardian". There was no mention made of the subject attending the Congress in any of these publications.

There is nothing in the New York file concerning subject indicating that he attended the Congress.

Referenced LHM states that there was no indication at the Passport Office that MAILER had requested or received validation of his passport for travel to Cuba.

In the absence of any information indicating travel to Cuba by MAILER, no additional investigation is contemplated at New York.

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Director, FBI (100-370923)

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NORMAN KINGSLEY MAILER  
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In view of significant pertinent activities on the part of captioned individual since submission of report dated October 24, 1966, you should bring captioned file up to date and submit a report to reach the Bureau on or before February 17, 1969. This report should include full particulars relating to subject's arrest and participation in the October, 1967, Antiwar March on the Pentagon, as well as the facts relating to his presence in Chicago in August, 1968, during the Democratic National Convention.

Your report should also include an evaluation as to whether or not subject's name should be included in the Security Index. *pl*

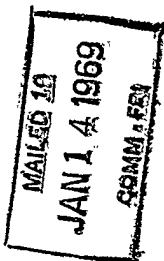
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NOTE:

Subject is currently listed on the RI - A of the New York Office. He is age 45, and is a well-known author.

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# BOOKS: How the Chicago Violence Reads in Books

By DAY THORNTON  
Book Critic of The Star

**RIGHTS IN CONFLICT: The Chicago Police Riot.** The official report to the National Commission on the Causes and Prevention of Violence, Daniel Walker, director. Published independently but simultaneously in paperback by Signet Books (95 cents), Bantam Books (\$1), Award Books (\$1.25). In hardcover by Dutton (\$5.95), Grosset & Dunlap (\$5.95).

**MIAMI AND THE SIEGE OF CHICAGO.** By Norman Mailer. World. 257 pages. \$5.95. Signet Paperback. 223 pages. 95 cents.

"Police were everywhere. Seldom could a seat of democracy have been so well protected from its democrats." The scene is Bonn, Germany, described by John Le Carre in "A Small Town in Germany," but it could well have been said of Chicago last August. "Democracy is an indulgence granted by the privileged," Le Carre acutely observes. In Chicago last summer it was decided that the privilege would be abrogated during the Democratic National Convention in order that the wheels of party politics could turn more smoothly if no less ponderously.

The riots that ensued were remarkable in several of their aspects, not the least of which is that not only were some of them seen almost at the moment they were taking place but also that they have since been written about by uncommonly diverse historians. The riots appealed to professional newspaper reporters and to individuals ordinarily identified either with fiction or with self-exploration. They were the subject of an intensive inquiry called for by the National Commission on the Causes and Prevention of Violence. They were also the subject of a book, "Chicago Eye-witness," by a candidate

for the vice presidency, Mark Lane, running on the Gregory ticket. And finally they were added material for Norman Mailer in his composite account of the Miami and Chicago conventions. Mailer has long been known as novelist, essayist and polemicist—those who, like myself, thought his book about the march on the Pentagon his best work will undoubtedly rank his book on the conventions and the Chicago riots high among his achievements.

## The Walker Report

The longest and most detailed book on the subject is "Rights in Conflict," a report submitted by Daniel Walker, director of the Chicago study team, to the National Commission on the Causes and Prevention of Violence. It is a compilation of information gathered by 90 full investigators between September 27 and November 18. That it is profusely illustrated is somewhat ironical, as it was the Chicago Police Department's plan to smash and confiscate as many cameras as possible. It is not published by the Government Printing Office

but by a large number of competing private publishers, all rushing into print with identical books, hoping, probably correctly, that the story of the Chicago riots is best-seller enough to be sliced in a half dozen pieces. The GPO was disinclined to publish the work

obscurities of the Chicago visitors and of the police—obscurities which clearly could not be omitted if an accurate and disinterested account of the riots was to be had. The GPO's experience as publisher of history has been limited largely to the Congressional Record, in which the makers of history are also its historians, with an unprecedented opportunity to remake the part they played yesterday to con-

form today more closely to the heart's desire. A congressman is witty enough if he has staircase wit; unlike the rest of us he has the Congressional Record to publish not what he said but what he wished he had said.

There are many opinions about what happened in Dallas. In general there are always discrepancies in the accounts of sudden events that arouse strong emotions. But however various the reactions to the Chicago riots expressed by Esquire magazine's stable of long-hair writers, Genet,

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*Memo C.D. Benson to Mr. C. Sullivan 1-20-69 KAC:ph*

Southern, and Ginsburg, by Mailer, by Lane, and by the official report, it is interesting to note that there is little contradictory evidence presented—really none at all of any importance. For once witnesses and investigators agree.

#### Crowd of Yuppies

The demonstrators were not an organized group or even mutually sympathetic individuals. "The crowd included Yuppies come to 'do their thing,' youngsters working for a political candidate, professional people with dissenting political views, anarchists and determined revolutionaries, motorcycle gangs, black activists, young thugs, police and Secret Service undercover agents." Not all the police, on the other hand, or even a majority of the police, were inflamed, sadistic monsters running down demonstrator and innocent bystander alike. (Who was it who said:) "There were no innocent bystanders in Chicago. If you

were a bystander you weren't innocent.")

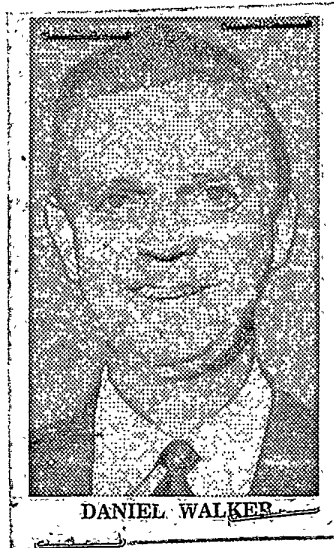
The incredible and horrifying truth is that such gangsterism existed at all. The report quotes an inspector from the Los Angeles Police Department, in Chicago as an official observer: "There is no question that many officers acted without restraint and exerted force beyond that necessary under the circumstances. The leadership at the point of conflict did little to prevent such conduct and the direct control of officers by first-line supervisors was virtually nonexistent."

"It was the clearing of the demonstrators from Lincoln Park that led directly to the violence: symbolically, it expressed the city's opposition to the protesters; literally, it forced the protesters into confrontation with police in Old Town and the adjacent neighborhoods." A Washingtonian imagines in reading the report that the situation was not dissimilar from what might have

happened here if the inhabitants of Resurrection City had been forcibly thrown out of the Mall and then beaten as vagrants on Constitution Avenue.

Walker's "Report" and Lane's "Chicago Eyewitness" are both well written and convincing. Both show a few signs of having been put together at breakneck speed—the wonder is that evidence of haste is so slight. Mailer's book is more colorful, quite naturally more consciously stylistic, more bitter.

All publishers of the "Report" make it possible for the interested reader to heed Mayor Daley's request to read the entire document before passing judgement—they print the text in extenso. Many readers, I suspect, will find the brutality recounted in detail necessary in a factual document but excessive in a book designed for enjoyment. You can skip many pages without distorting the picture. That this is so is one of the sad truths about the Chicago riots.



DANIEL WALKER

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: January 10, 1969

FROM : C. D. Brennan

SUBJECT: BOOK REVIEW  
"MIAMI AND THE SIEGE OF CHICAGO"  
BY NORMAN MAILER  
INTERNAL SECURITY - NEW LEFT MATTER

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This memorandum presents a review of captioned book, which is being retained in the Communist Infiltrated and New Left Groups Unit, Internal Security Section, Domestic Intelligence Division.

*Norman*  
SYNOPSIS: *Norman* Mailer, a well known author and self-admitted "leftist," is on "Section A," Reserve Index, New York Office. Captioned book called by author, who was present at both conventions, "an informal history of the Republican and Democratic Conventions of 1968," but actually more of study of Mailer's innermost reactions to the two conventions, individual candidates, and their supporters, in relation to his own philosophy. It is written in his usual obscene and bitter style. He vacillates greatly in his thinking--first deciding he must have become a "closet Republican" because of sympathy with that Party when they spoke on need to return to individual human effort; then deciding he felt great weariness in listening to "black" cries of "black superiority," which definitely was not in line with his previous concepts and writings; but in long run emerging at end of book calling Yippies and like groups his "troops and his "children," all left-wing "blacks" his "polemical associates," and asserting his determination to vote for no one, unless for Eldridge Cleaver. Book contains reference to Senator McCarthy's statement that he would replace Director, if elected, and other uncomplimentary statements of type that might be expected from Mailer regarding the FBI and the Director.

ACTION: None. For information.

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1 - Mr. DeLoach  
1 - Mr. Sullivan  
1 - Mr. C. D. Brennan

1 - Mr. Shackelford  
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DETAILS:

The Author

Mailer is a well known author in his middle 40's and is probably best known for his post World War II best seller "The Naked and the Dead." He is currently listed on "Section A" of the Reserve Index of the New York Office and is a self-admitted "leftist." He has been highly critical of this Bureau and U. S. Government policies. He was described by Louis Budenz as an adherent of the Communist Party and as being closely associated with the Party until 1945. Investigation conducted as a result of this information disclosed that Mailer has been active in various communist fronts since the late 1940's. He received a great deal of notoriety in early 1951 when he stabbed his wife after a party. He was committed to Bellevue Hospital, New York City, on that occasion for observation and his condition was described as acute paranoia with homicidal-suicidal tendencies.

Mailer was arrested for disorderly conduct in the 10/21/67 antiwar march on the Pentagon. During the Democratic National Convention, he was one of several speakers on 8/28/68 in Grant Park, Chicago, Illinois.

FBI and Mr. Hoover Mentioned

References to the FBI or Mr. Hoover appear as follows in captioned book:

Page 107: With reference to President Johnson's ability to comprehend the higher game of what Mailer called "international politics-is-property," Mailer declared him about as well-equipped as William F. Buckley, Eleanor Roosevelt, Barry Goldwater, George Patton, J. Edgar Hoover, Ronald Reagan, and Averill Harriman. "Politics-is-property" was defined by Mailer as never giving something away for nothing.

Page 122: Mailer quoted Senator McCarthy as having stated, in a session at the Democratic Convention: "They say I was impersonal. I want you to know that I am the only candidate who said he would get rid of J. Edgar Hoover and that is a person."

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Page 130: In an interview with Senator McCarthy, Mailer told the Senator that he would have made "a perfect chief for the F.B.I.," to which McCarthy allegedly replied: "Of course, you're absolutely right."

Page 146: Mailer stated he had gone to Humphrey's private headquarters one night very late during the Democratic Convention where there was nobody to receive him "but six or eight young Secret Servicemen or F. B. I. with bullet-faces, crew-cuts, and an absurd tension at the recognition of his name."

Page 158: Mailer predicted that years of sabotage are ahead and said they would be giving engineering students tests in loyalty before they were done and that the F.B.I. would come to question whoever took a mail order course in radio.

Page 214: With reference to the "establishment," Mailer classified its members as "all the bad cops, U. S. marshals, generals, corporation executives, high government bureaucrats, rednecks, insane Black militants, half crazy provocateurs, Right-wing faggots, Right-wing high-strung geniuses, J. Edgar Hoover, and the worst of the rich surrounding every seat of Establishment in America."

#### Book Review

Captioned book, published in October, 1968, is called by the author, who was present at both conventions, "an informal history of the Republican and Democratic Conventions of 1968," but is actually more of a study of Mailer's innermost reactions to the two conventions, the individual candidates, and their supporters, in relation to his own philosophy. It is written in his usual obscene and bitter style.

The first section of the book is devoted to the Republican Convention and is entitled "Nixon in Miami." Mailer states he has disliked Nixon intimately ever since his Checkers speech in 1952 and has never written anything nice about him, but listening to Nixon's speeches during the Republican Convention he finds himself believing that Nixon has changed from the "Tricky Dick" of old. Mailer decides he must have become a "closet Republican" because of his sympathy with the Republican

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Party when Nixon emphasized the need to return to individual human effort; however, this section of the book ends with Mailer being indecisive about Nixon, not knowing whether he was ready to like the candidate or detested him for his "resolutely non-poetic binary system, his computer's brain, did not know if the candidate were real as a man, or whole as a machine, lonely in his sad eminence or megalomaniacal, humble enough to feel the real wounds of the country or sufficiently narcissistic to dream the tyrant's dream."

Because the reporters were kept waiting at a press conference with Ralph D. Abernathy during the Republican Convention, Mailer decided he was getting tired of Negroes and their rights and was weary to the bone of listening to Black cries of Black superiority, which definitely was not in line with his previous concepts and writings; however, he emerges at the end of the book calling all left-wing "blacks" his "polemical associates" and asserting his determination to vote for no one, unless for Eldridge Cleaver.


The second section of the book is entitled "The Siege of Chicago." Mailer expresses his belief that President Johnson, using Mayor Daly as his instrument, deliberately plotted to crack his Party in two because that Party had been willing to let him go. He claimed that President Johnson completely controlled the Democratic Convention, although he never appeared there in person to speak, and intimated that the police brutality exhibited during the demonstrations was at the President's express command.

Mailer chastises himself throughout the second section of the book for not joining the demonstrators during the first days of the convention. Although he knows he belongs with them, he rationalizes that he cannot afford to be injured or jailed because he has a book to write and must cover the Convention; however, he is haunted by the fact that the real reason may be that he is afraid. When he finally spoke at a meeting of the demonstrators on August 28, 1968, after fortifying himself with several drinks, he was so pleased with himself that he felt there was no rank in any Army suitable for him below the level of General. He stated, "It was something to discover the secret source of the river of one's own good guts or lack of them. And booze was no bad canoe."

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Before allying himself with the demonstrators, Mailer was watching the conflict between the police and the demonstrators from the 19th floor window of his hotel. He stated he could then understand how Mussolini's son-in-law had been able to find the bombs he dropped from his airplane beautiful as they burst because as he watched the clubbing, gassing, and chaos below him he felt a sense of calm and beauty. He stated it was as if the war had finally begun, and this, therefore, was a great and solemn moment.

Mailer vacillates greatly in his thinking, making this book difficult to read and impossible at times to comprehend. While he calls himself a revolutionary and states he belongs in England, where one's radicalism might never be tested, he loathes the thought of living anywhere but in America where he has been allowed to write and earn a good income. At the same time, he calls the Yippies and like groups his "troops" and his "children."



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan *WCS*

FROM : C. D. Brennan *B*

SUBJECT: NORMAN KINGSLEY MAILER  
SECURITY MATTER - COMMUNIST

1 - Mr. C. D. DeLoach  
1 - Mr. T. E. Bishop

DATE: 1/7/69

1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan  
1 - Mr. C. D. Brennan  
1 - Mr. W. H. Floyd  
1 - Mr. L. A. Crescioli

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## PURPOSE:

To furnish background data concerning Norman Mailer whose book, "Miami and the Siege of Chicago," was reviewed in the 1/5/69 issue of the Washington "Sunday Star." The Director stated, "Let me have memo on Mailer."

## BACKGROUND:

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Mailer is a well known author in his middle 40's and is probably best known for his post World War II best seller "The Naked and the Dead." He is currently listed on "Section A" of the Reserve Index of the New York Office and is a self-admitted "Leftist." He has been highly critical of this Bureau and U. S. Government policies. He was described by Louis Budenz as an adherent of the Communist Party and as being closely associated with the Party until 1945. Investigation conducted as a result of this information disclosed that Mailer has been active in various communist fronts since the late 1940's. He received a great deal of notoriety in early 1961 when he stabbed his wife after a party. He was committed to Bellevue Hospital, New York City, on that occasion for observation and his condition was described as acute paranoia with homicidal - suicidal tendencies.

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## ACTION:

For information.

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The nature of this pretext was that of an attempt to locate subject's residence through an unknown individual in the vicinity of subject's residence.

It is noted that NY letters to Bureau dated 12/11/67, 1/16/68, and 3/12/58, reflected considerable research in an effort to verify subject's travel to Cuba (mentioned in the details of this report); however, this information could not be verified.

Consideration was given to upgrading subject from the RI-A to the Security Index. It is felt that subject warrants retention on the RI-A. This decision was reached mainly because there is no evidence of subject's membership or allegiance to any subversive organizations. Further, by subject's own admission he is a "left conservative".

Where organizations are mentioned in the details of this report and no characterization appears in the appendix section, no Bureau approved characterization was available.

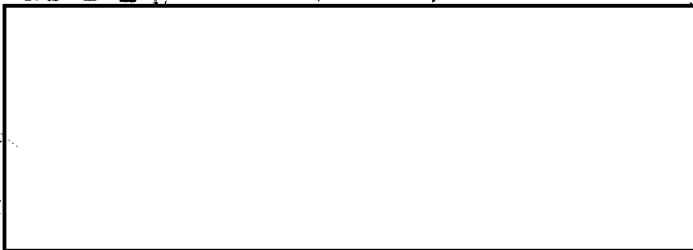
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The informants mentioned in the details of this report as having no knowledge of the subject and who could furnish no additional information are as follows:

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1. ☒ Subject's name is included in Section ☒ A or ☐ B of the Reserve Index.
2. ☒ The data appearing on the Reserve Index Card are current.
3. ☐ Changes on the Section A Reserve Index Card are necessary and Form FD-122a has been submitted to the Bureau.
4. ☒ A suitable photograph ☒ is ☐ is not available.  
Date photograph was taken 1960
5. ☐ Subject is employed in a key facility and \_\_\_\_\_ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are \_\_\_\_\_.
6. ☒ This report is classified "Secret-No Foreign Dissemination" because  
(state reason)  
of the sensitive nature of NY T-6, unauthorized disclosure of information furnished by confidential informants, NY T-1 through NY T-10, could possibly result in identification of confidential informants of continuing value and compromise their future effectiveness. This would have an adverse effect upon the national defense interests of the US.
7. ☒ Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason)  
subject is a prominent author who has been critical of the FBI and US Government policies in public appearances. The NYCPD has quoted subject's former wife as stating that MAILER had homicidal tendencies.
8. ☐ This case no longer meets the Section A Reserve Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Section A Reserve Index card.
9. ☒ This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Reserve Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because  
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Subject is a well-known author and a self-admitted "leftist".

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

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In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.Director  
United States Secret Service  
Department of the Treasury  
Washington, D. C. 20220

Re: Norman Kingsley Mailer

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.
2. ☐ Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.
3. ☒ Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U. S.
4. ☐ U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.
5. ☐ Subversives, ultrarightists, racists and fascists who meet one or more of the following criteria:
  - (a) ☐ Evidence of emotional instability (including unstable residence and employment record) or irrational or suicidal behavior;
  - (b) ☐ Expressions of strong or violent anti-U. S. sentiment;
  - (c) ☐ Prior acts (including arrests or convictions) or conduct or statements indicating a propensity for violence and antipathy toward good order and government.
6. ☐ Individuals involved in illegal bombing or illegal bomb-making.

Photograph ☒ has been furnished ☐ enclosed ☐ is not available  
☐ may be available through \_\_\_\_\_

Very truly yours,

  
 John Edgar Hoover  
 Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s) (1)  
 U. S. Secret Service, NYC (RM)

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Field Office File #: 100-98909

Bureau File #: 100-370923

Title: NORMAN KINGSLEY MAILER

Character: SECURITY MATTER - C

Synopsis: MAILER residing at 142 Columbia Heights, Brooklyn, NY, and a self-employed writer from his residence. Source furnished MAILER's name as an American who attended the Cultural Congress at Havana, Cuba, January, 1968. MAILER arrested during demonstration at Pentagon, 1967. MAILER involved in anti-draft activities and in activities opposed to the war in Vietnam. U

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DETAILS:

I. BACKGROUND

A. Residence and Employment

Through a pretext by a Special Agent (SA) of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) on February 5, 1969, it was ascertained that NORMAN MAILER, a self-employed writer from his residence, then resided with his wife and two sons at 142 Columbia Heights, Brooklyn, New York. U

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B. Other Business Interests

The "New York Times", late city edition of August 21, 1968, Page 29, reflects that the Strauss Broadcasting Group, which operates radio station WMCA, had purchased a share of the "Village Voice" from NORMAN MAILER, the author, one of the weekly newspaper's five owners. It was related that MAILER sold five of his 20 shares to the above group. It was also pointed out that MAILER founded the "Village Voice" in 1955, with other individuals. It was stated that the author has periodically criticized the paper and only recently began writing articles for it. It was also pointed out that MAILER's 20 per cent (now 15 per cent) ownership had no effect on the policy of the paper. U

"Newsweek" magazine's issue of December 9, 1968, in an article entitled, "Flying High With Mailer", on page 84, reflects that MAILER has been engaged in making several movies including "Maidstone", "Wild 90", and "Beyond The Law". U

C. Marital Status

An article in the final edition of the "New York Post" of February 11, 1967, Page 26, captioned, "Norman Mailer, Playwright", reflects that MAILER was then married to actress BEVERLY BENTLEY and that they have two sons. It was pointed out that this was MAILER's fourth marriage and that he has a total of six children. *Norman Kingsley Mailer* U

*142 Columbia Heights Brooklyn*  
The above mentioned article in "Newsweek" magazine lists MAILER's sons as MICHAEL, age 4½, and STEPHEN, age 2½.

D. Foreign Travel

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E. Identification Record

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Federal Prisoners at Occoquan, Virginia, as of December 28, 1968, reflected that NORMAN MAILER, a male of 142 Columbia Heights, Brooklyn, New York, born January 31, 1923, was arrested at 4:15 PM, October 21, 1967, for "broke through line at north side of Pentagon". Disposition was reflected as:

\$50.00 fine, 30 days, 25 days suspended for one year on appeal.

"The RAM" of Fordham University, October 27, 1967, reported the anti-war march on the Pentagon the previous Saturday and stated that the novelist, NORMAN MAILER, was arrested for crossing a picket line near the Pentagon.

The "New York Post", February 27, 1968, Page 21, states that Federal Court Judge, OREN LEWIS, rejected NORMAN MAILER's appeal for a 30-day sentence, 25 days of which were suspended and \$50.00 fine. This article continued by stating that MAILER was freed on a \$50.00 bond and that his conviction would be appealed to the Fourth Circuit, United States Court of Appeals.

The "New York Post", final edition, May 4, 1968, Page 47, reflects that NORMAN MAILER undertakes too chronically the massive October, 1967 march on the Pentagon, the historic confrontation by a battery of anti-war groups on the nerve center of United States military operations in a book entitled, "The Armies of The Night", by NORMAN MAILER, New American Library, 288 Bates, \$5.95.

## II. MISCELLANEOUS

NY T-2 advised on February 2, 1967, that [redacted] at a meeting of the East Side Tenants Council, 23 Second Avenue, New York, New York, on February 1, 1967, mentioned that NORMAN MAILER, the author, had attended [redacted] wedding reception the previous Saturday.

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NY T-3 advised during November, 1967, that [redacted] was then a member of the [redacted]  
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Communist Party (CP).

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The "Village Voice", January 18, 1968, Page 1, Column 1, reflects that NORMAN MAILER attended a draft resistance rally at Town Hall, New York City, on January 14, 1968. U

NY T-4 on January 17, 1968, corroborated subject's attendance at the above rally. NY T-4 advised that this rally was held for the benefit of Doctor SPOCK and the other four individuals who were recently indicted by the federal government for promoting draft resistance among young men. NY T-4 stated that some 1,500 persons took part in this rally. U

NY T-5 on January 15, 1968, advised that at the above rally a huge sign was displayed on stage which read as follows: "To any young men who will not, because of conscience, serve as a soldier in this criminal war, I council draft refusal, I will aid and abet him, and make his welfare my concern until this war ends. January, 1968." U

NY T-5 stated that at the bottom of this sign was space for signatures for those in the audience who felt that they could, in all good conscience, afix their signatures to it. U

The "New York Times", January 31, 1968, Page 2, reflects that, "Because they believe American involvement in Vietnam is morally wrong", 488 writers and editors announced "yesterday" through a full page ad that they would not pay the proposed ten per cent income tax sur charge or any other war-designated tax increase. Listed as signers of this ad which appeared in the "New York Post", January 30, 1968, Page 51, was the name NORMAN MAILER. U

On February 6, 1968, officials of the United States Department of Justice met with a five-man delegation of clergy and laymen regarding opposition to the war in Vietnam and the draft. At the conclusion of this meeting a huge scroll was left signed by individuals including NORMAN MAILER, 142 Columbia Heights, Brooklyn, New York, with the indication that MAILER had made a \$5.00 donation. This scroll stated, "To any U

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"young man, who will not because of conscience, serve as a soldier in this criminal war, I council draft refusal, January, 1968". U

The above information was made available by JOHN R. MC DONOUGH, Assistant Deputy, Attorney General, United States Department of Justice, who advised that the above meeting took place in the Andretta Room of the Justice Building. U

On January 18, 1968, NY T-6 made information available

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On March 12, 1968, [REDACTED] New York City Police Department (NYCPD), Bureau of Special Services, advised that a benefit performance sponsored by the Legal Defense Fund for Artistic Freedom (LDFAF) was held at Town Hall, New York, New York, on the evening of March 12, 1968. This performance was staged to raise money to establish a defense fund for artistic freedom. Among those in attendance was NORMAN MAILER, well-known author, and LE ROI JONES, Negro playwright and author, who had recently been convicted in Newark, New Jersey, for carrying a concealed weapon during the Newark, New Jersey summer riots of 1967. U

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NY T-7 advised on March 13, 1968, that some \$800.00 was raised through this benefit and although it was stated that this was for the benefit of the LDFAF, it would actually be used to underwrite the expense of an appeal by LE ROI JONES relating to his recent conviction in New Jersey. U

NY T-8 on March 13, 1968, corroborated subject's attendance at the above benefit. U

The "New York Times", April 24, 1968, Page 95, Column 3, reported that some 200 book lovers made their bids for peace "last night" at a literary auction sponsored by the Fifth Avenue Peace Parade Committee held at 2 West 64th Street, New York, New York. It was stated that the proceeds were to pay U

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for the weekend's demonstration against the war in Vietnam. It was further reflected that NORMAN MAILER contributed a sketch which brought \$32.50. U

The "Village Voice", May 30, 1968, Page 1, in an article entitled, "On The Steps of A Zeitgeist" by JACK NEWFIELD. It was stated that "last Friday" at 6:30 PM, NORMAN MAILER arrived at an apartment on East 87th Street for a fund raising party for the Columbia University student strikers. U

The article continued, "While Mailer, the rebel, drank burlaps, an SDS kid named Steve made a plea for an immediate \$3400.00 as a down payment for a co-op loft on Wooster Street into which the SDS National office could move". U

This article also reflected that MAILER ended up giving the Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) \$100.00 in cash and a loan of \$900.00 against the receipts of a benefit showing of his first film "Wild 90". U

As he left the above function, MAILER was quoted as saying, "I do not agree with SDS. I gave them the money because they are an active principle. They are taking chances and they just may be right. I have some sympathies with them, but not intimate agreement. I'm not a left (ist), I'm a left conservative." U

A characterization of SDS appears in the appendix attached hereto. U

An article in "Newsweek" magazine's issue of December 9, 1968, reflected that NORMAN MAILER covered both political conventions in Miami and Chicago as a reporter for Harper's magazine, and within four weeks turned out 70,000 words. U

NY T-9 advised on September 5, 1968, that during the Democratic National Convention in Chicago, Illinois, a rally was held in Lincoln Park on August 28, 1968, by more than 5,000 demonstrators. NY T-9 advised that they consisted of representatives from the Youth Against War and Fascism, Students for a Democratic Society, WEB Du Bois Club of America and the National Mobilization Committee Against the War in Vietnam. U

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NY T-9 also advised that there was also a small number of people representing the Anarchists and Communists distinguished by the red flag of Communism and the black flag of Anarchy. U

NY T-9 added that NORMAN MAILER was a speaker at the rally and stated that he would not be arrested, but saluted the courage of the demonstrators. Another speaker emphasized non-violence as a workable protest. U

"WIN", 5 Beekman Street, New York, New York, published by the War Resisters League in cooperation with the New York Workshop on Non-Violence, issue of January 15, 1969, contains a review of NORMAN MAILER's writings by PAUL ENCIMER. In this article in commenting on the Chicago Convention, ENCIMER pointed out that MAILER could not afford to be arrested because he had a job to do for Harper's magazine and although he had not intended to, MAILER spoke before the kids at Grant Park and was well received. The writer also stated that MAILER attempted to organize a march of delegates to the Amphitheater which did not come off, but instead got into a fight with a delegate who yelled an obscenity at one of the people in his group. U

For a characterization of the Youth Against War and Fascism and the WEB Du Bois Club of America see the appendix attached hereto. U

NY T-10 advised that at a Chicago Socialist Workers Party Executive Committee meeting on November 4, 1968, at 302 South Canal Street, Chicago, Illinois, it was announced that one NORMAN MAILER and another individual would be featured at a student mobilization committee national fund raising benefit in Chicago, Illinois, during the first week of December, 1968. U

The Socialist Workers Party has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450. U

Other informants who are familiar with Communists and related activities in the New York City area were contacted during February, 1969, at which time they advised they could furnish no information concerning the subject. U

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APPENDIX

1.

STUDENTS FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY

The Students for a Democratic Society (SDS), as it is known today, came into being at a founding convention held at Port Huron, Michigan, in June, 1962. The SDS is an association of young people on the left and has a current program of protesting the draft, promoting a campaign for youth to develop a conscientious objector status, denouncing United States intervention in the war in Vietnam, and to "radically transform" the university community, and provide for its complete control by students. GUS HALL, General Secretary, Communist Party, USA, when interviewed by a representative of United Press International in San Francisco, California, on May 14, 1965, described the SDS as a part of the "responsible left" which the Party has "going for us". At the June, 1965, SDS National Convention, an anticommunist proviso was removed from the SDS constitution. In the October 7, 1966, issue of "New Left Notes", the official publication of SDS, an SDS spokesman stated that there are some Communists in SDS and they are welcome. The national headquarters of this organization as of July 24, 1968, was located in Room 206, 1608 West Madison Street, Chicago, Illinois.

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W.E.B. DU BOIS CLUBS OF AMERICA (DCA)

A source advised that on October 26-27, 1963, a conference of members of the Communist Party, USA (CP, USA), including national functionaries, met in Chicago, Illinois, for the purpose of setting in motion forces for the establishment of a new national Marxist-oriented youth organization which would hunt for the most peaceful transition to socialism. The delegates were told that it would be reasonable to assume that the young socialists attracted into this new organization would eventually pass into the CP itself. U

A second source has advised that the founding convention for the new youth organization was held from June 19 - 21, 1964, at 150 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, California, at which time, the name W.E.B. Du Bois Clubs of America (DCA) was adopted. Approximately 500 delegates from throughout the United States attended this convention. U

The second source advised in September, 1966, that Mike Zagarell, CP, USA Youth Director, stated that in Negro communities the Party still supported the plan to build "left" socialist centers and to solidify the Party base through the DCA. This source also advised in September, 1966, that Daniel Rubin, CP, USA National Organizational Secretary, stated the Party believes the DCA should have a working class outlook and be a mass organization favorable to socialism, socialist countries and Marxism, and in April, 1967, Gus Hall, CP, USA, General Secretary, indicated that the DCA primary emphasis should be on developing mass resistance to the draft. U

A third source advised in September, 1967, that Jarvis Tyner was elected Chairman of the DCA on September 10, 1967, near the conclusion of the Third National Convention of the DCA held in New York, New York, from September 8-10, 1967. U

A fourth source advised on July 26, 1968, that Jarvis Tyner continues in his position as Chairman of the DCA. U

This fourth source also advised on July 26, 1968, that Jarvis Tyner is a member of the National Committee of the CP, USA. U

This fourth source further advised on July 26, 1968, that the headquarters of the DCA is located at 34 West 17th Street, New York, New York. U

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YOUTH AGAINST WAR AND FASCISM

A confidential source advised on March 29, 1965, that the Youth Against War and Fascism (YAWF), formerly known as the Anti-Fascist Youth Committee, was established by the Workers World Party (WWP) in the summer of 1962, to bring college, and high school youth into the periphery of WWP activities, and thereby gain recruits for the organization. U

A second confidential source advised on October 23, 1964, that a flyer distributed by the YAWF describes that organization as a militant organization of young workers and worker-students for combating war and fascism. U

The first source advised on May 1, 1968, that the YAWF maintains its headquarters at 58 West 25th Street, New York City, and publishes a magazine called "The Partisan". U

A characterization of the WWP is set out separately.

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Reference is made to the report of Special  
Agent  dated and captioned as above at New York.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities  
are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable  
information in the past.

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CORRELATION SUMMARY

(See Correlation Summary dated 11/14/50 filed as 100-370923-2)

Main File No: 100-370923  
See also: 176-1277

Date: 6-30-70

Subject: Norman Kingsley<sup>0</sup> Mailer

Date Searched: 3/30/70

All logical variations of subject's name and aliases were searched  
and identical references were found as:

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This is a summary of information obtained from a review of  
all "see" references to the subject in Bureau files under the names  
and aliases listed above. All references under the above names  
containing data identical with the subject have been included except  
any indicated at the end of this summary under the heading REFERENCES  
NOT INCLUDED IN THIS SUMMARY. References indicated in the block as  
SI contain the same information as the foregoing serial although the  
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MORE DETAIL.

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# ABBREVIATIONS

Add. info.....Additional information appearing in this reference which pertains to Norman Kingsley Mailer can be found in the main file or elsewhere in this summary. This information may have been received from a different source.

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## RELATIVES WHO HAVE BUREAU MAIN FILES

The relationship, biographical data and subversive activities of Norman Kingsley Mailer were set forth in the serials of the main files on his relatives as follows:

NAME	RELATIONSHIP	REFERENCE	SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 150px; height: 40px;"></div>	Wife	100-360268-1 p.1,2 -4 encl.p. 1-9	(7,15) (7,16)
Isaac Barnett Mailer	Father	121-35579-2 p.1 -7 p.1,1A,2 -14 p.1,2 -26 p.1,1A,2, 6,7,8,10 -32 p.1-6	(12,16) (12) (17) (12) (12,15)

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The 9/21/48 issue of the "Daily Worker" carried an article entitled "Ingersoll, Mailer Head B'klyn Vets For Wallace". This article disclosed that it was announced on 9/20/48 that Jeremiah C. Ingersoll, (100-420290) former publisher of "Salute", and Norman Mailer, author of "The Naked and the Dead" were elected co-chairmen of Brooklyn Veterans for Wallace. The group was formed following a conference of veterans who were leading members of the King County Posts of the American Legion, Jewish War Veterans and the American Veterans Committee. The meeting was held at the Brooklyn Wallace headquarters, 314 Fulton St.

100-420290-A "Daily Worker" 9/21/48  
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This reference in the file captioned "Young Progressives of America" (YPA) (100-359192), disclosed that Norman Mailer spoke at a Youth Election Rally on 10/21/48 at the St. Nicholas Arena, NYC, which was sponsored by the YPA. Also included was tentative information pertaining to the arrangements and advertisements for this rally which listed Mailer as a scheduled speaker.

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[ ] on 12/13/48 advised that [ ] (100-355859), a student at New York University, informed Helen Bryan, National Executive Secretary of the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee (JAFRC), that he was on a committee to help Bradley. (Believed to be Lyman Bradley, a Treasurer of the JAFRC who was suspended from the faculty of New York University as a result of his conviction for contempt of Congress.) [ ] told Bryan that he had been trying to arrange for a Student Council Meeting, and was seeking her help in getting a speaker, some one well known like Norman Mailer. Bryan informed [ ] that she could not get Mailer for his meeting.

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[ ] stated that while he had known [ ] (65-2299) for several years, he was not well acquainted with him. [ ] did not speak readily of his past, and did not appear to have close acquaintances in the community. [ ] stated that Norman Mailer, author of "The Naked and the Dead" who had resided for several months in Vermont appeared to be rather a close acquaintance.

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This information was submitted by Albany report dated 3/4/49.

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Washington, D.C., made available a mailing list of the "National Committee to Defeat the Mundt Bill" (100-361924). It was noted some names on the mailing list were very influential individuals and were further known for their anti-Communist point of view. They had no sympathy with Communism or fellow travelers. Included on the mailing list was the name of Norman Mailer, 102 Pierpont St., Brooklyn, NY. (No date given)

The above information appeared in a WFO report dated 10/30/50.

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The passport file of [redacted] maintained in the Passport Office, Department of State, disclosed that [redacted] application for a passport which was issued in Paris, France on 3/27/51 listed Norman Mailer as a reference. [redacted] was the husband of [redacted] (100-417861).

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The following references in the file captioned "Cominfil Into the Motion Picture Industry" contain information regarding the activities of Norman Mailer during the period October 1948 - April 1951. Mailer was a signer of a telegram requesting support for Henry Wallace for President through the National Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions. The HCUA, Washington, D.C., listed Mailer as being affiliated with 5-10 communist front organizations. Mailer was a sponsor of the Scientific and Cultural Conference for Peace, March 1949, in NYC.

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100-138754-A "NY Mirror" 4/5/51  
-A "Washington Post" 4/5/51  
-A "NY Journal American"  
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[redacted] Brooklyn, furnished an envelope and a list of names found outside of the mail box of "Anne Colford" (105-385375). The list set out the name of [redacted]

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[redacted] The NYC office contained no record of [redacted] This office had a closed case on Norman Mailer,

102 Pierrepont St., Brooklyn; whose wife's name was reported to be [redacted]

However, the Brooklyn telephone directory showed a listing for Norman Mailer, 128 Willow Street. It was believed that [redacted]

and [redacted] were identical\* [redacted] addresses were near each other.

100-385375-4 p.3

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Correlator's Note: Serial 1 of this file disclosed that

[redacted] furnished the above described items on 10/24/51.

\*Serial 42 of Mailer's main file indicated that [redacted]

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On 6/9/54 [redacted]

[redacted] (protect identity) made available an undated pamphlet entitled "Statement of Purpose" issued by the "Committee For Justice to Puerto Ricans" (105-31172), which disclosed the name of individuals including, Norman Mailer, who constituted the committee.

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On 11/29/54 [redacted] (protect identity), [redacted]

[redacted] advised that their records disclosed that in his application for employment with Time Inc., [redacted] (100-416354) listed Norman Mailer c/o Rhinehart Publishers, Incorporated, NYC, as a reference.

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100-416354-1 p.4,5

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SI 100-417861-1 p.1

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The 11/4/55 issue of "Counterattack" (100-350512), Vol 9, No. 44 contained a critic's review of Norman Mailer's book "The Deer Park," a fictional novel against the security programs of this country. Malcolm Cowley writing in the "Herald Tribune"\* book review section described Mailer as one of the most talented writers of his generation. Mailer was also the author of "The Naked and The Dead". (Details set out.)

100-350512-666 encl.p.3,4  
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The 11/25/55, issue of the "Daily Worker" disclosed an article entitled "The Deer Park - A Promising Author Turns His Back on Life" written by N. A. Daniels (100-422967). This article was a review of the "The Deer Park", by Norman Mailer and stated the book was fascist and its fear of, hatred of, and contempt for people was staggering.

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The "Daily Worker" issue dated 3/14/56, published an article entitled "Muste Outlines National Campaign Against Smith Act" datelined San Francisco, which set out an outline announced by A. J. Muste, national secretary of the Fellowship of Reconciliation, that had been launched against the Smith Act by this organization. Muste also announced the establishment of a new monthly magazine, "The Liberator," which was sponsored by Norman Mailer and others. (No details set out.)

100-3-74-A "Daily Worker" 3/14/56

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An article appeared in the "Yale Daily News," a daily Yale University campus newspaper, New Haven, Conn., issue of 12/5/58 on page 1, which reported that Norman Mailer, an author, would speak before the George Orwell Forum (100-434048), Yale University, on the topic "The White Negro."

100-434048-2 p.4

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On 4/3/62 [redacted] who resided at [redacted] [redacted] furnished information pertaining to her visits to Cuba during February, 1959 and again in September, 1959 to September, 1960. [redacted]

[redacted] She also furnished pertinent data regarding the background and activities of [redacted] (105-10439), who had also

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been to Cuba, and who [ ] described as a close friend of Norman Mailer. In connection with funds that came from Cuba to [ ] of the National FPCC through the Cuban United Nations Delegation, [ ] criticized [ ] for accepting the money and advised if funds were needed they could have been borrowed from Mailer. (No details set out.)

105-10439-110 p.4  
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On 11/18/60, [ ] observed a "Dear Friend" letter in the office of the national headquarters of the Socialist Workers Party, 116 University Place, NYC, which was intended for circulation. This letter gave many reasons for supporting the Cuban situation and urged the establishment of student chapters of the FPCC on every college campus in the U.S. The communication pointed out that the FPCC was established April 1960 by a group of distinguished writers, artists, journalists, and professionals (Norman Mailer and others) to disseminate truth regarding Cuban situation.

The "Cornell Daily", Cornell University publication, 11/28/60, also identified Mailer as a prominent member of the FPCC.

97-4428-15 p.8,32  
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[ ] (not identified) made available, to the Legal Attache's Office Rio De Janerio, a clipping from the 12/1/61 edition of the newspaper "Marcha" (March) (100-347926), Montevideo, Uruguay, entitled "Declaration of Conscience". This declaration was signed by several individuals, including Norman Mailer, who were opposed to the U.S. intervention in the Cuban Revolution.

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Confidential Source [ ] furnished two Photostat Copies of an undated Information Bulletin No. 3, issued by the Committee to Aid the Monroe Defendants (CAMD), 141 Broadway, NYC, which he received on 3/2/62. This bulletin disclosed that the CAMD provided legal counsel, advice, and funds for the defendants indicted on a kidnapping charge in Monroe, N.C., and set out a list of committee sponsors which included Norman Mailer, NYC.

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The 3/16/62 issue of the "Daily Cardinal", student campus organ at the University of Wisconsin, published an item on the editorial page captioned, "Socialist Dilemma," author (not identified), which concerned the "Wisconsin Socialist Club" (100-427723). This article pertained to the weakness of socialism in this country and set out steps which could be taken to restore its effectiveness to American society. It was indicated that many socialist talked grandly about 'mass society' but the magnitude of the problem seemed to breed escapism rather than useful criticism. Norman Mailer, for example, withdrew from an assault on the evils of modern society and limited himself to narcissistic comments on sex and hyperbolic condemnation of suburban living.

100-427723-39 p.17  
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The following references in the file captioned "Fair Play For Cuba Committee" set out information pertaining to the activities of Norman Mailer in connection with the affairs of this group in the NYC area during the approximate period 4/6/60 through 11/27/63. Mailer, a concealed communist, was a member of the FPCC and was a sponsor of the first advertisement by this group which was published on 4/6/60 in the "NY Times" and was favorable to the Cuban Government. The advertisement entitled "What Is Really Happening in Cuba" announced the

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formation of the FPCC in NYC, listed various sponsors of the committee and declared that the FPCC intended to promulgate "the truth about revolutionary Cuba" to neutralize the distorted American Press on Cuban affairs. This was the only time that Mailer publicly expressed support of the FPCC; however, his name was listed as a member and sponsor of the group on several occasions.

REFERENCE

SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER

97-4196-8 (summary 4/18/60  
-9 (Director's Notation)  
-13 encl.p.19 (summary 4/21/60)  
-33 p.C,6,11; (Ad set out)  
-105 p.17  
-171 encl.p.2  
-380 p.7  
-902 p.29,37  
-A King Features Syndicate, Inc. 11/27/63  
-A "N.Y. Journal American"  
11/26/63

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On 1/16/64 [redacted] (protect identity), [redacted]  
[redacted] (105-40461), advised that  
she had learned that [redacted] had received a Christmas card from  
Mr. & Mrs. Norman Mailer, 142 Columbia Heights, Brooklyn.

105-40461-236 encl.p.1

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The "Militant", dated 2/3/64, carried an article entitled  
"Three Publications Discuss Indiana 'Subversion' Case" by George Sanders.  
This article stated that a recent annual report of the American Civil

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Liberties Union and other publications had pointed out some aspects of the indictment of three students at the University of Indiana, Bloomington, for allegedly advocating overthrow of the Indiana and US governments. Sponsors of the Committee to Aid Bloomington Students (100-440538) which was handling the defense of the Indiana students included Norman Mailer.

100-440538-A "The Militant"  
(9) 2/3/64

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On 6/15/64 information was received from [ ] concerning a Mexican publication "El Corno Emplumado" aka "The Plumed Horn", Apartado Postal No. 26546, Mexico 13, D.F., which was available to the public in both English and Spanish. The current issue of "El Corno Emplumado", listed "friends" of the publication including Norman Mailer.

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100-1110-262 p.3  
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[ ] advised that he had learned that Norman Mailer, 142 Columbia Heights, Brooklyn, was unable to accept the invitation of [ ] (105-128389) to the International Weimar to be held from 5/14/65 to 5/22/65 in East Berlin, Germany. This source believed the International Weimar was an affair at which writers from many parts of the world would be in attendance.

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105-128389-17 encl.p.2  
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The following references pertain to the investigations and hearings of Congressional Committees. General information regarding the activities of Norman Mailer was set out in testimonies and exhibits for the period January 1949 through June, 1965 in NYC. Mailer was

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associated with the FPCC, participated in anti-Vietnam activities and contributed to liberal publications. Also included was a list of progressive and subversive organizations with which Mailer was affiliated.

COMMITTEE	REFERENCE	SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
SISS.	97-4196-859 encl.p.254	<del>(4)</del>
	-874 encl.p.339, 346,450	<del>(4)</del>
	-858 encl.p.160	<del>(4)</del>
	62-88217-2887 encl.p.515	(2)
	97-4284-24 encl.p.8	(4)
HCUA	100-3-72-1519 encl.p.7546	(5)
	61-7582-5899 encl.p.1154	(2)
House of Representatives Committee to Investigate Tax Exempt Foundations and Comparable Organiza- tions	100-385355-37 encl.p.190, 342,343	(7)

The U.S. Park Police advised that a permit had been issued for several groups to hold a "rally" in Lafayette Park in Washington, D.C., on 2/5/66. The permit was applied for by Frank Emspak of the National Coordinating Committee to End the War in Vietnam, who stated the rally was sponsored by his organization, the "Veterans and Reservists to End the War in Vietnam" (100-445217), and the Women Strike for Peace, all of whom were protesting the war in Vietnam and the resumption of US bombings there. In his application, Emspak stated they would have several well-known speakers. Among the speakers would be the author Norman Mailer.

100-445217-6 encl.p.1,2

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The "Washington Post and Times Herald," 9/25/66, carried an advertisement of Mark Lane's book, "Rush to Judgment," a critique of the Warren Commission's inquiry into the murders of President John F. Kennedy, Officer J. D. Tippit and Lee Harvey Oswald. This book was endorsed by Norman Mailer.

62-109090-A "Washington Post and  
(2) Times Herald" Book Week  
9/25/66

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"Ramparts" magazine dated June 1967, Vol. 5, No. 12, contained an advertisement entitled "Individuals against the crime of Silence." This was a declaration signed by numerous individuals including Norman Mailer, in opposition to the war in Vietnam, which was to be forwarded to the UN.

100-445393-88 encl.p.5  
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The WFO advised of a Resistance Protest held on 10/20/67 outside the U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, D.C. Upon the departure of the Resistance group they left a briefcase allegedly containing 992 draft cards. In addition to the draft cards there was a volume of letters, statements, printed notices of military separation or discharge and other material expressing individual or collective opposition to the draft and U.S. involvement in the Vietnam conflict. Included in this material was a list of signers of "A Call for Conscientious Resistance" which included the name of Norman Mailer.

List enclosed

25-520132-306 encl.p.4

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[redacted] (protect identity) on 12/1/67, advised that many Americans, including Norman Mailer, came to Japan and lent their support to demonstrations and rallies sponsored by Beheiren (Japan "Peace for Vietnam" Committee). This committee was dedicated to opposing the Vietnam War and anti-Americanism. (No details set out.)

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105-174719-5 encl.p.2,14

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The following references in the file captioned "Demonstrations Protesting United States Intervention in Vietnam" contain information regarding the anti-Vietnam activities of Norman Mailer, an outspoken critic of the Vietnam war, during the period 5/21/65 to 3/4/68 in California, Colorado, Massachusetts and NY. He spoke at anti-Vietnam gatherings where he denounced President Johnson and ridiculed and opposed the Vietnam policies of the Johnson administration. During a meeting on 5/22/65 in Berkeley, California his speech was interspersed with vulgar remarks which caused Radio Station KPFA to terminate its broadcast of the meeting. Also set out was background data which pertained to Mailer's affiliation with the CP.

It was reported on 3/4/68 that Mailer was free on bond from a charge of disturbing the peace at the October, 1967 Pentagon March.

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105-138315-743 p.1  
-799 encl.p.2,15  
-860 encl.p.3,15  
-1796 encl.p.23,176  
-3214 p.146, 149-151,210  
-3274 p.508,528,991,992  
-3288 encl.p.3  
-A "Boston Globe" 7/16/65  
-A "The Evening Star" 2/21/66

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The 5/6/68, issue of the "New York Times" published an article entitled "Police Shooting of Oakland Negro" which was a "Letter to the Editor" signed by Norman Mailer and others in NYC on 5/1/68. The writers of this letter condemned the recent actions by Oakland, Calif., police in particular the killing of Bobby James Hutton and the wounding of Eldridge Cleaver officers in the BPP. The writers also demanded among other things, a full investigation of Oakland police conduct.

105-165706-A "The New York Times"  
(11) 5/6/68

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A sworn statement executed by [redacted] (100-453679) when interviewed by the 111th Military Intelligence Group, Fort Gordon, Ga., disclosed that Norman Mailer spoke at the UFO Coffee House, 1732 Main Street, Columbia, S.C., (not identified) in early August, 1968. (Sworn statement set out.)

100-453679-6 p.6  
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[redacted]  
furnished information concerning demonstrations during the National Democratic Convention in Chicago, which disclosed that on 8/21/68 Norman Mailer and Dick Gregory (176-63) spoke to those gathered in the area of the band shell in Chicago's Grant Park.

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176-63-6 p.15,31,43  
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A review was made of records maintained by [redacted]  
[redacted], of long distance service calls billed to the National Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam, Room 315, 407 South Dearborn Street, Chicago,

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telephone number [redacted] This review disclosed a call dated 8/16/68 from [redacted] (not identified) to Norman Mailer, (secretary) telephone number 212-UL 5-8966, in the Brooklyn, NYC area. Calls dated 8/21 and 26/68 were also listed to this number.

176-1410-217 encl.p.34  
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[redacted] (protect identity), advised that an "LBJ un-Birthday Party" was held on 8/27/68 at the Chicago Coliseum, 1513 South Wabash Avenue, Chicago. The party was originated by the Youth International Party (YIP) (not identified) and supported by the National Mobilization Committee (NMC). This function was held as part of the activities announced as designed to disrupt the Democratic National Convention (157-8589). One of the featured speakers was Norman Mailer.

This reference identified the NMC as a peace organization to end the war in Vietnam.

157-8589-1688 encl.p.8  
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[redacted] furnished information concerning demonstrations during the Democratic National Convention in Chicago, which disclosed that Norman Mailer spoke for the second time on 8/28/68 in Grant Park at about 11 PM or midnight. Mailer stated that if 300 convention delegates would march to the Amphitheatre, he would march also. David Dellinger (176-39) was also a speaker in Grant Park on this date. On 8/29/68 in Grant Park, a delegate from Wisconsin spoke and stated that the Wisconsin delegates were meeting in the Conrad Hilton Hotel with Mailer about a march.

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176-39-19 p.33,45,48,58  
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SI 176-63-2 p.28,42,45  
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SI 176-86-7 p.22,26,29  
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The 11/20/68 issue of the "New York Times" published an article which was an appeal for public support of Black Panther Minister of Information, Eldridge Cleaver, who faced imprisonment. This appeal which was signed by the International Committee to Defend Eldridge Cleaver (157-11302) and listed the Committee sponsors, including Norman Mailer, requested letters and telegrams of protest and financial contributions.

Article enclosed  
157-11302-A "New York Times"  
(13) 11/20/68

The following references in the file captioned "Cominfil of the Radio-Television Industry" contain information regarding certain individuals with past CP and/or related activity associated with radio and television programs. Information therein indicated that Norman Mailer appeared on radio and television programs in NYC during the period 4/2/64 - 12/8/68. NY newspapers made reference to his appearance on these programs. On 2/23/64, Mailer appeared on Open End TV Program with David Susskind, aired over Los Angeles which was taped in NY. During the program, Mailer supported the "left wing" political point of view. Statements from a book written by Mailer were also discussed. Among statements made by Mailer on the TV show was the following: "J. Edgar Hoover (Director of the FBI) has done more damage to the country than Joseph Stalin." Background data was also set forth.

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SEARCH SLIP: PAGE NUMBER

100-340922-492 p.38  
-493 p.49  
-505 p.14,17  
-507 p.B,6,7  
-511 p.21  
-513 p.11,12

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[ ] advised concerning plans of the Students for a Democratic Society for demonstrations during Presidential Inauguration Ceremonies, Washington, D.C., January 18-20, 1969 (100-451694). A rally was to be held in the vicinity of the Washington Monument on 1/19/69 which would feature the author, Norman Mailer.

100-451694-594 encl.p.8  
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[ ] advised that on 4/23/69 a Committee to Abolish ROTC, commenced a demonstration in the Administration Building at Fordham University NYC. The committee was a Students For a Democratic Society (SDS) (100-439048) led group. Norman Mailer, and his running mate for City Council President of NYC, Columnist Jimmy Breslin, led a group of students to the Administrative Building, which they entered presumably to join the students. Mailer and Breslin left the building after spending a few minutes talking to students.

100-439048-34-668 p.125  
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The following references in the file captioned "Crazies", contained information pertaining to the actions taken by Norman Mailer against the Crazies when they disrupted his speech and drove him from the stage at Public School Number 41, 11th Street and Sixth Avenue, NYC on 5/14/69. Also set out were comments made by Mailer in his effort to calm the hecklers. Mailer was identified as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Mayor, NYC. (No date set out.)

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100-453192-8 p.1  
-13 encl.p.1,2  
-25 encl.p.25,26,27,38

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On 6/17/69, [redacted] NYC Transit Authority Police Department 370 Jay St., Brooklyn, NY, made available a combination diary and address book, the property of [redacted] NYC, who was the secretary of David Tyre Dellinger (100-384411). This book was found by Transit Authority Patrolman [redacted] who reviewed the contents of the book and indicated in his report that from notations contained therein he felt the owner might be connected with an international conspiracy harmful to the national defense of the U.S. Set out in this book was a list of addresses and telephone numbers of individuals including N. Mailer, O- UL 5-8966.

100-384411-319 p.6  
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[redacted] made available copies of press handouts dated May 15, 20 and 21, 1969 that were released by the GI Civil Liberties Defense Committee (GICLDC) (100-451772) and contained a partial listing of the Committee sponsors including Norman Mailer. (Press handouts set out in full.)

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[redacted] made available on 6/12/69 a partial list of GI CLDC sponsors which included Mailer. (List included in the appendix)

100-451772-7 p.12,15,16,18,20,21,48  
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On 9/12/69 [redacted] furnished a handbill entitled the "Committee to Defend the Conspiracy" which had been distributed on campus at the University of Miami, Coral Gables, Florida. This handbill set out the names of the individuals, including Norman Mailer, who formed this committee for the purpose of raising funds for the legal defense for the eight political activists (names included). These individuals were prominent in the demonstrations during the Democratic National Convention in Chicago and were under federal indictment for criminal conspiracy.

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[ ] advised that a city-wide anti-war rally at Union Square in NYC, was scheduled for 11/14/69 as a send off for the NYC contingent to the anti-war moratorium in Washington, D.C. This source also furnished a leaflet published by the Student Mobilization Committee to End The War in Vietnam which advertised this rally and listed Norman Mailer as one of the speakers.

62-111181-3763 p.102

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#### REFERENCES NOT INCLUDED IN THIS SUMMARY

The following references on Norman Mailer located in files maintained in the Special File Room of the Records Branch, Files and Communications Division, were not reviewed, and it is not known whether they are identical with the subject of this summary:

REFERENCE	SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
64-330-210-1293	(3)
100-15252-41 encl.p.481,483,490,500, 514,524,526	(5)
100-428091-3903	(8)

The following references on Norman Mailer were not available during the time this summary was being prepared.

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62-0-A "Washington Post and Times  
Herald" 1/10/70

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100-439048-34-498

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157-8415-206

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Subversive Publications, Best Sellers  
6/1/51 p.54  
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See the search slip filed behind file for other references on this subject which contain the same information (SI) that is set out in the main file. Although the information is the same it may have been received from different sources.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Bishop

DATE: 12-5-69

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: ARTICLE TITLED "THE INVISIBLE POLICE,"  
IN 12-8-69 ISSUE OF "THE NATION" MAGAZINE  
BY JOSEPH R. LUNDY, LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT  
TO CONGRESSMAN ABNER J. MIKVA  
(D) ILLINOIS (94-64216)

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Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
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This is a four page article dealing with the "increasing use of police spies and undercover agents" which author Lundy feels "may have put us on the way to America's first experience with 'political police.'" He states that in the conspiracy trial of the Chicago 8, the government is relying almost entirely on evidence gathered by police undercover agents. He says that Louis Salsberg, a newspaper photographer who, "The New York Times" stated, "had become a regular fixture at radical gatherings in New York City," revealed that he had been a paid informer of the FBI since 1967. Author Lundy stated that Herbert Philbrick, the FBI's best-known undercover operative, produced "I Led Three Lives," which was a best seller during the 1950's. He discusses police informers and pertinent Supreme Court decisions such as the Hoffa case. On page 631 he says application of the Fourth Amendment to secret agents who move into political groups would not ban their use elsewhere.

At the bottom of page 631 author refers to former SA Turner and quotes Turner at the top of page 632 on the types of intelligence squads found in police agencies. Lundy completes his article by quoting Norman Mailer who stated "the infiltration of political groups by police secret agents had become, in 1963, a chronic joke." But the author feels that in a country which continues to pride itself on unfettered political exchange, it is not a very funny joke.

## BUTLER:

Nothing on author Joseph R. Lundy. References on Congressman Abner J. Mikva (D) of Illinois show he has had the support of Communist Party in past because of his "liberal" views regarding racial equality and civil liberties. At one time he was a member of the National Lawyers Guild, a cited communist front organization. As a newly elected Congressman, Inspector [redacted] saw Congressman Mikva on 1-31-69. Mikva was most cordial and he greatly appreciated having a Bureau representative contact him. He said he admired the Director, was interested in perfecting stringent gun control laws and had studied Director's views on this subject. (94-64216-1, 2)

## RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

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1 - Mr. DeLoach

1 - Mr. Bishop

1 - M. A. Jones

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# Memorandum

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DATE 07-15-2008 BY 60324 UC BAW/RS/VCF

TO : ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : ADIC, LOS ANGELES (66-1700)

SUBJECT: LLOYD SHEARER, Editor  
"Parade" Magazine;  
NORMAN MAILER  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

DATE: 7/6/73

Mr. WILLIAM G. SIMON, former SAC, called the office 7/5/73, with the following information.

Mr. SIMON stated that he had a call from LLOYD SHEARER, editor of "Parade" Magazine. SHEARER wanted to know if SIMON was, in fact, SAC of the Los Angeles Office in 1962. SIMON told him he was. SHEARER then stated that NORMAN MAILER has written a book on the life of MARILYN MONROE which is going to carry a price list of \$20.00 per copy and hopefully, be on the Book-of-The-Month within a few months. There is an allegation in the book to the effect that in 1962, FBI Agents in Los Angeles went to the telephone company in Santa Monica, California, and removed a "paper tape" of MARILYN's calls, some of which were presumably calls to the White House or White House Staff on the night of her death. Mr. SHEARER said there was some further suggestion that the FBI was either providing her some protection or providing the White House Staff with some protection.

SHEARER asked Mr. SIMON if he knew anything about this and Mr. SIMON told SHEARER that he had absolutely no recollection of any such events. SHEARER asked if he, SIMON, should not have known about this if he was Agent in Charge and SIMON reiterated that he should have known about such activity but that he had no recollection of any such events.

Mr. SIMON stated that SHEARER did not press the issue further and he does not know how far SHEARER intends to carry his inquiry but he wanted this office and the Bureau to know of SHEARER's inquiry and of this reference to the FBI in the forthcoming book if it had not already been brought to the Bureau's attention.

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Mr. SIMON stated that he was being very truthful with SHEARER and he did not have any recollection of any such events or any such allegations occurring in 1962 or associated with MARILYN MONROE's death.

A number of individuals in the Los Angeles Office recall hearing stories and gossip outside the Bureau at the time of MARILYN MONROE's death to the effect that she had made some calls to BOBBY KENNEDY shortly before her death, but that discreet inquiry in this office and a review of our indices revealed no confirming facts and certainly no indication of any Bureau involvement as alleged by MAILER.

In view of MAILER's alleged allegation concerning the FBI, the Bureau may desire to explore what avenues might possibly be utilized which would result in the allegation being removed from MAILER's book.

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Sex: M

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Weight: 170

Hair: Br

Eyes: Br

Date and Place of Birth: 1-31-23 - N.J.

Scars and Marks: Unk

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# Memorandum

TO : Mr. E. S. Miller

FROM : T. J. Smith *TJS*

SUBJECT: NORMAN MAILER  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

1 - Mr. Herington (Press  
Office)

1 - Mr. T. J. Smith

DATE: 7/23/73

1 - Mr. Sizoo

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To advise of speculation concerning FBI complicity in the death of Marilyn Monroe propounded by author Norman Mailer in his soon-to-be-published biography of the deceased actress.

"Marilyn," a 270-page biography (New York; Grosset and Dunlap,) priced at \$19.95, is scheduled for publication on 8/1/73. It reportedly has a first American printing of 285,000 copies and is the August selection of the Book-of-the-Month Club.

Following Miss Monroe's death by drug overdose in 1962, there was a spate of rumors, originating on the West Coast, alleging she was having an affair with the then Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy, and that her death was in some way related to this and/or was the result of a plot revolving around some of her associates who allegedly had past Communist Party affiliations or sympathies. These rumors were embellished upon at that time in various sensational-type gossip magazines and in a short book published in July, 1964, entitled "The Strange Death of Marilyn Monroe" by Frank A. Capell. These allegations were branded false and no factual support existed for them.

Mailer, in his new book, has repeated some of these same rumors and has *EX-111* given them a bizarre twist.

As to whether Miss Monroe took her own life, Mailer answers "possibly" - and then suggests other possibilities. One of these is the suggestion that the FBI, CIA or the Mafia found it of interest that Robert Kennedy, brother of the President John Kennedy, was reputed to be having an affair with the movie star. Mailer suggests that "right-wing" FBI and CIA Agents had a "huge motivation" to murder Marilyn Monroe in order to embarrass the Kennedy family,

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Re: Norman Mailer

claiming the FBI and CIA were furious with the Kennedys because following the Bay of Pigs invasion President Kennedy was moving to limit the power of these agencies.

Mailer has admitted in recent press interviews concerning his book that he has no evidence to support his theory and that it is based on his "writer's instinct" and on speculation.

A second allegation purportedly contained in the book was recently brought to the attention of the Los Angeles Office by Lloyd Shearer, editor of Parade Magazine. This allegation is that in 1962, FBI Agents in Los Angeles went to the telephone company in Santa Monica, California, and removed a "paper tape" of Marilyn Monroe's telephone calls, some of which according to Mailer, were presumably to the White House or White House staff on the night of her death.

This is false and neither the files of the Los Angeles Office nor FBI Headquarters indicate the existence of any such tapes. This again appears to be a variation of a spurious charge contained in Capell's 1964 book in which he alleged that such tapes were in the custody of the Los Angeles Police Department.

Norman Mailer is an eccentric but well-known author, who in the past has won a Pulitzer Prize and a National Book Award. He is the author of "The Naked and the Dead," "The Deer Park," "An American Dream," "Cannibals and Christians," "The Armies of the Night," and "Miami and the Siege of Chicago."

He admits to little or no research concerning his speculation about Marilyn Monroe's death. He states his motive in writing the book is his dire need for money. He admits having no evidence to support his theory of FBI or CIA involvement and uses it to sensationalize his book and to gain publicity. Mailer has even coined a new word which describes some of his speculative writing in "Marilyn." The "factoid" he defines as "an event which has no existence other than it has appeared in print."



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Re: Norman Mailer

A review in Time Magazine on 7/16/73, a Mike Wallace television interview, a 7/22/73 New York Times book review by Pauline Kael, and a Washington Post article dated 7/20/73 by Stephen Isaacs, are all critical of Mailer for his unsubstantiated theorizing and for engaging in "yellow" journalism.

ACTION:

For information only. No action is recommended regarding Mailer's allegations. Any public statements by the FBI would merely serve to feed the fires of publicity which Mailer is attempting to stoke.

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 9/10/74

FROM : SAC, BOSTON (105-22761) (C)

SUBJECT: N. MAILER  
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Re New York airtel to Bureau dated 7/31/74.

On 8/22/74, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised Post Office Box [REDACTED] at his office was rented by [REDACTED] who was described as [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] of NORMAN K. MAILER in [REDACTED] area. MAILER

a widely known writer, is seldom seen in [REDACTED] area except on occasions during the summers.

[REDACTED] and family continue to reside at [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] MAILER is currently residing at a residence in the Sturbridge, Massachusetts area according to [REDACTED]

*Mrs. Norman K. Mailer*

Inasmuch as inquiry by captioned individual in all likelihood was directed toward receiving information described for literary endeavors, it is requested this case be closed on this communication.

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