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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. A. N. BELMONT *AB*
 FROM : V. P. LADD *PK*
 SUBJECT: DANNY KAYE
 INTERNAL SECURITY - C

DATE: October 8, 1951

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 Ladd ☒
 Clegg ☒
 Glavin ☒
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 [redacted] advised Mr. [redacted] in extreme confidence that the above-captioned individual had applied for a passport to go to Tokyo in connection with an entertainment tour. He stated that, in view of the existing derogatory subversive information regarding Kaye, his application for a military permit was turned down. He stated that Kaye's lawyer had approached the Department of the Army, and [redacted] was called before the Secretary of the Army to state his reasons why Kaye should not be permitted to go to Tokyo. [redacted] stated that Secretary Pace indicated that he would do whatever was suggested by [redacted]. [redacted] further advised that [redacted] brought pressure on certain individuals within the Department of the Army, and, as a result, Kaye was granted a military permit without [redacted] being further consulted in the matter. [redacted] was very much disturbed regarding this "undercutting" and "influence" being used by [redacted].

[redacted] advised Mr. [redacted] in extreme confidence that he had communicated through a secret channel with [redacted] advising [redacted] of all of the facts and suggesting that Kaye be kept under a close 24-hours' surveillance the entire time he is in the Far East.

ACTION:

None.

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This is submitted for your information. It should be noted that [redacted] made this information available to Mr. [redacted] in extreme confidence.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont

DATE: November 9, 1951

FROM : V. P. [redacted]

SUBJECT: DANNY KAYE

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DATE 12/2/81 BY SP-7 mme/BJSPURPOSE:

To advise of name check requests received from the Office of the Secretary of Defense and from the Army-Military District of Washington, concerning Danny Kaye, motion picture actor. It has been ascertained that this inquiry has been made inasmuch as Kaye has offered his services to [redacted] as an entertainer and he is to be cleared for access to restricted areas.

INFORMATION IN BUREAU FILES:

A Selective Service Investigation was instituted concerning Danny Kaye on March 16, 1944, which was closed by report dated August 15, 1944. Allegations were received that Kaye simulated [redacted] conditions which caused him to be rejected at the induction station. After three days observation Army doctors advised that Kaye was [redacted] unfit for military duty. The U. S. Attorney for the Eastern District of New York declined prosecution.

A review of the Bureau's files reflect numerous references to Danny Kaye and these include information to the effect that in 1945 he was reported as being Treasurer of the Hollywood Section of the Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences, and Professions and also in 1945 the official personnel of this organization were reported to be under Communist control.

The "New York Daily News" of April 27, 1951, reported that Danny Kaye was among those participating in a loyalty festival sponsored by a "Stop Communism Committee."

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that a copy of the Selective Service report and the attached memorandum be approved and returned to Supervisor [redacted] for transmittal to OSD and MDW-Army.

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DANNY KAYE
25-25177

There is being forwarded herewith a copy of an
Investigative report concerning the above-named individual, dated
August 15, 1944. (25-251771-2)

In 1945 it was reliably reported that Danny Kaye was
Treasurer of the Hollywood Section of the Independent Citizens
Committee of the Arts, Sciences, and Professions and his wife,
Sylvia Fine, was an Executive Board member. Kaye has since been
divorced from Sylvia Fine. (100-338892-15X and 17)

In 1945 a campaign was being conducted against Gerald L.
K. Smith by the County Headquarters of the Communist Party in
Los Angeles County, California. A meeting for this purpose
was held in which the National Association for the Advancement
of Colored People; CIO; the National Center for Peace; the Americans
United; and others participated.

Danny Kaye was among those who
appeared.

(100-254107-8)

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It should be noted that the Independent Citizens
Committee of the Arts, Sciences, and Professions had been cited
as a Communist front by the Congressional Committee on Un-American
Activities in a report dated April 18, 1949, and the California
Committee on Un-American Activities report dated 1948, page 262.

Enclosure

Original to OSD

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(100-347118-18)

The "Washington Post" of October 27, 1947, contained a statement of the Committee for the First Amendment which protested "the continuing attempt of the House Committee on Un-American Activities to smear the motion picture industry." Among those signing this statement was Danny Kays. (100-138754-Sub A)

It is noted that the Committee for the First Amendment has been cited by the California Committee on Un-American Activities in its 1948 report, page 210, as follows: "A recently created Communist front in the defense of Communists and Communist fellow travelers. Its immediate purpose is to create favorable public opinion for the Communists who refused to testify before the House Committee on Un-American Activities in Washington, D. C."

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It has been reliably reported that on October 29, 1947, Danny Kaye, together with movie actors who had been in Washington, D. C., to support the Hollywood actors who refused to testify before the House Committee on Un-American Activities, stopped over in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, en route back to Hollywood, and made a short radio broadcast commenting upon the Un-American Activities hearings in Washington. (100-138754-299)

The "Worker", a weekly Communist East Coast publication, on November 9, 1947, contained a news article concerning a radio show put on the previous Sunday by the Committee for the First Amendment, which broadcast protested the methods of the House Un-American Activities Committee. This article stated that Danny Kaye told of his trip to Washington with the 20 members of the Committee for the First Amendment. (100-138754-A) Copy

According to the "Daily People's World", San Francisco, California, dated June 9, 1949, Danny Kaye was among those cited by the California Senate Committee on Un-American Activities as "typical of the individuals within the various Stalinist orbits about whose activities and Stalinist programs and causes, this Committee has presented factual reports or has taken sworn evidence." (100-138754-A) Copy

The "Daily Worker" of April 13, 1951, page 11, contained a column entitled "Why Are They Silent Today?", which was written by David Platt. In this column Platt mentioned that during 1947 the Committee for the First Amendment was formed and representatives of the Committee went to Washington, D. C., where they presented a petition for "redress of grievances" to the Clerk of the House of Representatives in which it was charged that the investigative function of the House Committee on Un-American Activities had been "perverted from fair and impartial procedures to unfair, partial, and prejudiced methods." It was pointed out that numerous individuals signed this petition and among names listed was that of Danny Kaye. Platt in his article wanted to know why these people were silent at the present time. Copy

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cc-Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2
Department of the Army
The Pentagon
Washington 25, D. C.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT *WJ*

DATE: May 6, 1952

FROM : V. P. KEAY *VPK*SUBJECT: DANNY KAYE;
[REDACTED]

INFORMATION CONCERNING

While discussing a film which is being produced about the Army, [REDACTED] lapsed into a discussion of some of the problems he is faced with in clearing entertainers for the troops. Many of these entertainers who have left-wing backgrounds are trying hard to entertain the troops so that they could point to that achievement as indicative of their Americanism.

He related that he had just recently refused permission to [REDACTED] to entertain the troops. He also had refused permission to Danny Kaye on two occasions and had, however, been overruled by the higher echelons. He added that he would continue to refuse Danny Kaye every time his application came up, however, and leave it to the higher offices to clear him as he would never clear him. He has also refused permission to [REDACTED] to entertain the troops.

ACTION:

None. This is being submitted for your information.

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May 14th 1953.

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Mr. Ladd ✓
Mr. Nichols ✓
Mr. Belmont ✓
Mr. Clegg ✓
Mr. Glavin ✓
Mr. Harbo ✓
Mr. Rosen ✓
Mr. Tracy ✓
Mr. Gearty ✓
Mr. Mohr ✓
Mr. Winterrowd ✓
Tele. Room ✓
Mr. Holloman ✓
Mr. Sizoo ✓
Miss Gandy ✓

Dear Edgar:

I was horrified to read this morning that Danny Kaye had been chosen to head the entertainment for a banquet to be given at the Statler Hotel in Washington on May 22d. for the President. This is an affront to all of us who have fought for the Republican Party for 20 long years and who have fought the fight against leftwingers and worse. Kaye's draft record in World War I was published by Westbrook Pegler in two articles. If that is not enough, a draft dodger entertaining a former general and now president, but an outstanding left front supporter. Cannot some one close to Mr. Eisenhower tell him?

Among other activities Kaye was a member of;

Committee for the First Amendment,
Committee for Democratic Action,
Critic of Un-American Activities Comm.
Fund raiser here for Hollywood Ten.
Member of the notorious plane junket
to Washington to protest the Committee's
action against the Hollywood Ten.

I think I'll join up wit Wayne Morse. Now, of course that the Reds here are running for cover, Kaye is hard put to explain his strange actions. I read his letter from Copenhagen and don't believe a word of it. I hate to burden you with this chit chat in your busy day, but I'm burning.

Sincerely,

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MAY 21, 1953

AIR MAIL

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Dear [redacted]

I have received your letter of May 14, 1953, and I certainly do appreciate the concern which prompted your writing me and giving me the benefit of your observations in connection with the banquet to be given on May 22 for the President.

Please do not feel that your letter was a burden to me, though, because I am always glad to hear from you.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

E. J. [redacted]

cc - Los Angeles, with copy of incoming

NOTE: We opened a Selective Service Investigation on Kays on March 16, 1944, which was closed by report dated August 15, 1944. It was alleged that he simulated [redacted] conditions which caused him to be rejected at the induction station. After three days observation, Army doctors advised that Kays was [redacted] unfit for military duty. The U. S. Attorney for the Eastern District of New York declined prosecution.

The files of this Bureau also contain other references indicative of pro-Communist activities on the part of Kays, including information to the effect that he was reportedly treasurer of the Hollywood Section of the Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences and Professions in 1945. Also in 1945, the official personnel of this organization reportedly were under Communist control.

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Attention: [REDACTED]

My dear [REDACTED]

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The files of this Bureau reflect the following data concerning Kaye, also known as Daniel Kaye and David Kaminsky, which was his name before it was changed to Kaye.

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b7C The files of this Bureau also reflect that in 1943, Kaye was declared unfit for United States military service inasmuch as he was [REDACTED] disqualified [REDACTED] (25-251771)

The above data are being furnished you confidentially, should not be disseminated outside of your Organization, and should not be considered a clearance or a nonclearance by this Bureau of the individual involved.

Please be assured of my desire to cooperate in all matters of mutual interest.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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AUG. 8 1955

NAME CHECK

August 8, 1955

DANNY KAYE
Born: January 18, 1913
Brooklyn, New York

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There is forwarded herewith a copy of an investigative report concerning the above-named individual dated August 15, 1944. (25-251771-2)

In addition to the above, FBI files reflect that an article published in the newspaper "PM" on July 15, 1945, quoted Sylvia Fine, wife of Danny Kaye, as stating that Danny Kaye was Treasurer of the Hollywood Section of the Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences, and Professions and that Sylvia was an Executive Board member.

(100-338892-17 p. 4)

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The "Worker" (100-138754-Sub A) a weekly Communist east coast publication, on November 9, 1947, contained a news article concerning a radio show put on the previous Sunday by the Committee for the First Amendment, which broadcast protested the methods of the House Un-American Activities Committee. This article stated that Danny Kaye told of his trip to Washington with the 26 members of the Committee for the First Amendment.

(100-138754-Sub A)
According to the "Daily People's World," San Francisco, California, dated June 9, 1949, Danny Kaye was among those cited by the California Senate Committee on Un-American Activities as "typical of the individuals within the various Stalinist orbits about whose activities and Stalinist programs and causes, this Committee has presented factual reports or has taken sworn evidence."

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The "Daily Worker" of April 13, 1951, page 11, contained a column entitled "Why Are They Silent Today" which was written by David Platt. In this column Platt mentioned that during 1947 the Committee for the First Amendment was formed and the representatives of the Committee went to Washington, D. C., where they presented a petition for "Redress of Grievances" to the Clerk of the House of Representatives in which it was charged that the investigative function of the House Committee on Un-American Activities had been "perverted from fair and impartial procedures to unfair, partial, and prejudice methods." It was pointed out that numerous individuals signed this petition and among names listed was that of Danny Kaye. Platt in his article wanted to know why these people were silent at the present time.

It is noted that in April, 1951, the House Committee on Un-American Activities was conducting additional hearings concerning Communism in the motion picture industry.

The "New York Daily News" of April 27, 1951, reported that on the preceeding day a Stop Communism Committee was launched in order to fight against "Red Influence in the Entertainment World." This Committee was formed under the auspices of J. Joseph Smith, New York Commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the group was to hold a loyalty festival featuring more than 150 movie, stage, and television people, the day after the loyalty parade sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars. The festival was to be held in Central Park and the stars scheduled to participate in the anti-Communist rally included Danny Kaye. (100-384592-2)

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

June 26, 1956

The secretary to Mr. Maxwell Rabb, Cabinet Secretary called to confirm the 3:00PM today tour for comedian DANNY KAYE, his wife and daughter.

Background memorandum is attached.

They have requested to meet the Director, and unless advised to the contrary they will be announced to the Director upon their arrival in the reception room.

Mr. Tolson ☒
Mr. Nichols ☒
Mr. Boardman ☒
Mr. Belmont ☒
Mr. Mason ☐
Mr. Mohr ☐
Mr. Parsons ☐
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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

June 26, 1956

The Secretary to Mr. Maxwell Rabb, Cabinet Secretary, called in reference to the telephone call from Mr. Rabb yesterday concerning a tour for MR. DANNY KAYE. (Copy of call attached.)

The Secretary asked if we had contacted Mr. Kaye for a tour. After checking, she was advised that we had not contacted Mr. Kaye and that we were waiting for Mr. Kaye to call. The Secretary then stated that she would like to make tentative arrangements for MR. and MRS. KAYE to tour the Bureau this afternoon around 3:00 P.M. The Secretary stated she would call later today to confirm the tour. Mr. Kaye has expressed a desire to meet the Director.

Arrangements have been made for an Agent from Crime Records Section to meet Mr. and Mrs. Kaye in the Director's Reception Room and conduct them on a very special tour of the Bureau, and unless advised to the contrary, they will be announced to the Director upon their arrival.

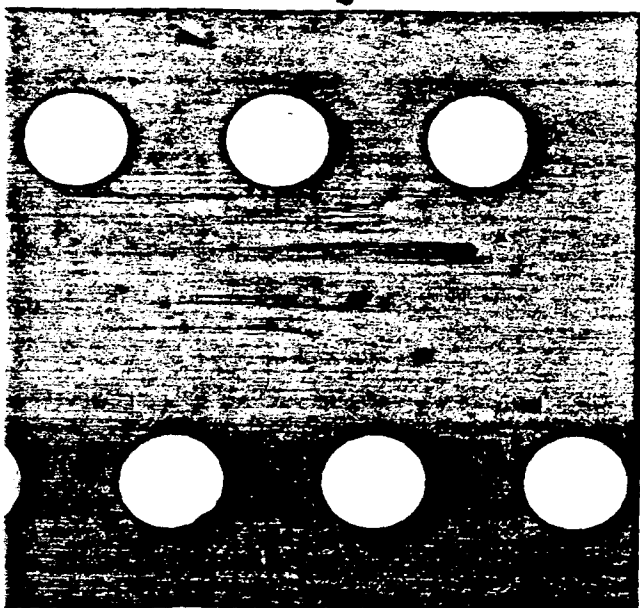
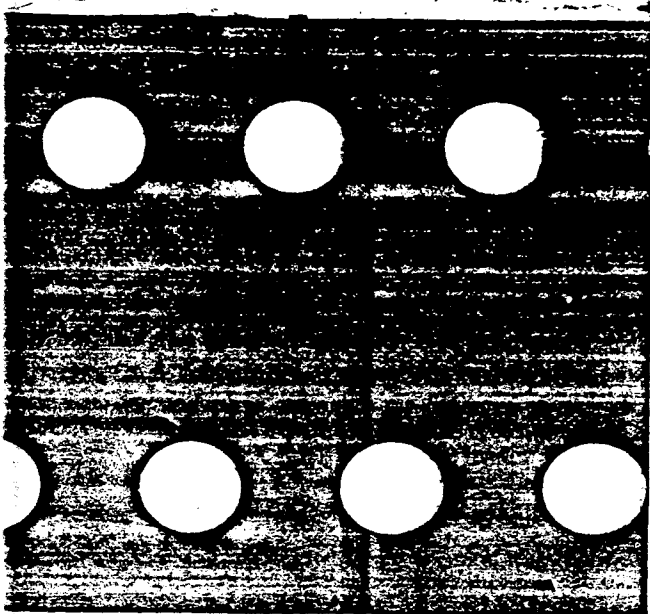
Background memorandum concerning Mr. Kaye is being prepared.

moe / Addendum: Based on a preliminary file check presently being conducted by the Crime Records Section, indications are that comedian Kaye was affiliated with several Communist Front Groups during the early 1940's. [REDACTED]

Mr. Tolson ☒
Mr. Nichols ☒
Mr. Boardman ☒
Mr. Belmont ☐
Mr. Mason ☐
Mr. Mohr ☐
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[REDACTED] File reflect that Kaye was also the subject of a Selective Service violation case during the war when it was alleged that he tried to simulate a [REDACTED] condition which would exempt him from military duty. He was diagnosed by Doctors as unfit for military duty.

Crime Records Section is presently preparing a memorandum which will submitted to the Director immediately upon its arrival in this office.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Nichols

DATE: June 26, 1956

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: DANNY KAYE
MEETING WITH DIRECTOR
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Nease	_____
Winterrowd	_____
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Holloman	_____
Gandy	_____

PURPOSE:

To furnish brief account of information in Bufiles re Kaye, who, with his wife and ^{daughter} ~~son~~, may see the Director at 3:00 P.M. today.

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Kaye is world-known actor and comedian who was born January 18, 1913, in New York City. His home and offices are in Beverly Hills, California. Most recent movies are "Knock on Wood" and "White Christmas," both in 1954.

BUREAU INVESTIGATION OF KAYE:

In 1944, allegation received that Kaye simulated a [redacted] condition causing rejection for military service. Kaye examined by army doctors who determined he was [redacted] unfit for active military duty. Assistant United States Attorney declined prosecution. (25-251771)

MISCELLANEOUS:

Bufiles reflect Kaye's previous affiliation with communist activities in several communist front groups. [redacted]

Also spoke at rally organized by American Youth For Democracy (cited by AG). He has been affiliated with Committee For the First Amendment which was critical of House Committee on Un-American Activities.

In 1949, Kaye, among several, described ^{by} California Un-American Activities Committee as "typical of the individuals within the various Stalinist orbits about whose activities and Stalinist programs and causes, this Committee has presented factual reports or has taken sworn evidence."

In May, 1953, [redacted] in letter to Director, stated Kaye was member of Committee For the First Amendment, Committee For Democratic Action, fund raiser for Hollywood Ten and member of group who flew to Washington to protest HCUA action against the Hollywood Ten.

cc - Mr. Tolson
cc - Mr. Holloman

cc - Mr. Nichols
cc - Tour Room

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Memorandum to Mr. Nichols

June 26, 1956

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b7D In 1951, Danny Kaye was participant in an anticommunist rally in New York City. [REDACTED]

Kaye was afforded tour of Bureau 11/20/40 but did not see the Director.

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Kaye and his All Star International Show are currently appearing at the Carter Barron Amphitheater in Rock Creek Park.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

OFFICE OF DIRECTOR
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

4:03PM

June 25, 1956

Mr. Maxwell Rabb, Cabinet Secretary,
called to advise that he had talked to
MR. DANNY KAYE, the comedian,
and that he (Kaye) had expressed a
desire to bring his wife and ^{daughter} son in
for a tour of the Bureau. Mr. Kaye
also expressed a desire to meet the
Director.

Mr. Tolson ✓
Mr. Nichols ✓
Mr. Boardman ✓
Mr. Belmont ✓
Mr. Mason ✓
Mr. Mohr ✓
Mr. Parsons ✓
Mr. Rosen ✓
Mr. Tamm ✓
Mr. Nease ✓
Mr. Winterrowd ✓
Tele. Room ✓
Mr. Holloman ✓
Miss Holmes ✓
Miss Gandy ✓

Mr. Rabb did not know just when Mr. Kaye wished
to take the tour, but wanted to alert us should Mr.
Kaye call this office.

Mr. Rabb said that should Mr. Kaye not contact
the Bureau, he thought it might be nice if we
were to contact Mr. Kaye at the Woodner Hotel
where he is staying.

Mr. Nichols has been advised.

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TO : Mr. Nichols

DATE: June 26, 1956

FROM : M. A. Jones

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DANNY KAYE AND DAUGHTER, DENA KAYE
[REDACTED]

Tolson	✓
Nease	✓
Boardman	✓
Belmont	✓
Mason	✓
Mohr	✓
Parsons	✓
Rosen	✓
Tamm	✓
Nease	✓
Winterrowd	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Holloman	✓
Gandy	✓

Today at 3:00, Special Agent [REDACTED] met Kaye, his daughter and [REDACTED] in the Director's Reception Room to conduct them on a special tour. The tour had been arranged through Mr. Maxwell Rabb, White House. Rabb stated that Mrs. Kaye would accompany the group. Mrs. Kaye did not appear; however, [REDACTED] came along. There was a request to meet the Director and the Director spoke with this group.

All three individuals stated they were very thrilled on having the opportunity to see Mr. Hoover, and Mr. Kaye told his daughter that Mr. Hoover was one of the "greatest living Americans."

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The group then was conducted on a tour including visits to our exhibit rooms, the Laboratory and the range. Each one had the opportunity to fire the machine gun and was highly pleased with the results and requested the targets.

At the conclusion of the tour, each one personally thanked [REDACTED] for the courtesies extended and asked [REDACTED] to convey best regards to the Director.

The group was very congenial and seemed to enjoy the tour very much. Kaye asked [REDACTED] dozens of questions and appeared to be sincerely interested in our work.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. For information.

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cc - Mr. Holloman

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Nichols

DATE: July 3, 1956

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: MAXWELL M. RABB
ARRANGEMENTS FOR SPECIAL TOUR

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Mohr _____
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Winterrowd _____
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Holloman _____
Gandy _____

Maxwell M. Rabb, who is the Cabinet Secretary at the White House, arranged a special tour for 10:30 this morning for his son, [REDACTED], and the following individuals who are all in Washington with the Danny Kaye show which is playing here:

[REDACTED]

They were conducted on a special tour by SA [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Crime Records Section.

The tour included the exhibit rooms, Laboratory and the range.

There was no request to meet the Director. All were most enthusiastic about the tour and the work of the Bureau.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. For information.

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NAME CHECK

May 5, 1959

Summary
DANNY KAYE
Beverly Hills, California
DOB: January 18, 1913

Reference is made to your request that you be furnished the results of any investigation conducted concerning the captioned person, wherein information of a subversive derogatory nature was developed. In response to your request, you are referred to information concerning Danny Kaye which was previously furnished to the Department of State in February, 1953. (100-384592-2)

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NOTE: State advised subject to be invited to White-House Conference May 21-22. In view of very limited background data furnished, State advised and concurred that name check could be limited to "main security file search" only.

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Belmont _____
DeLoach _____
McGuire _____

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
Records Branch

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☐ Name Check Unit - Room 6523
☐ Service Unit - Room 6524
☐ Forward to File Review **b7C**
☐ Attention **[REDACTED]**
☐ Return to **[REDACTED]** **612371**
Supervisor Room Ext.

Type of References Requested:

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

Type of Search Requested:

☐ Restricted to Locality of _____
☐ Exact Name Only (On the Nose)
☐ Buildup ☐ Variations
☐ Check for Alphabetical Loyalty Form

Subject Kaye, Darryl
Birthdate & Place _____
Address _____

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WALTER SCHROEDER, PRESIDENT

TELEPHONE 4071

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Bureau of Investigation
Washington,
D.C.

Danny Kaye

Gentlemen - I have been very
much disturbed at charges
of subversion made in public
about Danny Kaye and don't
know where to write to find
out the truth.

I am a member of the DAR
and an ardent GOP but I
am also a great believer
in the U.S. as an instrument
for keeping the

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At a meeting of each
these organizations.

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MOTEL ASTOR
MILWAUKEE, WIS.

MOTEL LORRAINE
MADISON, WIS.
MOTEL VINCENT
BENTON HARBOR, MICH.

MOTEL NORTHLAND
GREEN BAY, WIS.
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W A U S A U . W I S C O N S I N
WALTER SCHROEDER, PRESIDENT
TELEPHONE 4071

same person has made charges of the infiltration of Communism in the U.N. and has openly used Downey Keyes' name as being a spy or subversive, implying that your Bureau has proved it.

If this is not true I should like to have the facts to refute his statements. I trust you can send me such facts or tell me where I can learn the truth.

Very truly yours
[REDACTED]

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February 26-1960

TRUE COPY

HOTEL WAUSAU

Wausau, Wisconsin

Walter Schroeder, President

Telephone 4071

Bureau of Investigation
Washington,
D.C.

Gentlemen - I have been very much disturbed at charges of subversion made in public about Danny Kaye and don't know where to write to find out the truth.

I am a member of the DAR and an ardent GOP but I am also a great believer in the U.N. as an instrument for keeping the peace. At a meeting of each of these organizations, the same person has made charges of the infiltration of Communism in the U.N. and has openly used Danny Kaye's name as being a spy or subversive, implying that your Bureau has proved it.

If this is not true I should like to have the facts to refute her statements. I trust you can send me such facts or tell me where I can learn the truth.

Very truly yours,

/s/ [REDACTED]

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February 26-1960

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1 - Mr. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] aka, [REDACTED]
Hotel Wausau
Wausau, Wisconsin

Dear [REDACTED]

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Your letter dated February 26, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

While I would like to be of assistance to you, the function of the FBI as a fact-gathering agency does not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. I regret, therefore, that I am unable to comply with your request for information or advise where the information you desire may be obtained.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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MAR 3 - 1960

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1 - Milwaukee (enclosure)

ATTENTION: SAC, MILWAUKEE

Enclosed is a copy of correspondent's communication. Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent.

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NOTE TO MILWAUKEE. CONTINUED

Danny Kaye was the subject of a Selective Service investigation in 1944 based upon receipt of an allegation he had simulated a [REDACTED] condition causing rejection from military service. Kaye was later examined by Army doctors who determined he was [REDACTED] unfit for military duty. The United States Attorney declined prosecution. Bufiles also reveal that Kaye was associated with several communist front organizations in 1940; [REDACTED]

b7D [REDACTED] Kaye has not been the subject of a Bureau security investigation. (100-384592)

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent advises she has been disturbed at "charges of subversion" made about Danny Kaye. Correspondent is a believer in the United Nations, but a friend has made charges of communist infiltration into the United Nations and named Kaye as a subversive or spy. If this is not true, correspondent desires to have the facts in order to refute these allegations.



DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

March 28, 1961

FBI Liaison:

For Information Only

Re:

Danny Kaye

Born: January 28, 1911

Place: New York, New York

Residence:

1103 San Ysidro Drive
Beverly Hills, California

Bureau File Number:

Unknown 25-251171-123-1232
1-1-592

Passport Number:

2505454 issued December 28,
1960 at Los Angeles

Attorney:

None

Travel Plans:

Port of Departure:

Unknown

Date of Departure:

December 31, 1960

Means of Transportation:

Unknown

Proposed Length of Stay:

Two months

Countries to be Visited:

England, France, Israel
and Japan

Purpose of Trip:

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United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

August 9, 1961

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Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

A few residents of my state have accused Danny
Kaye, the well known Hollywood entertainer, of being a member
of the Communist Party.

I would appreciate having your opinion whether
there is any evidence to substantiate this charge. I might
add that the basis of this charge seems to be derived from
a tract entitled "The Reds are Back in Hollywood!!!" which
is published by the Cinema Educational Guild, Inc., of
Hollywood, California.

I should appreciate also any information you have
as to the general accuracy of this tract and the reliability
of this organization.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

Thomas H. Kuchel

THOMAS H. KUCHEL
United States Senator

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CORRESPONDENCE

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AUG 17 1961

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 8-17-61

FROM : M. A. Jones

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SUBJECT: INQUIRY FROM
SENATOR THOMAS H. KUCHEL
REGARDING DANNY KAYE

David Kaminsky

By letter dated 8-9-61 Senator Kuchel (R-California) noted that a few residents of his State had accused Danny Kaye, the well-known Hollywood entertainer, of being a member of the Communist Party. He requested the Director's opinion whether there is any evidence to substantiate this charge and, in addition, noted that the basis of these charges against Kaye apparently derived from a tract entitled "The Reds Are Back in Hollywood!!!" which is published by the Cinema Educational Guild, Inc., of Hollywood, California. Senator Kuchel also requested any information concerning the general accuracy of this tract and the reliability of the organization.

INFORMATION IN BUREAU FILES:

We have enjoyed cordial correspondence with Senator Kuchel over the years, and he has been a member of the Senate since 11-2-54 when he was appointed to succeed former Vice President Richard M. Nixon.

Danny Kaye was born on 1-18-13 in New York City as David Kaminsky; however, he changed his name to Danny Kaye. He was the subject of a Selective Service investigation in 1944 when it was alleged that he had simulated condition causing his rejection for military service. Kaye was later examined by Army doctors who determined he was unfit for military duty, and the U.S. Attorney declined prosecution in the case. Bufiles also reveal that Kaye was associated with several communist front organizations in the 1940s;

Kaye has not been the subject of a Bureau security investigation; however,

The ICCASP has been cited by the House Committee on Un-American Activities as a communist front.

Enclosure

1 - Mr. DeLoach

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Jones to DeLoach Memo
Re: SENATOR THOMAS H. KUCHEL

b7D It was also reported in 1945 that Danny Kaye was the principal speaker at a rally held in Chicago by the American Youth for Democracy organization. The purpose of the rally was to prevent further racial disturbances in Chicago schools. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] It is noted that the Chicago Action Council has been described by the "Sentinel," a weekly newspaper published in Chicago, as a group "committed to the defeat and eradication of Fascism." In addition, the American Youth for Democracy has been cited pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

Danny Kaye has toured the Bureau on two occasions, the latter being with his wife and daughter on 6-26-56. During this latter tour he briefly shook hands with the Director.

b1 [REDACTED] (100-384592) (5)

Other information of a public source nature regarding Danny Kaye has been prepared in the form of a blind memorandum and is attached.

b7C The Bureau has received numerous inquiries regarding the Cinema Educational Guild and its tract entitled "The Reds Are Back in Hollywood!!!" This tract urges citizens not to patronize "Reds" in the movie and television industry and lists a number of actors, writers and et cetera whom they label as "Reds and fellow-travelers," among whom is the name Danny Kaye. We have not conducted an investigation of the Cinema Educational Guild; however, our discreet inquiries reflect it is allegedly an anticommunist group which has been responsible for the distribution of anticommunist, anti-Negro and anti-Semitic pamphlets. [REDACTED] has in the past attempted to use the Director's name in furtherance of his programs and it has been necessary on several occasions to contact him and admonish him to refrain from mentioning the FBI in any manner.

RECOMMENDATION:

That someone in your (Mr. DeLoach's) Office contact Senator Kuchel regarding his inquiry and, if deemed appropriate, furnish him the attached blind memorandum containing public source information on Danny Kaye.

SECRET

Adm. Assn. on 8/27/61
[Signature]

Suggest be handled verbally and
no memo given
[Signature]

August 17, 1961

DANNY KAYE

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An article in the newspaper "PM" on July 15, 1945, quoted Sylvia Fine, wife of Danny Kaye, as stating that her husband was treasurer of the Hollywood Section of the Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences and Professions (ICCASP) and that Sylvia was an executive board member. The ICCASP has been cited by the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA) as a communist front.

The "Daily People's World," in the issue of September 26, 1945, carried an article reflecting that the Fall semester of the Hollywood Branch of the People's Educational Center opened on September 24, 1945, and that the emphasis of the teaching program would be upon peace and postwar problems and new cultural horizons. Particular publicity was given to the motion picture industry which had brought before the students film personalities, among whom was Danny Kaye. It is noted that the "Daily People's World" was a west coast daily communist publication and the People's Educational Center has been designated by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

"The Washington Post" of October 27, 1947, contained a statement of the Committee for the First Amendment (CFA) which protested "the continuing attempt of the House Committee on Un-American Activities to smear the motion picture industry." Among those signing this statement was Danny Kaye. The CFA has been cited by the California Committee on Un-American Activities in its 1948 Report as follows: "A recently created Communist front in the defense of Communists and Communist fellow travelers. Its immediate purpose is to create favorable public opinion for the Communists who refused to testify before the House Committee on Un-American Activities in Washington, D. C."

The "Daily Worker," dated October 30, 1947, contained a news article concerning a "Stop Censorship" meeting which was to be held on October 30, 1947, at the International Theater, Columbus Circle, New York City. The purpose of this meeting, according to the article, was to protest the "House Un-American" hearings which were being conducted in Washington, D. C. The article continued to state that at this

NOTE: See Jones to DeLoach memo captioned "Inquiry from Senator Thomas F. Ruchel Regarding Danny Kaye," dated 8-17-61.

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meeting there would be a playback of the "Civil Liberties" broadcast made from Hollywood on the previous Sunday in which movie stars spoke on behalf of the witnesses who had been subpoenaed to testify before the HCUA. The article stated that this broadcast included Danny Kaye. The "Daily Worker" was an east coast communist newspaper which suspended publication on January 13, 1958.

"The Worker," a weekly communist east coast publication, on November 9, 1947, contained a news article concerning a radio show put on the previous Sunday by the Committee for the First Amendment (CFA), which broadcast protested the methods of the HCUA. This article stated that Danny Kaye told of his trip to Washington with the 26 members of the CFA.

According to the "Daily People's World," San Francisco, California, dated June 9, 1949, Danny Kaye was among those cited by the California Senate Committee on Un-American Activities as "typical of the individuals within the various Stalinist orbits about whose activities and Stalinist programs and causes, this Committee has presented factual reports or has taken sworn evidence."

The "Daily Worker" of April 13, 1951, contained a column entitled "Why Are They Silent Today?" which was written by David Platt. In this column Platt mentioned that during 1947 the CFA was formed and the representatives of the Committee went to Washington, D. C., where they presented a petition for "Redress of Grievances" to the Clerk of the House of Representatives in which it was charged that the investigative function of the HCUA had been "perverted from fair and impartial procedures to unfair, partial, and prejudiced methods." It was pointed out that numerous individuals signed this petition and among names listed was that of Danny Kaye. Platt, in his article, wanted to know why these people were silent at the present time. It is noted that in April, 1951, the HCUA was conducting additional hearings concerning communism in the motion picture industry.

The "New York Daily News" of April 27, 1951, reported that on the preceding day a Stop Communism Committee was launched in order to fight against "Red Influence in the Entertainment World." This Committee was formed under the auspices of J. Joseph Smith, New York Commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the group was to hold a loyalty festival featuring more than 150 movie, stage and

television people, the day after the loyalty parade sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars. The festival was to be held in Central Park and the stars scheduled to participate in the anticommunist rally included Danny Kaye. (RE-5-2093)



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WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO:

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RE:

Danny Kave

BORN: January 28, 1911

PLACE: New York, New York
1103 San Ysidro Drive
Beverly Hills, California

RESIDENCE:

BUREAU FILE NUMBER:

Unknown

WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE:

PASSPORT NUMBER:

2505454 issued December 1960;
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California

ATTORNEY:

TRAVEL PLANS

PORT OF DEPARTURE:

New York City

DATE OF DEPARTURE:

June 15

MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION:

Air

PROPOSED LENGTH OF STAY:

Unknown

COUNTRIES TO BE VISITED:

Europe

PURPOSE OF TRIP:

Business

Copy to Los Angeles
by routing slip for
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date 4-27-64
by [signature]

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