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At New York City, New York

Will attempt to ascertain the extent of  
CLAUDIA JONES' activities in the Congress of American Women.

Will continue to follow and report her  
activities as the Secretary of the National Women's Commission of the  
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Commissioner  
Immigration and Naturalization Service

September 25, 1947

Director, FBI

CLAUDIA VERA SCHOLNICK  
with aliases Claudia Jones,  
Mrs. Nick Scholnick, nee Claudia Vera Cumberbatch

The subject, as Claudia Vera Cumberbatch, was born on February 25, 1916 at Trinidad, British West Indies. Investigation conducted to date by the Federal Bureau of Investigation has failed to reflect that subject ever became a naturalized citizen of this country. As Claudia Jones, she is a member of the National Committee of the Communist Party and as such is engaged full time in the work of the Communist Party.

For your information, there is attached a copy of the summary report of Special Agent [redacted] New York City, New York, dated March 17, 1947. In view of the subject's activities, together with the fact that she is an alien, it is thought that you may desire to consider deportation proceedings against this individual.

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Transmit the following message to:

CLAUDIA VERA SCHOLNICK, WAS, INTERNAL SECURITY - C. REURTEL OCTOBER THIRTY,

NINETEEN FORTY SEVEN. YOU ARE INSTRUCTED TO CONTACT ALL OF THE INFORMANTS SET FORTH IN THE REPORT OF SPECIAL AGENT [REDACTED] NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK, DATED MARCH FOURTEEN, NINETEEN FORTY SEVEN, TO ASCERTAIN IF THEY WILL BE ABLE TO TESTIFY AGAINST THE SUBJECT. IN THIS CASE AS IN PREVIOUS CASES, IF ANY OF THESE INFORMANTS HAVE FURNISHED YOU INFORMATION IN THE PAST OR ARE NOW FURNISHING YOU INFORMATION OF A CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF SUCH VALUE THAT YOU DO NOT FEEL THEIR IDENTITY SHOULD BE DIVULGED, YOU ARE INSTRUCTED TO SO ADVISE THE BUREAU. THIS MATTER SHOULD BE GIVEN YOUR ATTENTION IMMEDIATELY AND THE RESULTS OF YOUR CONTACTS WITH THE INFORMANTS FORWARDED TO THE BUREAU IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE.

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TO : ~~THE DIRECTOR~~

FROM : D. M. LADD

SUBJECT: CLAUDIA VERA SCHOLNICK  
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The subject was born on February 25, 1916, at Trinidad, British West Indies. She entered the United States on February 9, 1924, under the name of Claude Lumberbatch. As Claudia Jones, the subject is a member of the National Committee of the Communist Party and is also secretary of the National Womens Commission, CP, USA.

The Bureau has been investigating this subject since January 13, 1942. On May 7, 1947, a memorandum was directed to the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice, advising them that the subject, so far as we have been able to ascertain, has never become a naturalized citizen of this country. In the memorandum to the Criminal Division, it was requested to advise the Bureau if there was some action that might be taken against the subject. On August 19, 1947, Mr. T. Vincent Quinn in charge of the Criminal Division advised that the Criminal Division did not contemplate taking any action against the subject at that time.

On September 25, 1947, we advised the Immigration and Naturalization Service of the subject's activities and at the same time pointed out that she was an alien. With our memorandum to the Immigration Service, we forwarded to that service a copy of the summary report that has been prepared in this case. The New York Office advised the Bureau by teletype dated October 30, 1947, that Mr. T. Avery of the Immigration and Naturalization Service in New York has advised that that service has received a warrant for the arrest of the subject. Mr. Avery stated that the Immigration Service in New York had received a letter from its office in Washington, D. C., instructing that the subject should be arrested when the New York Office of the Immigration and Naturalization Service has sufficient evidence to prove a case for deportation.

Mr. Avery requested the New York Office to verify that all of the witnesses named in the report will be available to testify.

For your additional information, copies of all of the pertinent reports have been submitted to the Division of Records of the Department of Justice. Since the summary report that was submitted to the Immigration and Naturalization Service supposedly contained all of the legally admissible evidence appearing in the Bureau files, it is not believed necessary to furnish further information to the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

In the event you approve, there is attached a teletype to the New York Office instructing them to contact the witnesses to determine their availability to testify against the subject.

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<p><b>DETAILS:</b></p> <p>On July 18, 1947 CLAUDIA JONES participated in a radio forum held at 9:30 PM over Radio Station KQV, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The subject for debate was a question of universal military training. CLAUDIA JONES and a Mr. NATHAN ALBERT represented the side of Communism as opposed to democracy, which was represented by the Honorable BLAIR F. GUNTHER, Judge, Allegheny County Court, and Colonel J. S. IRWIN, Chairman, Western Pennsylvania Committee for Universal Military Training. CLAUDIA JONES was the first speaker on the forum.</p> <p>The complete statements made in the debate between the parties representing Communism and Democracy are being set forth in this report</p>			
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as transcribed and received by the Pittsburgh Division.

"Miss JONES: My party, the Communist Party, joins with millions of other Americans, in fact with the majority of people, in opposing a policy of Universal Military Training for the nation's youth. We are opposed to such a proposal because instead of its being a means of promoting democracy and world peace, it would in reality, promote (unintelligible) of the country, (unintelligible) and war-mongers. Defense of the country depends not on its military might alone, but first of all on those policies that will insure democracy to all the people, decent homes, adequate education, a high standard of living, and an active defense of world peace and democracy.

Moderator: "Miss JONES, what is your position with the Communist Party?

Miss JONES: "My position with the Communist Party is secretary of its National Women's Commission.

Moderator: "Out of New York City?

Miss JONES: "On a national basis.

Moderator: "Judge GUNTHER, what is your idea of Universal Military Training?

Judge GUNTHER: "When they ask me about military training, whether we need it, I say to a business man. 'Do you need insurance for your house or for your business?' And summed up in a few words, Universal Military Training is like a mechanic with tools and a plan to repair a sensitive machine that was struck with a sledge hammer following VJ Day: where they should have used a delicate gauge to demobilize the forces, we used a sledge hammer to get over it in a hurry. Now we must repair this machine instead of wrecking it.

Moderator: "Now Mr. ALBERT, how about you on universal Military Training?

Mr. ALBERT: "Universal Military Training is connected with our national security. Now a (unintelligible) program of national security must meet the needs of the American people and must insure that we have a democratic foreign policy of cooperation through the United Nations, as suggested by FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT and as advocated in our country today by HENRY WALLACE. Thus, the security of our country requires not universal military training, but a united struggle of the people to bring about a return to race policy, a policy of peace and security throughout the world.

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Moderator: "What is your position with the Communist Party? Are you a native of Pittsburgh?"

Mr. ALBERT: "Yes, I am a native of Pittsburgh. I am on the committee here of the Communist Party in Allegheny County, and I try to serve as best I can."

Moderator: "What sort of committee? Would you be a little more explicit."

Mr. ALBERT: "It's on the county committee of the Communist Party that we have here."

Moderator: "Colonel IRWIN, how about you on Universal Military Training?"

Colonel IRWIN: "Well, Universal Military Training, or as I term it, universal preparedness, is just exactly what it says. It is making preparations. Just exactly like the farmer needs rain, and the carpenter needs lumber and nails, and the veteran needs housing, we have to prepare for something. And we have had the experience of this country since its birth, of needing military preparation, and our weakness has been that we have never been prepared. And, as you know, from the revolutionary down, it is getting worse every time, and the next time, if we are not prepared, what will happen to the nation? We must have preparation."

Miss JONES: "Both Judge GUNTHER and Colonel IRWIN have based their arguments on the proposition that we need preparedness for what, Gentlemen? Preparedness for peace or for war?"

GUNTHER & IRWIN: "For peace!"

Miss JONES: "These are the questions which (unintelligible) the majority of the American people."

Judge GUNTHER: "You are an admitted Communist, are you not?"

Miss JONES: "Correct."

Judge GUNTHER: "And you believe in the theories of Colonel Marx, do you not?"

Miss JONES: "I do."

Judge GUNTHER: "Have you ever read the constitution of the U. S. S. R.?"

Miss JONES: "Yes."

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Judge GUNTHER:

"Does it include compulsory military training?

Miss JONES:

"On that question -

Judge GUNTHER:

"Does it contain Universal Military Training? Answer me that question.

Miss JONES:

"On that question, let me answer you. The constitution of the Soviet Union does have a plan for compulsory military training. I am not here to defend the position of the Soviet Union. The Soviet Union, in having such a plan, whatever it does, it is its own business. I would say, since you asked the question, that the Soviet Union, in my opinion, has had more of a logical justification for such a program of universal military training because ever since its inception it has been the target of foreign imperialist intervention, both in June, 1941, attack by HITLER, the Finnish attack involving foreign imperialism - no less a person than HERBERT HOOVER supported such intervention against the Soviet Union - the threats from Japan, the Japanese militarists, in addition to the sixty nations, including the United States, which attacked the Soviet Union.

Judge GUNTHER:

"Miss JONES, do you mean to tell me that poor little Finland attacked that big (unintelligible) Russia - that only a few million people attacked 170,000,000 people? You know that isn't true, and furthermore, you know that STALIN made a peace pact with MOLOTOV and RUBENTROV (phonetic) in '39 to attack Poland. She took over Latvia, Esthonia, and Finland. She took over Roumania, Hungary and every other country, and she is the one with ten thousand planes today - ten thousand planes Russia has. We have very few, and do you mean to tell me Russia is working for peace and we're for war?

Mr. ALBERT:

"Judge GUNTHER, it seems to me that the problem we face here is this. Those who want Compulsory Military Training say it is necessary for the defense of our country. At the present time what we would face is this: If we had compulsory military training, it would bring about military thinking throughout the entire nation among the nation's youth. It would give much more power to the generals and the military people in our country and it would be for the purpose of installing justification for war. At the present time the main problem we have is strengthening the United Nations and seeing to it that we bring around cooperation with all countries to work for peace and de-militarization.

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Judge GUNTHER:

"Wait a minute, you talk about the United Nations. You don't deny today that the United Nations, with the veto power of Russia is only a (unintelligible) and is not practical?

Mr. ALBERT:

"At the present time, Judge GUNTHER, the problem that we face today is this. How can we work together to see that we reduce the enormous cost of military expenditures, not only in our country but throughout the entire world and use all these materials to help build homes, to help build schools, hospitals, and things that we need; and we can do that if we have a policy of working together through the United Nations to achieve that object.

Judge GUNTHER:

"Is Russia doing that? Is Russia setting an example to the world? We, are, but Russia isn't.

Colonel IRWIN:

"What did we do after the first World War? We scrapped ships, planes, everything in the world. We sunk millions and millions of tons of everything.

(unintelligible because of everyone talking at once)

Colonel IRWIN:

"Let's get back to the original question. She asked me was I for preparedness in peace or war, and my answer is to you, that is the reason why I asked you if you were a Communist, in favor of Communism, which is exemplified to the world by Russia, isn't it? and in their constitution they have compulsory military training, and today they have fifteen soldiers for every soldier that we have. Now, what are we preparing for? The answer is we are preparing for exactly what you bring up.

Miss JONES:

"Colonel IRWIN, under discussion here on this radio debate, as I understand it, is whether a policy of universal military training serves the best interests of our own nation.

Colonel IRWIN:

"That's correct.

Miss JONES:

"Will such a policy contribute to peace? I maintain that such a policy will not contribute to peace because it is not disconnected with the other policies which our State Department and War Department are pursuing, and what are these policies? It is the policy which we see in the press, just yesterday and the last few days - a policy which is leading to armed intervention, civil war, and strife, directed against, for instance, the people of Greece.

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Judge GUNTHER:

"I know: but here, the people of Greece are protecting themselves against the Communist-inspired revolution and a new form of government that the Russians want to set up. And I'm going to tell you this. If we are strong enough and ready enough that we can face Russia with everything that she has, with the atom bomb, we can scare her away. She wants to conquer the world. We don't want anything from Europe. If we are going to be strong enough, prepared enough, we're going to avoid war.

Miss JONES:

"Judge GUNTHER, are you stating to this radio audience that the preparations for Universal Military Training must be a war with the Soviet Union? Is that your position?

Judge GUNTHER:

"I say that Soviet Russia is preparing war against us. We wanted peace with Russia. We appeased her time and again in Poland. We appeased her in Hungary. We appeased her all over the world, but Russia is in there grabbing with her imperialism. Does America want anything from Europe? We want to help them. We want to give them things, don't we? but Russia wants to take over the whole world.

Mr. ALBERT:

"The main problem that we see today in relation to the security of our country is this. How can we make our country secure, together with the rest of the world, for peace? At the present time what we see today is this, and it is very disturbing to me and it is disturbing to many American people who think about this. First of all, we are not aiding our allies. We are aiding those forces in Europe that actually collaborated and helped HITLER. For instance, in Spain we are helping FRANCO today, although we promised that we would not do so. In Greece we are helping the king to maintain himself in power against the wishes of the Greek people. Five thousand Greek people were arrested on the (unintelligible) alone. All these people are people who fought against the Germans, who want a free, democratic Greece, and we interfered there.

Judge GUNTHER:

"That's not true, my friend, that's not true, because the elections in Greece have shown that by the greatest majority the people voted for a democracy, not for communism.

Mr. ALBERT:

"And another thing is this. What we must do is this. We must work to see to it that the people of every country have a right to choose what kind of government they want to and then work for those kind of governments, and all peoples to build peace, and a program that builds peace must inspire other countries to confidence in our foreign policy.

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Judge GUNTHER: "The kind of peace that STALIN wants is a Russian peace and forget about the other countries.

Mr. ALBERT: "Now that's red-baiting, Judge GUNTHER. Let's face the truth. We have the biggest fleet in the world. Today our fleet is patrolling in the Pacific and Mediterranean areas. The Russian fleet is not patrolling here.

(unintelligible because of everyone talking at once)

Mr. ALBERT: "We have the biggest air force in the world (intercept: 'Russia has a bigger one') We have the atomic bomb, and what HENRY WALLACE said when he came back from Europe was that the common people everywhere feel what the United States is doing because they see to it that the policy that the United States is following -

(unintelligible because of clamor)

Judge GUNTHER: "I am not following the policies of HENRY WALLACE because I think he is a crackpot.

(unintelligible)

Moderator: "Just a minute, Mr. ALBERT. We are getting into labor. We are going to get off war for just a minute. However, about universal military training in connection with juvenile delinquency, do you think it would be a means to curb juvenile delinquency?

Judge GUNTHER: "In this country today we spend about fifteen billion dollars for crime, and a great part of that fifteen billion dollars goes for what? To curb juvenile delinquency, for juvenile homes, to keep these children up for the courts, the judges, and the police, and everything else. And I tell you one thing, that if you give this boy military training, you take care of his health, you give him an opportunity for education, you give him a chance to learn and build things up. He can be a workman anywhere whatsoever, and I'm telling you military training makes a better man out of that man.

Moderator: "All right, what do you say about this, Miss JONES?

Miss JONES: "Judge GUNTHER'S assumption that military training will democratize the youth of America is a false premise.

Judge GUNTHER: "The youth is already democratized.

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Miss JONES: "For one thing, we could have greater democracy in the case of the negro youth. For instance, the Jim Crows in the last war in the Army, even in the Fort Knox experiment on military training.

Colonel IRWIN: "Now wait a minute, they are not discriminated against at Fort Knox.

Miss JONES: "I insist, Colonel IRWIN. You can speak about that later.

Colonel IRWIN: "All right. They're volunteers; and their mothers and fathers are invited there. They volunteer to take this experimental training for universal military training, and they are asked if they want to take it. Their fathers and mothers are invited to come and see if the boys approve of it. They have asked representatives of the church, the union, the women's societies, and the men's societies to come there and view that thing.

Miss JONES: "According to reliable estimates issued in Conscription News put out in Washington, a survey of the Fort Knox project shows that the stigma of segregation is on this project by the Army.

Colonel IRWIN: "Mr. LUCY (phonetic) of the United Press went to Fort Knox and wrote six or eight articles. Read his articles. He'll tell you exactly what they are trying to do.

Moderator: "Miss JONES, you mentioned Conscription News. By whom is it published?

Miss JONES: "I don't know the name of the author. I didn't bring a copy with me.

Moderator: It's not a War Department -

Miss JONES: "It's not a War Department - It's by a separate committee that is opposed to universal military training.

(unintelligible because of clamor)

Miss JONES: "I insist on my right to answer the question.

Moderator: "Just a minute, Miss JONES.

Judge GUNTHER: "If military training will at least teach a boy to hand up his clothes when he comes home, it has accomplished something.

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Miss JONES:

"I would say to the Judge that to make such an assumption as to admit that our educational institutions have failed in their responsibility -

Judge GUNTHER:

"And they have.

Mr. ALBERT:

"Here's what the CIO has to say about it. We feel that peacetime militarization of the United States would destroy the social values that have made this nation since its birth a beacon for humanity. Above all, we feel it is the wrong road. In relation to education, I want to say this. We spend 1 1/2% of our budget on education; Great Britain spends 3%, or twice as much on education; and Russia, which you criticize so much, spends 7% for education. Now the commission on universal military training says that it would cost about 1 3/4 billion dollars to carry this out. This figure, if it were used to build the youth of America up, with more schools, with the ability of their families to buy more food, to put on public projects that would help them to grow and mature and understand and love freedom and democracy, that would be the best guarantee.

Judge GUNTHER:

"May I prove to you that we have ten times more juvenile delinquency here than in any other country where they have military training?

Moderator:

"What's your answer to that?

(unintelligible - everyone talking at once)

Mr. ALBERT:

"We have delinquency now because we don't take a program to eliminate the slums and build good housing. We don't have a program to give decent wages to all peoples in all parts of our country so they can raise their children on decent levels. We have slums right here in Pittsburgh. If we really want to tackle the problem of eliminating juvenile delinquency, it will take some money to see to it that we eliminate the slums, that we build more schools, that we carry on social programs for children so that we don't have to live under those conditions.

Judge GUNTHER:

"I'm asking you. You were talking about the slums of Pittsburgh. Have you ever been outside of the United States?

Mr. ALBERT:

"We are interested in the United States - in eliminating those things here.

Miss JONES:

My colleague served in the South Pacific forty-four combat missions

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Judge GUNTHER: "I understand that. You Communists always bring up your service to the country. I want to tell you this.

Miss JONES: "We are very proud of that service, Judge.

Judge GUNTHER: "Certainly you may be proud of it, but he went there because he had to go. He didn't go as a volunteer.

Miss JONES: "Because we're patriotic in support of the nation's fight against fascism.

Judge GUNTHER: "So let me tell you this. We are saving this country from juvenile delinquency. We're building up the youth. It's a program that is sponsored by the whole country, by the taxpayers.

Mr. ALBERT: (clamor) "All the religious bodies, and as far as I can see, the labor movement, the AFL, the CIO, the churches, women's clubs, everyone is against military training, they say. They're against it because they realize that it would bring the youth under the ideas of militarists for war, that it would produce a war of psychology, that it would not benefit the nation at all. It would spend and waste hundreds of millions of dollars on useless things.

Judge GUNTHER: "You (unintelligible) that STALIN wants military training for Russia, but you don't want it for America.

Mr. ALBERT: "If you are bringing up the question that another country has military training, that is their problem if they feel it is necessary. Incidentally, let me tell you this. For your information, the Russian people do what they think is best. I do what I think is best for the American people.

Judge GUNTHER: "You follow the Russian line, don't you?

Mr. ALBERT: "I follow the line for the American people.

Unidentified Voice: Ha! Ha! ha!

Mr. ALBERT: "I'll tell you another thing, Judge, that the American Communists always fight for the things that the American people need - better housing, better trade unions, a stronger organization to bring (unintelligible because of everyone talking at once) -

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Moderator: "That's getting off the subject of juvenile delinquency.  
(clamor)

Mr. ALBERT: "Communists always fight for what the people need, and it's always the case that whenever we fight for what the people need, to bring in red-baiting.  
(clamor)

Moderator: "All right, Mr. ALBERT, let me ask you this. Do you think we should be prepared for peace or war?

Mr. ALBERT: "We should always be prepared, and my answer is this: that the best preparation for America in any emergency is to see to it that we have enough schools for everybody, enough homes for everybody.

Moderator: "All right, Mr. ALBERT, do you think we could stop an invasion with schools?

Mr. ALBERT: "Certainly, if any nation intends to invade us, we could always....  
(pause) we have the strength, the power, and the equipment and everything to stop anybody from invading us.

Moderator: "If the men are not trained, would you say we have the strength?

Mr. ALBERT: "But there is nobody here in the world today and no military man will say that any nation today contemplates invading or attacking the United States.

Moderator: "There seem to be two schools of thought on that. How about this question: Miss JONES, what do you think - that six months or twelve months as a (unintelligible) of military training would be wasted for, we'll say, a youth say from eighteen to twenty?

Miss JONES: "If you state the question whether such training would be wasted, I'd have to say that I can't answer the question in that form because my position is based on the fact that such training is not needed now. It would not contribute to the national security of our nation because this training would only give it impetus and make our nation appear as if we were ready to be an aggressor in world affairs instead of a real contributor to world peace.

Moderator: All right, Judge.

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Judge GUNTHER: "Miss JONES, you believe in Leninism, and you believe in Stalinism. Do you know what STALIN says? He said, Soviet Communism stands for war upon the peaceful nations of the world and for the extension of proletarianism.

(clamor)

Judge GUNTHER: "STALIN himself says a war is based upon force and unrestricted by law, and in his great work STALIN says that Leninism is the Mein Kampf of modern Russia. STALIN describes the idea of peaceful transition to socialism as an evidence either of treachery to Communism or proof of feeble-mindedness.

(everybody talking at once)

Mr. ALBERT: "I want to say this. That if we want to have peace in this world, certainly, as ROOSEVELT said, we must cooperate - between our great allies, the United States, Britain, and the Soviet Union - and that is the way the United Nation is based - on cooperation. Now there is no reason to believe that if the United States took a position, let's have real disarmament, and let's give real aid to the people, not based on any control of what they have to do, what the big banks of the United States tell them, but on the basis of what the people want, we could do it. And I say the real problem we face today is not militarization and universal training but a policy where the United States takes the leadership and the world will follow that leadership for disarmament and do away with the useless spending of large sums of money for munitions.

Judge GUNTHER: "Mr. ALBERT, don't quote ROOSEVELT because he is one fellow, who at Teheran was supposed to be the great humanitarian and sold millions of people into Russian slavery.

Mr. ALBERT: "That's a dastardly lie, and I want to tell you that you are maligning the name of a man who is loved for his great - (unintelligible because of everyone talking at once) I am ashamed to hear you say that.

Judge GUNTHER: I'll prove it to you. I told that about ROOSEVELT four years ago, and I substantiate with facts and proof. He took ten million people in Poland and sold them into Russia.

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Mr. ALBERT: "those are absolute lies, Judge GUNTHER, and I -

Judge GUNTHER: "Do you know anything about Poland?

Mr. ALBERT: "And I want to say this, Judge GUNTHER, that when TRUMAN came into power, if he would have kept on carrying out the policies of ROOSEVELT today this world would have prospects of world peace everywhere.

Judge GUNTHER: "I'm a Republican, but I think TRUMAN at least is a great American, better than ROOSEVELT ever was.

Mr. ALBERT: "Today, for instance, the real problem of peace is shall the Americans use -

Moderator: "All right, I'm sorry, folks, our time is up, and that will be all for this, the second in a series of programs designed to hear both sides of the story between Communism and Democracy, and the persons you heard this evening were Judge BLAIR F. GUNTHER of the Allegheny County Court, Colonel J. S. IRWIN, representing Democracy, and Miss CLAUDIA JONES and Mr. NATHAN ALBERT on the side of Communism."

In the Daily Worker for August 4, 1947, in an article entitled "A Hot Radio Debate on Military Training", written under the by-line CLAUDIA JONES, the subject reviewed the debate she participated in over Radio Station KQV, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Particular emphasis in the article was made on the fact that the Communists in this debate clearly pointed out that a preparedness program in which millions has been spent for war preparations, military loans for foreign intervention in the internal affairs of other nations, is provoking civil strife in Greece, and elsewhere.

She stated that less than 1½ percent of the present national budget is spent in this country for educational purposes in contrast to 3 per cent in Britain and 7 per cent in the Soviet Union.

She stated: "We added though that there was more logical justification, with which many would agree for the USSR to prepare against foreign imperialist intervention, having been the target of such attack, not only from HITLER'S armies in June, 1941, but likewise from Finland and Japan to say nothing of the intervention of 16 nations, including the U. S., following her establishment."

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The centennial celebration of Marxism and the 28th anniversary of the Communist Party, USA were celebrated by the Party at Madison Square Garden, New York City on the evening of September 18, 1947 under the auspices of the New York State Committee of the Communist Party. This rally was attended by Special Agents [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. The meeting was attended by approximately 14,000 persons.

Madison Square Garden was decorated with Communist slogans such as "Build the Communist Party Now"; "End Terrorism to Jews and Admit to Palestine and U. S. DPs"; and "Repeal the Taft-Hartley Slave Law".

The meeting began at 7:45 PM with an unidentified man on the speakers platform soliciting the sale of Communist literature. After about 5 minutes of this the meeting was officially called to order by an audience singing off the Star Spangled Banner.

CLAUDIA JONES served as chairwoman of the affair for the whole evening.

A pageant depicting one hundred years of Marxism was the first presentation of the evening. In introducing New York City Councilman BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, JR. as a speaker, CLAUDIA JONES referred to herself as "a negro and a Communist".

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Sub-reports on Key "Unity Issues" on the questions of lynching, jobs, and housing were to be given by EDWARD STRONG, AL SIMON, and CLAUDIA JONES.

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NEW YORK DIVISION

At New York City

Will continue to follow CLAUDIA JONES' activities as a member of the National Women's Commission of the Party and will specifically attempt to cover meetings at which the subject is to be the principal speaker.

Will review the trend in "race articles" in the Daily Worker, keeping in mind the fact that the subject is the negro affairs editor for the paper.

A copy of this report is being furnished to the Pittsburgh Division in view of the fact that the subject has appeared on several occasions in Pittsburgh and mention is made in the report of persons within the Pittsburgh Division active in the Communist Party.

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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: November 12, 1947

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: CLAUDIA VERA SCHOLNICK, was.  
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Reference is made to the report of SA [REDACTED] dated March 17, 1947, at New York. In reviewing this report in connection with the pending deportation hearing of the subject, it was noted that on page 15 of the report, a reference to the Daily Worker of May 19, 1946, was in error. The correct date for this reference should be May 20, 1946.

Copies of the report submitted to the Bureau should be corrected to reflect the proper date.

MR. T. AVERY, Inspector of Investigations, Immigration and Naturalization Service, 70 Columbus Avenue, New York City, was advised on November 8, 1947, of the incorrect date given in the report of SA [REDACTED]. He corrected his copy of the report at that time.

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Reference is made to Bureau teletype dated November 1, 1947, relative to the informants in this case presently able to testify against the subject. With reference to the report of SA [REDACTED] referred to in the above referenced teletype, the following is noted:

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The Bureau's attention is directed to that portion of the reference report reflecting that on April 20, 1942, September 24, 1942, October 15, 1943 and October 18, 1947, Special Agents assigned to this office

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attended public meetings sponsored by the Communist Party at which CLAUDIA JONES admittedly appeared as a member of the Communist Party. It is presumed that the Bureau does not desire to have these agents testify to evidence of this nature at the present time.

Copies of the ~~"Young Communist League"~~ and the ~~"AYD Spotlight"~~, referred to in the report of SA [redacted] were published by the now defunct ~~"New Age Publishers"~~, 799 Broadway, New York. The New York Public Library located on 5th Avenue and 42nd Street, has on file copies of the publications mentioned in this report. ~~N.Y.~~

Copies of the ~~"Political Affairs"~~ referred to in the report may be obtained from ~~"New Century Publishers, Incorporated"~~, 832 Broadway. Copies of the ~~"Daily Worker"~~ and the ~~"Sunday Worker"~~ referred to may be obtained from ~~"Freedom of the Press Company, Incorporated"~~, 50 East 13th Street, New York City. Reference is directed to the report of SA [redacted] dated August 29, 1947, at New York City. Relative to this report, the following is noted: ~~[redacted]~~

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Reference is also made to the report of SA [redacted] dated November 1, 1947 at New York City. In this report information is furnished to the Bureau that CLAUDIA JONES appeared at a forum over Radio Station KQV, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on July 18, 1947 and admitted being a Communist and the Secretary of the National Women's Commission, Communist Party, USA. The transcript of this broadcast is in the possession of the Pittsburgh office.

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SAC, New York

Director, FBI

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On 11-11-47, wherein you were instructed to contact all of the informants set forth in the report of Special Agent [redacted] New York City, New York, dated March 17, 1947, to ascertain if they will be able to testify against the subject. Further reference is made to your letter to the Bureau dated November 12, 1947, wherein you have purported to set forth the results of your contact with these informants. Your letter of November 12, 1947, makes no mention of [redacted] mentioned on page 6 of Special Agent [redacted] report.

You are requested to contact [redacted] and thereafter advise the Bureau if he will be available to testify against the subject.

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- Mr. E. A. Tamm
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols
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December 26, 1947

Director, FBI

CLAUDIA VERA HOLNICK, with aliases

INTERNAL SECURITY - C

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Reference is made to my memorandum to you of September 22, 1947, wherein I forwarded to you a copy of the summary report written by Special Agent [redacted] New York City, New York, dated March 17, 1947. According to information received by our New York Office from Mr. T. Avery of your Service in New York, you presently have a warrant for the arrest of the subject. Mr. Avery also advised our New York Office that he desired that we verify that all the witnesses listed in Special Agent [redacted] report will be available to testify in a deportation proceeding to be instituted against the subject.

Pursuant to your request, we have contacted the informants listed in Special Agent [redacted] report. The following informants listed in Special Agent Davis' report will not be available to testify: [redacted]

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With reference to the publications referred to in Special Agent [redacted] report, please be advised that the "Young Communist League" and the "AID Spotlight" were published by the now defunct "New Age Publishers", 799 Broadway, New York City, New York Public Library located at Fifth Avenue and 42nd Street, New York City. There are film copies of these publications mentioned in Special Agent [redacted] report. Copies of the "Political Affairs" referred to in the report may be obtained from New Century Publishers, Incorporated, 832 Broadway, New York City. Copies of the "Daily Worker" and the "Sunday Worker" referred to may be obtained from the Workers Press Company, Incorporated, 50 East 13th Street, New York City.

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For your additional information, there is attached a copy of the report of Special Agent [redacted] New York City, New York, dated August 29, 1947, and a copy of the report of Special Agent [redacted] New York City, New York, dated November 1, 1947.

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TITLE <b>CLAUDIA VERA SCHOLNICK, was,</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - C</b>

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND FIELD OFFICES ADVISED BY ROUTING SLIP(S) OF FACTS:

REFERENCE

Bureau file 100-72390.

Report of SA **[REDACTED]**

11/1/47, New York.

DETAILS:

In the Daily Worker of October 31, 1947, page 7, column 1, there appeared a notice that CLAUDIA JONES would speak at the Ed Heilprin Club of the Communist Party of New York University on December 31, 1947, at 201 Second Avenue, New York City. The topic for subject's speech was to be "The Woman's Question." It was announced that after the talk a Halloween social would be held.

In the Daily Worker of November 6, 1947, page 7, column 1, there appeared an announcement that CLAUDIA JONES would speak at the Village Forum, 430 Sixth Avenue, on November 6, 1947. Her topic for the evening would be "Anti-Red Hysteria, 1947."

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In the Worker November 23, 1947, Section 1, page 11, column 2, there appeared an announcement that CLAUDIA JONES would speak on "The Negro People in

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the Fight for Democracy." The date of the affair was listed as  
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Will, through the Daily Worker, cover the affairs at which the subject is announced as a speaker.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington, D.C.  
FROM : T. B. Shoemaker, Acting Commissioner  
Immigration & Naturalization Service, Phila., Pa.  
SUBJECT: Your communication dated September 25, 1947; CLAUDIA VERA SCHOLNICK, with aliases CLAUDIA JONES, MRS. NICK SCHOLNICK, nee CLAUDIA VERA CUMBERBATCH

DATE: December 19, 1947

Under date of September 25, 1947 your Bureau forwarded to this Service a summary report of Special Agent [redacted] New York City, New York dated March 17, 1947 relating to the above-described subject. This Service, on October 27, 1947, issued a warrant for the arrest of the alien on charges predicated on the Act of October 16, 1918, as amended.

The New York office of this Service on November 3, 1947 was informed by your local office there that instructions had been received from your Bureau to communicate with the informants referred to in the summary report of Special Agent [redacted] for the purpose of ascertaining which of them will be made available to testify during the pending deportation proceedings.

It would be appreciated if you would inform this Service as soon as possible the names and addresses of those persons who will be available to testify as government witnesses in the instant matter.

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TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC: New York

SUBJECT: CLAUDIA VERA SCHOLNICK, was.;  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C  
(Bureau file 100-72390)

DATE: January 12, 1948

Rebulet 12-26-47, relative to the above captioned subject.

In New York letter to the Bureau, dated November 12, 1947,

[REDACTED] was inadvertently referred to as [REDACTED].  
 [REDACTED] It will be noted that there was no reference to [REDACTED]  
 in the referenced report of SA [REDACTED] dated March 17,  
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The Commissioner  
Immigration and Naturalization Service

January 22, 1948

Director, FBI

CLAUDIA VERA SCHOLNICK, with aliases  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Reference is made to my letter to you of December 25, 1947, your file  
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In connection with this matter please be advised that

For your additional  
information and to supplement the information which has been forwarded to you  
previously, there is attached one copy of the report of Special Agent  
New York City, New York, dated November 1, 1947.

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TO : MR. E. A. TAMM  
FROM : D. M. LADD  
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UNITED STATES

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67c Supervisor [redacted] of the New York Office called this morning and advised that Mr. Avery of Immigration and Naturalization Service had called the New York Office and advised that they were going to arrest Claudia Jones on either Monday or Tuesday of next week on a deportation warrant. Mr. Avery desired to know whether the Bureau wanted to accompany on the occasion of this arrest.

Claudia Jones is Secretary of the Women's Commission of the Communist Party and in charge of the Negro Affairs Section of the Daily Worker. She is an alien West Indian.

I would recommend that the New York Office be authorized to accompany on the occasion of this arrest.

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Transmit the following message to:

SAC, NEW YORK

*gm*  
CLAUDIA VERA SCHOLNICK, WITH ALIASES, IS DASH C. REGULET DATED  
DECEMBER TWENTYSIX, FORTYSEVEN. EXPEDITE THIS MATTER AND ADVISE  
BUREAU OF RESULTS OF YOUR INQUIRIES IMMEDIATELY.

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CLAUDIA VERA SCHOLNICK, WAS. IS-C. BUFILE ONE HUNDRED DASH SEVEN  
TWO THREE NINE ZERO. SUBJECT APPREHENDED EIGHT FORTY PM, JANUARY  
NINETEEN AT FIVE ZERO FOUR WEST ONE FOUR THREE STREET, NEW YORK CITY  
APARTMENT SIX A. WARRANT SERVED BY INS INSPECTOR JAMES P. CAREY AND  
HAROLD W. RAMSEY ACCOMPANIED BY SA [REDACTED] SUBJECT REFUSED  
TO TALK WITHOUT FIRST SEEING ATTORNEY AND WOULD NOT SIGN WAIVER OF  
SEARCH OF PREMISES AT EIGHT FORTY FIVE PM SUBJECT GIVEN PERMISSION  
TO CALL HENRY WINSTON MEMBER NATIONAL COMMITTEE CP. UNABLE TO  
CONTACT WINSTON SUBJECT THEN CALLED COUNCILMAN BEN DAVIS, JR. MEMBER  
NATIONAL COMMITTEE CP AND ADVISED HIM SHE WAS BEING TAKEN TO ELLIS  
ISLAND. DAVIS THEN SPOKE TO RAMSEY WHO ADVISED SUBJECT WOULD BE  
TAKEN TO ELLIS ISLAND. DAVIS ASKED THAT SUBJECT BE DETAINED AT THE  
APARTMENT UNTIL HE COULD ARRIVE. HE WAS ADVISED THAT IT WOULD BE  
NECESSARY TO LEAVE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO MAKE BOAT CONNECTIONS FOR  
ELLIS ISLAND. SUBJECTS TWO SISTERS YVONNE AND SYLVIA BOTH ADULTS AND  
UNIDENTIFIED CHILD WERE PRESENT AT ABOVE ADDRESS AT TIME OF ARREST.

SUBJECT GIVEN AMPLE TIME TO DRESS AND PREPARE FOR DEPARTURE. ARRESTING

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SUBJECT LEFT ABOVE ADDRESS AT EIGHT FIFTY FIVE PM AND

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PROCEEDED DIRECTLY TO BARGE OFFICE WHERE SUBJECT WAS OFFICIALLY  
RELEASED TO ELLIS ISLAND SECURITY OFFICER AND MATRON FROM DETENTION  
STATION. BOAT LEFT FOR ELLIS ISLAND WITH SUBJECT AND ELLIS ISLAND  
OFFICERS AT TEN FORTY FIVE PM. LOG MAINTAINED. INS SET BOND AT ONE  
THOUSAND DOLLARS. SUBJECT WAS MILITANT, RIDICULED BEING ARRESTED  
LIKENED HERSELF TO ALEXANDER BITTLEMAN ARRESTED IN MIAMI. ENROUTE TO  
BOAT SUBJECT ADMITTED BEING SECRETARY NATIONAL WOMENS COMMISSION CP US  
AND STATED SHE WAS ACTIVE WRITING AND SPEAKING FOR PARTY. RAMSEY CALL  
INS OFFICE AT TEN PM TO ADVISE OF APPREHENSION. DAILY WORKER REPRESENTATIVE  
CALLED THIS OFFICE AT TEN PM FOR INFORMATION ON ARREST.  
DUTY AGENT RETURNED CALL TO DAILY WORKER OFFICE AT TEN FORTY PM TO  
ADVISE THIS OFFICE HAD NO COMMENT AND TO REFER TO INS. DAILY WORKER  
GONE AT TIME OF CALL AND PHONE ANSWERED BY INDIVIDUAL APPARENTLY ON  
CLEANING FORCE. NO COMMENT WHATSOEVER MADE TO THIS INDIVIDUAL.  
BUREAU WILL BE ADVISED OF DEVELOPMENTS.

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*cc Mr Ladd*

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CLAUDIA VERA SCHOLNICK, WAS, ISC. REURTEL JAN TWENTY, FORTYSEVEN,  
REGARDING BUREAU LETTER DEC. TWENTYSIX, FORTYSEVEN. BUREAU FURNISHED  
INFO DESIRED IN NY LETTER DATED JAN TWELVE, FORTYEIGHT CAPTIONED  
AS ABOVE.

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CLAUDIA VERA SCHOLNICH, INTERNAL SECURITY C. REBUFILE ONE HUNDRED SEVEN TWO THREE NINE ZERO. IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES ADVISE IRAN GOLLOBIN, ATTORNEY, ASSIGNED BY THE AMERICAN COMMITTEE FOR THE PROTECTION OF FOREIGN BORN POSTED ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS BAIL FOR SUBJECT AT INS OFFICE, TWO PM, TODAY. SUBJECT TO BE RELEASED FROM CUSTODY AT ELLIS ISLAND, NEW YORK, FIVE PM, TODAY. IMMIGRATION HEARING TO BE HELD IN TWO TO THREE WEEKS. INS PRESS RELEASE PROMINENTLY CARRIED ON FIRST PAGE OF NEW YORK PAPERS REFLECTING APPREHENSION BY FBI AND INS AGENTS. TODAY-S DAILY WORKER CARRIED SUBJECT-S PICTURE AND BULLETIN ANNOUNCING ARREST AND REPORTING GOLLOBIN ASSIGNED AS ATTORNEY BY COMMITTEE LISTED ABOVE. BUREAU WILL BE CURRENTLY ADVISED OF DEVELOPMENTS IN THIS CASE.

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cc: mr. Ladd

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: January 21, 1948

FROM: SAC, New York

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The following is a summary of information relative to the arrest of CLAUDIA JONES at her residence, 504 West 143rd Street, Apartment 6A, New York City, by Inspectors JAMES P. CAREY and HAROLD W. RAMSEY of the Immigration and Naturalization Service and Special Agent [REDACTED] of this office on Monday, January 19, 1948.

In accordance with arrangements made by the Immigration Service, an attempt was made to apprehend CLAUDIA JONES at her residence in the forenoon of January 19, 1948. However, information received by this office revealed that Miss JONES was at work at the National Headquarters of the Communist Party, 35 East 12th Street, from 9:30 A.M. to 6:15 P.M. on this date. It was not deemed advisable to apprehend subject at work at the Party headquarters. By means of a pretext call to the address 504 West 143rd Street made by the arresting agents it was ascertained that Miss JONES would be home at 8:30 P.M.

A surveillance was maintained on the residence and at 8:40 P.M. Inspector RAMSEY, accompanied by Inspector CAREY and Special Agent [REDACTED] served the warrant of arrest on CLAUDIA JONES at her residence. Miss JONES immediately advised that she would not talk without advice of an attorney. She promptly refused to sign a waiver of search of her apartment. She was given permission to make two telephone calls, one to HENRY WINSTON and the other to City Councilman BENJAMIN L. DAVIS, JR., both members of the National Committee of the Communist Party. WINSTON did not answer the call. DAVIS was advised by Miss JONES that she was being taken to Ellis Island by the Immigration authorities.

At 8:55 P.M., CLAUDIA JONES was taken by arresting agents from her residence directly to the Barge Office of the Immigration Service at South Ferry, where she was released to the custody of HARVEY VAN NOSTRAND, Security Officer, and SADIE HAINE, Matron of the Detention Station at Ellis Island. She was placed in the private cabin aboard the Ellis Island boat in the custody of VAN NOSTRAND and HAINE. The boat departed for Ellis Island at 10:45 P.M. En route from her residence to the barge office CLAUDIA JONES admitted being an alien. She stated that she arrived in New York in 1924 accompanied by her aunt and three sisters. She

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advised that she joined the Communist Party about ten years ago and boasted of being elected to the National Committee of the Communist Party. She advised that her work as secretary of the National Women's Commission of the Communist Party kept her extremely busy. She informed that she worked at Party Headquarters from approximately 10:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. six days a week. She admitted being active in preparing Party literature, writing articles for the Party under her own name and giving speeches to various Communist Party clubs. She also admitted traveling for the Party, making speeches in various parts of the country. She would not elaborate on any of the above information. She advised that she was a firm believer in the principles of the Communist Party.

The Daily Worker of January 20, 1948, carried a bulletin on page one announcing the arrest of CLAUDIA JONES, "a member of the National Committee of the Communist Party." In the Daily Worker of January 21, 1948, page 2, columns 1, 2 and 3 and page 16, column 3, there appeared a story by GERALD COOK captioned "CP Board Hits Arrest of Claudia Jones." This article sharply criticizes the Government and "Attorney General Tom Clark's political police" with "wiping out democracy." A charge was also made that all progressives are now being labeled as wanting to "overthrow the government."

The following is quoted from this article:

"The arrest of Claudia Jones, popular young negro woman Communist leader, by night raiding agents of the FBI was assailed yesterday by the Communist Party's National Board, which warned that 'The drive against progressives is going into high gear.'"

The article continued as follows:

"The Communist Party National Board in a statement signed by William Z. Foster, Chairman, Eugene Dennis, General Secretary and Henry Winston, Organizational Director, called for the removal of Attorney General Tom Clark. 'We call on all Americans,' the statement said, 'who love peace and freedom to stop Tom Clark's arrogant police state blitz to demand his removal from office and to demand the dismissal of charges against Claudia Jones as well as against Alexander Bittelman.'"

The article concluded with a statement that the Communist leaders in New York City called for letters and telegrams to be sent to

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President Truman, Attorney General Tom Clark and Immigration Commissioner Watson B. Miller, of Philadelphia.

A "mass mobilization and defense rally for Alexander Bittelman" will be held at Webster Hall, 119 East 11th Street, New York City, on Thursday, January 22nd, at 7:30 P.M. Listed as speakers at this rally are William Z. Foster, Benjamin Davis, Jr., Abner Green, Ben Gold, Claudia Jones, Moses Miller, Paul Novick and Gedaliah Sandler.

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The Bureau will be kept currently advised of all activities by the Party in the defense of CLAUDIA JONES.



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① CLAUDIA VERA SCHOLNICK, WAS. INTERNAL SECURITY -C/ ANNOUNCEMENT  
IN THE DAILY WORKER, THIS DATE, REPORTS IMMIGRATION OFFICES, SEVENTY  
COLUMBUS AVE., NYC, WILL BE PICKETED ONE PM, SATURDAY, JANUARY  
THIRTY ONE, FORTY EIGHT. DEMONSTRATION SPONSORED BY NY COUNTY AND  
STATE COMMITTEES OF THE CP TO PROTEST DEPORTATION PROCEEDINGS AGAINST  
CLAUDIA LIGONIS AND ALEXANDER BITTMAN. IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES HERE  
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CLAUDIA VERA SCHOLNICK, WAS, IS C. QUOTE EMERGENCY CONFERENCE UNQUOTE  
TO PROTEST THE ARREST OF SUBJECT WAS HELD IN HARLEM, FRIDAY NIGHT,  
JAN TWENTYTHREE, SPONSORED BY GROUP HEADED BY DR. CHARLES A. PETIONI,  
CHAIRMAN OF WEST INDIAN NEGRO COUNCIL AND MEMBER OF AMERICAN  
COMMITTEE FOR PROTECTION OF FOREIGN BORN, BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, ROSE  
GAULDEN, MEMBERS NATIONAL COMMITTEE, CP, AND AUDLEY MOORE, CYRIL  
PHILLIPS, MEMBERS HARLEM SECTION, CP. EIGHTY PERSONS FILLED SMALL  
AUDITORIUM. SIXTYONE DOLLARS COLLECTED FOR CLAUDIA JONES DEFENSE FUND  
SUBJECT REVIEWED DETAILS OF HER ARREST AND CREDITED CP FOR HER QUICK  
RELEASE FROM CUSTODY. ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, CP NATIONAL  
COMMITTEE MEMBER, CHARGED ARREST WAS ENCROACHMENT OF CIVIL LIBERTIES  
AND PART OF GOVERNMENT QUOTE WITCH HUNT UNQUOTE. PETIONI SAID  
AMERICAN COMMITTEE FOR PROTECTION OF FOREIGN BORN WOULD HOLD PRIVATE  
CONFERENCE IN WASHINGTON JAN TWENTYFOUR AND TWENTYFIVE TO STUDY  
DEFENSE OF SUBJECT AND OTHER PENDING DEPORTATION CASES. A STEERING  
COMMITTEE FOR THE DEFENSE OF CLAUDIA JONES WAS FORMED WITH RICHARD  
B. MOORE, AMERICAN COMMITTEE FOR WEST INDIAN FEDERATION, AND

Mr. Tolson  
Mr. E. A. Tamm  
Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Glavin  
Mr. Ladd  
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cc: Mr. Ladd

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CYRIL PHILLIPS ELECTED TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN AND SECRETARY TREASURER  
RESPECTIVELY. AUDLEY MOORE ELECTED TO ORGANIZE QUOTE COMMITTEE  
OF ONE THOUSAND WOMEN FOR CLAUDIA JONES UNQUOTE TO SUBSCRIBE ONE  
DOLLAR EACH FOR THE DEFENSE OF CLAUDIA JONES. A RALLY FOR SUBJECT  
WILL BE HELD AT THE GOLDEN GATE BALLROOM, NYC, FEB TWENTYTWO, ON QUOTE  
CLAUDIA JONES DAY UNQUOTE. [REDACTED]

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b7d [REDACTED] CURRENTLY ADVISED OF ACTIVITIES IN THIS CASE.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

**CONFIDENTIAL**

DATE: January 29, 1948

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: CLAUDIA VERA SCHOLNICK, was  
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Reference is made to New York letter to the Bureau, dated January 21, 1948 in which a summary of information relative to the arrest of the subject was set forth. Since the date of the above letter there have appeared in the Daily Worker and the Worker on January 23, 25 and 26, 1948 distorted stories of the arrest of the subject. The purpose of this letter is to correctly inform the Bureau of the events of the arrest.

In the Daily Worker of January 23, 1948 on Page 1, Column 3, 4 and 5, ELIZABETH GURLEY-FLYNN, National Committee Member of the Communist Party, stated the following concerning the arrest:

"CLAUDIA JONES, member of the National Committee of the Communist Party and Executive Secretary of our National Women's Commission, was arrested at her home late Monday night, a favored Gestapo trick. Comrade CLAUDIA, who is my closest co-worker, was ill over the last weekend. She called Councilman DAVIS, who attempted to persuade the arresting officers to wait there until he could come which they refused. In all decency they could have released her in his custody, as a responsible public official and an attorney with the right to practice in federal courts, until bail could be posted the next day. Instead they rushed her off to jail, demanded \$1,000 bail and in brutal haste took her to Ellis Island where she remained until late Tuesday."

As pointed out in the referenced letter, CLAUDIA JONES was arrested at 8:40 PM at her home upon her immediate return from work. It was not deemed advisable to apprehend her during the day at her place of employment, the Communist Party Headquarters. She was given permission to make the requested telephone calls and was advised that she would be given time to prepare to be taken to Ellis Island. The request made by Councilman DAVIS to detain her until his arrival was denied by the Immigration Inspector.

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With reference to the charge that CLAUDIA JONES was sick prior to being arrested the following is noted. She was active at work all day Monday, January 19th and at the time of her arrest made no mention of being ill and showed no signs of any sickness. Since her release from custody on Tuesday, January 20th, she has been active both day and night working at Party Headquarters, attending Special Committee meetings and speaking at rallies held in her behalf.

The Worker of January 25, 1948 carried a story of the arrest on Page 2,  
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Columns 1, 2 and 3 and on Page 11, Column 4. The following is quoted from this article:

"Government agents treading heavily up flights of stairs, the frightening sound of men pounding on doors at midnight, the swift arrest and departure in a speedy automobile—to most Americans this picture is borrowed from revivals of wartime movies of life under the Nazis. But it happened here, too. It happened to CLAUDIA JONES, popular Negro woman leader, last night. Released on \$1,000 bond and back at work in her office at Communist Party Headquarters, 35 East 12th Street CLAUDIA told her story. Late Monday night the Communist leader who lives at 504 West 143rd Street, who lives with two sisters, received an anonymous telephone call from a woman who described herself as a friend and urged her to remain at home to receive an important visitor. Shortly after, with a furious pounding on the door and the hoarse summons to "open up" three FBI Agents shoved their way into the apartment."

In this article the time of the arrest is extended to 12 midnight. The arrest actually occurred at 8:30 PM. CLAUDIA JONES resides at Apartment 6A, 504 West 143rd Street and it was necessary for the arresting agents to take an elevator directly to the 6th Floor. The subject's apartment was approximately six feet from the elevator shaft. There was no noise and pounding on the door as referred to in the article. Inspector RAMSEY knocked on the door and it was opened momentarily by CLAUDIA JONES. She was advised of the identity of the arresting agents and was given the warrant of arrest. The arrest was made in a quiet, orderly manner. No outsider was in the hallway at the time of the arrest.

In the Daily Worker of January 26, 1948, Page 3, Columns 4 and 5, the following is purportedly quoted from the speech given by CLAUDIA JONES at the "Emergency Conference" held in Harlem, Friday night, January 23, 1948:

"The FBI men, who pushed their way into her home at night were a crude and rude crowd, she declared. They tried to get her to let them search the place without any search warrant."

CLAUDIA JONES was asked if she would sign a waiver of search of the premises. As previously reported she refused to sign a waiver of search. No further request was made concerning this matter and no attempt was made to search her apartment.

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The agent assigned by this office to accompany the Immigration Inspectors on this arrest was experienced in handling Communist matters and was acutely aware of the fact that CLAUDIA JONES as well as the Communist Party would make every effort to attempt to discredit the Bureau and the Department of Justice. With this in mind, the arresting agents were exceptionally careful to give CLAUDIA JONES no excuse to bring the charges that have been made by the Communist press.

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cc: Mr. Ladd

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cc - Assistant Attorney General T. Vincent Quinn  
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As soon as additional information of this character is received, you will be promptly advised.

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You will recall that the subject was recently arrested by representatives of the Immigration and Naturalization Service and a Special Agent of the FBI in connection with deportation proceedings which have been instituted against her.

We have now been advised that an "emergency conference" to protest the arrest of the subject was held in the Harlem District in New York City on January 23, 1948. It was sponsored by a group headed by Dr. Charles A. Petioni, Chairman of the West Indian Negro Council and member of the American Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born; Benjamin J. Davis, Councilman from New York City; Rose Gaudin, member of the National Committee, Communist Party - USA; Audley Moore and Cyril Phillips, members of the Harlem Section of the Communist Party - USA. There were approximately eighty persons present. Sixty-one dollars were collected for Claudia Jones' defense fund. During the conference Jones reviewed the details of her arrest and credited the Communist Party for effecting her quick release from custody.

Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, member of the National Committee of the Communist Party - USA, charged that the arrest of Jones was an encroachment on the civil liberties of the subject and was part of the Government "witch hunt." Petioni, during his speech, said that the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born would hold a private conference in Washington, D. C., on January 24 and 25, 1948, to study the defense of the subject and other pending deportation cases. A steering committee for the defense of Claudia Jones was formed which consisted of Richard B. Moore of the American Committee for West Indian Federation and Cyril Phillips, previously identified. Moore was elected temporary chairman and Phillips was elected secretary-treasurer. Audley Moore was elected to organize a "Committee of 1000 Women for Claudia Jones" to subscribe one dollar each for Claudia Jones' defense. In addition to the foregoing, plans were made for a rally to be held on behalf of Claudia Jones at the Golden Gate Auditorium, New York City, on February 22, 1948, on "Claudia Jones' Day."

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On February 2, 1948, one hundred persons representing the New York City Communist Party picketed in front of the building which houses the District Offices of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, 70 Columbus Avenue, New York City, from 11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. on that date. The pickets carried placards calling for the removal of Attorney General Clark, Director John Edgar Hoover, and to halt the Justice Department's deportation of Claudia Jones and Alexander Bittelman.

A committee of four of this group, headed by William Norman, State organizational secretary for New York, requested but were denied an audience with INS District Director Watkins. The group distributed pamphlets printed by the New York State Committee of the Communist Party, which pamphlets called for the release of Jones and Bittelman and for the removal from office of the "Poll Taxer Attorney General Tom Clark." Claudia Jones was observed in the picket line, which was orderly.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. LAID *DL*

FROM : H. B. Fletcher *HBF*

SUBJECT: CLAUDIA JONES  
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At 4:00 PM today, ASAC Belmont of the New York Office called and stated that Inspector Avery of INS had advised yesterday that they had received information which would indicate that the subject was leaving on the SS EVANGELINE of the Eastern Steamship Lines for Jamaica tomorrow. The Inspector queried as to whether the New York Office desired to check with this report. ASAC Belmont said that Inspector Avery was told that the Bureau did not want to participate in this check so INS reported today that they made the check with the steamship lines and photographs of the subject had been identified as the person who purchased tickets to sail tomorrow. The tickets were purchased under the name of Mita Cumberbatch, which is the name of the subject's sister. It is entirely possible that subject's sister is the actual person who contemplates the travel, particularly having in mind that the subject is booked up to appear at many different meetings and rallies.

INS is going to cover the ship before its departure and in the event the subject is on the boat, she will be arrested as she will have violated her present freedom on bail.

Mr. Belmont stated that the office would not participate in the arrest of the subject at the boat.

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As a result of the arrest of the subject and Claudia Jones by representatives of the Immigration and Naturalization Service and the FBI there has been a concentration of activity on the part of the Communist Party in their behalf. In addition to the activities of the Party, various front groups have also been very active.

"We can win an important victory in the fight against the deportation proceedings initiated by the Department of Immigration against Claudia Jones and Alexander Bittelman. For in this instance we should recognize that the bourgeoisie had overplayed its hand. We can unleash the greatest mass support among the Negro people and the women for the release of Claudia Jones, and at the same time broad sections of the Jewish people can be brought into the struggle for the release of Comrade Bittelman who is well known to the Jewish masses.

"However, the success of this campaign lies with us — It will be determined by the mass actions we initiate and through us reach out to broader sections of the population. It will be determined by our IMMEDIATE response to the issue.

"Here is what we propose for your consideration, to be brought to every member of the Party:

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"1. Statements to be gotten from all the leaders of mass organizations and trade unions with whom you are in contact, and sent to President Truman and copies to the press.

"2. Campaign of letters and telegrams addressed to President Truman, asking for the dismissal of the deportation proceedings and the dismissal of Attorney General Clark.

"3. We understand the Morning Freiheit has put out a petition asking for the dismissal of deportation proceedings against Comrade Bittelman -- contact the Morning Freiheit Association for these petitions.

"4. There is a State leaflet out in 75,000 copies - distribute them in the widest possible amounts immediately.

"5. Arrange mass meetings in the community around the issue. We will be glad to cooperate with you in getting the best speakers to address these meetings. We should concentrate special attention in the Jewish and Negro areas on this issue.

"6. SUPPORT THE PICKET LINE AROUND THE DEPARTMENT OF IMMIGRATION BUILDING - Monday, February 2nd, at 11:30 A.M., 70 Columbus Avenue. Get pledges for people to attend - and mobilize as many people as possible for this most important action.

"7. There will be a special meeting of all Party women on Monday, February 9th, at 8:00 P.M. at the Hotel Diplomat, to discuss their special role in relation to the fight around Claudia Jones. A special ticket will be printed. Be sure to mobilize as many women as possible to attend.

"If there is any help that you need, or suggestions you have to offer, please be sure to call on us.

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