

Chanute Field, Illinois
March 8, 1943
201 - Lash, Joseph P.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE:

SUBJECT: JOSEPH P. LASH
ASN 32326519, Sgt.
2nd Weather Squadron
Patterson Field, Ohio
Att. 7th Tech. Sch. Sqdn.
Chanute Field, Illinois

RE : Results of Mail Cover

This officer reviewed results of mail cover on Sgt. JOSEPH P. LASH, ASN 32326519, 2nd Weather Squadron, Chanute Field, Illinois on March 8, 1943, in connection with an investigation of Subject, who is suspected of Communistic affiliations. The review covered the period from March 6, 1943 to March 9, 1943. Subject received the following mail:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>FROM</u>
3/8/43	Pvt. LEWIS FEUER 313th Materiel Sqdn. Morrison Field, Fla.
3/8/43	TWP 8 W. 9th St. New York, N.Y.
3/8/43	ER Blackstone Hotel Chicago, Illinois
3/9/43	TWP 8 W. 9th St. New York, N.Y.

The letters from Pvt. FEUER (Exhibit I) and TWP (Exhibit II) received on March 8, 1943, gave further indication that Subject still has an active interest in leftist movements and individuals.

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He walked directly to the hotel desk and spoke with the hotel clerk. This investigator heard the hotel clerk remark to Subject that he would have to register. Subject replied that there was a reservation for him. The clerk stated that he would still have to register whereupon Subject signed the blotter.

The hotel clerk then summoned a bell-hop and gave him instructions to escort Subject to rooms 330 and 332. Subject and bell-hop entered the hotel elevator and went to the third floor.

This investigator remained in the lobby of the hotel until 10:15 P.M. at which time Lt. Ark issued instructions to discontinue surveillance of Subject.

Raymond W. Kraus
RAYMOND W. KRAUS
Sergeant.

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JOSEPH P. LASH

ASN 32326519

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

Re: Surveillance of Subject.

On Friday, March 5, 1943 at 6:00 P.M., Subject was placed under surveillance by this investigator at Chanute Field, Illinois for the purpose of ascertaining activity of Subject during the ensuing evening.

The Weather Forecasters Class at Chanute Field was dismissed at 6:35 P.M. and all men including Subject entered into marching formation in front of the brick barracks. The group marched towards Mess Hall #4 and upon reaching a point several hundred feet away from same, Subject left the formation and walked quickly to his barracks, #403, in the 7th Technical School Squadron, arriving at 6:55 P.M. Subject entered and stopped, momentarily, to scan the bulletin board after which he went to his "bunk".

At 7:00 P.M. Subject left the barracks and was carrying a large brown envelope, (Approx. 10"x15") of the same type as that in which he carries his school work, and walked directly to the West Entrance gate on Chanute Field arriving there at 7:10 P.M. Subject showed his pass to the guard on duty and walked across the road where he apparently waited for a ride. (This investigator notified Lt. Ark who parked his car in the vicinity of the West gate).

Several buses passed by during the ensuing 25 minutes but did not stop because they were filled to capacity. Subject appeared nervous and concerned and walked to and fro along the road.

At 7:37 P.M. a Rantoul, Illinois taxicab discharged a passenger at the West gate. Subject ran across the road and entered the taxi which carried Subject to the bus terminal in Rantoul.

At 7:50 P.M. Subject boarded an Urbana-Champaign, Illinois bus.

The bus arrived in Urbana, Illinois at 8:25 P.M. Subject alighted from the bus one block away from the Urbana-Lincoln Hotel and walked directly to that hotel where he entered.

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Place: Chanute Field, Illinois
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Joseph P. Lash
ASN 32326519, Sgt.
Subject: 2nd Weather Squadron
Patterson Field, Ohio
Att. 7th Tech. Sch. Sqdn.
Chanute Field, Illinois

Re: Interview with reliable informant

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

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

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

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

Neither MRS. ROOSEVELT nor LASH left their hotel rooms during the entire day of March 6, 1943 except to have lunch in the Hotel dining room. Other meals were served in their rooms, according to informant.

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

NOTE:

It is noted that March 6, 1943 was the regular off-duty day for LASH each week and reference is made to the letter from MRS. ROOSEVELT (Exhibit I) in which she stated that she would be in Champaign on March 5, 1943.

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Howard Ark
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1st Lieut., A.C.

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

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RAYMOND W. KRAUS
Sergeant, Air Corps

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

Re: Interview with a
Reliable Informant

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

Informant disclosed that on February 15, 1943 at 6:37 P.M. in the 7th Technical School Squadron orderly room at Chanute Field, Illinois, Subject received a person to person telephone call that originated in Columbia, Missouri, from Mrs. FRANKLIN DELANO ROOSEVELT.

The conversation lasted for three minutes, ending at 6:40 P.M.

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

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

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

Subject was advised by Mrs. ROOSEVELT that she would travel by plane from Columbia, Missouri but she did not reveal her destination.

NOTE:

Informant revealed that the telephone line was kept

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The president discussed cooking and fishing with the Norwegians. Princess Martha, I think, came on Monday because she did not want to wait even a day to wipe out the deep impression Mme Chiang probably made on the president. She does act as if she knew that she is being greatly admired. Her husband seemed and sounded a little silly. But it is not even catty to say that she behaved like an 18 year old flirt, and that it did not quite come off. Mrs. Roosevelt seems to grow in situations like that and become even more of a queen. Tommy reported about an editorial in the Herald. She said it was every word like the attack on Wilson for his foreign policy and that the fight against him began at the same strategic time. The president acknowledged that and said he knew that the Hearst press had standing orders to print a "Cesar" piece about him once a month.

Last night Olga Schaeffer spent the night with me and we talked for a long time. Her son who used to be CP (the religious kind) and who is the closest friend of Chuck Sherover is now studying theology at a Lutheran seminary where they train missionaries for Germany and Russia. He has decided to marry a negro girl. His mother is against it, I think mainly because she does not believe that he is mature enough to foresee the consequences, while his father is all for it. His stepfather rather. I really think the boy is so young to take such a step. He is barely 22. He is also in danger and dangerous. He has always had a "Fuehrer" complex. And he is a completely political person.

Flossie told me today that Alan Gottlieb has been killed in Florida, apparently while learning to fly. You know this is the first American I know who had died in this war, and I'm trying to push the knowledge away. My eyes are still very bad and give out completely from time to time, which makes me dizzy and a little faint. But the doctor thinks most of it is strain and complete exhaustion due to "overexertion". She will give me reading glasses, but at the moment she does not know at all what kind to give me and advises not to read at all, which is rather impossible. She said I could under no circumstances take any kind of a job where I have to read a good deal, until I am back to normal. Please don't tell Mrs. R. I have not said a word to any one around here, because I don't want people to be selfconscious with me. Only tonight they realized it, when I had to stop in the middle of a sentence because all I could see was a soft grey blur.

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RETURN ADDRESS

TWP
8wg
NYC

ADDRESSEE

Sgt. Joseph Lash
TSS #7 Barracks 403
Campute Field, Ill.

POSTMARK

New York, N.Y.
Mar. 4, 7 A.M.43

T W P

March 3, 1943

It is such a raw night and I have gone to my Russian lesson feeling virtuous and so hateful. Only I cannot possibly miss another one without being tossed out of the course. In an unsystematic way I probably know as much as the students there and I certainly have the advantage as far as constructing the grammatical skeleton of the language is concerned. But my vocabulary has terrific holes. It is funny. All the time I realized that one young man whose name I had not understood looked at me in a curious way, and acted as if I should know him. He told me today that he had been to my house with adam v. Trott, and whats more that he had been arrested and kept in internment camp for 10 weeks and was still only out on parole because of v. Trott. I still don't know his name but I remember that a pale young man once did come with v. Trott. Apparently he is definitely considered a Nazi agent by now. The atmosphere at the Institute is still distinctly winery. When I was in Washington John Hazzard came to tea. We could not talk very much as we were having Tea with the president and Martha and Olaf of Norway. But John did say that they had been terribly disappointed when we did not turn up for the cocktail party, and that all the Russians had been sad because John had promised we would be there. He agrees with General Hurleys reports that the Russians are not told anything about the great threat to our shipping and that they donnot know how difficult it is to get anything to Russia. His report about Lenins speech was very interesting. He said it had been meant for home consumption and that several high Russian Officials had expressed regrets that it had a bad effect in the Usa, As it definitely was not intended against us. John Hazzard is a very good friend of Harriet Moores who runs the American Russian Institute. The report in the World Telegram about the death of the 2 Polish socialist labor-leaders is not going to help the situation with Russia very much. Green will now be confirmed in his anti-Russian stand, I hope that other people will not be tempted to make violent statements. Why do you think Litvinov chose this very moment to disclose the nature of their death?

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like last-- after we talked about the plans for the future and then I feel paralyzed because I really don't know where they'll be and cannot wish that they must be with me because they are El's as well as mine. Tomorrow I'll write some more-- tonight can be much plus. Goodnight, dearest, I shall read again the letter you sent me to Washington.

All my love,

T.

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Return Address

T. W. P.
8 West 9th St.
New York City.

Addressee

Sgt. Joseph Lash
Chanute Field,
Illinois.

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8 West Ninth Street

February 3, 1943

Dearest:

And now it is almost midnight. The call from you has not come yet and I am unhappy because I did go to the Russian lesson. Only they would have tossed me out if I had not come. The letter from you is sweet (illegible). I want very much to answer it. I may not be able to tonight, because I cannot see very well, part of what you feel is wrong. I am not editing my reports for you, I simply have not done anything much with people. Not at all because I feel you might not like it--because I did not want to enough to try. For the last months-- or perhaps years, I have grown away from the people I used to see. I am a little sad about it sometimes because some of them were fun and gay, but in general I do not miss them very much. You see these last years were difficult-- and since my eye trouble started I have had a good many headaches-- I worked for the USSA I've seen Paulus, Olga Schaeffer, - and I have seen a good deal of Mrs. R. It is easy to be with her, as she understands and it is even easy to be gay with her. I have been with the children, spent a good many hours writing to you and to George and lately a good deal of time studying Russian. I'm sure in a short time I shall want to go out sometimes in the evenings and then I shall. Now I want to stay home whenever I can. This weekend Dr. H. (illegible) will be in town, next Sunday I shall be in Washington again, and some day I shall give a party for all the people I like. Only, please, don't worry.

About Eliah-- that is another matter. true, I have not troubled to write because I always have a queer feeling I should fight that through alone. I am not hooked to El of course now. But I really have not talked of personal (illegible) with him for many weeks. I should and would like to. I am terribly sorry for El and it is difficult for me to be with him. He is a terribly lonely person and does not know how to free himself enough to find other people. This studying is gruelling for him as he has a completely undisciplined mind and cannot really concentrate. I am now worried that he might need the children so badly that he will fight for them and the more I am with them the more I am convinced that it would be extremely bad for them to spend another summer

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I have forgotten one or two things which did not especially interest me. Didn't I write you about my Washinton assignment? The Col. Broadcasting people want to try out two Youth programs, one a forum discussion with Mrs. R. as chairman and five young people as participants. They would like youngsters from different parts of the country and with different backgrounds. The auditions are to be in Washinton and I am to find the people. The other one is a discussion of a problem interesting to young people between Mrs. R. and 2 young people. Mrs. R. would like that to be about the immediate future of 1) a boy who is to go to the army, and 2) of a girl who does not know whether to finish her studies or to immediately take a job. If the auditions turn out well they will start a program-13 weeks, once a week- and then would probably ask me to help. The chairman would change every week.

Mrs. R. thinks that something big is underway in Europe. Not only from the south (Italy or Greece) but from the north as well (Norway or Holland.) She also reports that the Lithuanians have made continuous protestations and have appealed to the U.S. to have their prewar borders guaranteed. Did you see the speech Hayes made in Madrid? And just in case you did not see last weeks Nation, I'm sending on Laskis piece. (Will you send it to George whose temporary address is: Dept. of Agronomy, Washington State College, Pullman Washington).

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Return Address

T.W.P.
8 West 9th Str.
NYC

Addressee

Sgt. Joseph Lash
TSS # 7 Barracks 403
Chanute Field, Ill.

Postmark

New York, N.Y.
G.P.O.
Feb. 28
6 PM
Airmail

T W P

February 27

When I talked with Sokirkin Yesterday he mentioned that he had heard from Nikolai and had also read some of the speeches he had given since his return to Russia. He said that in general they spoke very highly of the United States though of course he was critical about the still incomplete unity in the country. but what struck Sokirkin most was that N,kolai was speaking of Mrs. R. as if she were the most wonderful and unbelievably wise person in the world. N. apparently stressed that of course she did not believe as the Russians believed but that she was so honest that her beliefs did not prevent her from being a staunch friend of Russia. The audience reaction apparently was tremendous and I asked for these reports which must be official Anti-Fascist Committee reports. I do not believe that they are manufactured for a purpose here though that is possible. Willkie apparently was liked but called a straw fire (which is a saying used in German as well and means that the heat of the moment is great but has little staying power and has little planning behind it.

Tommy does not like Mme Chiang. Thinks she is snobbish, spoiled and not really democratic. Mrs. R. thinks that the reason might be that the two Kungs (Mmes niece and nephew) who are with Mme. are so difficult to get along with and impress on everyone that they are the direct descendants of Confucius. That, perhaps, would not impress Tommy and might even annoy her a little. I have a feeling that in some of her utterances to the press conference last week Mme might with advantage have consulted Mrs. R. She did antagonize the newspaperwomen when she stressed that the Chinese people did not want charity from us but only what one allied nation owed to the other who carried a heavier share of the fight.

I'm sure you are right about the Stalin speech, but I still think that it was meant to spur on the Russians and perhaps against the English Government. In any case the party here has taken the hint and is planning big second Second Front Rallies.

I dont see where and when I was uncommunicative. Perhaps

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CONGRESS OF INDUSTRIAL ORGANIZATIONS

C.I.O.

718 Jackson Place, N.W., Washington, D.C.

February 22, 1943

Office of
James B. Carry
Sec-Treas.

Sargeant Joseph Lash
T. S. S. No. 7
Branch 403
Chanute Field, Illinois

Dear Joe:

Margy just 'phoned to remind me to write you in reply to your recent letter. We are very pleased to hear from you and can understand your feeling that you are away from things.

I was in Chicago last Thursday and Friday and carried your address with me in case I was able to stay over the week-end. I had intended calling you with the hope that perhaps we could get together. It was necessary that I return on Friday night. Should I be in the vicinity of Chicago again, I will make another effort to see if we can't get together.

I am enclosing copies of the important resolutions adopted at the recent meeting of our Executive Board. This will give you a good background as to what is happening.

For the time being the Norris Committee idea is on the shelf. The AFL took the position that labor did not need anyone to speak for it. I think the original idea is a good one and will eventually be put into operation. It is unfortunate that the Federation still takes the position of a boil on the face of progress.

The girl you suggested writing me was referred to the officers of the union in the Ford Instrument Company. This is a U.E. shop and I talk with the local officers in person and they said she was in and that they were going to do what they could on her behalf.

I will write you from time to time. Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely

Exhibit IV /s/ Jim

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

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

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

ER

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1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C.

Thursday night

Joe dearest:

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

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

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

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

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

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Dear Mrs. Roosevelt

We made this Valentine for you with such love and affection but not so much skill. Irene Macey, Hildar, Vera and I collaborated. I have never taken notice of Valentine's Day before I knew Joe and so this is still another day so completely connected with him. Mickey was not to be out done and fabricated the frilled heart. It is wonderful to be able to send you a Valentine and I am very happy that you are close and I can see you and be with you.

Much love

Trud

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

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

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

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

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

ER

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Return Address

1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C.

Addressee

Sergeant Joseph Lash
TSS # 7
Barracks 403
Chanute Field
Illinois

Postmark

Washington, D.C.
Feb. 1943
Airmail

1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C.

Feb. 12th

Joe dearest,

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

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

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whose voice will speak from the back-yards and front-walks of the land. And it will be democratically run. No caucusing, no plotting by particular factions. There will be democratic elections of officers and staff, a program based on sound, progressive thinking, with less talk and more work within the local community. We will really make the national and international issues strike home to the daily lives of thousands of young people. They can be the forerunners of the new kind of democracy which will stress democratic organization, and which cannot be denied when the peace is made. It will include soldier youth, and the daily mail brings more letters from soldiers, former ISS people, or people who were not so interested in youth activities, who find that they must have civilian roots and people who fight for their interests, while they are in the Army. I tell you Joe, it is like walking along a narrow road between two huge cliffs, when suddenly the mountains open forth and a new world lies before you. Flossie and I have worked night after night, and somehow, the energy is insatiable. We want to work harder than ever before, and I know all the students who come in here every day to compile and tabulate, to lug heavy stuff back and forth feel that this is their organization they are building. And with Louise's trip, I am certain others in more remote places will feel the same way.

I hope I have given you something of a picture, Joe. I am certain you would have felt good had you seen those young people who had grown up before your eyes taking on full responsibilities. Of course, there were differences and many hot disputes, as there always is the founding of a new idea. But, I had the feeling with very few exceptions that the day of personality thinking had passed for the democratic youth movement, and that we could prepare the way for logical division on issues. Perhaps, it is better to talk about unity on issues, for it is the unity of the United Nations in their present struggle to prevent the negotiated peace that is at stake. I promise you that the students will see the United Nations cause in this struggle. They will bear it out to its logical conclusion of lasting world order. We are planning to have the ISA move into the offices here (the ones formerly used by the Conference Department) and work very closely with them.

Well, I've got piles of work lying before me. It is a wonderful experience. I'll keep you informed from time to time. I am only happy now that I still have two more months with which to help build this organization. I know now, Joe, that it will work. Please give us advice.

Yours,

/s/ Lou

LOU

P. S. I forgot to mention about the advisory committee that we want it to really function in giving us advice and help us carry out our program by speaking and helping us raise finances. Also, though we want Mrs. Roosevelt very much, she feels that it is wisest for her not to participate. I disagree, but she had decided and will and has worked so generously for us thus far. I think now, we have found the proper relationship between students or young people and adults.

Lou

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and upon assurances from Trude, proceeded to mobilize their forces. We decided to break off all relations with Student Service of America, Inc. We knew it was not the group that had built us, had given so many of us the direction we had been seeking throughout our college days. We knew that the life of the old ISS lay elsewhere. We were ready to strike out on our own; we wanted the voice that had so long been deprived us of enthusiasm, and realizing that the whole future of student and youth activities, the entire participation of American youth in the problems of making the United Nations a going peace-time concern, all the students pitched in. Those who had just finished college, those home on vacation, those in the area all showed up to move furniture, move files, lay rugs, set up an office, participate in meeting after meeting to plan out organization, staff, and program. Trude, Flossie, Irene, Irwin, Louise, Hildur all pitched in with the students, determined that their organization would not perish.

We had discussions on whether we should continue a student magazine. ISS has flatly refused to grant the use of the name, in spite of Irwin's logical reasoning that if they discontinue the publication for more than 6 months, its name will disappear and be forgotten. Cohn was very adamant about it. We will use another name and continue with five issues a year plus a bi-weekly news letter which will go out to all our contacts and will serve as a clearing house bulletin. We decided on the following staff: under temporary arrangements, since we have no one available for executive secretary, we decided that I would serve on the staff as the representative of the Executive Committee; Irene would be Acting General Secretary; and Irwin would be publications editor; Flossie Office Manager; and Louise conference secretary on leave during her tour. We want to have an advisory committee, and have already gotten Reinhold Niebuhr to serve on it. Others on it will be: Dr. Frank Graham, Trude (whom we would like to be chairman, and has really be a God-send and foster saint), Carl Sandburg, Al Black, Mrs. Leach, Molly, Maurice, Hildur, Jane Seaver Russell, and Jane Plimpton, Jim Carey, Bernard Baruch, Dr. George Shuster, Clyde Eagleton, and possible Max Lerner. We would like you to serve on it if you can get stationed around here. Nonetheless, Joe, we want your advice and contribution as an "elder statesman", elder to youth, but thank God not an old man like some of our other former contemporaries. I can say myself that much of the way I think is due to your training, and hence, would like to get and will absolutely need every bit of a device you can muster from your encampment.

Last week also saw student volunteers begin working in earnest, perhaps the first time since the old ASU. Students came in to tabulate our war service questionnaires, to help address envelopes, to run off mimeograph material, to clean up, and to arrange everything in order. And, by the end of this second week, I can truthfully and proudly tell you, Joe, that the United States Student Assembly is thriving organization. We are not going out immediately to conquer new fields. We will not be a top-down pressure organization. But, we want to consolidate every single contact we already have, and make certain that he is behind us, with the organization and support that individual can muster. We will work with farm youth and working youth. We will work with the youth in the high schools. All in all, we will have a movement whose very heart and soul is in each local community, and

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RETURN ADDRESS

USSA
8 West 40th Street
New York City

ADDRESSEE

Sgt. JOSEPH LASH
T.S.S. #7
Barracks 403
Chamute Field, Illinois

POSTMARK

NEW YORK
FEB 11
8 P. M.
1943
N. Y.

UNITED STATES STUDENT ASSEMBLY
8 West 40th Street
New York City

February 11, 1943

Dear Joe,

Your letter came in just as we were about to hurdle our last bottleneck and send out the letters to all our contacts on the ISS lists and those students who were at Assembly.

I wish you could have been here during these past two weeks. I think it would have shown you the fruits that your last two years work has borne. I thought about it at lunch today, after one of the students called and asked why the thousands of students involved hadn't been consulted upon the demise of ISS. There is an essence of truth in that statement: the students who worked with ISS did have a stake in the organization and never really were heard. I know, Joe, that when I spoke in an Executive committee meeting I always had the feeling that the other people, the "oldsters" as you put it, were thinking, "Well, who is this young kid to come in here and tell us what is the soundest procedure." There was a constant disrespect for the students' contribution, but more than that, there was the complaisance of absolute egotism, the knowledge that you are established as a figure in the education world, the making of decisions as individuals privileged to make such decisions. There was never any understanding or striving for student support. They did not matter. That this was something new in educational endeavor was significant in itself. It was vastly like so many colleges who hire high-powered publicity men to beat drums throughout the nation, but who care little for the actual standards within the institution. And, it was on this utter lack of respect and sympathy for students as individuals and as a group needing guidance that ISS met its stumbling. Once the rule was threatened, the organization halved and split asunder.

With this as a background, it was truly encouraging and invigorating to see the last two weeks go by. On the one hand there were daily visits to the office of ISS by Dr. Cohn, and a mortal fear of the mysterious power being present in the staff's midst. It was as though the last rites were being held for a Greek athlete who had died too young.

Then, something snapped, and the flood has been sweeping ahead since. Students called to find out why, leaders of the USSA met in emergency session,

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The letter from TWP (Trude), dated 2/27/43, revealed that she worked closely with Mrs. Roosevelt on youth programs. It showed that the writer had definite Leftist leanings and connections and referred to Second Front Rallies by "the party" and to an article by Laski in The Nation. A letter from George, Department of Agronomy, Washington State College, Pullman, Wash., was enclosed. (Exhibit V).

One letter from TWP, received on 3/5/43, enclosed three clippings. One was a page 1 story from the New York World Telegram of 3/3/43 and concerned the execution of two Polish Jew labor leaders by the Reds. Another was an editorial from the New York Post of 3/3/43, which rapped the present appeasement policy of the Administration with reference to Franco and Spain. The third was an article written by Harold J. Laski in the 2/27/43 issue of The Nation on the subject of "Platform for the Left."

The second letter received from TWP on the same day told of recent contacts of the writer with Mrs. Roosevelt, spoke of an estranged husband and her love for Subject and told of meetings and conversations of the writer with pro-Russian individuals. One part of the letter was scrawled in long hand (Exhibit VI A) and another part was typewritten (Exhibit VI B).

Peter, who wrote the letter received on 3/6/43, appeared to be the young son of Trude. He said that his mother had had drops put in her eyes and could not see and would not be able to write for a couple days. The communication from the telephone company was a bill for \$4.17 for New York City telephone number Ore. 4-3977.

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<u>Date</u>	<u>From</u>
2/24/43	James B. Garry C.I.O. 718 Jackson Place, NW Washington, D.C.
3/1/43	TWP 8 West Ninth St. New York, N.Y.
3/5/43	TWP 8 West Ninth St. New York, N.Y.
3/5/43	TWP 8 West Ninth St. New York, N.Y.
3/5/43	Aaron Lash 457 West 123rd New York, N.Y.
3/6/43	Peter New York, N.Y.
3/6/43	N.Y. Telephone Co. New York, N.Y.

The letter from the USSA was dated 2/11/43 and was signed Lou. It discussed the demise of the International Student Service and its replacement by and organization of the United States Student Assembly, including some of its leaders and policies. (Exhibit I).

The first letter of Mrs. Roosevelt, dated 2/12/43, told of her plans to call Subject from Columbia, Missouri, on 2/17/43 and to meet him in Champaign, Illinois, on 3/5/43. The letter, which gossiped about important national and international figures was closed in an affectionate tone. (Exhibit II).

The letter from the Chelsea Fireproof Storage Warehouse confirmed receipt of goods stored there by Subject, while the letter received from the World Student Service Fund on 2/19/43 was a bulletin.

Mrs. Roosevelt's second letter, dated 2/18-19/43, was written in the same vein as her first. (Exhibit III).

The letter from James B. Garry, Secy.-Treas. of the C.I.O. and dated 2/22/43, showed him to be a close acquaintance of Subject. (Exhibit IV).

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE:

Subject: Joseph P. Lash
ASN 32326519, Sgt.
2nd Weather Sqdn.
Patterson Field, O.
Att. 7th Tech. S.S.
Chamute Field, Ill.

Re :

Review of Mail Cover

This officer reviewed results of mail cover on Sgt. JOSEPH P. LASH, ASN 32326519, 2nd Weather Squadron, Patterson Field, Ohio, Attached Seventh Technical School Squadron, Chamute Field, Illinois, on March 6, 1943, in connection with an investigation of Subject, who is suspected of Communist affiliations. The review covered the period from February 14, 1943 to March 6, 1943.

Subject received the following mail:

<u>Date</u>	<u>From</u>
2/14/43	USSA 8 West 40th St. New York, N.Y.
2/16/43	Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. Washington, D.C.
2/19/43	Chelsea Fireproof Storage Warehouse 426-438 W. 26th St. New York, N.Y.
2/19/43	World Student Service Fund 8 West 40th Street New York, N.Y.
2/22/43	Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. Washington, D.C.

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Colonel John T. Bissell

March 17, 1943

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

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

Sincerely yours,



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

5 Incls.

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

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

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CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

March 17, 1943

IN REPLY REFER TO:
SPKOM 201 - Lash, Joseph P.
(VI/N 10-383M)

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

RE: Joseph P. Lash, Sgt.
ASN 32326519
7th Technical School Squadron
Chanute Field, Illinois

Dear Colonel Bissell:

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

Subject was visited during the weekend of March 12-13-14 by Mrs. Trude W. Pratt, 8 West 9th Street, New York City (See Incl. No. 4). Mrs. Pratt is the estranged wife of Elliott D. Pratt, Director of Work Camps of the International Student Service of the United States, 1155 16th Street, N.W., Washington, D. C., Republic 3362.

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

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

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

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If this letter is not a success, the glasses, which I have on my nose, are out of the corner.

[illegible]

And now the New York. (I have heard nothing from them) until yesterday when he called to ask my advice about the following: they want to give a small dinner for the Trustees and friends at which Russia is to be discussed in "a scientific way". They want four speakers, especially my name. (The subject about the military side, from General Electric about industry, and they were thinking about two others, "both of them engineers, who however are not for Russia now" I told Johnson that I thought the idea was bad. (The Soviet people would not accept the opinion of "bourgeois engineers" and they would consider such a dinner as an undignified gesture, which would not help to win their cooperation for the American Institute for Scientific Affairs (if such cooperation was wanted. It will be all the less if Russia have been made by Mendelvikis). Either have to ask for a dinner, and in the kind of a dinner, or they have to ask the right kind of a dinner (which might even be good) and ask the Russians. Johnson indicated that it was an official dinner, but I cannot see what is unpolitical about extending to others of Russia.

Plans for the Institute are being made. They are looking for one million for 5 years. They are to be taken from the Lake and from March when Union Pacific's mortgage bonds mature to convert it. There will be a Committee of Spenders (it will have to be a special committee) and the Chairman, Wallace, March---and Livingston, to be Chairman of that body. There will also be the Institute Council, composed of general board members. Johnson will be president, the Board Chairman, Chairman of the Council and executive director of the Council. Some of the first work will be done before June and the Institute will be formally announced in September.

Justine has been sick, some 3 weeks. The last of it was just long to ask whether I thought Mrs. H. might be willing to see the man of O.S. about what I told you. He is now so desperate about his complete inability to get important information to the right places that he is thinking of resigning. I could only promise to talk to Mrs. H.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE

JOSEPH P. LASH
ASN 32326519, Sgt.
Subject: 2nd Weather Squadron
Patterson Field, Ohio.
Att. 7th Tech. Sch. Sqdn.
Chanute Field, Illinois

Re : Report of Reliable Informant

This officer received a report from a reliable informant on February 17, 1943 in connection with an investigation of Sgt. JOSEPH P. LASH, ASN 32326519, 2nd Weather Squadron, Patterson Field, Ohio, Att. 7th Technical School Squadron, Chanute Field, Illinois, who is suspected of Communistic affiliations. The report follows:

"Soldier in question: Original station, 2nd Weather Squadron, Patterson Field, Ohio. Before arriving this station, soldier was on detached service to Bolling Field, Washington D.C. Soldier now on detached service, this station, attached 7th Tech. Sch. Sq, Barracks # 403. Soldier arrived this station 1-29-43 per SO # 33, paragraph # 71.

"Soldier is a Weather Forecasting student "B" shift 12:30 to 6:00 PM.

"Soldier's day off is Saturday.

"Number of soldier's class 43-3-B.

"Soldier did not put in for pass (100 mile) this week. To my knowledge, the only area soldier ever canvases is within the 20 mile radius as stated on regular student pass.

"Soldier spends most of his off time in day room.

"Soldier usually tries to collect mail from mail room so that he is sure that he gets his mail. Found him doing so today.

"Soldier's service record and classification card not arrived this station as yet.

"Will forward all information pertaining this case (from

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service record and allied papers) as soon as arrival.

"Will note further actions of soldier in question."

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HARRY F. WALTERHOUSE
Major, Air Corps

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Date: March 6, 1943
File: 201 - LASH, JOSEPH P.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE.

JOSEPH P. LASH
ASN 32326519, Sgt.
Subject: 2nd Weather Squadron
Patterson Field, Ohio.
Att. 7th Tech. Sch. Sqdn.
Chanute Field, Illinois

Re : Report of Reliable Informant

This officer received a report from a reliable informant on February 15, 1943 in connection with an investigation of Sgt. JOSEPH P. LASH, ASN 32326519, 2nd Weather Squadron, Patterson Field, Ohio, Att. 7th Technical School Squadron, Chanute Field, Illinois, who is suspected of Communistic affiliations. The report follows:

"Our friend daily receives one, and generally two air-mail letters. If two, both are postmarked from the same place, New York, New York, and at the same time. These letters are addressed in ink, and always bear air-mail stamps. From the looks and feel of said letters, because of flexibility, texture and thinness of letter, I would say that they are written on a paper such as 'onion-skin'.

"Soldier, this date received an insured package slip # J378207.

"Soldier also, this date, received a telegram (which as is the custom of the telegraph office, was unsealed, and I took the liberty of opening same and reading it.) The telegram read as follows:

WILL CALL YOU FROM COLUMBIA MISSOURI BETWEEN
THIRTY-SEVEN AND FOUR. LOVE

E. R.

"The above is the original telegram...whether it was mixed up in transit, or is in code, is to be seen. It could have meant 'WILL CALL YOU FROM COLUMBIA MISSOURI BETWEEN FOUR AND SEVEN-THIRTY. LOVE E.R.

"Soldier received a notice to call operator # 2 in Columbia Missouri at about 6:00 PM last evening.

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"Soldier in question always has an array of maps and charts in front of him. Whether this pertains his class in Weather Forecasting or not, I do not know. I would say that possibly yes, but probably no...at least not as frequently as he is seen with them.

"Soldier still persists in calling for mail in person... He generally goes and secures the mail for the entire barracks at 11:00 A.M. daily.

"Any further noted variations and remarks will be forwarded."

Harry V. Walterhouse
HARRY V. WALTERHOUSE
Major, Air Corps

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Date: March 6, 1943
File: 201 - LASH, JOSEPH P.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE:

Subject: JOSEPH P. LASH
ASN 32326519, Sgt.
2nd Weather Squadron
Patterson Field, Ohio
Att. 7th Tech. Sch. Sqdn.
Chanute Field, Illinois
RE : Review of Service Record
and A.G.O. Form 20

This officer reviewed service record and A.G.O. Form 20 of Sgt. JOSEPH P. LASH, ASN 32326519, Att. 7th Technical School Squadron, Chanute Field, Illinois on March 6, 1943 in connection with an investigation of Subject, who is suspected of Communistic affiliations. The information obtained follows:

1. Personal Data:

Birth: December 2, 1909, New York, New York.

Age: 33.

Physical Description: Height, 5' 6 1/2"; weight 140 lbs.; hair, black; eyes, brown; complexion, medium.

2. Family Data:

Father: Born in Russia.

Mother: MARY LASH, 457 West 123rd Street, New York City, New York, born in Russia.

3. Education:

1931-1932: Columbia University. Received M.A. in English Literature.

1927-1931: City College, New York City. Received AB degree.

1923-1927: High School, New York, New York.

1915-1923: Grammar School, New York, New York.

4. Employment:

April 28, 1942 to present: U. S. Army.

Previously for 6 years: Public relations man (executive administrative work; organizing and directing national and international conferences of young

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4. Employment: (continued)

people; writing and delivering speeches, editing magazines and newspapers, writing articles and advertisements and choosing media for effective presentation. Organized school and summer camps for purpose of educating college students for more effective citizenship. Executive director of International Student Service with 18 direct employees and a great deal of liaison work between student groups and governmental and educational organizations. One month's intensive training, no combat, with Spanish Loyalist Army. Last employed to April 27, 1942, by International Student Service, 8 West 40th Street, New York City, New York.

5. Military History:

January 28, 1943-present: Assigned 2nd Weather Squadron, Patterson Field, Ohio, attached 7th Technical School Squadron, Chanute Field, Illinois. Taking Weather Observers course. Commanding Officer, Captain WILLIAM E. GLASS, A.C.

May 28, 1942-January 28, 1943: Assigned 2nd Weather Squadron, Patterson Field, Ohio, and detached to Bolling Field, D.C. Promoted to corporal on August 3, 1942, and to sergeant on October 3, 1942. Took Weather Observers Course and acted as weather observer.

May 4, 1942-May 28, 1942: 579th Technical School Squadron, Miami Schools, AAFTTC, Miami Beach, Florida, basic training.

April 26, 1942-May 4, 1942: Ft. Dix, New York, oath and processing.

1927-1929: Basic ROTC (Inf.) City College, New York, New York.

7. Addresses:

Date not indicated: 30 West 9th Street, New York, New York.

9. Organizations:

Date not indicated: American Student Union for four years. Director of the organization.

10. Principal Amusements:

Built radios at the age of 12. Plays handball.

Harry F. Walterhouse
HARRY F. WALTERHOUSE
Major, Air Corps

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Colonel John T. Bissell

March 17, 1943

The inferences which can be drawn from the evidence of these five inclosures are staggering. They indicate a gigantic conspiracy participated in by not only Subject and Trude Pratt but also by E. R., Wallace, Morgenthau, etc. Your attention is particularly invited to the fact that Trude Pratt is the United States Representative and Executive Secretary of the International Student Assembly, 8 West 40th Street, New York City, and is also General Secretary of the International Student Service of the United States.

P.B.

P. F. B.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION/PRIVACY ACTS SECTION

SUBJECT: JOSEPH LASH
CROSS REFERENCES

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES

Baumgardner
GOVERNMENT

TO : L. V. Boardman

DATE: March 22, 1954

FROM : A. H. Belmont

SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL
SIMULCAST (RADIO - TELEVISION)
March 21, 1954

Tolson
Ladd
Nichols
Belmont
Clegg
Glavin
Harbo
Rosen
Tracy
Gandy
Mohr
Winterrowd
Tele. Rm.
Holloman
Sizoo
Miss Gao

WINCHELL SAID:

This week's issue of "News-Week" magazine says "Don't be surprised if McCarthy calls a well-known columnist and a Washington correspondent, both McCarthy supporters, to support charges against Army Secretary Stevens. To counter this the Army may charge that the columnist tried three times to wangle a commission for David Schine."

P. S. The columnist mentioned by "News-Week" cannot possibly be Walter Winchell.

COMMENT:

None.

WINCHELL SAID:

A new book due in the stores on March 30, entitled "McCarthy and His Enemies," by William Buckley, Jr., and Brent Mozell (phonetic) is a wonderful documentation of all arguments both for and against McCarthy.

COMMENT:

None.

WINCHELL SAID:

The Communists think they have us on the ropes with the two major parties fighting over how to fight Communism and whether a Junior Senator got a "Buck Private," a week-end pass.

cc - 1 - A. Rosen

cc - 1 - L. B. Nichols

JWL:jla

62-31615-841

Let us stick to the facts:

Who got a "5th Amendment" Army Major an honorable discharge and a promotion? McCarthy and Cohn may have been wrong on Schine, but the real issue is Communism.

COMMENT:

None.

WINCHELL SAID:

Revolution is expected any day in British Honduras.

COMMENT:

None.

WINCHELL SAID:

The President will name a Negro jurist to the Federal Bench in Manhattan very soon. Probably New York City Court Judge, Francis E. Rivers.

COMMENT:

Bureau files reflect that no request has been received to investigate Francis E. Rivers for the position of Federal Judge.

WINCHELL SAID:

Rhoda Miller, deported back to the United States from Ceylon, is the wife of a Red leader in India. This woman was the alleged boss of the Red cell for all Henry Luce publications when she worked for "Time" magazine.

COMMENT:

[REDACTED] 7C
[REDACTED] She was employed by the Life -
Time - Fortune Corporation as a staff writer from 1937 to 1943
and was alleged to be the leader of the Communist cell there.
She resigned in 1943 and was sent abroad by the Office of War

information. She married John Vincent Wall Desilus, a journalist who is a native of Ceylon. According to a press report on January 19, 1953, she was ousted from the Communist Party in Ceylon on ideological grounds. She was blamed for a split in the Communist Party there and was accused of being a United States agent.

WINCHELL SAID:

Sometime ago a Government witness named Matusow testified before a Congressional Committee that the "New York Times" had "the largest Communist cell of all American newspapers."

That Government witness has now recanted his sworn testimony. He did it in a letter to Gladwin Hill of that newspaper.

COMMENT:

Matusow made the above-mentioned statements concerning the "New York Times" during a series of speeches he made in the election campaign in the Fall of 1952. We interviewed him a number of times during December, 1952, and the first half of 1953 concerning this matter. It was ascertained that he had picked up some vague allegations through conversations with members of the Newspaper Guild at the "New York Times" but could not furnish specific names of alleged Communists employed there. (100-400370, entitled "Alleged Communist Infiltration of the 'New York Times'")

WINCHELL SAID:

Portland, Oregon.

The main suspect in the attempted kidnapping of an eight year old boy has escaped after the police had him surrounded at his hideout in the woods.

COMMENT:

None.

WINCHELL SAID:

In New Orleans yesterday, the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee's star witness, Paul Crouch, a former "Red,"

named Joe Lash as a Communist. He said that Lash had access to the White House between 1934 and 1942. He also stated that President Roosevelt and his wife did not know that Lash was a Communist. Joe Lash is one of the top opinion molders, and has been for many years, for the "New York Post."

COMMENT:

Joseph P. Lash (Bufile 100-50914) was formerly the National Secretary of the American Student Union (ASU). The Special Committee on Un-American Activities, as well as other committees, has cited ASU as a Communist front. Lash was a close acquaintance of Mrs. F. D. Roosevelt and lived for a time at the White House. Lash was recently employed as the United Nations correspondent for the "New York Post."

7C According to a Washington City News Service release, dated March 20, 1954, Crouch, [REDACTED] an employee of INS, testified before the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee at New Orleans on March 20, 1954, that one of the persons who had operated an espionage ring at the White House was Joseph Lash. The files concerning this matter are being reviewed in the Espionage Section.

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WINCHELL SAID:

One of the biggest islands in the Pacific Ocean, where we recently tested the "H-Bomb," has completely disappeared.

COMMENT:

Information regarding the disappearance of a Pacific island as a result of "H-Bomb" tests has been publicly announced by Mr. Sterling Cole, Chairman of the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy.

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V. B.

Roosevelt

By EYLE O'WILSON
United Press Staff Correspondent

Those famous Roosevelt family conversations about everything on earth must be pretty hotly contested these days when the clan gathers for informal political conference.

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt and Franklin D. Jr. are sparkplugs of the new left-wing anti-Communist organization known as Americans for Democratic Action.

Elliott Roosevelt is advertised in the Communist press as a speaker under the auspices of the opposing left wing organization, the Progressive Citizens of America. PCA does not bar Communists, but welcomes them, and is under suspicion of being attached to the party line.

James Roosevelt is reported ill on the West Coast. But his immediate political background includes a money-making association with an organization which supported the Communist party line and a more recent job as Democratic state chairman in California.

BARRED COMMUNISTS

Franklin D. Roosevelt Jr. is vice chairman of Americans for Democratic Action. In a week-end meeting here ADA voted to bar Communists from membership and to support President Truman's proposal to aid Greece and Turkey.

Billed in the Communist press to speak last night in a PCA mass meeting in New York to protest Mr. Truman's Greek-Turkish aid program were: former Commerce Secretary Henry A. Wallace, Sculptor Jo Davidson, Radio Commentator Frank Kingdon and Elliott Roosevelt. The meeting was billed as a "crisis rally."

Messrs. Kingdon and Davidson are co-chairmen of PCA. The organization itself was created by merger of



MRS. ROOSEVELT
Left and anti-Red



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the National Citizens Political Action Committee and the Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences and Professions. Mr. Kingdon had been chairman of the former; Mr. Davidson of the latter.

Of the NCPAC, which Mr. Kingdon headed, the House Un-American Activities Committee had this to say in 1944:

"It has been clearly established by overwhelming evidence that the National Citizens Political Action Committee is the major Communist front organization of the moment."

UNDER NEW TITLE

The record suggests significant Communist infiltration of the organization under whose sponsorship Elliott Roosevelt was billed to speak, or that it is an old Communist front set up under a new title.

James Roosevelt is understood to have ended his allegiance to the Inde-



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Way to left

pendent Citizens Committee when he was elected Democratic Party chairman in California. The ICC made a big splurge last March with announcement that Mr. Roosevelt would be director of organization in its drive to round up the independent vote. He was on the pay roll at what his associate, former Interior Secretary Harold L. Ickes, described as "well paid."

Mr. Ickes was an Independent Committee big shot, too, but he resigned last November, apparently because the organization was playing footie with the Communist party line.

Mrs. Roosevelt's experience with the fellow travelers was about like that of Mr. Ickes, which may be why she is so active now in the anti-Com-

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...munist political organization just set up here. Her pet organization was the American Youth Congress, of which the House committee reported: "For a period of seven years, 1934-41, the American Youth Congress was one of the most influential front organizations ever set up by the Communists in this country."

It was during most of those years that Mrs. Roosevelt was mothering the AYC. She didn't quit until after some hundreds of its members, gathered as her guests in the South Grounds of the White House, greeted her late dis-

tinguished husband with a booming chorus of boos. Joseph P. Lash, a notable leader of youth during the early Roosevelt administrations, was a White House favorite then and a big figure in the AYC. The House Committee report states that he testified under oath that the American Youth Congress was a Communist front outfit. It did not say Mr. Lash was a Communist.

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April 16, 1976

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Mr. Joseph P. Lash
20 East 9th Street
New York, New York 10003

Dear Mr. Lash:

This is to acknowledge receipt by the FBI on March 22, 1976, of your letter dated March 18, 1976, requesting information about the British Security Coordination. Since your letter indicated you were working with a publishing deadline, a representative of the Freedom of Information-Privacy Acts (FOIPA) Section at FBI Headquarters contacted you on April 8, 1976, to discuss your request.

You were advised that due to the heavy volume of FOIPA requests received by the FBI in recent months and because of court imposed deadlines in certain historical cases of considerable scope, there is a large backlog of FOIPA requests. In an effort to deal fairly with any request requiring the retrieval, processing and duplication of documents, each request is being handled in chronological order based on the date of receipt. Consequently, as you were told, the information you seek, if it does exist in FBI files, would not be available to you for several months.

You stated to the FOIPA representative that release of documents or information was needed promptly to be of value to you and that since the existing backlog prevented an early release, you would withdraw your request.

We regret that external factors prevented us from assisting you. Your understanding is appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

C. M. Kelley

Clarence M. Kelley
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Director Clarence M. Kelley
Federal Bureau of Investigation
9th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, D.C. 20535

FOIA-GENERAL

Dear Director Kelley:

In connection with my book, ROOSEVELT AND CHURCHILL: The Partnership that Saved the West, a new problem has arisen just as my manuscript is on the point of being sent to the printer.

It has to do with the book A MAN CALLED INTREPID by William Stevenson and deals with the operations of British Intelligence in the United States, chiefly in the period 1940-1941 and alleges that INTREPID-Stephenson was the covert link between Roosevelt and Churchill.

There is no material at the Roosevelt Library to confirm this claim. That, of course, is by no means conclusive. It is, of course, known that Roosevelt ordered Mr. Hoover and the FBI to cooperate with Stephenson and the organization, British Security Coordination, but it has been generally assumed that that cooperation related to combatting Nazi and, for a time, communist subversion in the western hemisphere.

But this new book claims much more. Would it be possible to examine FBI files dealing with the Agency's cooperation with the British operation? My primary and exclusive interest is in establishing the reliability of the Stevenson book.

Since time has now become a pressing matter for me, perhaps, if one of your people is familiar with this material, I could come down and talk with him - or her.

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I would greatly appreciate your assistance. 25 MAR 22 1976
in this matter. My telephone number is 212 475 8527.

Sincerely,

Joseph P. Lash
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO: MR. BASSETT

DATE: 2/4/75

FROM: S. S. CZARNECKI

SUBJECT: SULLIVAN MEMORANDA TO JOHN DEAN
RE ITEMS: DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION, 1968
JOSEPH P. LASH
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Re: Sullivan Memoranda to John Dean
(Democratic Convention 1968) dated 1/31/75

Following backup material ^{Xerox Copies} furnished to the Attorney General re above:

1. Buairtel to SAC, Albany, dated 2/16/68 captioned "Demonstrations at the National Democratic Convention, August, 1968, Information Concerning (Internal Security) 00: Chicago" (157-8589-4)
2. Memorandum for the Attorney General "Re: Demonstrations at the National Democratic Convention, August, 1968" dated 3/11/68 (157-8589-23)
3. Memorandum to Director, FBI, from AG Ramsey Clark, dated 3/12/68, captioned same as item two (157-8589-42)
4. Memorandum for the Attorney General dated 3/22/68 captioned same as item two (157-8589-42)
5. Memorandum for the Attorney General dated 4/24/68 captioned same as item two (157-8589-72)
6. Memorandum for the Attorney General dated 6/7/68 captioned same as item two (157-8589-144)
7. Buairtel to Albany dated 6/10/68 captioned "Demonstrations at the National Republican Convention, Miami Beach, Florida, August 5-10, 1968, Information Concerning (Internal Security) 00: Miami" (157-8589-144)
8. Bureau letter to Attorney General captioned "Re: Demonstrations at the National Republican Convention, Miami Beach, Florida, August 5-10, 1968, Information Concerning (Internal Security) 00: Miami" dated 9/4/68 (157-8589) classified "Top Secret" [REDACTED]

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9. C. D. DeLoach to Mr. Tolson memo dated 8/22/68 re: "Democratic National Convention, Chicago, Illinois" (62-42559-97)

10. C. D. DeLoach to Mr. Tolson memo dated 8/7/68 captioned same as item nine (157-8589-563)

11. Director to Mr. Tolson, et al, memo dated 8/15/68 (157-8589-416)

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(President Roosevelt's Administration - Alleged Influence of Certain FBI Investigations - Don Lash and [REDACTED] dated 1/31/75

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Following backup material furnished to the Attorney General re above LHM:

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1. Memorandum from SAC Guy Hottel to Director dated 2/3/47 captioned [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Chief, Division of Foreign Activities, Department of State, dated 12/30/45 re [REDACTED]

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Joseph P. Lash

1. Memorandum for Mr. Hoover from Attorney General Francis Biddle dated 1/10/42 re "Joe Lash" (100-50914-5)

2. Memorandum for the Attorney General from Bureau dated 1/14/42 re "Joe Lash" (100-50914-5)

3. Newspaper Article from "New York Daily Mirror" dated 2/13/45. (100-95348-A)

4. Newspaper Article from "Washington Daily News" dated 1/22/42 (100-50914-11)

5. Memorandum to Director from SAC E. E. Conroy, dated 1/9/46, re "Joseph P. Lash" (100-50914-24)

The following backup material re Joseph Lash was paraphrased in the LHM alluding to Lash's intimate relationship with Mrs. Roosevelt which came from

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the files maintained in Mr. Hoover's Office. A note was placed on the following material for Mr. Adams and it was suggested he may not desire to furnish this material to the Attorney General:

1. L. B. Nichols memo to Director 2/2/54.
2. L. B. Nichols memo to Director dated 1/18/51.
3. G. C. Burton memo to Mr. Ladd dated 12/31/43.