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**ELEANOR ROOSEVELT**

**PART 2 OF 14**

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SUBJECT: Eleanor Roosevelt

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. L. V. BOARDMAN

DATE: September 16, 1957

FROM : MR. A. H. BELMONT

SUBJECT: MRS. ELEANOR ROOSEVELT  
INFORMATION CONCERNING  
(Central Research Matter)

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Boardman \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
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Communist propaganda appears in many guises. It is transmitted throughout the world in many ways. Perhaps the most insidious method used for its transmittal involves the use of dupes.

A Visit to a "Holy City" in the Soviet Union

Eleanor Roosevelt, in her syndicated newspaper column which is read by millions, has been telling her readers of her travels in the Soviet Union. On September 13, 1957, she related the details of her visit to the city of Zagorsk. She described this "holy city," as she called it, and mentioned the "shrine," the "monastery," and the "two churches" there. She told of the "continuous" religious service carried on there and made reference to the "unbelievably beautiful voices" of the "older women" chanting the service.

The widow of the late President Roosevelt went on to tell of the great amount of food available and the "hospitality and kindness" she found in that "holy city." (The Washington Daily News, 9/13/57)

Mrs. Roosevelt apparently would have her readers believe that communist leaders have changed their views on religion. What are those views? The record speaks for itself.

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Communist Views on ReligionRECORDED - 33  
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In 1844, Karl Marx wrote: "... The struggle against religion is therefore indirectly the struggle against that world whose spiritual aroma is religion." (1)

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In 1913, V. I. Lenin said: "... Every religious idea, every idea of god, even every flattery with the idea of god, is unutterable villainess..." (2)

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Memorandum to L. V. Boardman  
Re: Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt  
Information Concerning

In 1927, Joseph Stalin declared: "...The Party cannot be neutral... towards the reactionary clergy who poison the minds of the toiling masses. Have we suppressed the reactionary clergy? Yes, we have. The unfortunate thing is that it has not been completely liquidated...." (3)

In 1955, Nikita S. Khrushchev stated: "We remain atheists. We will do all we can to liberate a certain portion of the people from the charm of the religious opium that still exists...." (4)

### The Present Viewpoint in Religion

Many will probably defend Mrs. Roosevelt's picture of a "holy city" in the Soviet Union by explaining that things have changed since Stalin's death. If so, they have only to read the latest Soviet publications which, recently, have been focusing attention on religious influences in that country. Typical of the comments found on this subject in various articles and editorials in the Soviet press are the following:

"...it is necessary for antireligious propaganda to stress the fact that all religion is unscientific...."

"In the struggle against religious survivals in the consciousness of a certain segment of the Soviet people it is necessary to make use not only of lectures but of all forms of political influence of the masses..."

"The victory of socialism decisively undermined the social roots of religion in our country...." (The Current Digest of the Soviet Press, 9/4/57, pp. 12-15)

### An American's Responsibility

Mrs. Roosevelt's visit to and her description in glowing terms of the "holy city" in the Soviet Union illustrates two important points: (1) Foreign "dignitaries" are still being given "guided" tours in the Soviet Union designed to hoodwink them into praising the Soviet system; (2) Prominent Americans whose views are highly respected have a responsibility to the American public to present both sides of the picture in any discussion of the so-called developments in communist states. Otherwise, they become nothing more than dupes for communist propaganda.

### RECOMMENDATION:

For the information of the Director.

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Memorandum to L. V. Boardman  
Re: Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt  
Information Concerning

- (1) Selected Essays by Karl Marx, "A Criticism of the Hegelian Philosophy of Right," International Publishers, New York, 1926, p. 12;
- (2) V. I. Lenin, Selected Works, "Letters from Lenin to A. M. Gorky, Vol. XI, pp. 675-676;
- (3) Joseph Stalin, Leninism, "Interview with the First American Labour Delegation in Russia," Vol. I, p. 387;
- (4) New York Herald Tribune, 9/23/55.

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SAC, WFO (105-14317)

VISITORS TO IRON CURTAIN COUNTRIES  
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Attached are copies of a letterhead memorandum  
based on information furnished on [REDACTED] 620

The attached memorandum has been classified confidential because of the highly sensitive nature of the investigative technique involved.

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Washington, D. C.  
January 7, 1946

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DIRECTOR, FBI (61-7582)

March 13, 1958

SAC, BOSTON (100-32353)

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES  
NEW ENGLAND AREA  
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b7D [redacted] orally advised SA [redacted] on [redacted] that in continuing a general discussion at a District Committee meeting, Communist Party, USA, New England District, held on [redacted] at [redacted] on the expected appearance of the HCUA at Boston, Massachusetts, March 18, 1958, [redacted] Chairman of the District Committee, stated he had been at a meeting, not further described, a few days previous at which it was suggested that Mrs. ROOSEVELT's opposition attack on Senator JOHN KENNEDY regarding his stand on McCarthyism be raised in the coming elections. [redacted] then wondered if Mrs. ROOSEVELT's opposition attack on Senator KENNEDY regarding his stand on McCarthyism could be utilized as a means of making KENNEDY take a stand on the issue of the HCUA. This was not further clarified, [redacted] said.

b7C As a means of reaching Mrs. ROOSEVELT, [redacted] stated there were liberal forces in Boston that "certainly some of us know" who could contact her. He said [redacted] of New York should, in addition, be contacted inasmuch as [redacted] had liberal connections in Boston who possibly could also contact ELEANOR ROOSEVELT.

cc: 4 - Bureau (61-7582) (REGISTERED MAIL)  
(1 - 62- ELEANOR ROOSEVELT)  
(1 - 62- SENATOR JOHN KENNEDY)

1 - New York (100- [redacted]) (REGISTERED MAIL) b7C

2 - Boston (100-32353)

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Following the above, [REDACTED] wife of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] 67C  
an individual believed by [REDACTED] to have been [REDACTED] 67D  
commented that they should not let anybody know about the idea  
of contacting Mrs. ROOSEVELT to make Senator KENNEDY take a  
stand on the thing.

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] said no action was taken on any of the foregoing at  
the District Committee meeting. He further stated he was unable  
to determine from conversation at the meeting whether [REDACTED]  
suggested possible use of Mrs. ROOSEVELT would be seriously  
considered or whether it would be acted upon in any way by the  
Communist Party at this time. Rather, all action in regard to  
the HCUA was left to a committee set up at this meeting, who,  
with lawyers to be retained, were to decide as to what action  
should be taken, [REDACTED] said. [REDACTED]

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# Office Memorandum

• UNITED STATES

GOVERNMENT

TO : The Director

DATE: 4 - 30 - 58

FROM : J. P. Mohr

Pages A3879-A3880, Congressman Forrester, (D) Georgia, extended his remarks to include an article written by Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt entitled "Representative Walter Is Prejudiced" which appeared in the Washington Daily News of April 16, 1958. Mr. Forrester stated "Mrs. Roosevelt says that Congressman Francis E. Walter is narrow and prejudiced because he has dared to suggest that the Treasury Department revoke the tax exemption of the Fund for the Republic; also, Mrs. Roosevelt hopes that our Nation will be able to go on enjoying the benefits that come from educational foundations performing the kind of work that the Fund for the Republic has been doing. Mr. Speaker, sometimes it seems when a Congressman lifts his voice in defense of the taxpayers, or in defense of constitutional government, or speaks out against unrestricted immigration which has permitted hundreds of Communists to come into this country, not for the purpose of preserving our country but to destroy it, that Congressman is immediately condemned as being narrow and prejudiced." He went on to state "It is noted, Mr. Speaker, that nowhere does Mrs. Roosevelt attempt to answer charges made by Congressman Walter against the Fund for the Republic, but expresses her hope that we will be able to go on enjoying the benefits that come from educational foundations able to perform the kind of work that the Fund for the Republic has been doing. On March 30, 1958, Congressman Walter released a statement laying down a bill of particulars against the Fund for the Republic." Mr. Forrester included excerpts from this statement which contained the following: "The fund has also financed attacks, unsupported by competent evidence, upon the loyalty, integrity, intelligence, and mental stability of all confidential informants of the Federal Bureau of Investigation who have testified in public trials or proceedings."

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In the original of a memorandum captioned and dated as above, the Congressional Record for [redacted] was reviewed and pertinent items were marked for the Director's attention. This form has been prepared in order that portions of a copy of the original memorandum may be clipped, mounted, and placed in appropriate Bureau case or subject matter files.

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TO : F. J. Baumgardner *2013/k*  
FROM : J. J. O'Connor *✓*  
SUBJECT: ELEANOR ROOSEVELT  
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DATE: June 30, 1958

Attached is a memorandum prepared by the New York Office concerning captioned individual, which does not include any information obtained as the result of a file review at Seat of Government. The attached was transmitted by New York letter dated June 6, 1958, captioned "Communist Infiltration of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), Internal Security - C," the original of which is filed in Bufile 61-3176-2552.

EXTREME CAUTION SHOULD BE TAKEN IN UTILIZING THE INFORMATION IN THE ATTACHED AS INCLUDED THEREIN MAY BE INFORMATION, PARTICULARLY THAT FROM THE INDICES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES (HCUA), WHICH HAS NOT BEEN DEFINITELY IDENTIFIED AS BEING IDENTICAL WITH CAPTIONED INDIVIDUAL. THE ATTACHED MEMORANDUM, OR ANY REPRODUCTION THEREOF, SHOULD NOT BE DISSEMINATED IN ITS ENTIRETY.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that instant memorandum and its attachment be routed to the Records Branch:

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- ☐ To have a new 100 main inactive file opened on captioned individual and for filing therein. *NR*

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Eleanor Roosevelt  
New York, New York  
Board of Directors  
National Association for the  
Advancement of Colored People

The background data concerning Eleanor Roosevelt, as set forth in the attached memorandum, captioned as above, was obtained from 1956-1957 edition of "Who's Who in America".

WFO by letter dated 5/12/58 advised that the name Eleanor Roosevelt was not checked through the HCUA files.

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Eleanor Roosevelt  
New York, New York  
Board of Directors  
National Association for the  
Advancement of Colored People

Eleanor Roosevelt, white, female, was born October 11, 1884, in New York City, and resides at Hyde Park, Dutchess County, New York. She was United States representative to the Fourth through the Seventh United Nations General Assemblies, and is an author, columnist and lecturer.

Eleanor Roosevelt wrote a series of five articles entitled "On My Own" which appeared in the weekly publication "Saturday Evening Post." These articles reflect Mrs. Roosevelt's life in autobiography form subsequent to the death of the late President Roosevelt.

In the article appearing in the March 1, 1958 edition of the "Saturday Evening Post", Mrs. Roosevelt made the following statement concerning the Russian periphery: "But I think I should die if I had to live in Soviet Russia where I almost never heard laughter. When I spent a month traveling about Russia in 1957, the grim era of the Stalinist dictatorship had been replaced by the less fearful - in thinking at least - dictatorship of Nikita S. Krushchev, but the people still existed under a system of compulsion, and the power over them was still a hand of steel."

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P. O. [signature]  
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Mr. M. Herman \_\_\_\_\_  
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TO DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM SAC, NEW YORK (62-0)  
SUBJECT MRS. FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Attached is letterhead memorandum containing information secured from [REDACTED] concerning Mrs. ROOSEVELT and her proposed visit to Moscow from 9/7-28.

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Pleasure in Announcing The  
Publication Of Mrs. R. The  
Life of Eleanor Roosevelt By  
Alfred Steinberg Which Will Be  
Available At Your Bookseller Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>.

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December 11, 1958

MR. TOLSON:

RE: ELEANOR ROOSEVELT

The Director has read Eleanor Roosevelt's column "My Day" in which she attacks The American Legion and its publication "The Firing Line" because it factually made reference to communist activity within the Methodist church.

It is believed the Director may desire to scan the attached reply which the National Commander of The American Legion has issued concerning Mrs. Roosevelt's allegations.

Respectfully

G. A. Nease

Enclosure

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*A devastating reply  
to I doubt if it will  
be any use on  
the "old head owl &  
her clique."*

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## Eleanor Roosevelt's Day

# I Am Appalled By Publication

BOSTON — A publication called the American Legion Firing Line, prepared and distributed by the National Americanism Commission, was recently sent to me. Its subscription rate is \$3 a year, and it is copyrighted, thereby prohibiting reproduction of it in whole or in part without authorization. Therefore, I cannot quote from it.

I am appalled that a publication of this kind, attacking reputable people, sometimes by innuendo, should actually be published by a patriotic organization like the American Legion.

Does the Legion really believe we are in danger of becoming communists in this country? If it does, it has far less faith in our people than many of the people and organizations whom it attacks.

No one who has ever been in a country where freedom exists, and has known the feel of it, will ever be tempted to accept the material benefits offered by communism as a substitute for freedom.

There are areas of the world in which, because of certain economic conditions, it is essential to socialize certain parts of the economy, but this does not mean in any way that these nations, if they have known freedom, will necessarily give up political and social democracy.

Such ignorance of the meaning of certain religious organizations is shown in this Legion pamphlet that I am astounded intelligent people would pay \$3 a year to be misled.

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Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, the well known columnist, has challenged the usefulness of an official American Legion publication "The Firing Line" in her syndicated column "My Day."

She additionally attacks The American Legion for its fight against the international conspiracy of communism.

The American Legion has no quarrel with Mrs. Roosevelt. It has the deepest respect for what her family's name has signified on the American scene. The Legion has, however, often disagreed with Mrs. Roosevelt's obvious willingness to defend the Soviet Union.

Many thousands of our country's veterans, in respecting her right to express personal opinions regarding communism, feel that she should speak from a factual basis rather than voice opinions based upon social pleasure junkets to Russia. There is no doubt as to Mrs. Roosevelt's ability as a journalist and her broad experience as a traveler. There is considerable doubt that she has seen or heard anything in Russia other than what the Kremlin has allowed her to see and hear. There is ample room for believing that Mrs. Roosevelt's utterings has contributed to complacency and lethargy insofar as the alarming spread of communism is concerned. Mrs. Roosevelt's allegations against The American Legion seems to be two-fold:

(1) That our constant battle to expose the avowed enemies of the free world is needless and sometimes based upon innuendoes;

(2) That the Legion, in its December, 1958 edition of "The Firing Line" in exposing certain activities within the field of religion was, in effect, attacking the Methodist church.

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The country's largest veterans organization has no apologies to make to anyone for its vigilance and alertness in assisting the Congress, the FBI and all true patriots in protecting the security of this country. This is no time to be lulled into a false sense of security. There is no innuendo or distortion in exposures made by the Legion in its publications.

Each issue of "The Firing Line" is fully documented and checked carefully by a capable staff of legal experts, prior to publication. Mrs. Roosevelt may desire to check the record ~~as~~ to ascertain how many law suits have been filed as a result of Legion exposure.

Although the healthy glare of the well focused spotlight often sends the guilty to cover, there is no real basis for martyrdom if sound facts have been used. The Legion has never attacked religion as such, and never could. Its "Back to God" movement is in strong support of all religions and its programs encourage religion in every aspect. Its ranks are made up of men of all faiths and creeds who have faced the tragedy of the battle field with God and prayer as the principal salvation.

As has often been stated: "There are no atheists in fox holes." I have long been a member of the Methodist church and have proudly but humbly firmly believed in, and practiced my religion from the age of a small boy. Neither I, nor any national commander, would allow an attack upon any church, faith or religion. The American Legion, however, refuses to believe that communism or subversive activities in any form can be classed as a religion. Attempts, therefore, to utilize religion as a "front" for such activities will be constantly exposed on a factual and documented basis whenever the opportunity presents itself. Mrs. Roosevelt may desire to join us in this worthy endeavor.

Chico, California. Oct. 15, 1959.

J. Edgar Hoover,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoovers:

I have always had a high regard and great respect for former Governor of New York Lehman and Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt both of whom I consider have and still are making great contributions to humanity.

I attended a meeting last night of the Butte County Citizens Committee, which I am a member, and the speaker singled out the two above as being communists. Naturally, I fumed his ears back as I have a warm regard for the great work each of them are doing.

I understand you have a card file in your office of all known Communist in the country. Therefore, will you please advise if you the two above listed as communists.

I am writing a similar letter to the American Nationalities Committee, Washington D. C.

Thanking you in advance for your reply, I am

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Very truly,

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1 - Mr. Simpson

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter dated October 15, 1959, has been received and the interest which prompted your communication is appreciated.

As you may be aware, information in the files of the FBI is maintained as confidential and is available for official use only in accordance with a regulation of the Department of Justice. I am, therefore, unable to furnish you any information from our files. I can advise you, however, that the individuals you mentioned have not been the subjects of investigation by this Bureau.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

1 - San Francisco (See note on page 2)

(SEE NOTE ON YELLOW, PAGE 2)

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ATTENTION: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO

Correspondent advised he has always had great respect for former Governor of New York Herbert Lehman, and Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, who he believes have made great contributions to humanity. At a meeting of the Butte County Citizens Committee a speaker singled these two persons out as being communists but correspondent "pinned his ears back." Correspondent requested the Bureau advise if we have these individuals listed in our files as communists. He indicated he has written a similar letter to the "American Activities Committee, Washington, D. C."

Bufiles contain no identifiable information concerning correspondent.

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Bufiles do not indicate we have ever investigated Mr. Lehman or Mrs. Roosevelt. [REDACTED] (62-62785) b7C

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We are not indulging in a simple labor-management problem. We are dealing with a menace that threatens our very freedom. Labor is merely a tool and the rank and file member are merely victims.

I am enclosing a few "choice" clipping from recent issues of our local newspapers which should give you a picture of what is taking place all around us. The communist program calls for "putting the people to sleep while they encircle the U.S. which will fall into our hands like ripe fruit." You should read up on the communist plans and programs and decide on whose side you are fighting.

Mr. Ruether is a good friend of Eleanor Roosevelt who is a director of the N.A.A.C.P. and has affiliations with 57 known communist fronts.

Very truly yours,

[Redacted signature]

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Mr. Hoover - A similar accusation appeared in The Dallas Times Herald Letters' section. Can nothing be done to stop this "hate" campaign against our former First Lady?

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DEC 22 1959

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December 22nd 1958

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir: Please permit

me to plead pardon my  
writing & taking up your  
valuable time, but this is  
a very important matter & I  
want it settled. Your

Department are the ones to  
settle it. A fellow heart in

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Franklin Roosevelt,

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CHIEF OF POLICE

The Ex-President's wife was  
connected with & active with  
the Communist Party.  
Called him a Liar. Digged at  
his face.

Will you kindly give  
me a statement if this  
is true or not.

Yours enclosed for  
reply. in Oblige.

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62-15-78

January 4, 1960

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Dear [REDACTED]

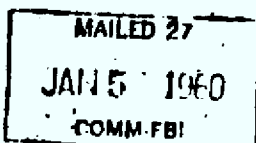
Your letter dated December 22, 1959, with its enclosure, has been received.

For your information, the Federal Bureau of Investigation has not issued any statements concerning Mrs. Roosevelt.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover  
Director



JAN 4 3 32 PM '60  
REC'D-READING ROOM  
FBI

NOTE ON YELLOW:

During a discussion, correspondent's friend stated that a few years ago the FBI published facts that Mrs. Roosevelt was connected with and was active in the Communist Party. Correspondent does not believe this and requested the Bureau furnish him a statement whether this is true or not. Correspondent furnished a four-cent postage stamp which is being used in reply.

Copies of incoming and Bureau reply not being sent to San Francisco Office since correspondent's request is of no interest to that office. Bufiles contain no identifiable information concerning the correspondent.

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- Holmes

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MAIL ROOM

TRUE COPY

December 22nd 1959,

 b7c  
Mr J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Pleas pardon my writing & taking up your valuable time, but this is a very important matter. & I want it settled. Your Department are the one's to settle it. A fellow hear in Sacramento, states the F.B.I. a few years back accused & publish facts that Mrs Franklin Roosevelt, the ex-President wife, was conected with & active with the Communist Party. I called him a Lier, right to his face.

Will you kindly give me a statement, if this is true-or-not.

Postage enclosed for reply, in oblidge.

/s/  b7c

TRUE COPY

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b7c

January 11, 1959

Mr J Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr Hoover:

Recently, during a discussion with a  
group of friends we came into an argument  
concerning Mr Ernest Bernick's  
affiliations with a youth organization that  
was praised as a communist front.

Some (perhaps "secret" studies)  
this year that were in the past (1955-79)  
unavailable that it was a communist front.  
Some believed that was "discovery".

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had her name on communist registers,  
a member of the communist party. They  
said that the reason this fact is not out  
in the open is that her supporters would  
instantly suppress it.

Not knowing where to find information  
on this subject, if any, I decided to write  
to you for help. Would you please help  
me with a fact or two concerning our problem?

Your book, Masters of Deceit, was worth  
every minute I spent reading it.  
Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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February 2, 1960

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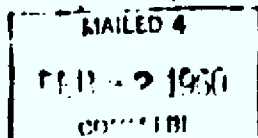
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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter postmarked January 25, 1960, has been received, and I am indeed pleased that my book, "Masters of Deceit," proved to be of interest to you.

In response to your request, I must advise that the information contained in the files of the FBI is confidential and available for official use only, and that the function of this Bureau as a fact-gathering agency does not extend to making evaluations or observations concerning any individuals, publications or organizations. Therefore, I am unable to be of assistance to you on this occasion, and I know you will not construe that we do or do not have the information you desire.

Sincerely yours,



- 1 - Mr. Parsons - Enclosure
- 1 - Mr. Belmont & Enclosure

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[REDACTED]  
January 11, 1959

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Recently, during a discussion with a group of friends we came into an argument concerning Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt's affiliations with a youth organization that was proved to be a communist front.

I was taught in senior social studies this year that she, in patronizing it, was unaware that it was a communist front.

Some believed that she knowingly had her name on communist registers, a member of the communist party. They said that the reason this fact is not out in the open is that her supporters would instantly suppress it.

Not knowing where to find information on this subject, if any, I decided to write to you for help. Would you please help me with a fact or two concerning our problem?

Your book, Masters of Deceit, was worth every minute I spent reading it.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,  
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The Attorney General

March 31, 1960

Director, FBI

HENRY WINSTON  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C  
SMITH ACT OF 1940

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Winston, who had been serving an eight-year sentence for violation of the Smith Act of 1940 and for contempt of court, underwent surgery for removal of a brain tumor on February 2, 1960, and has been convalescing in a New York City hospital. At the present time, an appeal is pending before the Second Circuit Court of Appeals from an order of the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, denying a plea by Winston's attorney to enjoin the Government from returning Winston to the United States Medical Center, Springfield, Missouri. The appeal is set for argument before a panel of three judges of the Second Circuit Court of Appeals on April 4, 1960.

In connection with the continuing campaign of the CPUSA on behalf of Winston, the following information was recently obtained from a confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past.

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(1) 62-62735 (Miss Eleanor ...)

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The Attorney General

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Any additional information indicating further action by Mrs. Roosevelt in the Winston matter will be promptly brought to your attention. u

1 - Deputy Attorney General  
Lawrence E. Walsh

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Mr. Tolson  
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Mr. DeLoach  
Mr. Malone  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Tamm  
Mr. Trotter  
Mr. W.C. Sullivan  
Mr. Tele. Room  
Mr. Mr. Gandy



MY DAY

# Tangled Web

ELEANOR ROOSEVELT

Washington.  
Premier Khrushchev is certainly having a field day of words because of the rather strange and stupid way in which we have handled the U-2 plane incident.

Couldn't we get together on one story and stick to it?

It looks as though we never talk to each other in our own government. Every country has intelligence machinery, but this whole story, as it has been presented, is the most unbelievable and baffling hodge-podge. It certainly has handed Khrushchev all he needs to help him through any of his internal difficulties.

Now Governor Rockefeller must smile at being "informally invited" to choose which of two positions he would like to occupy at the Republican national convention. It looks as though, since he found the cards stacked against him and withdrew as a candidate, he was in rather a strong position. The fear of him seems to be growing, not vanishing. For the Democrats, this is amusing to watch.

I have just received further information on the situation since the subcommittee of the Un-American Activities Committee began to subpoena schoolteachers and others in California. Fourteen of the teachers were subpoenaed, some of whom were subpoenaed last year and were served the subpoenas at their schools. All 14 are in danger of losing their jobs, for no other reason than that they were subpoenaed.

If local boards hold hearings, they may very

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EDITOR: JAMES WECHSLER  
RE: "TANGLED WEB"  
BY ELEANOR ROOSEVELT  
INFO CONCERNING

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will be cleared. But since the subcommittee on Un-American Activities selected the date of May 12 for the hearing and, by California law, the teachers must be informed of renewal of contracts by May 15, it is quite evident that these teachers will lose their contracts for next year.

In our anxiety to find Communists we are forgetting some of our basic principles. We regard people as innocent unless they are proved guilty. And we consider it important that people should be treated with humanity, not as though they were Russian subjects or pigs the state can move about as it chooses.

I dislike seeing us falling into the condition of using Soviet methods, which we are constantly saying we disapprove of. Yet these are the methods used by the subcommittee on Un-American Activities. I feel very strongly that our need today is for good teachers, and they must be loyal Americans. But they should not be fired or be held under suspicion because at some time in the past they held certain political beliefs or engaged in certain political activities.

In peacetime we do not need to police our people in the way that seems to be considered necessary by the Un-American Activities Committee. On the whole, our teachers can be trusted. They believe in our government and in our way of life. They may discuss what they think of our shortcomings, but that is our right as free American citizens.

I think we would be better off if we suspected less and left the job of proving wrongdoing to the proper authorities, such as the FBI and Secret Service.

*I am amazed  
that she thinks  
+ is even so  
justified.*

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TO:

DIRECTOR, FBI (62-77787-240)

FROM:

SAC, NEW YORK (100-92701)

SUBJECT: UN PERSONNEL - USSR  
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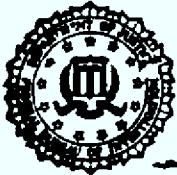
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J. Edgar Hoover  
2/4/61

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In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York  
February 2, 1961

Re: United Nations Personnel - [redacted]

[redacted] b1

Information received from the "New York Times", a New York City daily newspaper, on February 2, 1961, reflects that a Roosevelt Day Dinner will be held on February 2, 1961 at 7:00 p.m. at the Astor Hotel, New York City, under the auspices of the Americans for Democratic Action. U

[redacted] J.R.C.

(b)(7)(D)  
This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

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GROUP 1

Mar. 8, 1961

Mr. Edgar J. Hoover  
F. B. I.  
Washington, D. C.  
U. S. A.

Dear Sir:

Please read this letter through, for it is of the utmost importance.

I have a message for the President, Mr. Kennedy, which I wish you personally to see that he receives. I have been instructed to use you as my point of contact.

Perhaps you know something of Eleanor Roosevelt's correspondence with Stalin of U. S. S. R. I don't but it has been revealed unto me that there is letters which she has from him, "Stalin." She is the Commander-in-Chief of Communism in the U. S. A. She is becoming overconfident of her power in the U. S. A. and by clever investigation she may be exposed now. It is important that complete secrecy be used in this investigation. The right persons must be selected for this purpose. She must not be tipped off.

I hold you in strictest confidence as to my part in this matter.

Please do not delay. It is very late. Russia thinks they have already conquered this country without dropping a bomb or firing a shot.

Do not fear. Trust God.

Yours in confidence

/s/

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EX-114  
MAR 22 1961

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Mar '8, 1961

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Parsons	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Belmont	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Evans	_____
Mr. Malone	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Mr. W.C. Sullivan	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Mr. Ingram	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

Mr. Edgar J. Hoover  
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Yours in Confidence,

b7C



This Day - March 1st,  
Year of - 1961

Mr. John F. Kennedy,  
President of the U. S. A.

Dear Sir:  
Wait! Please read.

Truly God has raised  
you up to bring this Nation  
through a crisis, the greatest  
in the History of the world,  
and by God's Command, I say  
unto you, "Fear not, trust God."

2  
"Seek and you shall find, knock  
and it shall be opened unto you,"  
if you seek God's guidance.  
This you know from past trusts  
and many triumphant experiences.

You seek greatness, not for  
yourself but for God and all  
mankind. This shall make you  
great and God shall use you  
in a mighty way, because you  
have courage and integrity and  
will listen to God's voice.

3  
Now, listen, this has been  
revealed unto me that I should  
impress this upon you. There  
is one whom you must investigate.  
It will require the utmost in  
secrecy and a careful choice of  
the ones to accomplish this.

Eleanor Roosevelt is the top  
commander of the Communist  
Party in the U.S.A. She is evil  
and ever since she became the  
first lady she has schemed  
to overthrow our way of life.

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4 Her son James is now trying to  
put a stop to investigation of  
Communism in this U.S.A. He  
is at her command to protect her.  
There is much I could tell you,  
but you must investigate for  
yourself. Find the letters she  
received from Stalin, U.S.S.R.  
Check her activities at the Negro  
colleges from thirty years back.  
Find out who her true father was.  
Do not let her trick you and get  
on at once your head. Be  
cleverer than she is. This

5 will take some doing. The mixed  
breed is treacherous, clever and  
shrewd. She wishes all mankind  
to become mongrels because she  
is one. Find out the true cause  
of F. D. R.'s death. It was rumored  
he had a brain hemorrhage. This  
was not true. He was a great  
man but Eleanor held an ax  
over his head and she let it fall.  
Find out what the ax was.

This is urgent! It is later  
than you think, so hurry.  
Cautiously. Fear Not!  
— Trust God

## Memorandum

TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont (1)

DATE: March 16, 1961

FROM : Mr. F. J. Baumgardner

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] b7c  
INFORMATION CONCERNING  
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

[REDACTED] address unknown, sent a letter dated 3-8-61, postmarked at Fort Pierce, Florida, to the Bureau and enclosed a sealed stamped envelope addressed to President Kennedy. She requests the Director to personally see that the President gets the letter. In her letter to the FBI [REDACTED] alleges that Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt is the "Commander-in-Chief of Communism in the U.S.A." and should be investigated and exposed. b7c

It has been determined that the envelope to the President contained an unsigned letter to him in which the writer (obviously [REDACTED] quotes from the Bible, alleges Mrs. Roosevelt is the head of communism in this country and urges that she be investigated because she has always "schemed to overthrow our way of life." [REDACTED] also alleges that Representative James Roosevelt is under her command and he is trying to put a stop to investigations of communism. b7c

From the contents of the letter to the Bureau and the letter to the President there appears to be some doubt as to the mental stability of the writer. The letter to the Bureau cannot be acknowledged due to the lack of an address. It is not believed that we should take any action in forwarding the enclosed letter to the White House since it appears quite possible to be the work of a mental case. L

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that correspondent's letter, with its enclosure, be filed and no further action be taken concerning it.

- 1 - Mr. Parsons
- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Baumgardner
- 1 - Mr. Simpson

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EX-114  
MAR 22 1961  
MAR 27 1961



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April 20, 1961

Dear Sir:

I am 14 years old, and my best friend and I have had an argument that we think you could settle. I'm not exactly sure that we should write to you for this information, but she said I should. Anyway, our problem is this, she says that Eleanor Roosevelt is a communist and I disagree. ~~Is~~

Is Eleanor Roosevelt a communist? If so how can you prove this to me? If not, how can you prove to me that she is not a communist?

I would appreciate it very much if you would send me information that would answer these questions, and my friend and I have both agreed

CORRESPONDENCE



to believe whatever you tell us,  
and we have agreed not to argue  
about this any more if you disagree  
this letter. Thank you very much.  
Sincerely, Yours,

[REDACTED]

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INTERNAL SECURITY SECT.

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1 - Mr. Gurley

May 1, 1961

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L. APPROX. 1117  
b7c

Dear [REDACTED]

I have received your letter dated April 20, 1961, and the interest which prompted your communicating with me is appreciated.

While I would like to be of assistance, the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI, strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government, do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, organization or publication. I can advise you, however, that the FBI has never investigated Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt.

Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Bufiles contain no identifiable references to

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The Bureau has never investigated Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt (62-62735)

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April 20, 1961

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Dear Sir:

// I am 14 years old, and my best friend and I have had an argument that we think you could settle. I'm not exactly sure that we should write to you for this information, but she said I should. Anyway, our problem is this, // she says that Eleanor Roosevelt is a Communist and I disagree.

// Is Eleanor Roosevelt a communist? If so how can you prove this to me? If not how can you prove to me that she is not a communist?

// I would appreciate it very much if you would send me information that would answer these questions, and my friend and I have both agreed to believe whatever you tell us, and we have agreed not to argue about this any more if you answer this letter. Thank you very much.

Sincerely Yours,

/s/

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May 1, 1961

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Is it possible to have such a question as mine answered? I would like to know, is it true that Eleanor Roosevelt now holds some sort of an official position in the Communist Party of the United States?

I have recently heard this from two different sources, and would like to know how a person can find out whether or not it is true?

Very truly yours,  
[REDACTED]

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CORRESPONDENCE

MM  
ack 6-10-61  
W. H. P. H. P. H.

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May 10, 1961

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of May 1, 1961, has been received.

In regard to your inquiry, I would like to point out that the FBI, as an investigative agency, does not furnish evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, organization or publication. I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have in our files data concerning the individual you mentioned.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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NOTE: Bufiles contain no information identifiable with correspondent.

CJH:hmm  
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- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. DeLoach
- Mr. Mohr
- Mr. Bishop
- Mr. Casper
- Mr. Callahan
- Mr. Conrad
- Mr. Felt
- Mr. Gale
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Sullivan
- Mr. Tavel
- Mr. Trotter
- Tele. Room

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CLYDE DOYLE  
MEMBER OF CONGRESS  
CALIFORNIA  
(79TH, 81ST, 82D, 83D, 84TH, 85TH,  
86TH, AND 87TH CONGRESSES)

WASHINGTON, D.C., ADDRESS:  
1030 NEW HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING  
PHONE: CAPITOL 4-3121  
EXT. 3576

COMMITTEES:  
ARMED SERVICES  
UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
Washington, D. C.

RESIDENCE:  
SOUTH GATE, LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
CALIFORNIA  
23D CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OFFICE:  
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PHONE: LUDLOW 3-5230  
CALIFORNIA STATE LEGISLATURE  
ASSEMBLY DISTRICTS:  
52D, 55TH, AND 69TH

June 15, 1961

IN REPLY REFER TO  
SUBJECT OF

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

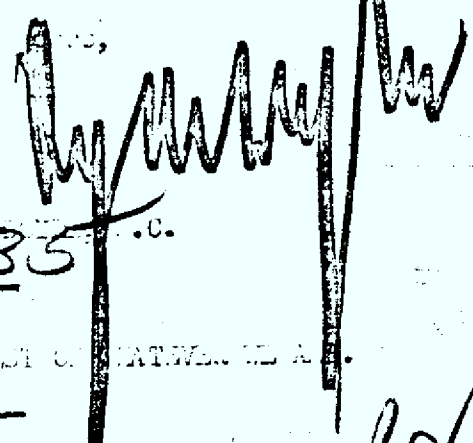
My dear friend:

The Los Angeles Examiner for Wednesday, June 14, 1961, quotes Mrs.  
Eleanor Roosevelt as follows:

"We are almost filled with the McCarthy era, but I think  
that fear of possible infiltration by communism is prevalent.  
Personally, I've never felt such a fear."

What about it? Inform me when, please.

Thank you.

Sincerely,  


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The Sacramento Bulletin office  
6-15-61 S.H. Jones

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Mr. Tolson	
Mr. Belmont	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Callahan	
Mr. Conrad	
Mr. DeLoach	
Mr. Evans	
Mr. Malone	
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Mr. Ingram	
Miss Gandy	

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Mohr

DATE: June 23, 1961

FROM : C. D. DeLoach

SUBJECT: CONGRESSMAN CLYDE DOYLE (D-CALIF.)

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Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

You will recall that by letter dated 6-15-61, Congressman Doyle made reference to an alleged statement by Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt that "We are almost finished with the McCarthy era, but I think that fear of possible infiltration by communism is prevalent. Personally, I've never had such a fear." The Congressman inquired "What about it? Inform me fully, please."

Bureau files reflect that we have had limited but cordial relations with Congressman Doyle. On a Baumgardner to Sullivan memorandum dated 6-20-61 (attached), it was recommended and approved that Congressman Doyle be contacted by a representative of my office, the letter be orally acknowledged and the Director's views on the menace of communism and communist infiltration be explained to him and that he be furnished pertinent current reprints concerning communism.

On the morning of 6-23-61, SA Hanning contacted Congressman Doyle. The Congressman was very cordial and stated that he is a great admirer of the Director and the Bureau. He stated he is particularly interested in communism inasmuch as he is a member of the House Committee on Un-American Activities. He said that while he is a great admirer of Mrs. Roosevelt, he did not agree with the above statement. Hanning briefed the Congressman along the lines mentioned in the attached memorandum and the Congressman was most appreciative. He said he has already read the Director's book, "Masters of Deceit," but intends to study it further.

The Congressman also stated that he represents part of the Los Angeles District and there are about six or eight incorporated cities in his district. He said that many of the school principals and chiefs of police are vitally interested in the Director's statements on communism, crime, and juvenile delinquency and that he would appreciate very much some literature that he could forward to them. He was advised that we would be very happy to supply him with such material. The Congressman requested from 25 to 30 copies of the material which had been left with him. These were: The Communist Menace, Communist Party, USA, Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality, the National Security Flyer and Expose of Soviet Espionage. He

Enclosure

- 1 - Mr. Ingram
- 1 - Mr. Jones

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DeLoach to Mohr memo  
Re: Congressman Clyde Doyle (D-Calif.)

stated that he would also appreciate the same number of copies of any current reprints by the Director concerning juvenile delinquency and some of the Director's more recent speeches. The Congressman was assured that we would send him this material.

Upon leaving, the Congressman asked that his best regards be given to the Director and members of his staff as he said he has the greatest admiration for the work the Bureau is doing. He was thanked for his kind comments.

RECOMMENDATION:

That 25 to 30 copies of the above indicated communist pamphlets, plus the same number of current reprints on juvenile delinquency and the Director's recent speeches be forwarded to the Congressman by courier without cover letter.

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*GRC*

Sent 30 copies each of the following reprints on June 27, 1961 at 11:00 A. M. by courier:

The Communist Menace: Red Goals and Christian Ideals, Communist Party, USA, Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality, Internal Security Statement of 4-17-61, Expose of Soviet Espionage, Director's 10-18-60 Speech, What You Can Do To Fight Communism, Counterattack on Juvenile Delinquency, The Role of the Sunday School, What We Can Do About Delinquency, The Fight Against Filth, LEB Intro 1-61, These Fighters Against Youth Crime (- 2 -), Need Your Help.

*6/28/61*  
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

Mr. J. C. Sullivan

DATE: June 20, 1961

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Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

FROM : Mr. F. J. Baumgardner *gfk*

SUBJECT: CONGRESSMAN CLYDE DOYLE  
INFORMATION CONCERNING  
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

1 - Mr. Belmont  
1 - Mr. Mohr  
1 - Mr. Sullivan  
1 - Mr. DeLoach  
1 - Mr. Baumgardner  
1 - Mr. Simpson

By letter dated 6-15-61 Congressman Doyle (Democrat - California) makes reference to an alleged statement by Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt that "We are almost finished with the McCarthy era, but I think that fear of possible infiltration by communism is prevalent. Personally, I've never had such a fear." The Congressman inquired "What about it? Inform me fully, please."

Bufiles reveal that we have had limited but cordial relations with Congressman Doyle.

From the Congressman's letter it cannot be determined if he agrees or disagrees with the statements of Mrs. Roosevelt. The Director's book, "Masters of Deceit," and his numerous statements concerning the dangers of communism and communist infiltration are well known to the general public and should be known to the Congressman. It is felt that this matter can be best handled through a personal contact at which time the Congressman may be referred to Part 5 of "Masters of Deceit" entitled "The Communist Trojan Horse in Action" which in detail describes the menace of communism and the efforts of the Party to infiltrate legitimate organizations in this country. The Congressman should also be furnished several items of literature containing the Director's views which are pertinent to his inquiry.

It is suggested the Congressman be furnished the reprint of the Director's articles which appeared in "Christianity Today" in the Fall of 1960; "Ave Maria" in April, 1960; "Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality"; "Expose of Soviet Espionage"; and the Director's statements on internal security dated 4-17-61.

## RECOMMENDATION:

NOT RECORDED

It is recommended that Congressman Doyle be contacted by a representative of Assistant Director DeLoach's office, his letter be orally acknowledged, the Director's views on the menace of communism and communist infiltration be explained to him, and that he be furnished the attached material for his information.

Enc.

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June 27, 1961

Dear Mr. Hoover,

I've been attending meetings of the Youth Forum. They're associated with the Freedom Forum and the Freedom Fighters. Could you please tell me if it is advisable for me to join this group?

I've heard it said that Eleanor Roosevelt is a communist front. Being an admirer of Mrs. Roosevelt, this statement troubled me. Is it really true?

Could you please send me information about communism?

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

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Simpson

July 10, 1961

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Dear [REDACTED]

I have received your letter dated June 27, 1961, and your interest in writing to me is appreciated.

While I would like to be of assistance the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, organization or publication.

In accordance with your request, however, I am enclosing several items of literature available for distribution by the FBI which you may like to read.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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**NOTE ON YELLOW:**

Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent. No identifiable information can be located concerning Youth Forum or Freedom Fighters in correspondent's area.

There is a Youth Forum in Dayton, Ohio, which is a small group of eight high school students sponsored by a local newspaper. We have had cordial relations with the group in connection with Bureau tours. It is not known if this is the organization referred to by the correspondent. (94-50340)

We have a main file on Freedom Fighters; however, this is an organization in Jacksonville, Florida, created to stop racial integration in the South. It is the subject of a pending racial matters investigation. It is not known if this is the organization referred to by correspondent and we have no record of such an organization in her area. (157-337)

There have been several "Freedom Forums" held in various cities of this country, one of which is the Dallas Freedom Forum. It assists in bringing the menace of communism to the attention of schools in the Dallas public school system. We have furnished Bureau speakers and a number of copies of the Director's speeches and articles for distribution at the Dallas Freedom Forum.

Since the specific organizations referred to by correspondent are unknown it is believed advisable to be rather circumspect in our reply. We normally advise correspondents that we have not investigated Mrs. Roosevelt; however, to do this in this instance might create the impression that we have investigated the organizations correspondent mentioned. Under the circumstances it is believed the above reply will best serve the Bureau's interests.

The following items of literature were sent to the correspondent:

1. Statement by Director re Internal Security, 4-17-61.
2. "One Nation's Response to Communism"
3. "What You Can Do To Fight Communism and Preserve America"
4. "Communism: Illusion and Democratic Reality"

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June 27, 1961

Dear Mr. Hoover,

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Thank you very much.

Sincerely

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July 2, 1961.

Head of FBI,

Mr Hoover,

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communist or not  
she gave Mr K of Russia  
a big welcome in U.S.A.

1960, U.S.A.

Yours Truly,

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CORRESPONDENCE

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July 7, 1961

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter dated July 2, 1961, has been received.

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI is strictly a fact-gathering agency and does not make evaluations nor draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization.

In view of your interest, I am enclosing some material on the subject of communism which you may wish to read.

Sincerely yours,

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J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

Enclosures (4)

Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality  
What You Can Do To Fight Communism  
Director's statement 4-17-61 re Internal Security  
One Nation's Response to Communism

NOTE: Correspondent forwarded information in May of 1947 which he believed to be of a security interest, and a short note of thanks was forwarded on 5-20-47. (100-0-21913) He is otherwise not identifiable in Bufiles.

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July 2, 1961.  
Head of FBI.,  
Mr. Hoover,

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U. S. A.

Yours Truly,

/s/



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*[Handwritten signature]*

## Memorandum

TO : Mr. Mohr

DATE: August 11, 1961

FROM : C. D. DeLoach

SUBJECT: JAMES WEST  
REQUEST FROM OFFICE OF  
CONGRESSMAN CHARLES A. VANIK (D-OHIO)

Tolson	_____
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Ingram	_____
Gandy	_____

BACKGROUND:

James West and 6 others were convicted in U. S. District Court, Cleveland, Ohio, 1/29/58 of conspiring to defraud the U. S. Government by obtaining services of National Labor Relations Board through the use of false noncommunist affidavits and were sentenced to 18 months and fined \$2,500 each. On 2/20/61 the Supreme Court denied a petition for writ of certiorari and on 4/3/61 denied a petition for rehearing. West appeared at U. S. Marshal's Office, Cleveland, on 5/22/61 to begin his sentence and is incarcerated in Federal Prison, Terre Haute, Indiana.

Today, August 11, we received the following teletype from our Cleveland Office: "Rodman Douglas, Administrative Assistant to Congressman Charles Vanik, called at Cleveland Office today seeking general information concerning subject. Douglas stated that thru Walter Reuther the Congressman's office was informed of efforts to interest Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt in aiding the subject in his present difficulty. Stated he had reviewed the court record in the West case for information of interest and was now seeking any other general information such as a criminal record which could be utilized by Mrs. Roosevelt in making her decision in the matter. Details West arrest record under FBI number 677864, showing West arrest on 1/29/57 in the Taft Harley conspiracy case was furnished to him. Douglas indicated was planning to interview local probation officer who interviewed West prior to sentencing and will also request the Congressman's Washington office to contact Bureau today for any more current arrest information. Above for info."

At approximately 4 PM today, [redacted] (ext. 6332) in the office of Congressman Vanik telephonically contacted my office and spoke with SA Hanning. [redacted] stated that the Congressman's Cleveland office had requested them to obtain the details of the arrest record of James West prior to his 1/29/57 arrest in the above-mentioned case. She stated she frankly did not know why they wanted it but it had something to do with Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt who would be in Cleveland on Sunday, August 13, 1961. Hanning advised her we would have to recontact her.

1 - Mr. Belmont  
1 - Mr. Sullivan  
1 - Mr. Jones  
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Memo DeLoach to Mohr  
Re: James West  
Request from office of  
Congressman Charles A. Vanik (D-Ohio)

8/11/61

[REDACTED]

Records of the Identification Division reflect that the only arrest James West has ever had is the one mentioned above in January, 1957. b7c

OBSERVATIONS:

It is apparent from Cleveland's teletype that Walter Ruether through Eleanor Roosevelt is trying to obtain liberty for West who is presently incarcerated and we should have no part in it.

RECOMMENDATION:

That [REDACTED] be telephonically recontacted and advised that Identification Records cannot be furnished for the purpose of making them available to unauthorized individuals. b7c

OP 11/11/61  
H. S. /w  
Handled with [REDACTED] b7c  
8/14/61  
D. W.

10-27-61

Airtel

To: SAC, Miami

From: Director, FBI

PICKETING OF MRS. ELEANOR ROOSEVELT  
AT UN CONVENTION,  
MIAMI BEACH, FLA. AUDITORIUM,  
10-26-61  
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING  
RACIAL MATTERS  
OO: MIAMI

Re airtel 10-26-61 captioned "Picketing of  
Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt at UN Convention, Miami Beach, Fla.  
Auditorium, 10-26-61, Miscellaneous - Information Concerning."  
Miami file 105-762.

Letterhead memorandum furnished Bureau as enclosure  
to re airtel not being disseminated inasmuch as memorandum  
does not clearly identify the convention which was to be held  
in Miami Beach 10-26-61, which had to do with the United Nations  
Convention.

Re airtel does not indicate the date [REDACTED] b7D  
was contacted. The Bureau did not receive re airtel until  
the afternoon of 10-26-61. You should advise when information  
concerning instant matter was received from [REDACTED]

Immediately resubmit letterhead memorandum suitable  
for dissemination clearly identifying therein the convention  
in which Mrs. Roosevelt was a scheduled speaker. Also  
incorporate therein information indicating whether picketing  
actually took place. A

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NOTE:

Source advised that during September and October, 1961, the Florida States Rights Party held meetings in Miami at which times a plan was formulated to picket Mrs. Roosevelt outside the Miami Beach Auditorium where she was a scheduled speaker at a convention which has to do with the United Nations Convention. According to source the Florida States Rights Party, the John Birch Society, and the Americans for Action Party would participate in the picket.

FBI

Date: OCT 31 1961

AIRTEL

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plain text or code)

AIRMAIL

Via \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

Mr. Tolson  
Mr. Belmont  
Mr. Mohr  
Mr. Casper  
Mr. Conrad  
Mr. DeLoach  
Mr. Evans  
Mr. Gale  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Sullivan  
Mr. Tavel  
Mr. Trotter  
Mr. Tele. Room  
Mr. Holmes  
Miss Gandy

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (105-762)(P)

PICKETING OF MRS. ELEANOR ROOSEVELT  
AT UNITED NATIONS DAY PROGRAM IN  
MIAMI BEACH, FLA. AUDITORIUM  
10/26/61  
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING  
(OO: MIAMI)

Re Miami airtel to Bureau dated 10/25/61, and  
Bureau airtel to Miami 10/27/61, both captioned "PICKETING  
OF MRS. ELEANOR ROOSEVELT AT UN CONVENTION, MIAMI BEACH,  
FLA. AUDITORIUM, 10/26/61; MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION  
CONCERNING".

Enclosed herewith are eight copies of a letter-  
head memorandum suitable for dissemination.

[REDACTED]

Bureau (Encls. 8)(AMM)  
5 - Miami (2 - 105-762)(Fla. States Rights Party)  
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(1 - 100-14693) EX  
(1 - [REDACTED])  
FJM:bna  
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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Agent in Charge

Per \_\_\_\_\_

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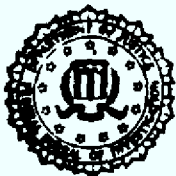
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On the morning of [REDACTED] referenced Miami communication was prepared and forwarded to the Bureau.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

MM 105-762

Miami, Florida

OCT 31 1961

PICKETING OF MRS. ELEANOR  
ROOSEVELT AT UNITED NATIONS DAY  
PROGRAM IN MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA  
AUDITORIUM, 10/26/61

The following information was received on  
October 24, 1961, from a source who has furnished reliable  
information in the past.

On October 23, 1961, the Florida States Rights  
Party held a meeting at the address of the President of  
the group, ~~JAMES H. HARRIS, 3318 Northwest 17th Avenue,~~  
~~Miami, Florida.~~

Discussed at this meeting was a United Nations  
Day program which was to be held at the Miami Beach,  
Florida Auditorium on October 26, 1961. At this program  
Mrs. ELEANOR ROOSEVELT was a scheduled speaker, and a  
plan was formulated to picket Mrs. ROOSEVELT on the outside  
of the Miami Beach Auditorium. Placards were to be carried  
by the individuals who were picketing Mrs. ROOSEVELT,  
and the writing which appeared on them was as follows:

"Comrades, Mrs. ROOSEVELT, Russia, Red China"

"ELEANOR says: UN first, U.S. last."

"ELEANOR ROOSEVELT, master of deceit."

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## PICKETING OF MRS. ELEANOR ROOSEVELT

Source further advised that the Florida States Rights Party, the John Birch Society and Americans for Action Party would participate in the picket, and that it was expected that 25 to 50 persons from each group would participate in the picket. The arrangements made by the Florida States Rights Party were that they would meet at the home of their President, KEITHLEY, at 6:30 P.M. on October 26, 1961, and then proceed to the Miami Beach, Florida Auditorium and begin their picketing at 7:00 P.M. Source noted that there had been no discussion or designation as to which persons would carry placards.

Source stated that at the picket the pamphlet entitled "ELEANOR's Red Record" would be distributed.

The following were contacted on October 25, 1961, and were furnished the above information:

Intelligence Corps  
Group, Miami, Florida;  
Intelligence Division, Dade County Department of  
Public Safety (Sheriff's Office), Miami, Florida;  
and Miami Beach  
Police Department, Miami Beach, Florida."



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On October 27, 1961, source advised that the above program was picketed on the night of October 26, 1961. Approximately 50 to 60 individuals participated in the picket, and distribution of literature. Participating in the demonstration were the Florida States Rights Party, Americans for Action Group and members of the John Birch Society. One individual on the picket carried the Confederate flag. Police were present during the demonstration, no violence occurred, and except for an exchange of insults the demonstration was orderly.

The "Miami Herald", a Miami, Florida daily newspaper, on October 27, 1961, contained the following article captioned "Give Atom Bombs to UN -- Mrs. FDR".

"The world's atomic energy--including the super hydrogen bombs--should be turned over to the United Nations to be used toward universal peace, Mrs. ELEANOR ROOSEVELT declared in Miami Thursday.

"If that (atomic energy) stays in the hands of individual nations," she warned, "we will never be secure."

"It must be ruled out as a means of total destruction" she told the crowd of 9,000 at Miami Beach Auditorium.

"Mrs. ROOSEVELT described the United States and Russia as being deadlocked in 'the most dangerous game of poker that could be played.'

"But she added hopefully: 'In the United Nations, what the Soviets are slowly doing is turning the whole world against them.'

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"The wife of the late President said Soviet Premier NIKITA KHRUSHCHEV expected to frighten the nations of the world with fear of his power and with threats of a 50-megaton hydrogen bomb.

"But he has been greeted 'not with fear but resentment,' she said. 'More and more they dislike what they see.'

"In her wide-ranging speech celebrating the 16th anniversary of the United Nations, Mrs. ROOSEVELT also declared:

The U.N. will emerge stronger and better prepared for the future as a result of the current crises.

"DAG HAMMARSKJOLD in the role of Secretary General turned the U.N. from a debating group into active organization.

"The United States is in a very strong position to negotiate on the Berlin question.

"The United States must paint a picture of democracy for the rest of the world.

"The former first lady arrived in Miami at 1:25 p.m. at International Airport where she was welcomed by Mayor ROBERT KING HIGH, Commissioner HENRY PALABAN and Mr. and Mrs. FRANK DUNBAUGH.

"DUNBAUGH is chairman of the Greater Miami Chapter of the American Association for the United Nations and he introduced her at Thursday night's speech.

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"Mrs. ROOSEVELT's otherwise cordial welcome was marred by picketing both at the airport and at the auditorium later.

"DOUGLAS VORHEES, a Miami Shores real estate man, was identified as the person who contracted for a tow plane to fly over the airport with a banner reading 'Go Home ELEANOR.' Mrs. ROOSEVELT did not get the message, however, arriving after it departed the skies.

"Pickets later marched around Miami Beach Auditorium brandishing placards derogatory to Mrs. ROOSEVELT. Among other things they labeled her a member of the 'U.S. Troika,' along with NELSON ROCKEFELLER and WALTER REUTHER."

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December 18, 1961

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir,

I have recently been challenged to prove that Eleanor Roosevelt is affiliated with several Communist-front organizations. I am convinced that there is some truth to this and that this fact could throw some doubt on Mrs. Roosevelt's loyalty to her country.

Could you possibly supply me with some proof of this, such as a list of these organizations? If you can not help me in this way, could you tell me how I might get such a list that would be acceptable as proof? What is your candid opinion of Mrs. Roosevelt?

I was very much impressed with your speech of December 7 when you accepted the Mutual of Omaha Criss award. If there are any copies of your speech available, I would very much like to have one.

Thank you very much.

Very sincerely,  
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Dear [REDACTED]

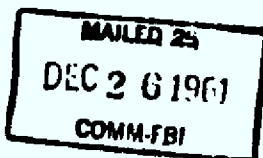
Your letter dated December 18, 1961, has been received, and I appreciate your kind comment concerning my acceptance remarks made on the presentation of the Criss Award. Enclosed is a reprint of my remarks on that occasion as you requested, together with other material you may find of interest.

With reference to your other inquiry, the FBI is strictly a fact-gathering agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations nor draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. I am, however, including in the material sent you a list of the organizations which have been cited by the Department of Justice as coming within the scope of Executive Order 10450.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director



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Enclosures (5)

"The Faith To Be Free" (Criss Award Speech, 12/7/61)  
10/61 LEB Introduction  
List of Subversive Organizations  
The Communist Party Line  
One Nation's Response to Communism 9/60

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NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. Previous inquiries concerning Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt have been answered as above.

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

11:58AM November 8, 1962

Mr. ALFRED LAVIE of Mutual Broadcasting System telephoned locally for an assistant. He was referred to Mr. Kenper in Mr. DeLoach's Office.

Mr. LaVie advised that at 3:05PM today they are having a memorial program for Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt and they want a tape of my comments the Director would like to make about Mrs. Roosevelt. If this could not be done they would like some Bureau spokesman to comment.

Mr. Kenper advised Mr. LaVie that the Director was out at the present time and that his return was indefinite. He further told him that it would not be possible for someone else to be a spokesman for the FBI.

Mr. Kenper advised that should Mr. LaVie call back we will indicate that the Director is still out and will not return in time for the 3:05PM broadcast.

MR. TOLSON ✓  
MR. BELMONT  
MR. MOHR  
MR. CASPER  
MR. CALLAHAN  
MR. CONRAD  
MR. DELOACH ✓  
MR. EVANS  
MR. GALE  
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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of May 8th, with enclosure, has been received, and the thought which prompted you to write me is appreciated.

Although I would like to be of service, this Bureau is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, neither makes evaluations nor draws conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. Therefore, I am sure you will understand why I cannot comment as you desire. In addition, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with Regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only.

I am returning the self-addressed, stamped envelope you so thoughtfully forwarded along with some material which contains suggestions all of us can use in the fight against communism. You may also want to read my books, "Masters of Deceit" and "A Study of Communism." These were written to help readers gain an insight into the true nature of communist activities, both in this country and abroad. They may be available at your local library.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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**Correspondent's envelope**


**"Our Heritage of Greatness" 12-12-64**

**Communism--The Incredible Swindle**

**Deadly Duel**

**"Faith in God--Our Answer to Communism"**

**Let's Fight Communism Sanely!**

**NOTE: There is no record of correspondent in Bureau files.  
Don Anderson cannot be identified in Bureau files on the basis  
of information furnished.  verified by postal  
guide.**

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[REDACTED] b7c  
May 8, 1965

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

A recent speaker in our community said Eleanor Roosevelt belonged to many organizations that were communistic inspired. Can you supply me with any verification of this? I also would like to know about the man who made this claim. His name is Don Anderson, of Tennessee - a form magazine president, speaker and book writer. Can you tell me anything about him? His many remarks were of inference rather than facts, which lead me to think he may be more subversive than patriotic.

Enclosed is my self addressed envelope. Please send me whatever you are permitted to.

Very truly yours,

/s/ [REDACTED] b7c

Address per enclosed envelope:  
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May 8, 1965

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

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organizations that were  
communist inspired.

Can you supply me with  
any verification of this?

I also would like to  
know about the man  
who made this claim.

His name is Lon Anderson,  
of Tennessee - a farm magazine  
president, speaker and book  
writer.

Will you tell me  
anything about him? His  
many remarks were of

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