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**ELEANOR ROOSEVELT
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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 Miss Gandy _____ ✓

August 25, 1949

MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR

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 You will recall our conversation some time ago wherein a reporter from the Times Herald was checking up on [redacted] who was interested in endeavoring to locate a recording of the activities between Mrs. Roosevelt [redacted]. Our files contained no information on the subject. However, a pink memorandum concerning this matter has been located, a copy of which is attached.

Respectfully,

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L. B. Nichols

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Attachment

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 Miss Gandy ✓

January 18, 1951

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR:

b7c Mr. Ladd and I have checked on [redacted] file.

With reference to the Mrs. Roosevelt incident, we of course never investigated this. It was investigated by CIC prior to 1943. We do have a photostat of the G-2 file.

in the Bureau files.

✓ There were no recordings between Mrs. Roosevelt [redacted] Obviously, they did have a microphone because there were recordings of conversations [redacted] Mrs. Trudie W. Pratt which also reflected what transpired in the hotel room.

This information was given to George Burton by Colonel Kibler and Colonel Jack Bissell. It is recorded in a blue memorandum dated December 31, 1943.

|| The blue memorandum and a photostat of the G-2 file are maintained by Miss Gandy but have never been in the Files Section.

It is not believed that anyone in the Bureau has knowledge of this except Burton, Mr. Ladd, E. A. Tamm, me, and the stenographer whose initials are FIL and whose identity we are now trying to establish.

b7c It is therefore believed thoroughly safe for Mr. Tracy to tell Senator Watkins the FBI never investigated the Roosevelt- [redacted] There is nothing from official sources on this in the FBI files.

Both Mr. Ladd and I do recall there have been newspaper articles linking [redacted] Mrs. Roosevelt.

In 1949, Frank Waldrop of the Times Herald told me they were on the trail of certain recordings that allegedly would show an illicit relationship [redacted] Mrs. Roosevelt. At that time I made a thorough check of all our files and there was nothing in the main files. The pink memorandum has never been circulated in the Bureau and is not known to anyone outside of Miss Lutz in my office, Mr. Tolson, Miss Gandy, and you. Mr. Ladd was informed of my check this morning although he vaguely recalls when I was checking on this a year ago.

Marion Canty, who is Drew Pearson's secretary, left the Bureau in October, 1944. However, she would have no knowledge of this as she had been in the Washington Field Office from 1937 to 1944 when she resigned.

Resigned 8/24/49

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[redacted] No indication she would talk about [redacted]

The photostat of the G-2 file and the blue memorandum dated December 31, 1943, are attached.

Mr. Tracy will be advised along the lines of our discussion this morning. He will also tell Watkins that Anderson's wife works in Ident but does not have access to the main files. I think, as a tactic, Tracy should get across to Watkins and Watkins should carry the point to Anderson that he had checked at the FBI and FBI files do not contain any such information. It is obvious that Anderson probably has learned of the file from G-2 sources and from the rumors which have been circulated in Washington.

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February 2, 1954

THE DIRECTOR:

The thought occurs that if the President does not know of the furor that was caused in G-2 some years ago as the result of G-2's investigation of [redacted] his connections with Mrs. Roosevelt, you might want to consider mentioning this incident to him. *Qu*

[redacted] a close friend of Jimmy Wechsler and the last word I had was [redacted] working for the New York Post which has been exceedingly critical of the President as well as of us. Wechsler, of course, is a kingpin in the Americans for Democratic Action along with Mrs. Roosevelt [redacted]

The attached memorandum [redacted] connections with Mrs. Roosevelt along with the G-2 investigation, the subsequent confrontation with Mrs. Roosevelt and the order issued by FDR that everyone knowing of this action should be sent to the South Pacific until they were killed. The information was furnished to George Burton when he was assigned to Liaison by a Colonel Kibler and Colonel Bissell. *Qu*

This, of course, could have a relationship to the subsequent orders given the Army to destroy the files on subversives. *Qu*

We have photostats of the G-2 investigative reports on their coverage [redacted] there is no question [redacted] tie-in with Mrs. Roosevelt. G-2 files contain Mrs. Roosevelt's letters [redacted] invariably start with [redacted] and end with "All my love, ER." *Qu*

Indicative of the type of data in this file is a report dated March 7, 1943, reflecting that Mrs. Roosevelt checked into the Urbana-Lincoln Hotel, 11:45 a.m., March 5, 1943, accompanied by Malvina Thompson. She expressed the wish that no publicity be given to her arrival. At the time of her registration, she stated she expected a young friend from Chanute Field to visit her and reserved Room 330 for him. She occupied Room 332. The rooms were joined by a connecting door. At 9 o'clock on March 5, [redacted] at the Urbana Lincoln Hotel stating he understood Mrs. Roosevelt had a room reserved for him. He was directed to Room 330. *Qu*

Mrs. Roosevelt ordered dinner for the three sent to Room 332 at 8:30 p.m. Upon the arrival [redacted] Malvina Thompson had her luggage moved into the room occupied by Mrs. Roosevelt. Neither Mrs. Roosevelt nor [redacted]

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left their hotel rooms during the entire day of March 6, 1943, except to have lunch in the hotel dining room. Other meals were served in their rooms. *fu*

When Mrs. Roosevelt checked out on the morning of March 7, she paid all the bills. *fu*

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Bookshop Association Meeting, May 19, 1944 - Featuring
negro contralto, , barytone, and
dancer at the Baltimore Museum of Art, at which time, subject acted as
chairman and announced from the platform that the Association was selling
tickets for the NAC Rally on May 26, 1944 and invited the people in
attendance to attend a meeting at which Mrs. ELEANOR ROOSEVELT was to
address a group of colored people in Baltimore.

It is to be noted that a check of the records of Local Board 2 (city board) Spokane, Washington, revealed that subject's son, who formerly resided with subject, was inducted into the U.S. Army at Spokane November 27, 1943 and that his file on record with the Local Board is full of appeals, both personal and written, by subject to secure the discharge of his son for the purpose of returning to take care of subject's farm. Each appeal has been turned down on the grounds that the demands of the small farm were not sufficient to warrant the discharge of It is to be noted that one letter from the State Director of Selective Service to subject commenced as follows: "At the request of Mrs. ~~HELEN~~ ~~ROBERTS~~, the file of your son, was refused by this office. The background is such that it does not warrant the intervention by this office."

United States Department of Justice
210 Trust Company Building
New Haven, Conn.
August 27, 1945

Director, FBI

Re: "DIRECTION", INC.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent dated August 24, 1945 at New Haven, Connecticut in the above captioned matter. This is to advise that the mailing and subscription lists for "DIRECTION" Magazine reflect that Mrs. ELEANOR ROOSEVELT, The White House, Washington, D. C. is the recipient of free copies of instant publication.

It is also noted that in response to the written request of the editors of "DIRECTION" Magazine, Mrs. ROOSEVELT wrote a personal comment of opinion of the WPA Art Projects which was published in an issue of "DIRECTION".

Very truly yours,

100-342935-1

The Abolitionists

Mr. Edward Bremer and a group of other prominent persons are urging Congress to abolish the House Un-American Activities Committee as "an agency for repression."

The chairman of the committee, Rep. Walter (D Pa.), not only plans to continue its activities but seeks to extend them to take in immigration and judicial matters now handled by other committees.

In an advertisement in today's Washington Post, Mrs. Roosevelt and 34 other signers said:

"We believe . . . that the committee has habitually misused its mandate in unconstitutional ways for political purposes; that it has become an agency for repression; that it has usurped the functions of the Executive and judicial branches of our government . . ."

"For two decades the Congress has allowed the committee to function. For two decades the committee has condemned individual Americans, has worked the lives of some and has denied them the due process of law that English and American courts have faithfully upheld over many centuries. Now the nation is reaping the bitter harvest . . ."

"Let us rid ourselves of this agent of weakness and of folly."

Other signers included Dr. Reinhold Niebuhr of Union Theological Seminary, Domestic Relations Court Justice Justice Wise and Dr. Norman Thomas.

- Wash. Post and Times Herald _____
- Wash. News _____
- Wash. Star _____
- N. Y. Herald Tribune _____
- N. Y. Journal-American _____
- N. Y. Mirror _____
- N. Y. Daily News _____
- N. Y. Times _____
- Daily Worker _____

Off. "THE Abolitionist" _____
 New Leader _____
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 10 Oct. 1957

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“The Un-American Activities Committee should be abolished, not reorganized and expanded.”

Editorial

The Washington Post

December 19, 1958

We, the undersigned, petition the 86th Congress to eliminate the House Committee on Un-American Activities as a Standing Committee.

We believe that the U. S. Supreme Court has, in the United States vs. Watkins, made it clear that the Committee has habitually misused its mandate in unconstitutional ways for political purposes; that it has become an agency for repression; that it has usurped the functions of the executive and judicial branches of our government.

We are confident that only a return to constitutional procedures can protect us against subversion without at the same time subverting the very liberties we seek to protect.

For two decades the Congress has allowed the Committees to function. For two decades the Committee has condemned individual Americans, has wrecked the lives of some, and has denied them the due process of law that English and American courts have toilomely evolved over many centuries. Now the nation is reaping the bitter harvest:

1. The Committee has perverted, and thereby imperiled, the proper and necessary powers of the Congress to conduct investigations.
2. The Committee has helped discourage free study and inquiry in working for peace while the world is threatened with destruction.

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 The Worker _____
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Date 12/19/58

3. It has harassed Americans who work for racial equality and justice.

4. It has increased bitterness between racial and religious groups of our citizens, which in turn has imperiled our good relations with the people of Asia, Africa, and Latin America.

5. It has discouraged social and cultural contacts with our neighbors on this shrinking planet. It has discouraged U. S. students and scholars from studying in countries which we Americans desperately need to understand.

The House Committee on Un-American Activities has in these ways weakened America. At no time in history have we needed to be stronger. At no time have we needed to be wiser. Let us rid ourselves of this agent of weakness and of folly.

REV. BENJAMIN J. ANDERSON ✓

DR. STRINGFELLOW WARR ✓

DEAN JOHN C. BENNETT ✓

JUDGE JOHN O. BIGELOW ✓

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W. O. THENIUS ✓

PROF. PAUL THILETT ✓

AUBREY WILLIAMS ✓

FILL IN COUPON, CLIP AND MAIL

H. V. Imbrie, ~~Secretary~~
P. O. Box 333,
Lawrenceville, New Jersey

I agree with the above petition and want to do something to help abolish the House Un-American Activities Committee as a Standing Committee.

I enclose \$_____ to aid in this program, and for further publication of your advertisement.

Please print or type:

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CITY STATE.....

An article in the March 10, 1946, issue of the "New York Journal-American" stated, "One of the Reds named by the Sub-Committee was Lt. JOSEPH LASH, active leader of the 1936-1937 Peace Strike in American colleges and close friend of Mrs. ELENORE ROOSEVELT, whose application for a commission in Naval Intelligence, reportedly endorsed by Mrs. ROOSEVELT, was turned down in 1942 after the Navy found that LASH attended highly secret Young Communist League meetings and had worked closely with the Reds to carry out their policies.."

Davenport Accuses Dewey of Delaying Fish Repudiation

By Associated Press

NEW YORK, Aug. 3.—Edward W. Davenport, personal and political friend of Wendell Willkie last night denounced Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, Republican, as a presidential nominee as "lagging" and criticized him for not repudiating Representative Fish.

Repudiation of New York earlier in Mr. Willkie's campaign for re-nomination.

Mr. Davenport spoke at the opening rally of the new Liberal party, which was formed when non-winning members split from the American Labor party and others, claiming the Labor party was Communist-dominated. The Liberal party has endorsed the Democratic national ticket.

"I want a President of the United States who has the courage to fight against nationalism and isolationism," Mr. Davenport said.

Repudiation came late.

"The Republican candidate had for weeks resisted all efforts to extract from him a repudiation of Fish on the Congressman's record. Only when a newspaper quoted Mr. Fish in an anti-Semitic statement did the candidate repudiate Fish and then on that ground alone."

"Did he repudiate Mr. Fish because the Congressman obstructed all attempts to prepare the United States for war? No indeed!"

Mr. Davenport declared it was no accident that Mr. Fish "followed the anti-Semitic line."

"He has foundered that line because he has been one of the leading isolationists of this country and one of the loudest nationalists in the world. And yet he is here in all these years as the present Republican candidate re-

presented Mr. Fish on that same ground."

After criticizing the Democratic party for "shirking of political responsibility on the racial equality issue," Mr. Davenport said:

"But what I live in a glass house, I am a Republican."

Political Devolution.

"And I do not know of any more pertinent example of political devolution than the platform the Republican party has offered the voters of this country."

Another speaker at the rally was Louis W. Brown, former Office of Public Administration director, who said full employment should be the main objective of labor and liberals in postwar America.

Mr. Franklin D. Roosevelt, who also spoke, said:

"You know I am a great believer in organized labor. Organized labor is the great hope of liberals in the future. But organized labor must educate its own members. It is not free of racial and religious prejudice."

"If democracy is going to succeed we must have a spiritual basis on which to build. We should really believe in the brotherhood of man, not that one group should have all the good things in life and that the rest of the world have what's left over."

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also makes reference to the "Dismantling of the able
New York Office of Naval Intelligence which had an excellent file on Communism"
and the removal of the Army ban on Communists among the officers.

also states that Mrs. Roosevelt has had her generosity and broadmindedness
abused by Communists and states that one of her advisers is
Communist minded.

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It is clear that some persons in high places are protecting Communists. Only very high officials could bring about such a sharp change in Army and Navy policy. The writer is not at present in a position to identify these officials. In the past, one of the important Communist "pipelines" has been through the liberalism of Mrs. Roosevelt, whose generosity and broadmindedness has been abused by Communist. Her attitudes differ but little from those of the liberals to be discussed later, but her position of power makes her gullibility the more dangerous. Unquestionably some of her advisers, such as _____, are Communist-minded. Furthermore, the argument that loyalty to Soviet Russia means tolerance of American communism _____ is gaining considerable influence. Unfortunately even some Catholics take the stand that individuals and organizations should be judged by their program rather than by their affiliations, forgetting that the Party Line may change, but power and organization persist.

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~~LIBERALS AND LABOR IN POST WAR AMERICA~~

Wednesday, August Second

Nineteen Hundred and Forty Four

Speakers

MRS. FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

~~LEON HENDERSON~~

~~DAVID DUBINSKY~~

~~DR. JOHN L. CHILDS~~

Chairman:

~~DR. GEORGE S. COUNTS~~

HOTEL COMMODORE

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*W*hile winning the war America is keeping its eye on the future. Prominent in the minds of millions of Americans is the form postwar America will take. Millions are deeply concerned with the nation's ability to meet the grave social and economic problems of postwar years.

The future of our nation depends in large measure on the extent to which the socially responsible in all walks of life face the problems of tomorrow.

It is eminently fitting that the first major event to follow the launching of the Liberal Party should be a forum dealing with the vital subject: — Liberals and Labor in Post War America.

The panel of speakers gives ample evidence that the subject will be discussed without ambiguity or equivocation. To the possible discomfort of minds habituated to outmoded ideas, the Liberal Party forum will come to grips with the part liberals-at-large and labor-in-general must play in molding postwar America. Molding it not in terms of abstract ideologies but in terms of the living, breathing realities of full employment and high level production, peace and security, opportunity and equality.

NO DUBS
LIBERAL PARTY

100-309711-2 *[Signature]*

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

San Diego, California
August 12, 1947

Director, FBI

Re: [REDACTED]
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Dear Sir:

although indignant at the appointment,
said that his hands were tied as it came originally from Mrs. ELEANOR
ROOSEVELT.
ENCLOSURE

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FROM

CONGRESSMAN A. J. SABATH

HONORARY CHAIRMAN

"Jerusalem Forever"

SUITE 1328

220 S. STATE STREET

CHICAGO 4, ILLINOIS

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"JERUSALEM FOREVER"

May 14, 1948

CIVIC OPERA HOUSE

May 14, 1949

In Commemoration of The

First Anniversary of The State of Israel

-----Benefit-----

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General Julius Klein
Irv. Kupcinet
Doctor Karl A. Meyer
Dr. Edw. J. Sparling

January 19, 1949

Mr. _____

Dear Mr. _____ :

Pursuant to a conversation had with one of the members of my committee I am happy to know you would like further information about our gala performance to be held at the Civic Opera House to commemorate the first Anniversary of the State of Israel.

(Committee in formation)

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Field Director

We hope that you will join with my people in celebrating this historic occasion to the extent of making a contribution, or through the purchase of tickets to the performance that will be known as "Jerusalem Forever", which will be given by a number of outstanding stage, screen and radio stars.

The proceeds from this affair, which incidently is being held in principal cities from coast to coast on the same date, will be given to the United Charity Institutions of Jerusalem.

Sincerely yours,

s/ A. J. Sabath, M.C.
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO :

DATE: March 15, 1960

FROM :

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT
THREATENED BOMBING OF
ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA,
AUDITORIUM, 3/14/60

The 7:00 a. m. news broadcast, Radio Station WRC, advised that there had been a bomb threat at the St. Petersburg, Florida, Auditorium where Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt was scheduled to speak the evening of March 14, 1960. It was stated the auditorium was searched and no bomb found.

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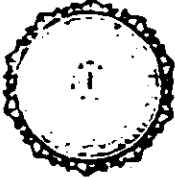
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4/28/45-

It appears that "THE PROTESTANT" magazine is a publication having no connection with any Protestant organization and though purporting to fight anti-Semitism and unite racial groups, is in fact a Communist front publication which tends to foment racial and religious strife and prejudice and has been condemned by Catholic and Jewish leaders.

The New York files further reveal that "THE PROTESTANT" finally became so extremely partisan that Mrs. ELEANOR ROOSEVELT withdrew her endorsement of it after she learned of its attacks on Catholicism.

100-33868-3



Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
New York, New York

IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO
FILE NO. . .

August 6, 1945

Director, FBI

Re: DOWNTOWN COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Dear Sir:

For the information of the Bureau, it has been noted that columnist DANTON WALKER, in his column entitled "Broadway" in the New York Daily News, on Wednesday, August 1, 1945, made the following statement regarding the above captioned school: "Mrs. ELEANOR ROOSEVELT and Mrs. PAUL ROBESON are among the teachers named for the Inter-racial Workshop to be conducted this winter by the Downtown Community School, as a means of imparting technique in handling inter-racial problems."

Very truly yours

100-342623-1

The subject has been active in making arrangements for a broadcast sponsored by the U.S.S. Friendship and also for an C.B.S. broadcast sponsored by the same organization. These broadcasts took place in the latter part of February and the early part of March, 1945. In connection with the C.B.S. Program,

and Mrs. ROBERTS were contacted by the subject either directly or indirectly in order to participate in the C.B.S. broadcast.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR FBI
FROM : SAC NEW YORK
SUBJECT: THE LABOR BOOK CLUB

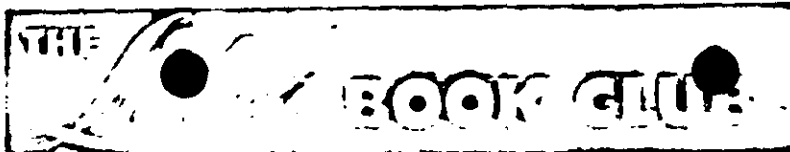
DATE: September 11, 1945

THE LABOR BOOK CLUB has been endorsed by R. J. THOMAS, President UAW-CIO; PHILLIP MURPHY, President CIO; SIMONE MILLMAN, Chairman, CIO-PAC; HENRY A. WALLACE, ELEANOR ROOSEVELT, QUENTIN REYNOLDS, and HAROLD L. WICKES.

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NEW YORK OFFICE
18th FLOOR
386 FOURTH AVE.
NEW YORK 14, N. Y.



MAIN OFFICE
UAW-CIO
INTL EDUCATION DEPT
1324 MACCABEES BLDG.
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MEMORANDUM: To All Charter Members
About: The Labor Book Club
The First Book Selection
The Labor Book Club News
Recommended Books

THE LABOR BOOK CLUB

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE: The Labor Book Club is the only book club organized by a union for labor. It is the only non-profit book club in America which means that all the savings resulting from mass production and distribution of Labor Book Club selected books are handed back to the members in the form of books priced lower than those of any other book club. Every charter member will want to help make the Labor Book Club the largest and most successful of all book clubs. Please urge your friends and fellow workers to join at once. Use the subscription blanks attached to this memo. Ask your shop steward or the officers of your local for more subscription blanks. Help your local put over the Labor Book Club membership drive which every local has been urged to start.

LABOR BOOK CLUB SELECTIONS: The Board of Judges which chooses Labor Book Club Selections is made up of the four top officers of the UAW-CIO. R. J. Thomas, George F. Aades, Richard Frankenstein, and Walter Reuther, and the UAW International Education Director William H. Levitt. Every selection is made by the unanimous decision of this Board. Choices will be made from outstanding classics and current best sellers in fiction and non-fiction as well as from previously unpublished manuscripts of particular interest to labor.

All Labor Book Club selections will be cloth-bound, durable editions, similar to regular trade editions. They will not have so-called dust jackets, the paper covers which are used on trade editions to carry advertising material and to prevent the damaging of book covers on store shelves. You will be interested to know that dust jackets for 20,000 trade editions consume the paper necessary to print 1,200 books. In this period of paper shortage, the Labor Book Club paper quota can be stretched to allow more people to join the club by doing away with dust jackets.

HOME OPINIONS ON THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS VENTURE: All over the country Labor Leaders and friends of Labor have come forward to congratulate the UAW-CIO on the formation of the Labor Book Club, to emphasize the importance which this Book Club may have to all working people.

LABOR LEADERS SAY:

R. J. THOMAS, "The newly organized Labor Book Club of the UAW-CIO, for the benefit of ourselves and our families, is now under way. This Book Club is the first in the history of American labor. I'm personally strong for this project because the success of our Book Club is going to show once more that the UAW-CIO stands out internationally as a union that works for the educational self-improvement of its members as well as their economic betterment."

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PHILLIP MURRAY, "Establishment of the Labor Book Club by the Education Department of
PRESIDENT, the UAW-CIO in cooperation with Messrs. Reynal & Hitchcock is good
CIO news for the millions of American workers who enjoy reading worth-
while books yet who have too often found their cost prohibitive.

Workers, like other people, find relaxation and profit in reading. The Labor Book Club, which proposes to fill their needs at moderate cost, will benefit both its members and the authors of the books selected. I extend my heartiest wishes for success of this new and interesting venture of the UAW-CIO."

SIDNEY HILLMAN, "I wish to congratulate you on the formation of the Labor Book Club
CHAIRMAN, dedicated to increase the workers' knowledge and understanding of
CIO-PAC our national and international problems. The need for such a Club
has existed for a long time, and it is heartening that the great and
culturally aware UAW-CIO was responsible for bringing such a Book Club into existence. It is my hope that the Labor Book Club will grow and serve all of labor."

LABOR'S FRIENDS SAY:

HENRY A. WALLACE "Widespread education is vital to a strongly functioning
democracy. Knowing how to read and write is not enough.
There must be the eager reading of up to date books. That is why I look on the Labor Book Club as so important."

ELEANOR ROOSEVELT "I am interested to learn of the formation of the Labor
Book Club and its purpose as I regard book reading as of
great importance to well-rounded citizenship and believe in the efforts of organized labor to develop its own facilities for assisting members to secure books."

QUENTIN REYNOLDS "The Labor Book Club is a swell idea. I'd give it any kind
of recommendation you can think of, and please accept my
application for Charter Membership."

THE FIRST BOOK SELECTION

HELL FOR ADANO by John Hersey: This book (published in the regular trade edition by Alfred Knopf, Inc., price \$2.50) has been made into a Broadway stage hit. Hollywood is now making a screen version. It has been unanimously chosen by your Board of Judges as the first of the six books to which your \$5 membership in the Labor Book Club entitles you.

CRITICS SAY ABOUT THIS BOOK:

The New York Post: "In this story of Major Joppolo, AMG officer for the town of Adano in Italy, John Hersey has written the finest tract for democracy produced in this war - fiction or non-fiction. In fact, because it is such well-contrived and well-executed fiction it has infinitely greater appeal and power than the dozens of sober studies of democracy that have appeared these last few years."

The Los Angeles Times: "'A Bell for Adano' is one of the most diverting and enlightening books of fiction to appear since the beginning of the war. Its source is reality but it is a novel which deals with people, with human character and behavior. These people are live. They have continuity with the past and point to the future."

The Atlanta Constitution: "It's a wonderful story told by one of the very best of them. It makes you proud to be an American. But wedged into this eye-opening story of military rule in the generic town of Adano is an accusation of re-

100-341901-4

**Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
New York, New York**

November 21, 1944

Director, FBI

Re: ~~INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ASSEMBLY~~

Dear Sir:

to show the version of those persons who controlled the INTER-
NATIONAL STUDENT ASSEMBLY during September, 1942, at Washington D.C., it is
necessary to set forth additional information with respect thereto which was
also contained on page 9 of said report. Such information follows:

"Over, above and apart from this official Directorate, was an unof-
ficial group which exercised much of the actual control. This group
consisted of MRS. FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT,

100-336057-1

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

UNCLASSIFIED

TO :

DATE: February 21, 1957

FROM :

SUBJECT: INTERNAL SECURITY SUBCOMMITTEE TESTIMONY
SCOPE OF SOVIET ACTIVITY IN THE UNITED STATES

Handwritten marks: a checkmark and some illegible scribbles.

The following volume of testimony has been received from the Committee and has been forwarded to _____ in the Domestic Intelligence Division for appropriate handling and return to my office for return to the Committee:

Volume 82 at Washington, D. C., February 20, 1957

Executive - Confidential

Person appearing is referred to as the "Witness" and is _____ whose identity the Committee wishes to protect

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Washington, D. C.
February 12, 1947

RE:

the woman attached suggested that a woman who should be invited was Head of the Womens Division of the Pan American Union. The attache had inquired if Mrs. ELEANOR ROOSEVELT had been invited. this would be silly; that Mrs. ROOSEVELT had not been offered an invitation and that she wouldn't come. said that Mrs. ROOSEVELT had taken no open stand on the C.A.W. organization but that she had been approached and that Mrs. ROOSEVELT fooled around with the other outfit.

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11/10/47

Later on the same day according to , was again in conversation with at which time he told that he had been speaking to some of the people in the national office of the telephone workers and had suggested to them of running a joint meeting on the telephone strike on the anti-labor legislation, having three speakers at the meeting including one of the national officers of the telephone workers, from the national CIO, and someone like Mrs. ELEANOR ROOSEVELT at which time they would issue a statement.

11/29/48

the American delegation was reported to be making deals concerning the Palestine situation. According to

requested that they notify in order to have the latter notify and the not

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101-2261-45

to permit any changes after Tuesday in the U. S. position; also that
ELEANOR ROOSEVELT was quite disturbed over the situation because she is
not being consulted and feels that she is being left out.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

OCT 31 1948

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FROM NEW YORK 7

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DIRECTOR URGENT

ACCORDING TO THE AMERICAN

DELEGATION WAS MAKING DEALS CONCERNING THE PALESTINE SITUATION. THE
DELEGATION INSTRUCTIONS UNTIL THURSDAY.

ACKED

TO NOTIFY

[REDACTED] TO NOTIFY

[REDACTED] AND THE

NOT TO PERMIT ANY CHANGES AFTER TUESDAY IN THE US POSITION.
ELEANOR ROOSEVELT IS QUITE DISTURBED OVER THIS SITUATION AS SHE HAS
NOT BEING CONSULTED AND FEELS THAT SHE IS BEING LEFT OUT.

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He stated that he knew [redacted] was a CP member at one time but he did not feel that [redacted] admission to the US would constitute any danger to the US. When interviewed in 1947 [redacted] stated that he then felt that he was indiscreet in sponsoring the visa application of [redacted]. He said that he sponsored [redacted] because the latter was a friend of Mrs. ELEANOR ROOSEVELT.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: May 12, 1948

FROM *FAP*'S SAC, RICHMOND

SUBJECT:

said that has been a member of the National Youth Congress while at GTU and has on various occasions attended meetings at the White House with Mrs. F. D. ROOSEVELT.

101-1805-5

related that about 1942 had come to him in Washington, indicating that he was interested in obtaining employment. stated he made an appointment with a Quaker friend with a view to assisting He stated that at the meeting talked a great deal, dominating the conversation as always and did not assist himself any in getting employment through this individual. However, stated appeared to need a little help. He stated that while in Washington he had contacted many prominent Government officials, mentioning an occasion when he had to decide whether to meet
or ELEANOR ROOSEVELT.

101-420-34

On January 11, 1947, the Washington "Afro-American" carried an article which indicated that a new liberal organization called "Americans for Democratic Action" had been organized the preceding week. It stated this organization was established after unanimous decision was reached to formulate plans for building a nation-wide Labor-Liberal Farmer Progressive Movement. Among the 150 "Liberals" formulating this organization were listed LES. FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT,

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

February 6, 1942

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

On numerous occasions [redacted] had made appeal to the Civil Service Commission, stating that his promotions were entirely too slow, and that he was not being advanced as rapidly as he should have been.

There appeared in his personnel file a letter addressed to Mrs. FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT dated March 28, 1941, in which he makes a complaint. This paragraph of the letter addressed to Mrs. ROOSEVELT is quoted as follows:

101-1586-3

"At the Veterans Administration where I have been employed throughout the years I have been made to suffer the insidiousness of prejudice and discrimination just as Negroes are generally made to suffer."

Very truly yours,

Special Agent in Charge

101-1586-3

stated that she never in his presence, either by word or deed, made any statements indicating admiration for communism or for Russia. He pointed out that from her casual statements he gathered that she took a very dim view of Russia as our ally. He stated that he recalled on one occasion that Mrs. ELEANOR ROOSEVELT had attempted through channels to have one appointed to the Submarine Branch of the Service.

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

February 16, 1942

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Re:

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent dated February 16, 1942, at Washington, D. C., reflecting investigation in regard to the above-named individual.

For your information, in the course of reviewing personnel file at the Civil Service Commission, it was noted that Mrs. ELEANOR ROOSEVELT had evidenced an interest in the ultimate disposition of [redacted] case which was at that time pending before the authorities of the Civil Service Commission. In this connection, it was noted that Mrs. ROOSEVELT requested that she be furnished a copy of the report in regard to [redacted] which action was not taken by the Civil Service Commission, as no final report had been completed at that time.

Very truly yours,

101-1752 - 6

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR



Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

March 24, 1942

MEMORANDUM FOR [REDACTED]

RE: [REDACTED]

For your information there is attached hereto a letter directed to the U. S. Civil Service Commission dated March 25, 1942, attached to which is a copy of the report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated February 16, 1942 at Washington, D. C., concerning the captioned individual.

Reference is also made to the letter from the Washington Field Office dated February 16, 1942 wherein it is noted that the personnel file at the Commission revealed that Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt had evidenced an interest in the ultimate disposition of [REDACTED] case and had requested that a copy of the Commission's investigation be furnished to her regarding this individual.

With reference to the above data regarding Mrs. Roosevelt, Special Agent [REDACTED] telephonically contacted [REDACTED] of the Washington Field Office on March 14, 1942 at which time he advised that on November 1, 1941 Mrs. Roosevelt had written to the Civil Service Commission requesting a copy of the report of the Commission. He also advised that the Commission was to have conducted an investigation regarding [REDACTED] however such an investigation was never made. It was [REDACTED] belief that the Commission had decided not to investigate in view of the Hatch Act investigation being conducted by the Bureau and that probably the Commission would send Mrs. Roosevelt a copy of the report furnished to them by the Bureau.

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Respectfully,

[REDACTED]

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Attachment

United States Senate

MEMORANDUM

November 17, 1953

Dear

Attached anonymous letter received in plain envelope, mailed in Washington November 13. Sent to you for whatever value it may have.

101-792-81

COPY

Mr. ██████████

You may also find that during Wash-
ington visits he attended cell meetings in Georgetown and
elsewheres in Washington; that he was connected with
and via her had an entree to Mrs. Roosevelt;
that those who worked closest to him in New York had
specific information that he was connected with the Commu-
nist Party.

101-792-81

The February 3, 1946, issue of the Communist newspaper HOY states that the CASA DE LA CULTURA, in accord with its resolutions adopted at its National Assembly, has sent three cables, to

the UNO, to Mrs. ELEANOR ROOSEVELT and to the President of the French Constitutional Assembly, respectively. According to this article, the cable to the UNO requests that the latter group intervene to put an end to the terror in Spain; the cable to Mrs. ROOSEVELT urges that she assert her influence on the UNO to obtain the freedom of SANTIAGO ALVAREZ and SEBASTIAN ZAPIRAIN and to prevent the execution of CRISTINA GARCIA:

then read messages from Mrs. ELEANOR ROOSEVELT
"who was very glad to send a small check" to the American Relief for Greek
Democracy, in the hope that it would alleviate the suffering of the "Brave
Greek people".

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW YORK, N.Y.**

FILE NO.

REPORT MADE AT BOSTON, MASS.	DATE WHEN MADE 2/1/47	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1/22/47	REPORT MADE BY
TITLE GREEK AMERICAN COUNCIL			CHARACTER OF CASE

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

FEB 1 1947
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REFERENCE:

DETAILS:

AT BOSTON, MASS.

1946 a requested advised that on November 8, Director of the Harvard University Observatory to become a sponsor locally of the AMERICAN RELIEF FOR GREEK DEMOCRACY. She explained that the organization was one of those in which Mrs. ELEANOR ROOSEVELT had manifested distinct interest.

105-600-109

New York, N.Y.
June 6, 1943

On June 4 the American Relief for Greek Democracy sponsored a dinner at
Hotel Commodore to open a one million dollar drive for Greek relief.

Other non-speakers on the dais were:

congratulations were sent by Eleanor Roosevelt,

messages of

105-600-84

In a news release dated February 2, 1946, the GREEK AMERICAN COUNCIL called upon sympathetic organizations, trade unions and societies to urge the President of the United States to instruct our delegation at UNO to disassociate the United States sharply from the position of Foreign Secretary ERNEST BEVIN concerning Greece and to support the Soviet demand for the immediate withdrawal of British troops from Greece. This request was sent in the form of a letter to the President by EVASIKELIANOS, President of the Council and MICHAEL WANDELENAKIS, Secretary of the Council. The news release indicated that the Council also sent a radio-gram to ELEANOR ROOSEVELT in London requesting her to fight in the Security

Council toward a defeat of the British attempt to destroy the Greek spirit. A copy of the letter to the President is enclosed for the Bureau's information.

In a press release by the GAC issued January 22, 1946 it was stated that the COUNCIL, which represents a cross section of Greek Americans in the United States, hailed ANDREI GROMIKO's letter

on Greece to the United Nations Security Council as a "contribution to the maintenance of world peace and security". The release continued that the president and secretary of the COUNCIL cabled GROMYKO, warmly thanking him for his timely letter and the action of his great country.

It was stated that other cables were sent to the United Nations Security Council, Secretary of State JAMES F. BYRNES, and to ELEANOR ROOSEVELT endorsing GROMYKO's letter on Greece.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO :

DATE: August 4, 1947

FROM :

Time of call: 8/4/47
4:45 P. M.SUBJECT: Telephone call from
of the State Department

By reference from the Director's Office, I took a telephone call at 4:45 P. M. today from [redacted] of the State Department, who explained that he was working with Mrs. F. D. Roosevelt on United Nations matters. [redacted] stated that he had received a letter from Mrs. Roosevelt today, inclosing a communication relative to a secret organization undermining the welfare of our country. [redacted] commented that in his opinion and from his interpretation of Mrs. Roosevelt's remarks, the writer of the communication in question is probably a "crackpot." He said that Mrs. Roosevelt indicated the person may have been suffering from the strain of war, with the result that it had affected the writer's mind. However, she asked [redacted] to give the letter to someone to check, adding that if such an organization existed and was carrying on as alleged, the FBI certainly should know about it. In response to my inquiry, he stated there was no name given but that the letter was rambling and somewhat incoherent in nature. [redacted] wanted to know if the Bureau would look into the matter.

I told [redacted] that if he would refer the letter to us, we would see that it received appropriate attention.

105-0-2251

The Attorney General

February 3, 1945

~~John Edgar Hoover~~ - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

I have received memoranda dated February 2, 1945, with which he transmitted a note directed to you by Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt. Mrs. Roosevelt enclosed a letter which she had received from _____ and which related to the confidential assignment in Europe of one _____ asked for any available information concerning this matter.

This Bureau has conducted no investigation of _____ and our indices contain no references to her. It would appear likely that whatever investigation may have been conducted of her was handled by some branch of the War Department. This Bureau's files contain no indication of such an investigation nor of a request from any agency for information concerning _____

Mrs. Roosevelt's note suggests she may have a mistaken opinion as to this Bureau's responsibility and interest in a matter of this nature. In answering Mrs. Roosevelt, I hope you will clarify her on this point, explaining that in those instances where this Bureau does conduct investigation at the request of some other Governmental agency or furnishes information to it, under no circumstances does the Bureau make any recommendation or express an opinion concerning an individual's qualifications for any position or assignment.

_____ together with Mrs. Roosevelt's note to you, is returned herewith.

enclosure

Vertical handwritten note:
See memo to J. Edgar Hoover, 2/3/45

Handwritten signature:
G. W. [unclear]

105-4568-1

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

JAN 31 1945

January 29, 1945

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

I really think

your recommendation is worth considering and that

the girl should be allowed to appear before you

for questioning by the F. B. I.

Very sincerely yours,

Franklin D. Roosevelt

Handwritten notes:
Mrs. [unclear]
[unclear]

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO :

DATE: 4-3-47

FROM :

SUBJECT: BOOK REVIEW, "WHILE THEY FOUGHT"
BY HELEN LOEBARD

Pursuant to your request
entitled book.

has reviewed the above-

A great portion of this book is based upon information gathered by the author from chatter she heard during the war years in cocktail lounges, drawing rooms, teas, luncheons, supper parties, and personal contact with some of the Members of Congress and Washington Big Wigs. She mentions in a number of places that "gossip" had it that so and so occurred. A great deal of her book, however, is an indictment of the Communist Party and showing how the "termites" worked their way into the New Deal through President Roosevelt, Eleanor Roosevelt and others close to the White House doing a great deal of damage.

Memorandum to

April 3, 1947

In chapter XVII the author discusses Eleanor Roosevelt showing the reaction of Washington as well as other parts of the country to her various idiosyncrasies.

She mentions on page 288 Eleanor Roosevelt's close association with Joseph Lash who had been under fire for his leftist activities when he was executive secretary of the American Student Union which rigidly followed the Communist party line. She mentions that Mrs. Roosevelt invited Joseph Lash to the dinner party when the Chief Justice Harlan Fiske Stone was the ranking guest and that she singled out Lash for a seat at the table of honor. She states that Mrs. Roosevelt used her position in attempting to obtain a commission in the Intelligence Branch of either the Army or the Navy for Lash but that he was turned down by both services on the basis of his civilian activities and was subsequently drafted.

The author tells on page 290 of a visit by Mrs. Roosevelt to a new army post near Miami, Florida, where she was taken to Private Lash's barracks and that he then "to the envy of his comrades, entered General Wooten's open car and accompanied the official party on a tour of the post....Shortly after her visit Lash was ordered to Bolling Field, near Washington, before being transferred to Noumea in the South Pacific.

Other favorites of Mrs. Roosevelt's such as Melvin Douglas, his stage wife Helen Cahagan and the dancer Myria Chaney who was given a \$4,500 a year job in the office of Civilian Defense through the efforts of Mrs. Roosevelt, are discussed in this chapter by the author.

The author indicates that Mrs. Roosevelt's "proteges invariably shaded from pink to deep red" were the subject of endless discussion in Washington and throughout the country. (page 283)

CGSY

Jan. 16, 1945

Christian Youth
For America
P.O. Box 116
Englewood, Colo.

Januar 12, 1946

Dear Friend:

It is our desire that you shall have for your use all the comforts and consolations contained in the fourteenth chapter of John together with health, ability to see your task done, and the spirit of the Golden Rule throughout the coming year.

AMERICANS at the cross roads. In the next 12 months we will have to decide on whether we shall follow the old traditional way of life, or turn our nation over to a group of Red-Fascists who would deliver us into a world super state in which they would have a God above our God, a government above our government and a flag above our flag.

Plans are under way to sell out both Europe and Asia to the Soviet Union and then finance its communization with American money.

The Communists here in America are launching a large scale campaign to carry out the revolution by April 1947. Their program is as follows:

The organization of a veterans fight over housing in which they shall blame the capitalistic system for the present condition instead of placing the blame right into the lap of the Red O.P.A. raw deal program that brought about this condition.

The organization of a "Bring The Boys Home Campaign" (Campaign) so that they can get the army out of China, to make way for Bloody Joe and his gang of cut-throats to over run China and establish a Red-Atheistic Regime under which thousands of our missionaries would be slain.

All over this country these Soviet lovers have been fanning the flames of a general strike to paralyze and weaken American industry, so that we will fall far behind the Soviet Union in the reconstruction period. (This is also being done to foment class hatred)

The Red CIO-PAC is intending to run Henry Wallace for President and to drive out of office all true lovers of America and replace them with a group of "ONE WORLDERS". Already sweet Eleanor and her darling son Jim have begun the 1946 campaign to make the Congress of the United States look like a gathering of the Comintern. If this crowd ever comes to power F.D.R. body will lie in state in America's Red Square to be worshipped like Lenin's body in Moscow. Our hope and prayer is that this crowd shall be so badly defeated that Eleanor will return to dog raising as a permanent profession.

105-7231-2

Sept. 2, 1946

Edited by Kenneth M. Ellis

No. 9

The Democratic Party in the State of Georgia was this week officially confirmed as Fascist by a Federal Court ruling. It is no longer possible for Democratic Party voters, white or black, in the State of Georgia, to secure by the ballot any representation not under the domination of the Ku Klux Klan, chartered or unchartered. The three-man court upheld the county-unit system which can throw out, by private commitment the choice of the majority of party members in any primary election. In the last primary the Negro-baiting, labor-hating Eugene Talmdge, Phi Beta Kappa's only red-suspender snapper, was declared the winner in an election in which the admitted and duly counted majority voted for his somewhat more acceptable opponent. We were never among those who sang such paeans of political praise over the fact that in that primary 'Negroes voted for the first time in Georgia', feeling that what happened both to them and their votes was more importantly the issue. Nor did we join in the chorus of acclaim that accompanied the junket of Georgia's Dan Duke to acquire for Northern consumption a few photographs of himself holding up a Klan hood (no Klansman in it!) and information which he could have got by picking up the telephone and calling the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League, the Friends of Democracy, Union for Democratic Action, or even more easily by idly turning the pages of John Roy Carlson's UNDER COVER. We have very good reason to believe that Mr. Duke himself has been sprinkled with the 'sacred fluid' and that he is far more familiar with 'who's who' in Walton County than he is willing to admit. Talmdge has publicly declared that a fascist system of 'selected franchise' under the control of secret societies organized for murder, rapine and theft of the tax-payers' funds, as was proven in prosecutions which resulted in convictions of Klan leaders on all these counts, will, under his administration, be the future system of election in Georgia's Democratic party primaries. The controlling majority in Georgia's backward counties is attained by terrorist tactics, the licensing through the Klan and/or similar groups of private controls over the religious, political and social life of the residents of the State. It secures in the hands of the fascist machine perpetuity of tenure in office unless the impossible policy of seizure is undertaken. There is not the slightest political hope that a majority will vote in any Republican or other party primary not committed to the unit-vote system. With his right of franchise thus destroyed, the Georgia citizen, already inured by tradition, custom and iron discipline to the fascist program willingly will suffer the disability and this degradation of his citizenship. Nazis did not and do not 'suffer' under the yoke of their servitude. They like it. Georgians do not 'suffer' under their fascist form of government. As was publicly screamed from Atlanta over a national radio hook-up on July 23, 'We like it!'

In making its decision the all-Southern court pointed out the failure of the Electoral College to follow the popular will in the election of three Presidents, John Quincy Adams, 1824; Rutherford B. Hayes, 1876; and Benjamin Harrison, 1888; but it did not point out that there has been a movement to abolish the Electoral College on those same grounds. If such a welcome abolition movement grows, there is not a Southern state which will lend its support to any such increase of democratic preachment or practice. The danger to the nation as a whole from this decision of the Georgia case is not yet as apparent as it will become when the Southern bloc in Congress, feudal to the core in its political philosophy, ruthless in its abuse of the slightest public power, bitter and hate-filled in its viewpoint, and cruel and unjust in its every political decision, goes to work on the legislative proposals emanating from the 'alien' remainder of the United States

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100-9597-1

NEW YORK . Eleanor Roosevelt declared in her column 'My Day' in the Scripps-Howard newspapers this week: 'I have always wanted co-operation with Russia. But I fight the American Communists within the United States for the simple reason that I believe we have greater power under our present form of government, and under our present economic system to advance the well-being of our people as a whole.'

WAR DEPARTMENT
M. I. D.
WASHINGTON 25, D.C.

15 July 1947

(Date)

Subject: AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR CULTURAL RELATIONS WITH ITALY.

Summary of Information:

"He stated that POLLOCK told him "This is big political stuff. We must be careful of every move we make. We must avoid discussion of any kind, except on cultural relations, because of the FBI".

He advised that letters were sent to persons asking them whether they are interested in better cultural relations with the Italian people, and if so, to return a card which was enclosed with the letters. He said those who returned the cards were noted as sponsors. He informed us that Mr. CRANE showed him a pile of letters. One letter was from former Mayor LaGUARDIA who replied he did not think he could join right now. Another letter was from Mrs. Eleanor ROOSEVELT, who said she was too busy. When asked whether he heard the names of Edward PERKINS, Manager, American Export Line, and Charles ROSES, UNRRA Director in Italy, mentioned in any of the conferences, he replied he did not. He stated that the name of the Treasurer of subject organization Anthony CAPRANO, was mentioned, and that there was a great deal of discussion about the former Prime Minister, Ferrucci PARRI. He informed us that Frederick WOLTMAN, of the World Telegram, spoke to the Secretary to the Italian Ambassador, and was informed that the Italian Ambassador had to be at the dinner, otherwise the Italian Government would put some pressure on him. He advised that Frank SINATRA'S Manager informed WOLTMAN that the signature of SINATRA was never obtained.

Mr. De GROOT emphasized the fact that he got up three or four press releases on cultural basis and that the release gotten out by the organization on March 10, 1947, before he entered the picture was gotten up by POLLOCK.

He advised that Mr. CRANCE, who was a son of the former Ambassador to China, is at present a member of the Committee for Anglo-Soviet Friendship. He believed CRANE recently left for Italy to see his daughter.

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105-9929-13

On October 31, 1948, . had a conference with an individual named the latter advising that he had received a letter from

According to the American delegation (to the United Nations) was reported to be making terms concerning the Palestine situation.

requested that they notify in order to have the latter notify not to permit any changes after Tuesday in the U.S. position; also that ELEANORE ROOSEVELT was quite disturbed over the situation because she was not being contacted and feels that she was being left out.

arriving my
T. Nash

Oct 11-76

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Re enclosed clipping

Re. Senator. You

the biggest leaker
SECRET

**Red Credit
Is Under Study**

WASHINGTON, Oct. 7—(AP)—
A congressional subcommittee
today announced that it is
conducting a study of the
Federal Reserve's policy on
credit to the Communist Party
and other groups.
The subcommittee, headed by
Rep. Charles McNary, D-Or.,
is part of the House Select
Committee on Education and
Labor. McNary said the study
will look at the Federal Reserve's
policy on credit to the
Communist Party and other
groups.
The study will be completed
in a few weeks, McNary said.
He said the study will be
conducted in a confidential
manner.

1951

On April 11, [redacted] contacted [redacted] who is the Alternate Delegate to the Israeli United Nations Delegation. according to [redacted] requested [redacted] to contact Mrs. FRANKLIN DELANO ROOSEVELT to ascertain if she would be back from Europe by the time the United Nations matter came up. [redacted] thought that [redacted] was referring to the Israeli-Syrian difficulty. [redacted] indicated that he would like to have an interview with Mrs. ROOSEVELT if such a meeting could be arranged at her apartment or in Hyde Park, however, [redacted] suggested that [redacted] try to arrange the meeting through [redacted] Presidential Advisor.

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HEADQUARTERS SIXTH SERVICE COMMAND
SERVICES OF SUPPLY

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR, INTELLIGENCE DIVISION
CIVIC OPERA BUILDING
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

March 17, 1943

IN REPLY REFER TO:
SPKOM 201 - [REDACTED]
(VI/N 10-383M)

Colonel John T. Bissell
Military Intelligence Service
Room 2E658
Pentagon Building
Washington, D. C.

RE: [REDACTED]

7th Technical School Squadron
Chanute Field, Illinois

Dear Colonel Bissell:

Confirming our telephone conversation of today, I inclose herewith one copy of each of the reports heretofore received from Chanute Field.

Subject was visited during the weekend of March 12-13-14 by [REDACTED] (See Incl. No. 4).

During the weekend Subject was heard to remark to [REDACTED] that he wished that his commission would "come through" quickly. Other evidence indicates that Mrs. Roosevelt is trying to secure a commission in Military Intelligence for Subject.

General R. E. O'Neil, Commanding Officer, Chanute Field, is anxious to remove Subject from his Field and would cooperate in any way to get Subject another assignment.

Subject is a student in the Weather Forecasters' School from which he is scheduled to graduate July 2. This School is now located in Grand Rapids, Michigan, but Subject is on detached service at Chanute Field. He is subject to transfer at any time to Grand Rapids.

TO AVOID DELAY ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO

DIRECTOR, INTELLIGENCE DIVISION, HEADQUARTERS SIXTH SERVICE COMMAND, P.O.S., CIVIC OPERA BLDG., CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

105-8717-5

Colonel John T. Bissell

March 17, 1943

So far only Intelligence personnel at Chanute Field, this office, and yourself are advised of this case. I feel that the Asst. Chief of Staff, G-2, Second District, AAFTC, St. Louis, Missouri, should be advised and I will instruct the Intelligence Officer, Chanute Field so to advise such officer unless you advise me to the contrary on or before Monday, March 22. The Asst. Chief of Staff, G-2, Second District, is Lt. Colonel Fred W. Siebert, formerly Intelligence Officer at Scott Field, Illinois, who it is believed would cooperate to the fullest extent with this office in any handling of the case.

As related to you during our phone conversation, it was the first plan to arrest Subject in Champaign during the weekend of March 13-14 on a morals charge because sexual intercourse was entered into between Subject and [redacted]. However, the final decision was against this. It is expected that [redacted] will return for another visit with Subject the weekend of April 3, at which time it is believed another opportunity will be presented to arrest Subject on a morals charge. If the meeting of April 3 between Subject and [redacted] occurs in Chicago as is believed likely, such arrest could be made by the Chicago Police at the behest of this office with no complications, whatever, and in such a manner that there would be no publicity and that this office would at all times be in control of the situation. Arrest on such a morals charge would provide something concrete upon which to base disciplinary action or a transfer of Subject by authorities in Washington. Also, it might be thought advisable to give the arrest sufficient publicity that E. R. would not care to intervene in the matter.

Sincerely yours,



P. F. BOYER
Lt. Colonel, M.I.

5 Incls:

- #1 - Report of March 6, Review of Service Record
- #2 - " " " March 9, Results of Mail Cover
- #3 - " " " March 14, Results of Mail Cover
- #4 - " " " March 16, Surveillance of Subject
- #5 - " " " March 16, Results of Mail Cover

P. S. In reading over the above letter, I find that it is mostly filled with comment on the illicit liaison between Subject and [redacted]. Actually this is only a detail of the case but I have dealt with it because it presents the most immediate chance to grapple with the Subject.

Return Address

Addressee

Postmark

1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C.

Sergeant Joseph Lash
TSS # 7
Barracks 403
Chanute Field
Illinois

Washington, D.C.
Feb. 1943
Airmail

1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C.

Feb. 12th

Joe dearest,

Your letter of the 7th came this morning and your two wires are here and I feel so excited about the thought of hearing your voice. What will I do when I actually see you! I will call Wednesday as I am arriving about 7. I will promise to call when I reach Columbia for 7 P.M. your time. (Illegible) whether St. Louis is an hour earlier than here. Though it probably 8 but you are on that time. She was very pleased with your note.

I am so glad you may get to Grand Rapids early in March and if you can go before the 5th I'll go on instead of Champaign. Wm. Allister was here for lunch yesterday and was delighted when I told her you might be there and told her to tell you and (Illegible) whether no. I feel just as you do about the State Department and the North African policy but I think there will be some changes. Last night Marshall Field and Louis Weiss were here for dinner and we argued (of course I started and prolonged) till 9:40. F talked convincingly but convinced no one and Wm. Louis Thompson made an interesting and penetrating remark this morning "I think, said she, that Franklin does things often from inspiration then finds the reason to justify them." I wanted to add that he sometimes changed them and I think last night's talk had an effect. I like the Yank editorial and prayed it does represent the attitude of the soldier. F. said one most interesting thing, namely that he looked for less trouble between United States and Russia and China than between any (Illegible) Great Britain. He had said that before you remember but I was surprised to have him say it to others. Louis Weiss felt as (Illegible) as I did over the DeGaulle story. Harry Hopkins sent for me yesterday and said he felt I should set up some United Nations (Illegible) on post war planning. He suggests in all capitols the representatives meet monthly and take up questions of feeding, education, etc. I feel what we need is more confidence in Russia and China that as a people we want to

Exhibit II

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understand them and their problems and work with them. I asked Harry if he thought my going there now during the war would help here and there. He said if I thought so I should make Franklin let me go but to wait until Madam Chiang came. She will be here next Wednesday and she is now in the big house at H.P. I think she is going to surprise F a good deal but she will charm him. She won't lean like Martha of Norway though. She can't be fooled either. Somehow it seems to me that she compels honesty.

Trud says your work is very hard and having no place and no real time must be a great strain. I am glad you drink your milk and hope some day you get enough sleep but you have a great deal to catch up on. You must fight against the melancholy, Joe dear. I am enclosing a letter that came with a valentine from Trud and I feel you can believe (Illegible) her and be happy when she comes to you. I feel that in spirit and thought you are close at all times. I pray St. Valentine too that he may bring us all together but that is because I need you very much.

Ambassador Daniels was in just now and he wanted me to go to the Editors' dinner tomorrow night with him so I am going and tonight as I don't speak at the W.H. correspondents' dinner I am going up to Eleanor Morgenthau's to dine and listen. I hope he says something.

Mrs. Frankfurter brought (Illegible) a Dr. Majaen (English) who believes that Palestine can and should be the home of all Jewish people who wish to go there. He was very convincing but I have heard many arguments on the other side.

I must close so bless you dear a world of love.

ER

1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.D.

Thursday night.

Joe, dearest:

George Jessel sent me this and it may amuse you! I shall take out to show you the most exquisite bracelet watch painted by a Chinaman over 60 years old who has now been killed by the Japs. A small (Illegible) is a translation of that which is written on it, much of which is amusing. Madame Chiang gave it to me this afternoon. She looked ill and in pain after the strain of the speeches throat nerves play queer tricks.

I will write more tomorrow. Good night now. Friday, February 19. We just had a birthday dinner for Eliner M rgenthau, 12 of us and me but I like parties with just you and Trud and me! However, we had some spirituals songs by four Howard University boys and then saw the pictures which Robert Hopkins took in and around Casa Blanca. They were lovely in color, and well taken but I was disappointed because there were none of Elliott!

Madame Chiang and Franklin had a wonderful press conference this morning. She is very quick and when they asked her what China needed most and she hesitated FDR said "Ammunition and war supplies and we will get them there as fast as the Lord will let us" and the next question was "Will you comment on how satisfactory the deliveries have been?" She came back with "I will leave that to the President and only added "The Lord helps those who help themselves." Upon that the press conference ended.

She went to bed till 4 PM. She arose and was given the Chi Omega award at a 15 minute ceremony but it was moving and she made a charming speech. Recalling that yesterday I quoted to her from a letter a young man in the army had written me saying that personal ambitions could never seem to him so important they must emerge in a movement for the betterment of mankind she said that was what gave her courage. The men and the women who would join in a movement so all over the world we might move forward together. You see, what you said made a deep impression on her and struck an answering spark. Great people think alike I have heard.

She has been talking to FDR since 9:20 so I must go and excuse her and lead her to bed. I'll come back then and finish. Later 11:30 I have talked both and finally gotten them to bed and FDR has been given some white silk for shirts and I

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have the most beautiful carved ivory and I am ashamed to receive such gifts when we can give nothing to speak of in return. I have a real liking for her though so accepting these gifts from her is not hard.

I am going to N.Y. Tuesday to be at the ship and have his officers to tea if they don't sail before so I hope I can get Trude to lunch with me and tell me all she can about you. I am really hungry to see you and I miss you so much. I would give so much to look up and see you walking in and know you were under my roof. I am as busy as I can be and interested and still you are always in my mind and I wish I could share the things that I like which I feel you too would like with you and Trude. I'm happy to think that tonight you are together and I hope there is no cloud over these days.

Bless you darling, good night and a world of love to you.

ER

Exhibit III

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Place: Chanute Field, Illinois
Date: March 6, 1943
File: 201 - [redacted]

MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE

Subject: [redacted]
2nd Weather Squadron
Patterson Field, Ohio
Att. 7th Tech. Sch. Sqdn.
Chanute Field, Illinois

Re: Interview with a
Reliable Informant

This investigator interviewed a reliable informant, [redacted] Chanute Field, Illinois on February 16, 1943, relevant to Subject.

Informant disclosed that on February 15, 1943 at 6:57 P.M. in the 7th Technical School Squadron orderly room at Chanute Field, Illinois, Subject received a person to person telephone call that originated in Columbia, Missouri, from Mrs. FRANKLIN DELANO ROOSEVELT.

The conversation lasted for three minutes, ending at 8:40 P.M.

During the conversation Subject referred to Mrs. ROOSEVELT as "ELEANOR" and she, in return to Subject, as "Sergeant". She inquired as to his health and to what progress he was making in his work, especially referring to his school work at Chanute Field.

Mrs. ROOSEVELT referred to a girl whose name she did not mention and remarked that "the girl had shingles."

She inquired of Subject if he liked the President's speech and Subject replied that it was very good.

Subject was advised by Mrs. ROOSEVELT that she would [redacted] by plane from Columbia, Missouri but she did not reveal [redacted] continuation.

NOTE:

Informant revealed that the telephone line was kept [redacted]

Chanute Field, Illinois

March 6, 1943

201 - [REDACTED]

open for a period of thirty minutes and that during this period there were seven calls trying to come through on the same line. Each time the telephone operator in Columbia, Missouri stated that the line was being held open for "Mrs. ROOSEVELT," or "The First Lady."

Raymond W. Kraus
RAYMOND W. KRAUS
Sergeant, Air Corps

Memo "E" A

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Place Chanute Field, Illinois

Date March 7, 1943

File 201-

MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE

Subject 2nd Weather Squadron
Patterson Field, Ohio
Att. 7th Tech. Sch. Sqdn.
Chanute Field, Illinois

Re: Interview with reliable informant

This officer interviewed a reliable informant on March 5, 6, and 7, 1943 in Urbana, Illinois in connection with an investigation of Subject who is suspected of Communist affiliations.

Informant stated that Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt had checked into the Urbana-Lincoln Hotel, Urbana, Illinois at 11:45 A.M., March 5, 1943. She was accompanied by her secretary, Miss Malvina Thompson, and expressed the wish that no publicity be given to her arrival. At the time of registering for her room, Mrs. Roosevelt stated that she expected "a young friend from Chanute Field" to visit her and reserved room 330 for him. Mrs. Roosevelt occupied room 332. Informant stated that the rooms had twin beds and were joined by a connecting door.

About nine o'clock on March 5, 1943, informant stated, a soldier came to the desk of the Urbana-Lincoln Hotel and announced that he was standing in line and understood that MRS. ROOSEVELT had a room reserved for him. He was directed to room 330.

Informant stated that MRS. ROOSEVELT had ordered dinner for three sent to room 332 about 8:30 P.M. He also said that upon the arrival of MISS THOMPSON, her luggage moved into the room occupied by MRS. ROOSEVELT.

Neither MRS. ROOSEVELT nor [redacted] left their hotel rooms during the entire stay on March 6, 1943 except to have lunch in the Hotel dining room. Other meals were served in their rooms, according to informant.

MRS. ROOSEVELT checked out of the Hotel at 7:35 A.M., March 7, 1943 and [redacted] left the hotel a few minutes before that time, according to informant. The hotel bill for all parties occupying rooms 330 and 332 was paid by MRS. ROOSEVELT.

NOTE:

It is noted that March 6, 1943 was the regular off-duty day for [redacted] Teach. Reference is made to the letter from MRS. ROOSEVELT (Exhibit I) in which she stated that she would be in Champaign on March 5, 1943.

(MEMO "7")

HOWARD ARK
1st Lieut., A.C.

Chanute Field, Illinois
March 9, 1943
201 - [redacted]

MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE:

SUBJECT: [redacted]

2nd Weather Squadron
Patterson Field, Ohio
Att. 7th Tech. Sch. Sqdn.
Chanute Field, Illinois

RE : Results of Mail Cover

This officer reviewed results of mail cover on [redacted] 2nd Weather Squadron, Chanute Field, Illinois on March 9, 1943, in connection with an investigation of Subject, who is suspected of Communistic affiliations. The review covered the period from March 6, 1943 to March 9, 1943. Subject received the following mail:

DATE

FROM

3/8/43

[redacted]

3/8/43

3/8/43

ER
Blackstone Hotel
Chicago, Illinois

3/9/43

Memo

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