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MAIN FILE SUMMARY

This file contains public source material as well as material from various Government Agencies which shows that Albert Einstein was affiliated in some way with 33 organizations which had been cited by the Attorney General, the House Committee on Un-American Activities or the California Committee on Un-American Activities all as being Communistic groups. Einstein was also affiliated with approximately 50 organizations which had not been cited by any of the above groups.

Reports received from G-2 contained information from a source described as "usually reliable - possibly true" which reflected that prior to 1933, Einstein's Berlin office was used as a cable address by the Soviets and that his personal secretary assisted the Soviets in their use of the office. *OK per Army*

Los Angeles letter to the Director dated April 12, 1949 advised that it had been reported to the Los Angeles Office that Albert Einstein, Jr., son of Professor Einstein, was at that time in the Soviet Union and that Mrs. Einstein was afraid her son might be held as a hostage to force some particular action on the part of Professor Einstein. A preliminary investigation, opened on May 17, 1949 revealed that Mrs. Einstein died in about 1938 and there was no indication that Professor Einstein had remarried. Investigation reflected further that Albert Einstein, Jr. had traveled extensively in foreign countries other than Russia since 1943 and his present whereabouts has not been determined. The investigation is pending.

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BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

Name: Albert Einstein
Birth date and place: March 14, 1879, Ulm, Germany
Height: 5'7"
Weight: 175 lbs.
Eyes: brown
Complexion: fair

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12 Marital status: First wife unknown - reportedly still living
13 in Switzerland. Married to second wife, Elsa
14 Einstein on April 6, 1917 at Berlin, Germany
15 (reportedly died 1936 or 1938)

16 Birth of Elsa Einstein: January 18, 1877 in Hechingen, Germany
17 Color: white

18 Children: Hans Albert, born May 14, 1904, Bern, Switzerland
19 Naturalized United States Citizen, September 3, 1943
20 South Carolina
21 Edward, born June 28, 1910

22 Education: received formal education in Germany and Switzerland-
23 schools unknown-received a considerable number of
24 honorary degrees and citations from all over the
25 world.

26 Residences: 1879-1933, Germany and Switzerland
27 April, 1933-October, 1933, Belgium
28 October, 1933-United States, 112 Mercer Street,
29 Princeton, New Jersey

30 Employment: Unknown until 1933
31 Professor of Theoretical Physics
32 Institute for Advanced Study
33 Princeton, New Jersey

34 Citizen: United States, Naturalized October 1, 1940
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This file contains the visa application of [redacted] b7c
dated 12-24-41. This application makes
reference to an attached letter of [redacted] and
Albert Einstein, however this letter does not appear in this
file. The final disposition of the application was favorable.

This file also contains information from MID, War
Department concerning Albert Einstein. According to MID, in 1932
Professor Einstein wrote an article for a Communist propaganda
magazine, "Disarm." At about this time he was reported to be
a radical speaker. In 1935 the Progressive Press stated he had
paid the tuition of a student at Commonwealth College, Lena,
Arkansas, which College had known Communist connections. MID
reported further that Professor Einstein was believed to be a
Communist.

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Albert Einstein was listed as sponsor or interested person for the following Immigration Visa Applicants:

Information appearing in the Bureau files concerning Einstein was furnished to the State Department but is not being summarized here since this information would appear in the see references.

Name of Applicant	Date of Application	Final Disposition of Application	Bureau File Number
[REDACTED]	12/9/41	Favorable	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	11/27/41	Favorable	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	5/12/42	Unfavorable	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	11/9/42	Unfavorable	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	1941	Unfavorable	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	9/11/41	Unfavorable	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	8/28/41	Favorable	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	8/20/41	Favorable	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	7/41	Favorable	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	1/30/42	Unfavorable	[REDACTED]
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The name Albert Einstein appeared in the following references as a sec reference.

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[REDACTED]	3/2/41	Not shown	[REDACTED]
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The cover letter to this reference is very badly mutilated, but apparently comes from the Newark Field Division and makes reference to Communist Political Association charts which information was enclosed with this cover letter. No date could be made out on this letter.

Under the heading "National Council of American Soviet Friendship" a list of sponsors and supporters of the organization was set out. The name of Professor Albert Einstein (Communist Sym.) appeared on this list.
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Under the same heading the name Albert Einstein (Communist sympathizer) appeared in a list of sponsors and supporters from Trenton.
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document identified as 116-67 located by Special Agents under the files of the German Army, at WFO, for whom was obtained for Bureau examination. The file was one of five transmitted to the Bureau at the time mentioned. Documents of the Soviet Union, which contained in some instances original information, and records from the archives of the Soviet Union.

The files mentioned above contained a report concerning the Society of Friends of New Russia, which according to the report was organized in Berlin, on June 1, 1922. Its main object was the promotion of cultural relations with Germany and Austria.

According to the report, the SFR (Society of Friends of Russia) came from the VOKS (Society for Cultural Contact of the Soviet Union with Foreign Countries). Members of the Principal Committee of the Society in 1922 included Professor Albert Einstein.

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Washington Field Office
Memorandum with enclosure
dated 4-9-50
Re: "Society of Friends of
Internal Security - R"
SAC, New York (100-111111)
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A review of the personnel file of [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] revealed that [REDACTED] worked and studied under the German Emergency Fund, Berlin, Germany as a Research Fellow, under Albert Einstein, from [REDACTED] to [REDACTED]

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5-20-49, Washington Field Division report.

Re: [REDACTED]

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It was reported that he was a collaborator of Dr. August Meier at Berlin, Germany, in [REDACTED]

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Seattle report, 11/12/46

Re: [REDACTED]

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This reference was a letter dated August 12, 1929, Berlin, addressed to the Secretary of State, Washington and signed by Jacob Gould Schurman enclosing a translated copy of an article which was published in the liberal "Koelnische Zeitung" on August 1, 1929. The above referred to article was captioned "Second Anti-Imperialist World Congress."

Under the subheading "The Minorities in the Congress" it was stated that there was no doubt regarding the majority of Communists as shown by the examples cited; along side them the radical-Socialists, Pacifists, Anarchists, and Anti-militarists seemed very harmless.

This article stated further that "besides these Comy-followers and the like as Hunzenberg called them, other speakers such as Henri Barbusse and Alfons Faquet may be mentioned; the former has just returned from Russia and described everything with the greatest enthusiasm, while the German, Faquet on the other hand spoke of the reconciliation of opposites, warned against a narrow-minded partisan foundation for the League and suggestive investigation investigating questions of colonial imperialism in order to seek the effects of oppression. The good suggestions were accepted but it was later explained that there was little understanding of the thoughts of the intellectuals since the movement was purely a proletarian one. However, a man with a world reputation, like Einstein, who is an honorary member of the congress, is most acceptable.

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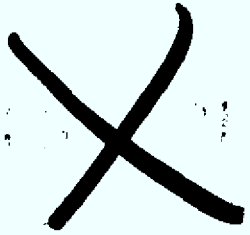
This reference was a letter dated August 17, 1929, Berlin, addressed to the Secretary of State, Washington and signed by Jacob Gault Lehmann, enclosing a translated copy of an article which was published in the liberal "Sozialistische Zeitung" on August 1, 1929. The above referred to article was captioned "Second Anti-Imperialist World Congress."

Under the subheading "The Minorities in the Congress" it was stated that there was no coalition among the majority of Communists as shown in the German cities; along side them the Medical-Socialists, Socialists, Anarchists, and Anti-Imperialists seem very numerous.

The article stated in their "book" that the German Socialists and the like as well as others called them, other speakers such as Henri Barbusse and others were not to be mentioned; the former has just returned from the congress and described everything with the greatest enthusiasm, while the German, League on the other hand, stands for the reconciliation of opposites, stands against a new political party foundation for the League and against the investigation of the compelling questions of political imperialism in order to reach the effects of oppression. The word "socialism" was mentioned but it was later established that there was little understanding of it. The article stated that the intellectual since the movement was purely political one. However, it was with a world reputation, like Lincoln, who had been a member of the congress. It was stated that

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Examination of available literature in the New York Public Library disclosed a pamphlet entitled "War Resistance - A Practical Policy", published by the New History Society, 132 East Sixty-fifth Street, New York City, in 1931.

The literature examined indicated that the "New History Society" had a youth section called "The Young Caravan", and those two organizations were quoted as declaring it to be their "supreme object to radicalize the cause of peace and to educate the youth of the world in homes, in churches, in schools, in colleges, in universities, in offices, and in factories to resist all wars."

It was mentioned that it was on the invitation of the New History Society that Professor Albert Einstein made his famous appeal for war resistance.

The War Resisters' League, one of the WRA sections, was referred to as looking back upon record activities during the first six months of 1931, when their total membership increased from 1267 on January 1, to 2116 on July 1. In addition to the Einstein Affair, this organization staged three regular monthly meetings, 24,500 leaflets were distributed, and it was reported that they had 200 regular subscribers to the "War Resisters."

New York letter to Director, 4-17-31
re: "Subversive Activities, General;
(Bureau file 61-7550)"
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A review of the Los Angeles ~~Bureau~~ indices revealed that the letterhead of the stationery of the International Workers' Aid in 1931 carried a list of the officers and also the endorsers of the organization. Included in the endorsers of the organization was Professor Albert Einstein, Los Angeles, California (Now).

LA rpt. 7-17-41
Re: "International Workers'
Aid, et al; IS - C."
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In the fall of 1931 an Anglic movement was also launched in Germany with P. Bartels, Albert Einstein, Paul Loebe, and W. Marx as its honorary committee, but this movement was not long lived.

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New Haven Report,
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Re: [REDACTED]

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The Washington Field Office forwarded to the Bureau by letter dated August 27, 1942, photostatic material concerning captioned matter obtained from the files of [REDACTED] the National Republic Magazine.

This material included a letter dated January, 1931, from Upton Sinclair, Pasadena, California, with the salutation "Dear Friend". This letter stated in part: "I hope that my revolutionary friends will be reassured when they read 'Human Holiday'. Meantime, here is what Professor Albert Einstein has written, as an introduction to the German edition of 'Mental Magic':

"I have read the book of Upton Sinclair with great interest, and I am convinced that it deserves the most earnest attention not only of the laity, but also of the specialists in psychology. The results of the telepathy experiments which are carefully and plainly described in this book stands surely far beyond what an investigator of nature considers to be thinkable; but on the other hand, it is not to be thought that a conscientious an observer and writer as Upton Sinclair should attempt a deliberate deception of the reading world. His good faith and trustworthiness cannot be doubted, and if it should be that the facts set forth with great clearness do not rest upon telepathy but upon some unknown hypnotic influence from person to person, that also would be of high psychological interest. In no case should the psychologically interested pass over this book without heed."

WFO letter 6-27-42 enclosing above mentioned photostatic material.
Re: "Upton Sinclair literature,"
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By demand dated August 29, 1951, the Washington Field Office forwarded to the Bureau photostatic copies of testimony before the Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, on August 22, 1951.

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On [redacted] interviewed [redacted] regarding his activities with, and individuals connected with, the American Nationalists Socialist League.

[redacted] stated during the interview that sometime in 1932 he contacted the New History Society, [redacted] according to [redacted] this organization was composed of [redacted] people resident in or about New York City [redacted]

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Its purposes were to promote and [redacted] activities that might result in international brotherhood and cooperation. Meetings, according to [redacted] were held at the Lane Lane and Ritz Carlton Hotels and a number of distinguished persons were presented to the members; among them, Rabbi [redacted] [redacted] Wise and James [redacted] Albert Einstein and others.

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This reference is a leaflet put out by the Education Department, New York State Communist Party, dated December 6, 1938, entitled "The Washington Congress for Peace and Democracy." This leaflet sets out a history of the American League for Peace and Democracy. The following is quoted:

"1938-World Congress Against War, summoned by Herman Holland and Henri Barbusse in Amsterdam. Approximately 2,000 delegates, representing millions, responded. Organizing Committee included Bernard Shaw, Madame Sun Yat Sen, Leopold Treiser, Albert Einstein."

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The Bureau received from ID. Army. October 10, 1947, a photostatic copy of a letter dated September 30, 1947, to the Director of Intelligence, General Staff, United States Army, Washington, D. C., and signed by W. L. Fagg. Enclosed with this letter were photostatic copies of two letters pertaining to the political affiliation of Albert Einstein, Heinrich Mann and Kaethe Kollwitz. The letter stated that these letters were being enclosed because of the prominence of Einstein in the United States and his association with important projects. The two letters referred to were dated June 17, 1932 and June 22, 1932. Photostatic copies of the letters and their translations were filed with this reference.

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Harry F. Ward, National Chairman of the "American League for Peace and Democracy" submitted to the Un-American Activities Committee a copy of a letter of protest to the Honorable William K. Barkhead, Speaker of the House of Representatives which was dated January 3, 1938.

The following is quoted from this letter: First, the League Against War, the organization from which the others have grown was in existence long before 'the winter of 1932-33', when the alleged meeting of this Communist International took place. It was organized in France by Henri Fabrice, and was at the outset confined to that country. Monsieur Fabrice, after the French League had been in existence for sometime, removed, together with Herman Jelland, the world famous author, a "World Congress Against War, which met in Amsterdam in August, 1937. It was at that Congress that the first steps were taken to organize a world wide movement against war. The International Organizing Committee consisted of Raymond Chandler, Medford Johnson, Theodore Dreiser, Albert Einstein, Maxim Gorky, and Friedrich Luth, and among the delegates from the United States were Elmer Anderson, Professor Margaret Schlauch, Scott Kearing, and Israel Goldstein, and others."

Hearings before the Un-American Activities Committee, House of Representatives, 75th Congress, Washington, D. C. in 1938, Dies Committee Report, June 11, Page 3074
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[REDACTED] was interviewed by Bureau Agents on April 11, 1939, at which time he furnished a copy of a pamphlet entitled "The World Congress Against War", and on its cover contained the following data: report on the Congress, opening address by Romain Rolland and the Manifesto, adopted at Amsterdam, August 27-29, 1932, published by the American Committee for Struggle Against War, 101 5th Avenue.

There also appeared in the frontispiece a number of excerpts.

The following is quoted from one of the excerpts under the heading "The World Congress Against War":

"During August 27-29, 1932, there met at Amsterdam a congress of great significance for the struggle against war...

"...They sent forth a call to action; it was taken up by like minded men and women in various countries such as Maxim Gorki, Bertrand Russell, Heinrich Mann, Albert Einstein..."

NY rpt. 5-8-39
Re: "American League for Peace and Democracy: Registration Matter."
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On May 14, 1941 Doctor Lydia Maria Janisch was taken into custody by the Immigration and Naturalization Service for overstaying her visa permit in this country. (65-11975-10) At the time Doctor Janisch was in custody she had numerous letters and documents written in German in her possession. These letters and documents were translated into English and among them were some typewritten press releases dated November 19 and 30, 1934, from the Women's Patron Corporation, 910 Jackson Place, North West, Washington, D. C. These press releases charged that Professor Albert Einstein was an anarchist and was affiliated with Communist organizations. The papers further commented that he was ineligible for admission to the United States and it also contained documentary evidence and statements by Einstein showing that he possessed Communist dealings.

Washington Field Office report,
dated 10-22-43
Re: "Lydia Maria Janisch, nee
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