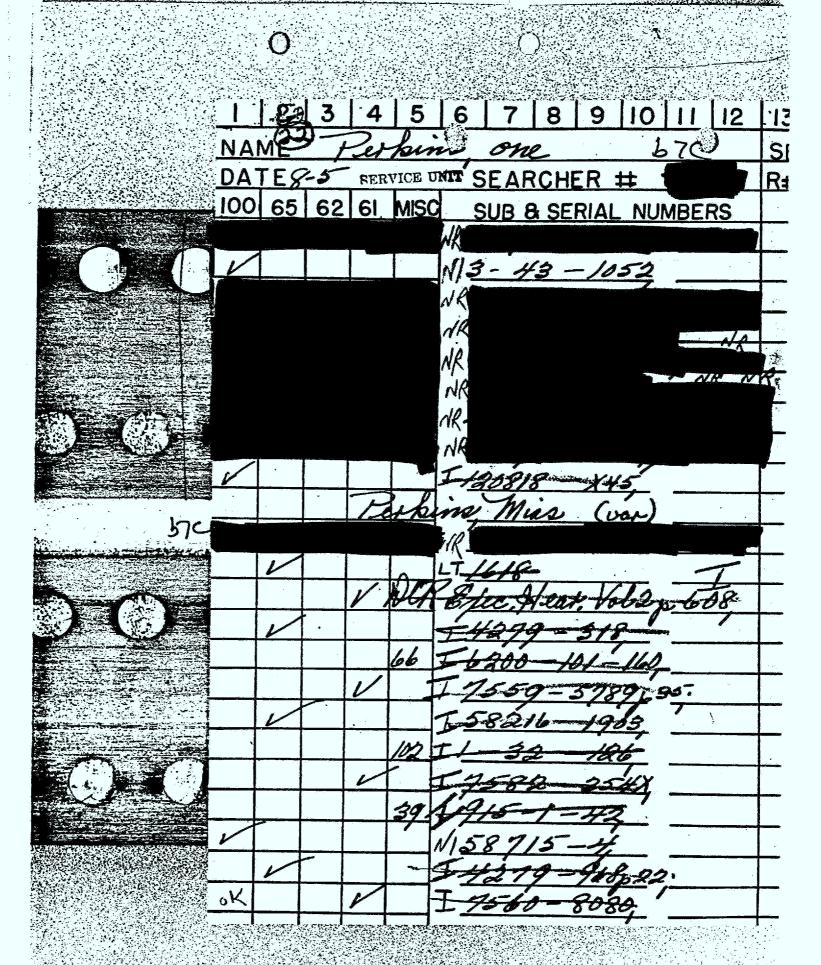
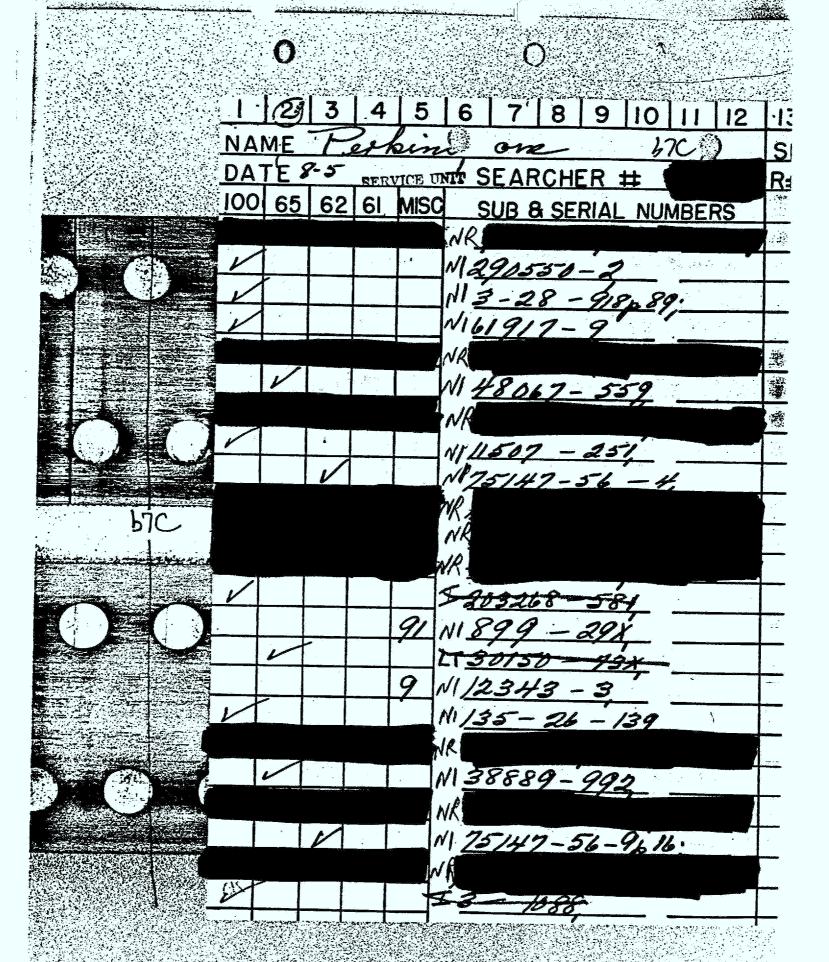
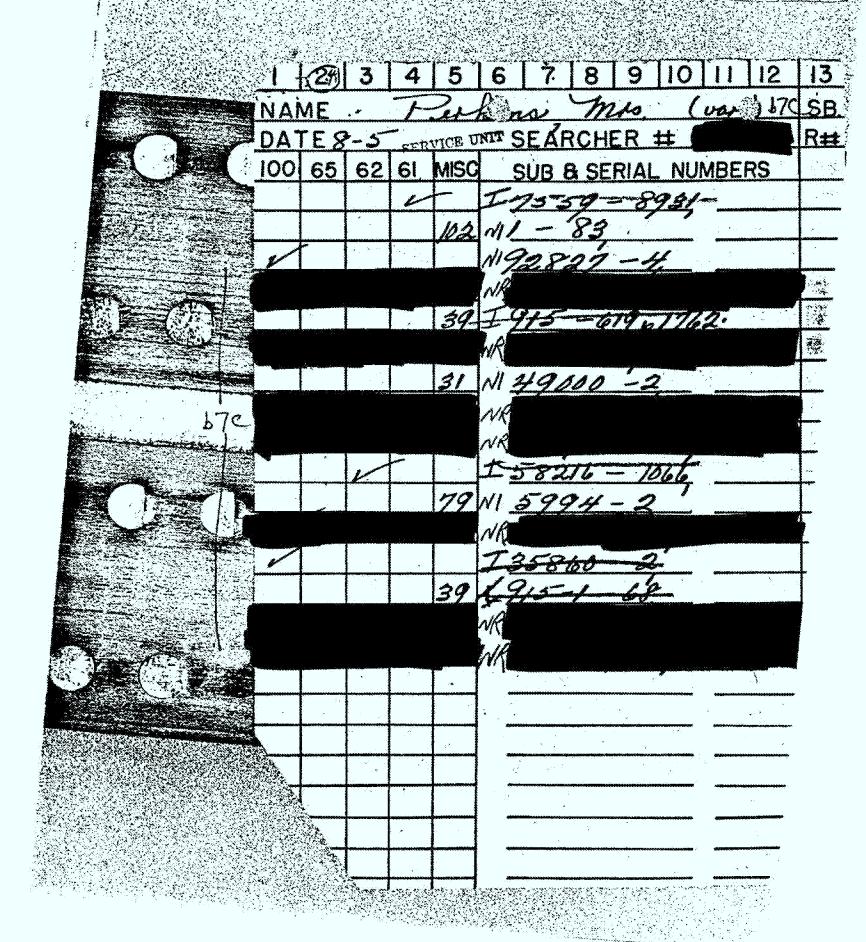


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TO

Mr. D. M. Ladd

DATE: April 26, 1952

FROM :

A. H. Belmont

SUBJECT:

MRS. FRANCES PERKINS
aka. MRS. PAUL CALDWELL WILSON
SPECIAL INQUIRY - WHITE HOUSE
NAME CHECK

PURPOSE:

To bring to your attention the results of a file check concerning Mrs. Frances Perkins.

BACKGROUND:

On April 24, 1952, <u>Vr. Donald S. Dawson</u>, Administrative Assistant to the President, requested that the Bureau files E.J. be checked for subversive derogatory information only on <u>Prs. Frances Perkins</u>, presently a member of the Civil Service Commission and past Secretary of Labor. Wr. Dawson gave no indication that he had received any derogatory information on Wrs. Perkins but indicated that perhaps someone had so stated. He advised that he desired to see a note from the Bureau indicating the results of the file check.

SCOPE OF SEARCH:

The search was limited to a review of all subversive main files and a review of all subversive references received since February, 1949, at which time a summary memorandum was prepared for the Attorney General.

DETAILS:

Frances Perkins was born April 10, 1882, at Boston, Wassachusetts. She was a member of the New York State Industrial Board from 1923 to 1933. From 1933 to 1945, she was Secretary of Labor. Since October 9, 1946, she has been employed as a member of the Civil Service Commission. (62-28592)

The Bureau has conducted no investigation concerning
Frances Perkins. Bureau files reflect that she is not a member of any organization cited by the Attorney General, the House
Committee on Un-American Activities, or any other public committee. Her name does appear along with other prominent

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individuals, as one who offered advice and suggestions to the American Youth Congress. Many unspecific complaints have been received that she is a Communist or Communist sympathizer. She is alleged to be friendly with individuals reported to be pro-Communist and to have withheld the deportation of reported Communists.

Upon receipt of a loyalty form from the Civil Service Commission, the above information was furnished the Attorney General on February 10, 1949 in a detailed memorandum. At this time the Attorney General was requested to advise if a full field investigation should be conducted concerning Frances Perkins, or if he did not desire such an investigation, to advise if a summary of this information should be furnished to the Civil Service Commission on the back of the loyalty form. To this the Attorney General replied "No investigation warranted. While I see no occasion to put a summary on the back of the form you should use your customary techniques."

Frances Perkins' loyalty form was returned to the Civil Service Commission on February 21, 1949, stamped "No Disloyal Data FBI Files."

Information received subsequent to February, 1949, reflects that a pamphlet issued by the Institute for American Democracy, 360 Lexington Avenue, New York City, entitled "Community Projects" indicated that the Institute had retained Madam Frances Perkins to write a weekly release to the labor press of the United States and that nearly 1,000 labor papers received this material at that time. An informant of known reliability advised that although the Institute for American Democracy had numerous non-Communists on its governing body. it also had some outstanding "left-wingers and pro-Communists" among its leaders. This Bureau has conducted no investigation concerning the Institute For American Democracy.

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This information and the information previously furnished the Attorney General has been incorporated in the attached memorandum to the White House.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the attached memorandum, if approved, be forwarded to the White House via Liaison channels.

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PRANCES PERKINS

This Bureau has gonducted no invest concerning Frances Perkins and our files contain information which reflects that she is, or has been, a nember of any organization eited by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835; the House Committee on Un-American detivities, or any other public counities.

Prior to the first inerican Touch Congress held at New York City in 1994, official publications of this Congress listed some individuals who may interested in the novement and had offered advice and suggestions. Frances Perkins, Secretary of Labora was listed among these individuals. It is noted that this list also included other public members, several Covernors, and other prominent people. (100-3587-71)
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The American Touth Congress has been designated

by the Attorney Jeneral as a Communist organization within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

ALLEGED CONSUNIET ASSOCIATIONS

This Bureau has, in the past, received numerous letiers written by individuals in which they have alleged that Frances Perkins is a Communist or a Communist sympothizer. Last of these letters also contained similar allegations regarding other prominent people employed by the United States Government. These letters failed to reflect any basis or facts to substantiate the allegations, (61-7559-82201, 8372, 9486, 9694, 9699; 100-10718-2)

cancelled the deportation order of Frank Borich, who was charged with being a member of an organization seeking the overthrow of this government by violence,
Borioh, in 1948, was reported to be a Communist Party
member and Executive Secretary of the National Council
of Americans of Creatian Descent, (100-346268-118)

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