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SUBJECT: JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER, III

FILE : 105-HQ-55843

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. L. V. BOARDMAN

DATE: December 31, 1956

FROM : A. H. BELMONT

SUBJECT: ASIA SOCIETY
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SYNOPSIS:

Reference is made to the December 2, 1956, issue of "The New York Times," which reflects that John D. Rockefeller III, (SAC contact NYO) recently formed the Asia Society to foster understanding between the United States and Far East. Rockefeller is president; Dr. Grayson L. Kirk, president of Columbia University, is chairman of the board of trustees; and Paul Sherbert, former U.S. Consul and public affairs officer in India, was chosen as executive director. The Society will work closely with the China Institute and Japan Society, both reportedly are cultural and educational organizations. Kirk, former consultant to Department of State, was chairman of International Program Committee of the Institute of Pacific Relations (IPR) in 1948.

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The Society's board of trustees is composed of prominent individuals who have exhibited commercial and/or cultural interests in Asian matters. The board of trustees includes Chester Bowles, former member of the board of directors of the Fund for the Republic (FFR); Arthur H. Dean, former member board of directors, FFR and formerly associated with IPR; John Exter, vice president, Federal Reserve Bank of New York

Ernest Gross, lawyer and advisor to United Nations secretary general,

William R. Herod, president, International General Electric Company, who was a trustee of IPR from 1937-48; Dr. Edward S. Mason, dean, Harvard Graduate School of Public Administration,

Phillips Talbot, executive director of the American universities field staff and a member of IPR in 1949,

Mrs. Stanley P. Young,

and

- BLH:vep (7)
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Re: Asia Society
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sympathetic toward communism. [REDACTED]

Brief summaries concerning the individuals and organizations associated with the Asia Society, based on file reviews limited to main files and prior summaries, are set forth in the details.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. For your information.

This outfit looks like another
fund for Republic possibility

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has some questionable
characters
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how a "james" like

DETAILS:

The December 2, 1956, issue of "The New York Times" carried an article entitled "Asia Society Gets Rockefeller Aid," which stated that John D. Rockefeller, III, announced yesterday the formation of the Asia Society, an organization to stimulate knowledge and understanding between the United States and the countries of Asia. Mr. Rockefeller, president of the new group; Dr. Grayson L. Kirk, president of Columbia University is chairman of the board of trustees; and Paul C. Sherbert, who returned recently from a 5-year assignment as United States Consul and public affairs officer in India, has been chosen as executive director. The Society will work closely with such organizations as the China Institute, the Japan Society and other groups having programs related to Asia generally.

A review of Bureau files limited to main files and prior summaries on the above organizations and individuals and on the board of trustees briefly reflected the following:

ASIA SOCIETY

No investigation and no identifiable information.

JAPAN SOCIETY

The Japan Society was the subject of an FBI investigation during 1942 which revealed that during 1935 Japan Societies were located in New York, Seattle, Boston, Chicago, New Orleans, San Francisco and Portland. The records of the Japan Society of Seattle indicated that the

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various Japan Societies in the United States were not affiliated, however, all were modeled after the Japan Society of New York. The basic purpose of the organizations was to promote friendly relations between the United States and Japan and to diffuse among the American people a more accurate knowledge of the people of Japan. (100-74277)

CHINA INSTITUTE IN AMERICA

No investigation has been conducted concerning the China Institute in America, which is currently located at 125 East 65th Street, New York, and was established in 1926 as an educational and cultural organization to assist Chinese students in America and to promote closer relations between Chinese and American educational institutions. The China Institute was incorporated as an educational institution under the laws of New Jersey on 1/27/30 and was registered under the terms of the Foreign Agents Registration Act from 1939 to February, 1953, at which time its activities were determined to be exempt. At the time of the registration in 1939 Henry R. Luce was listed as its president. Allegedly the organization is anticommunist and pro-Nationalist Chinese Government. (100-366962)

JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER, III

Summary

Mr. Rockefeller, president, Asia Society, was approved by the Bureau as an SAC contact of the NYO on 1/14/55. New York letter dated 12/20/54 reflected that a memorandum dated 4/13/43 regarding the Institute of Pacific Relations (IPR), War and Peace Fund, lists John D. Rockefeller, III, \$25,000 as a possible source of additional income. Rockefeller in a memorandum dated April, 1943, was listed as one of the individuals contributing to the work of the IPR. (94-45303-9)

According to a report on the IPR issued by the Senate Subcommittee on Internal Security in July, 1952, it is stated that the IPR has been considered by the American Communist Party and by Soviet officials as an instrument of communist policy, propaganda and military intelligence which disseminated and sought to popularize false information including information originating from Soviet and communist sources. The report further states that a small core of officials and staff members carried the main burden of IPR activities and directed its administration and policies. Members of this small core were characterized in the report as either communists or procommunists. (124-1874-8)

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MEMBERS OF THE ASIA SOCIETY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The following individuals who are members of the board of trustees

- Lloyd W. Elliott, vice president of Standard Oil Company of New Jersey;
- Harry A. Gibbon, Standard-Vacuum Oil Company;
- Mrs. James Laughlin, not further described;
- W. E. Murray, general manager, Far East Division, California-Texas Oil Company, Ltd;
- James J. Rorimer, Director, Metropolitan Museum of Art;
- Howard C. Shepherd, chairman, First National City Bank of New York;
- Edwin F. Stanton, former ambassador to Thailand and Juan T. Trippe, president, Pan-American World Airways, N. Y. C.

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 J.W. B. G. M. B.

ASIA SOCIETY GETS ROCKEFELLER AID

John D. 3d Heads New Unit
 to Foster Understanding in
 U. S. and the Far East

John D. Rockefeller 3d announced yesterday the formation of the Asia Society, an organization to stimulate knowledge and understanding between the United States and the countries of Asia.

Mr. Rockefeller is president of the new group. Dr. Gregory B. Kirk, president of Columbia University, is chairman of the board of trustees, and Paul C. Sherbert has been chosen as executive director.

Mr. Rockefeller's announcement said the non-profit membership organization would encompass an interest in Asia as a whole, but concentrate its attention on South and Southeast Asia.

The society will work closely with such organizations as the China Institute, the Japan Society and other groups having programs related to Asia generally.

It will have headquarters next fall in a six-story building at 9 East Sixty-second Street. Acquisition of the building, which will be known as Asia House, was made possible by a gift from Mr. Rockefeller.

Mr. Sherbert, who returned recently from a five-year assignment as United States consul and public affairs officer in India, will assume his duties Jan. 2.

Areas of interest marked out for the society are education in the United States about Asia, providing services to Asians who come to this country, and encouraging cultural exchange as a basis of understanding and appreciation between the United States and the United States.



NAMED TO NEW GROUP:
 Paul C. Sherbert, who has been appointed as the executive director of the newly formed Asia Society.

Ernest A. Green, lawyer and vice to the United Nations
 retary General
 William B. Herold, president
 International Institute for
 peace
 Mrs. James Langford
 August Maffey, vice president
 Oak Trust Company
 Dr. Edward A. Mason, former
 vice president of the
 Administration
 W. E. Murray, former
 Far East Division, Customs
 Texas Oil Company, Inc.
 James C. Hartman, director, Mc
 Gowan Institute of Asia
 Dr. Lauriston B. Harris, direc
 Southeast Asia Program at
 Cornell University
 Howard L. Shaffer, former
 First National City Bank, New
 York
 Edwin F. Stinson, former
 ambassador to Thailand
 Philippine Talbot, executive director
 American University, School of
 East Asian Studies
 Juan E. Triunfo, president of
 American World Airways
 Mrs. Stanley F. Young, writer

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LAKE ERIE COLLEGE
PAINESVILLE, OHIO

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

November 21, 1957

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Ninth & Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington 25, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Dr. Paul Weaver, president of Lake Erie College, has been asked to join the Asia Society, located at 18 East 50th Street, New York 22, N. Y. This society lists among its officers Dr. Grayson L. Kirk, John D. Rockefeller 3rd, Earnest A. Gross, Phillips Talbot, August Maffry, Edgar B. Young, and Paul C. Sherbert.

Could you please give us the F.B.I.'s evaluation of the political leanings of the above organization?

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours very truly,

Francine Kraft
Francine Kraft
Secretary to Dr. Weaver

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Miss Francine Kraft
Secretary to the President
Lake Erie College
Painesville, Ohio

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Dear Miss Kraft:

Your letter of November 21, 1957, has been received. While I would like to be of assistance in connection with your inquiry, there appears to have been some misunderstanding concerning the functions of the FBI. I would like to point out in this regard that we are strictly a fact-gathering agency and that it is wholly outside our province to evaluate the "political leanings" of any individual or organization.

In keeping with our assigned duties, we do not draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of anyone, and material in our files is confidential and available for official use only.

I hope you will not infer from my inability to be of assistance that we do or do not have information concerning the Asia Society or its officers whose names you listed.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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The Asia Society was formed in 1956 to foster understanding between the United States and the Far East. Many of its officers were formerly affiliated with the Institute of Pacific Relations. A number of them have known subversive connections in the past. The Director commented in regard to the group, "It certainly has some questionable characters in it. It shows how a 'joiner' like B. J. [redacted] can be used."

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December 31, 1957

THE ASIA SOCIETY
18 East 50th Street,
New York, New York

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No investigation pertinent to your inquiry has been conducted by the FBI concerning the captioned organization.

On December 2, 1956, "The New York Times" carried an article under the headline of "Asia Society Gets Rockefeller Aid." In this article, John D. Rockefeller, III, announced the formation of the Asia Society which he said was an organization to stimulate knowledge and understanding between the United States and the countries of Asia. The announcement said that the non-profit, membership organization would encompass an interest in Asia as a whole, but would concentrate its attention on South and Southeast Asia. The Society was to work closely with such organizations as the China Institute, the Japan Society and other groups having programs related to Asia generally. Mr. Rockefeller said that membership in the society would be as broad as possible and that all persons interested in the purpose of the organization including nationals of other countries would be eligible for membership. Mr. Rockefeller was listed as president of this group, Dr. Grayson L. Kirk, president of Columbia University was shown as chairman of the board of trustees, and Paul G. Sherbert was shown as executive director. A list of members of the board of trustees also appeared in this article. (105-55843)

The foregoing information is furnished to you as a result of your request for an FBI file check and is not to be construed as a clearance or a nonclearance of the individual involved. This information is loaned for your use and is not to be disseminated outside of your agency.

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January 25, 1958

Federal Bureau of Investigations
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

I have received the enclosed form letter and questionnaire from the ASIA SOCIETY, in reference to slices that I may have.

I would appreciate your word from you as to whether this organization is entirely American in its interests and policies.

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I thoroly liked the Thai people; I had opportunity for many personal glimpses of places and people; some became close friends. I have no wish to jeopardize them, or our national situation, even to the most minor degree.

Your reply will be appreciated,

Very truly yours,

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The Asia Society, Inc.

18 East 50th Street New York 22, N. Y.

JAN 20 1958.

Dear Sir:

The Asia Society is making a survey of slide resources dealing with Asia. This survey, which is one of the Society's activities to further opportunities for Asian studies in American education, will cover the countries between and including Afghanistan and Japan. The survey will help to determine the feasibility of establishing a central clearinghouse of slides on Asia; such a clearinghouse, which might include reproduction and distribution facilities and a repository and index of available slides, would be intended to serve you and others wishing to make use of it, particularly as a resource for teaching.

We believe that you may have a collection of slides on Asia and should appreciate greatly your filling out the enclosed questionnaire and returning it to us in the accompanying postage-paid envelope. If you do not have any slides dealing with Asia, please fill out the first and last items on the questionnaire and return it so that we may adjust our records. We should also welcome any comments which you may have on the possible usefulness of a slide clearinghouse to you in your teaching or other professional activities; these comments may be added on the back of the questionnaire.

This questionnaire is being sent to lists of individuals and organizations having professional and academic interests in Asia. If you know of others who may have slide collections and will let us have their names and addresses, we should like to send them questionnaires in order to make this survey as complete as possible. Or, if you prefer and will let us know how many questionnaires you can use, we will send additional copies directly to you for distribution to colleagues and others with slide materials on Asia.

We hope that you will take just the few minutes needed to complete the enclosed questionnaire. Thank you very much for your cooperation.

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Yours sincerely,

Ward Morehouse
Ward Morehouse
Educational Director

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The Asia Society, Inc.

18 East 50th Street New York 22, N. Y.

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR SURVEY OF SLIDE RESOURCES ON ASIA

1) Do you have any slides on Asia which you would be willing to have screened for indexing and possible reproduction in a central slide clearinghouse? Yes () No () (Even if your answer is no, please return the questionnaire after completion of item 6 below, in order that we may adjust our records.)

2) Please check the countries on which you have slides.

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Korea	()	Burma	()
China	()	Ceylon	()
Hong Kong	()	India	()
Philippines	()	Pakistan	()
Viet Nam	()	Afghanistan	()
Cambodia	()	Other	
Laos	()		
Thailand	()		
Malaya	()		

3) Please check the topics to which your collection, in general, relates.

Art and archaeology	()	General travel	()
Religion	()	Other	
Village life	()		
Geography	()		

4) Are your slides in color () or black and white ()? Mounted size 2" x 2" () or 3½" x 4" ()? Cardboard (), glass (), or metal () mounts? (If your slides are of more than one type or size, please indicate approximate number of each in the margin.)

Approximate total number of slides in your collection ().

5) Please give any further details which will help in identifying the nature of your collection or attach, if available, descriptive material.

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Dear Dr. Egler:

Your letter of January 25, 1958, with enclosures, has been received, and it was indeed interesting to learn of your recent travel and activities in another part of the world.

With regard to the subject of your inquiry, inasmuch as I should like to be of assistance to you, I must point out that information in the files of this Bureau is confidential and the FBI, in carrying out its responsibilities, at no time issues clearances of any type for individuals or organizations.

I hope you will not infer from my inability to be of assistance that we do or do not have information concerning the Asia Society.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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JAN 31 1958
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we have received previous inquiries concerning the Asia Society, which was found in 1954 to foster understanding between the United States and the Far East. Many of its officers formerly affiliated with Institute of Pacific Relations and a number of them have known subversive connections in the past. The Director commented re this group: "It certainly has some questionable characters in it. It shows how a 'joiner' like Rockefeller can be used. H."

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December 6, 1960

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The Director
FBI
U.S. Department of Justice
Washington 25, D.C.
U.S.A.

Dear Sir;

I would like to make inquiries concerning THE ASIA SOCIETY, 112 East 64th Street, New York 21, New York. Will you, in strict confidence, tell me whether this outfit appears on the Attorney General's list of subversive organizations.

You see, I received a letter from them, signed by their Publications Director, Mrs. Bonnie M. Crown, offering literary agent services free of charge. They will act as liaison between American magazine and book publishers and me. They also are soliciting magazine material from me (poems & articles). The letter further says THE ASIA SOCIETY "has a program to foster the publication of contemporary Asian writing here."

Mrs. Crown also said (or asked) "if you are able to send me some of your poems or short stories, please let me know if they have appeared in print elsewhere and also enclose a brief biographical sketch."

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You will understand a natural enthusiasm on my part to take this unprecedented opportunity as the offer sounds intriguing, but you will also realize why, in a situation like this I have to be cautious. I would not trade my loyalty to and faith in freedom and democracy for all the publishing offers in the world.

Will you please tell me then if THE ASIA SOCIETY is subversive and Communist so I can decide whether to send them my manuscripts or not?

Please keep this in absolute confidence, and send me the information [REDACTED]

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I would appreciate a reply by airmail. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

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December 20, 1960

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Your letter dated December 6, 1960, has been received and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

While I would like to be of assistance to you, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not issue clearances or nonclearances.

You may obtain a list of organizations designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450 by communicating with the Subversive Organizations Section, Internal Security Division, United States Department of Justice, Washington 25, D. C.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent requests information concerning the Asia Society and desires to know whether or not this organization is on the Attorney General's list of subversive organizations. He also asks if the Bureau can advise whether or not it is subversive. He states that this organization has offered to act as a go-between for him in an effort to get some of his articles published in American magazines. Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent.

The Asia Society was founded in 1956, allegedly to foster understanding between the U. S. and the Far East. Many of its officers were formerly affiliated with the Institute of Pacific Relations and a number of them are known to have had subversive connections in the past. The Director commented concerning this group, "It certainly has some questionable characters in it. It shows how a 'joiner' like Rockefeller can be used. H." (105-55843)

A report from the Senate Judiciary Committee dated July 2, 1952, stated "The Institute of Pacific Relations was a vehicle used by the communists to orient American-Far Eastern policy toward communist objectives." This reply is being sent airmail at the request of the correspondent.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 3/15/62

SAC, HONOLULU (105-682)

SUBJECT: THE ASIA SOCIETY;
THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC
ENERGY AGENCY
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Enclosed herewith are five copies of a letter-head memorandum and one copy for New York relative to the above two captioned organizations, and one copy each of material furnished by [redacted] District Commander, 44th District OSI.

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It is requested that the Bureau examine their files concerning the above two organizations and if no information is available, that an inquiry be made of the Legat, Bonn, Germany.

It is requested that the New York Office check their files and furnish information from their files and public source material concerning the ASIA SOCIETY.

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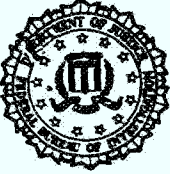
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Honolulu, Hawaii
March 15, 1962

RE: THE ASIA SOCIETY;
THE INTERNATIONAL
ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY

On February 19, 1962, [redacted] b7c
U. S. Air Force, Commander, Office of Special Investigations,
advised that the U. S. Weather Bureau, Guam, had been
receiving unsolicited mail from The Asia Society, 112 East
64th Street, New York, New York, and The International Atomic
Energy Agency, Vienna, Austria. There was furnished to the
Honolulu Office one copy of the material relative to The Asia
Society.

[redacted] advised that the records of the b7c
Directorate, Special Investigations, Pacific Air Forces,
contain no mention of either organization. [redacted]
requested that his office be furnished with any information
in the files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation concern-
ing the above two agencies.

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THE ASIA SOCIETY

112 East 64th Street, New York 21, New York • Plaza 1-4210

October 6, 1961

Dear friend:

Your cooperation in filling out and returning the enclosed questionnaire is solicited most earnestly by the India Committee of the Asia Society in order that the Committee's future activities may reflect as accurately as possible the suggestions and attitudes of a large number of U. S. citizens.

In the past, the India Committee has been concerned principally with the cultural aspects of Indo-American relations and its activities have been confined mainly to the New York City area. Recent inquiries and suggestions indicate that many persons would like to see the India Committee broaden its activities, and future plans are now being considered.

The Committee is aware of an ever increasing interest in India on the part of Americans, particularly among those who have visited India. In order to get some idea of the level and extent of interest existing, this questionnaire is being sent to you and some 2000 others throughout the U. S. who have visited India. The replies will be of great assistance to us in making decisions about the future.

Please be assured that your reply will be considered as an indication of your concern with Indo-American relations but will in no way be assumed as a commitment, moral or financial, to our immediate interest. You are simply our best source of advice.

With appreciation for your courtesy in answering our questions, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

Howard Houston

Howard Houston
Chairman
India Committee

Address Above

Incl.

105-55743-6

ENCLOSURE

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NAME _____

NUMBER _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____

STATE _____

1. Why did you go to India? _____ Tourism _____ Business
 _____ Government _____ Education
2. About how long did you stay? _____ 1 week _____ 6 weeks
 _____ 6 months _____ 1 year _____ more
3. Has the interest in India among your friends and acquaintances increased in the past year? _____ Yes _____ No
4. Do you believe an independent, non-governmental, and non-political Indo-American Committee to increase reciprocal interest in and awareness of our two countries would be useful? _____ Yes _____ No

a. If "no" why not? _____

b. If "yes" would you check which of the following areas of interest you considered most useful to increase reciprocal interest?

1. Cultural Environment:

- Religion _____
 Philosophy _____
 Visual arts _____
 Music _____
 Dance _____
 Ethics and Morality _____

2. Social Welfare:

- Race questions _____
 Medicine _____
 Community Problems _____
 Health _____
 Youth _____

3. Economic Conditions _____

4. Business Opportunities and Practices _____
 5. Operation of Government and Public Affairs _____
 6. Foreign Policy _____
 7. Other (please specify): _____

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5. Do you believe any of the following would be useful projects for such an Indo-American Committee to undertake? (It should be noted that some of the following types of programs already exist in scattered areas in the United States and India and under a variety of sponsorship.) Please check.

- a. Private hospitality for visitors _____
- b. Art exhibitions _____
- c. Dance Recitals _____
- d. Low Cost Tours to India _____
- e. Concerts _____
- f. Special materials for informational purposes _____
- g. Private information centers for Tourists _____
- h. Programs for Indian students in the United States:
 - 1. Home hospitality _____
 - 2. Loan funds _____
 - 3. Clothing drives _____
 - 4. Summer job planning _____
 - 5. Housing _____

i. Specific assistance programs to India in fields of:

- 1. Medicine _____
- 2. Business _____
- 3. Health _____
- 4. Social Welfare _____
- 5. Education _____
- 6. Exchange of persons programs _____
- 7. Youth programs _____

6. Would you list any specific programs, not covered above which you believe would be mutually beneficial? _____

7. Do you believe an accurate and comprehensive picture of India is reflected in the American Press and Periodicals? _____ Yes _____ No

8. From what printed sources do you receive your current information about India?

- a. Daily press _____
- b. U. S. National magazines _____
- c. Indian magazines _____
- d. Special periodicals _____

9. Do you believe a general newsletter about India would be useful?
_____ Yes _____ No

10. Do you believe a newsletter should deal with any specific fields?
_____ Yes _____ No

If "yes" what fields: _____

11. Would you be willing to participate in a bi-national effort if the final program met with your approval? _____ Yes _____ No

12. Would you be willing to contribute:

a. Time in your community? _____ Yes _____ No

b. Membership dues at approximately \$15.00 a year? _____ Yes _____ No

c. Tax deductible financial support? _____ Yes _____ No

13. When the replies are compiled do you wish us to send the analysis to you? _____ Yes _____ No

3/30/62

SAC, Honolulu (105-682)

Director, FBI

THE ASIA SOCIETY;
THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING
(NATIONALITIES INTELLIGENCE)

Re Honolulu letter 3/15/62.

Bufiles indicated that The Asia Society was formed in 1956 allegedly to foster understanding between the U. S. and the Far East. Many of its officers had been formerly affiliated with the Institute of Pacific Relations. No subversive derogatory data is available at the Bureau concerning this organization.

The International Atomic Energy Agency, formed in 1957, is an organization of nations, including the U. S., which cooperate in research on applying atomic energy to peaceful pursuits. No subversive activities have been reported concerning this organization.

No Bureau investigation has been conducted on either of these two organizations.

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 4/13/62

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FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-148030) (RUC)

SUBJECT: THE ASIA SOCIETY;
THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING
(NATIONALITIES INTELLIGENCE)

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Re Honolulu letter to Director dated 3/15/62,
and Bulet to Honlulu dated 3/30/62.

NY indices contained no pertinent references
under the organizations The Asia Society and the International
Atomic Energy Agency.

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TO : ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: MAY 23 1973

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (105-125206) (P)

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Reference Legat Ottawa letter to the Bureau,
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It is noted that **[REDACTED]** is the **[REDACTED]**
of the Committee For a New China Policy (New York
file number 105-71388, Bureau file number 105-198277) *(C)*

On 5/10/73, **[REDACTED]** New York Office,
caused the files of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York,
New York, New York, to be reviewed, with the following
results, for information pertaining to the subject: *(C)*

- 2 - Bureau (RM)
- 2 - New Haven (RM)
- 1 - New York

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 Address [REDACTED]
 Wife [REDACTED] Connecticut
 Business [REDACTED]
 Former Business Address [REDACTED] New York City
 Former Residence [REDACTED] New York City
 [REDACTED] Connecticut

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The above file did not reflect any derogatory information pertaining to either the subject or his wife (S) u

Regular contact of [REDACTED] (c) b1, b7D has failed to reflect any additional information pertaining to the subject. (S)

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AT WILTON, CONNECTICUT. Conduct logical investigation through established sources to ascertain subject's identity, background, and employment [REDACTED]

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AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK. Investigation continuing.

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12/9/80

From: Director, FBI

To: SAC, Washington Field Office (CI-11)

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(C)
ASIA Society

Re: WFOairtel, dated 12/2/80, captioned as above

Bureau indices were checked for references to the Asia Society and the Washington Center of the Asia Society, and no references were found for the Washington Center of the Asia Society.

Change of position

The Asia Society is described as an organization founded in 1956 to stimulate knowledge and understanding between the United States and the countries of Asia, with emphasis on South and Southeast Asia. The Society was to work closely with other Asian organizations such as the China Institute and the Japan Society. Many of its officers in 1956 were formerly affiliated with the Institute of Pacific Relations and a number of them were known to have had subversive connections. A report from the Senate Judiciary Committee, dated 7/2/52, stated "The Institute of Pacific Relations was a vehicle used by the communists to orient American/Far Eastern policy toward communist objectives." No Bureau investigation has been conducted on the Asia Society which is headquartered in New York City.

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(U) This is in reply to an indices check request.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION/PRIVACY ACTS SECTION
COVER SHEET

SUBJECT: JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER, III

FILE : 9-HQ-24769

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DATE: September 10, 1953

TO : Mr. Ladd

FROM : Mr. Rosen

TIME OF CALL: 12:55 P. M.

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT
JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER, JR.
MURKIN

- Tolson
- Ladd
- Nichols
- Belmont
- Mohr
- Winterrowd
- Tele. Room
- Mr. Holloman
- Miss Gandy

The New York Office on September 7, 1953, advised that Robert W. Gumbel, personal secretary to John D. Rockefeller, Jr., at the direction of Thomas M. Debevoise, personal counsel to Mr. Rockefeller, turned over to the New York Office a letter which he believed contained a threat against the victim.

The letter was postmarked August 26, 1953, at Columbus, Georgia, and was received on September 1, 1953, in New York. The last paragraph of the letter contained the following possible threat: "But I'm hoping your day will come soon - and it will, I'll see to that." Mr. Gumbel also turned over two other letters from Columbus, Georgia, dated April 9 and July 20, 1953. He believed that these latter two letters were written by the author of the letter of August 28, 1953.

The New York Office advised that the facts would be presented to the United States Attorney on the morning of September 10, 1953.

Supervisor William McDonald of the New York Office advised that Assistant United States Attorney Joseph Martin, in charge of the Criminal Division, declined prosecution regarding the letters stating that no clear cut violation existed, that there was no specific threat of bodily harm, and that no money was demanded. Supervisor McDonald also advised that the letters had been forwarded to the FBI Laboratory for examination on the night of September 7, 1953.

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Mr. Ladd	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Clegg	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Glavin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Harbo	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Rosen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Tracy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Egan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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UNSUB, JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER, III, VICTIM, EXTORTION. ROBERT W GUMBEL, PERSONAL SECRETARY TO JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER, JR., ADVISED THAT A LETTER ADDRESSED TO JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER, III, WAS RECEIVED SEPT. ONE LAST, POSTMARKED BOLUMBUS, GA., AND TRINITY LAX. LETTER IS UNDATED AND UNSIGNED. UPON ADVICE OF THOMAS M. REBEVOISE, PERSONAL COUNSEL TO JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER, JR., GUMBEL ADVISED THE NYC THIS DATE. LETTER OBTAINED. IN CONCLUDING PARAGRAPH, THE WRITER FEELS THAT VICTIM IS RESPONSIBLE FOR TURNING AN UN-NAMED FRIEND AGAINST THE WRITER. THE LAST SENTENCE IS AS FOLLOWS- "BUT I-M HOPE YOUR DAY WILL COME SOON DASH AND IT WILL, I-LL SEE TO THAT."

REBEVOISE-S OPINION THAT QUOTED SENTENCE INDICATED A THREAT PRIOR TO RECEIPT OF INST. LETTER, TWO OTHER LETTERS RECEIVED IN BOLUMBUS, GA. APRIL NINE LAST AND JULY TWENTY LAST. GUMBEL BELIEVES

LETTERS BEING FORWARDED THIS DATE TO LABORATORY. FACTS CONCERNING ALLEGED THREAT BEING PRESENTED USA, EDY...

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Ladd

DATE: December 9, 1953

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: III

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Clegg	
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Harbo	
Rosen	
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Mr. McCabe, New York Office, advised that New York Office today received a telephone call from the secretary to John D. Rockefeller ~~III~~, advising that the victim had received what appeared to be an extortion letter. Agents were dispatched to contact Rockefeller's secretary and have now advised McCabe that three letters have been received. McCabe is not familiar with the contents thereof nor any of the details at this time; however, Agents are en route to the office with the letters.

ACTION:

McCabe was instructed to forward the letters to the FBI Laboratory immediately, and if the letters were vague or contained veiled threats, the matter should be promptly discussed with the U. S. Attorney to determine whether or not an extortion violation worthy of prosecution exists. McCabe was further instructed to keep the Bureau advised of every development.

cc: - Mr. Nichols
Mr. Harbo

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To SAC, New York

October 27, 1953

Enclosed follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination of evidence received from your office on September 10, 1953.

RE: JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER, III, VICTIM
KIDNAPING

J. Edgar Hoover
Acting Director

YOUR FILE NO.
FBI FILE NO. 100-3726
LAB. NO. 2231 AT

Examination requested by SAC, New York
Reference is made to NY 100-3726
Reference is made to NY 100-3726

Q7

Envelope addressed "Mr. John D. Rockefeller & Rockefeller Foundation, West 10th Street, New York City, N.Y." postmarked "COLLEGIUS, NJ JUL 22 1953 5 PM."

Accompanying letter beginning "John So you sent a couple of....." ending on second page "pleasure this time."

Results of Examinations:

This confirms and supplements the Bureau's air-tel of September 10, 1953.

The conclusion was reached that the questioned script handwriting on specimens Q1 through Q8 was written by the same person.

The questioned writing was searched through the appropriate sections of the Anonymous Letter File but no identification was made. Copies are not being added thereto unless future developments warrant such addition.

The detailed physical characteristics of the questioned specimens are described in referenced airtel.

You have been advised of the results of the examination.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK
 FROM : SAC, NEW YORK
 SUBJECT: JAMES EARL RAY
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DATE:

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ROBERT W. STEEL turned over to Agents of the NYO this date a letter addressed to Mr. JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER, III, in care of Rockefeller Foundation, West 10th St., NYC, NY, post marked Columbus, Georgia, 8/26/53. This letter begins "Here I go again...". This letter is being forwarded to the Laboratory as an enclosure. It is suggested that it be compared with letters on file in the anonymous letters file.

There is also being enclosed a letter addressed to JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER, III, in care of Rockefeller Foundation, East 10th St., NY, post marked Columbus, Georgia, 7/1/53. This letter begins "Dear John: This is a most peculiar...". There is an additional enclosure consisting of a letter address to JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER, III, in care of Rockefeller Foundation, West 10th St., NYC, NY, post marked Columbus, Georgia, 7/20/53, beginning "John So you sent a couple...".

It is requested that the handwriting in these last two letters be compared with the handwriting in the first-mentioned letter to determine whether or not the same writer wrote all three letters. The Laboratory is requested to furnish any assistance that may be provided from an examination of the paper used in each of these letters.

It is requested that these letters be processed for any latent fingerprints in this connection. It should be noted that these letters were mailed by the regular post office of the Rockefeller office in New York City.

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