

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION/PRIVACY ACTS SECTION

SUBJECT: MARIAN ANDERSON

FILE NUMBER: 77-HQ-78164

May 2, 1958

AIRTEL

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To: SAC, Philadelphia
New York
Chicago
New Haven
Washington Field (BCS) Enclosures-2

From: Director, FBI

MARIAN ANDERSON, SPI.

MARION ANDERSON

Department of State requests investigation of above-captioned individual who is being recommended to the President for appointment to a top-level position in the Department of State. Born Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, date not indicated, and began her singing career in 1934. Present address is Danbury, Connecticut. Biographical data contained in current issue of "Who's Who." In addition, background information furnished by State Department indicates is married but does not list name or address of husband.

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Sent
Conduct thorough investigation as to character, loyalty, reputation, associates and ability of Miss Anderson, accounting for entire adult life including education, employment and any periods of unemployment. Ascertain and report identity and current address of all immediate relatives and make appropriate checks concerning each. Set out necessary leads by airtel except where more expeditious means necessary to insure deadline met. Surep to reach Bureau by 5/16/58.

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NOTE: Request received 5/1/58 by letter dated 4/30/58 from the Department of State. Copy of summary will be furnished to the Attorney General in view of Miss Anderson's prominence and also inasmuch as it involves a Presidential appointment.

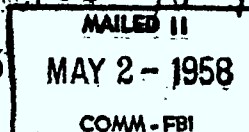
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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

Mr. Tolson ✓
Mr. Boardman ✓
Mr. Belmont ✓
Mr. Mohr ✓
Mr. Nease ✓
Mr. Parsons ✓
Mr. Tamm ✓
Mr. Trotter ✓
Mr. Clayton ✓
Tele. Room ✓
Mr. Holloman ✓
Miss Gandy ✓

April 30 1958

Dear Mr. Hoover:

It is proposed to recommend to the President that Marian Anderson be appointed to a top level position in the Department of State requiring an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation under procedures prescribed for Presidential appointees.

It is requested, therefore, that the Federal Bureau of Investigation conduct the necessary investigation of Miss Anderson. Attached is biographic data concerning her.

Please furnish the results of your investigation to me, through the Director, Office of Security.

Sincerely yours,

Roderic L. O'Connor

Roderic L. O'Connor
Administrator
Bureau of Security and Consular Affairs

Attachment:
Biographic data

ENCLOSURE

The Honorable
J. Edgar Hoover, Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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MARIAN ANDERSON

Born:

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Education:

Public schools, Philadelphia; music education, private study in Philadelphia, New York, Chicago, College of Music, and abroad; Mus. D., Howard U., 1938.

Marital Status:

Married.

Experience:

PRE GOVERNMENT:

1924 - Began singing career

1925 - "First prize in competition with 300 others at New York Lewisohn Stadium

- Has made several concert tours of the United States and Europe; one of the leading contraltos of the world.

1940 - Recipient of Bok Award

1940 - Awarded Finnish decoration "probenignitate humana".

GOVERNMENT:

Memberships and Clubs:

Member, Alpha Kappa Alpha.

Office:

Home:

Danbury, Connecticut

Legal Residence:

Connecticut.

Political Affiliation:

Democrat.

PRESENT POSITION:

Contralto.

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ENCLOSURE

May 6, 1958

Mr. Roderic L. O'Connor
Administrator
Bureau of Security and
Consular Affairs
Department of State
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. O'Connor:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your
letters dated April 30, 1958, in which you requested
investigations of Marian Anderson and [REDACTED] b7C

Please be advised that these investigations
have been ordered and upon completion summaries re-
flecting the results of the inquiries made will be
forwarded to the Secretary of State through the
State Department's Office of Security.

Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

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cc: File on [REDACTED]

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MAY 5, 1958

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TO: SAC'S, PHILADELPHIA
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WASHINGTON FIELD

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI

SUBJECT: MARIAN ANDERSON
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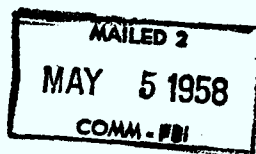
Rebuairtel 5/2/58.

Bufiles reflect name of appointee's husband is
Orpheus H. Fisher. All offices conduct necessary
investigation.

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AIRTEL

TO: SAC, NEW YORK

5/7/58

FROM: SAC, WFO (77-62924)

MARLAN ANDERSON, aka
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ReBairtel 5/2/58.

*Referred
to another
Government
Agency*

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[REDACTED]

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- 2 - New York
- ① - Bureau
- 1 - Philadelphia (Info)
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Date: 5/8/58

Transmit the following message via AIRTEL

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To: Director, FBI, and
SACs, NEW YORK
BOSTON
WFO

From: SAC, Philadelphia (77-9562)

MARIAN ANDERSON
SPI
(Buded 5/16/58)

Department of State requests investigation of above-captioned individual who is being recommended to the President for appointment to a top level position in the Department of State. Born Philadelphia, Pa. Present address is Danbury, Conn., and is married to ORPHEUS FISHER.

Investigation of character, loyalty, reputation, associates, and ability of Miss ANDERSON required, accounting for all of adult life including education, employment, and periods of unemployment.

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[REDACTED] advised he has had no contact with ANDERSON since 1941. [REDACTED] said SOL HUOK has been ANDERSON's manager in United States throughout her professional career. [REDACTED] believes PAUL ROBESON was acquaintance of ANDERSON, but does not know degree of friendship existing. [REDACTED] recalled his father stated he was sorry ANDERSON had been acquainted with WILLIAM KING, who was a former accompanist for ANDERSON during the early period of her training at New York City under GIUSEPPE BOGHETTI because he did not like KING's ideals. [REDACTED] said his father did not elaborate further.

- ③ Bureau
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2 - Boston
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1 - Philadelphia (77-9562)

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Approved: CEH
Special Agent in Charge

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b7C,
b7D [redacted] advised he did not like group of SOL HUOK's employees and others who surrounded ANDERSON early in her career in New York. [redacted]

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b7D [redacted] indicated ANDERSON's [redacted] was also disliked by [redacted] and recalled that his father had described [redacted] as a "slimy character." His father did not elaborate further.

Publication "Current Biography - 1950" reflects that ANDERSON received Honorary Doctor of Music degrees at Howard University and at Smith College. It was also indicated that FRANZ RUPP has been ANDERSON's accompanist since 1941.

b7C An acquaintance of ANDERSON states [redacted] knows her well.

Undeveloped LeadsBOSTON DIVISION

AT [redacted]

b7C Check indices and consider interview with [redacted] unless some reason exists why this should not be done.

AT NORTHAMPTON, MASS.

Will verify ANDERSON's Honorary Doctor of Music degree at Smith College, and interview appropriate person or persons.

NEW YORK DIVISIONAT NEW YORK CITY, N.Y.

(1) Conduct appropriate inquiry re group of HUOK's employees and others who surrounded ANDERSON early in her career.

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Special Agent in Charge

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(2) Conduct appropriate inquiry re WILLIAM KING
and [REDACTED] mentioned above.

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(3) Check indices on and consider interviews of
[REDACTED] and SOL HUOK mentioned above.

WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICEAT WASH., D.C.

Verify ANDERSON's Doctor of Music degree at Howard
University.

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Special Agent in Charge

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Date: 5/8/58

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM : SAC, NEW HAVEN (77-3643)
SUBJECT: CHANGED
MARIAN ANDERSON, aka
Mrs. Orpheus Hodge Fisher,
Marian Elina Blanche Anderson
SPECIAL INQUIRY

Re Bureau airtel 5/2/58.

The title is being marked "Changed" to reflect additional names of applicant as reflected in marriage records at Bethel, Connecticut.

Investigation, Danbury, Conn., and Bethel, Conn., reflects applicant born 2/27/08, Philadelphia, Pa. Parents JOHN B. ANDERSON (deceased). ANNIE RUCKER ANDERSON; Sisters, [REDACTED], all residing Philadelphia. Applicant attended William Penn High School and South Philadelphia High School, both Philadelphia. ORPHEUS HODGE FISHER and applicant married 7/24/43 at Bethel, Conn. Applicant's residence "Mariana Farms", Joe's Hill Road, RD 1, Danbury.

Applicant's impressarios SAUL HUOK, [REDACTED], all New York.

Credit records reflect husband operator of King-Fisher, Interior Decorators located 1200 Fifth Avenue, New York City. For information all offices, applicant's autobiography "My Lord, What a Morning" published by Viking Press, New York City.

3-Bureau
1-New York (Info.)
1-Philadelphia (Info.)
1-Chicago (Info.)
1-WFO (Info.)
1-New Haven
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To: SACs, Philadelphia
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Washington Field (DCS)

From: Director, FBI

MARIAN ANDERSON, SPI.

Discontinue. Survey of investigation
completed to date.

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NOTE: Liaison advised on 5/8/58 that investigation to be
discontinued per call from [redacted] State Dept.,
who advised that Anderson would not be able to accept
position.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, NEW HAVEN (77-3643)

SUBJECT: MARIAN ANDERSON, aka Mrs. Orpheus
Hodge Fisher, Marian Elina Blanche Anderson
SPI

Re Bureau Airtel dated 5/2/58.

Dept. of State requested investigation of above captioned individual who is being recommended to the President for appointment for a top level position in the State Dept.

Applicant resides "Marianni Farms", Joss Hill Road, R. D. #1, Danbury, Conn.

In report of SA [REDACTED] dated 11/18/48, at New Orleans, captioned "SOUTHERN CONFERENCE FOR HUMAN WELFARE (SCHW); SOUTHERN CONFERENCE EDUCATIONAL FUND, INC. (SCEF); IS-C", New Orleans file #100-759, on page 39 of this report, [REDACTED] who is identified as [REDACTED], Barnard Printing Co., New Orleans, advised that the name MARIAN ANDERSON, R.F.D. #1, Danbury, Conn., appears on the mailing list of the "Southern Patriot", a monthly publication of the SCEF.

New Orleans requested to furnish complete documentation of SCEF, SCHW and "Southern Patriot". Also advise if identity of [REDACTED] mentioned in this report should be concealed.

If so, furnish characterization. Expedite as report must reach Bureau by 5/16/58 without fail.

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1 - New Haven
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Special Agent in Charge

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AIRTEL

TO: SAC'S, PHILADELPHIA
NEW YORK
CHICAGO
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WASHINGTON FIELD (DCB)

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI

MARIAN ANDERSON
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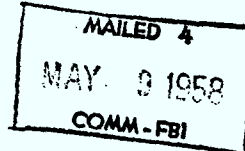
Disregard Buairtel of 5/8/58; however, hold
investigation in abeyance pending instructions.

NOTE: Liaison advised on 5/9/58 that State Department
requested instant investigation held in abeyance rather
than discontinued. State Department will advise by
Monday, 5/12/58, whether to discontinue or proceed with
the investigation.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office CHICAGO	Office of Origin BUREAU	Date 5/14/58	Investigative Period 5/6, 7/58
TITLE OF CASE MARIAN ANDERSON		Report made by [REDACTED] <i>b7C</i>	Typed By: lac
		CHARACTER OF CASE SPECIAL INQUIRY	

Synopsis: Appointee's attendance at Chicago College of Music, Chicago, not verified. No credit or arrest record for appointee or her husband, ORPHEUS M. FISHER.

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REFERENCES: Bureau airtels to Chicago dated May 2 and 5, 1958.
New Haven airtel to Bureau dated May 8, 1958.
Bureau airtels to Chicago dated May 8 and 9, 1958.

DETAILS:

Miscellaneous

A review of "Who's Who in America", Volume 29, 1956-1957, page 64, column 1, on May 6, 1958, showed that the appointee had received musical training at the Chicago College of Music (no dates shown).

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b7D **[REDACTED]** Chicago Conservatory of Music, 410 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, advised on May 6, 1958, that the Chicago College of Music went out of business about 15 years ago. She said

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the manager of the Chicago College of Music at that time was Mrs. ESTER HARRIS, now deceased. During the period of its operation, the Chicago College of Music primarily taught the piano, but also offered classes in voice training.

[REDACTED] advised that she could not suggest anyone who might recall the names of the former voice instructors at the Chicago College of Music.

A check of the Illinois Bell Telephone Directories, Chicago City and Suburban, dated June, 1957, on May 6, 1958, disclosed no listing for a Chicago College of Music.

Credit and Arrest

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[REDACTED], Chicago Credit Bureau, Incorporated, Chicago, Illinois, advised on May 7, 1958, that a check of the credit files showed no credit record for the appointee or the appointee's husband, ORPHEUS N. FISHER.

A check of the arrest files of the Chicago, Illinois, Police Department, Bureau of Records and Communications, on May 7, 1958, revealed no arrest record for the appointee or her husband.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI.

DATE: May 14, 1958

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (77-9807)

SUBJECT: MARIAN ANDERSON
SPECIAL INQUIRY

Enclosed herewith are two copies of the report of SA [REDACTED], dated [REDACTED] and captioned as above, at Chicago, Illinois.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Chicago Office indices are negative regarding appointee's husband.

Arrest check was made by Investigative Clerk [REDACTED]

Credit check was caused to be made by Investigative Clerk [REDACTED]

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office BOSTON	Office of Origin BUREAU	Date 5/15/58	Investigative Period 5/12, 13, 14/58
TITLE OF CASE MARIAN ANDERSON		Report made by SA [REDACTED] b7C	Typed By: jmh
		CHARACTER OF CASE SPECIAL INQUIRY	

Synopsis:

Associate favorable.

- RUC -

REFERENCE:

Philadelphia Air Tel to Bureau, New York, Boston and WFO dated 5/8/58

DETAILS:

Investigation at Northampton, Massachusetts was conducted by Special Agent [REDACTED]

ASSOCIATE

On May 14, 1958, [REDACTED] a concert singer, advised that he heard MARIAN ANDERSON sing many years ago in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. At the time, she was just beginning her career. He said he was impressed with her ability and he asked her to appear in a

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concert of his which was given in Washington, D. C. She was approximately 15 to 18 years of age at the time of this concert, he said.

He was well acquainted with her at the time but in 1920, [REDACTED]

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Since 1931, he has known of the appointee mainly by reputation, since has not seen anything of her since her early youth. Therefore, he said he is not personally acquainted with any of her activities, except for the fact that she has become world reknown as the result of her singing ability.

He said he does not know what her persuasion is, that is, her political beliefs and ideology. He stated everything he has ever heard about her has been entirely complimentary, therefore, he would have no reason whatsoever, to furnish any adverse comments concerning her character, associates and loyalty.

MISCELLANEOUS

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On May 14, 1958, [REDACTED] Office of the President, Smith College, Northampton, Massachusetts, advised that MARIAN ANDERSON, because of her outstanding accomplishments and contributions to the field of music, had been awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Music at commencement exercises in June, 1944. *How age*

She said Miss ANDERSON would not be known personally to anyone at the college.

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May 21, 1958

AIRTEL

**TO: SAC'S, PHILADELPHIA
NEW YORK
NEW HAVEN
NEW ORLEANS
WASHINGTON FIELD**

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI (77-78164)

**SUBJECT: MARIAN ANDERSON
SPI**

ReBuairtels 5/2 and 5/9/58.

**Complete investigation in accordance with
instructions contained in ReBuairtel 5/2/58.**

Surep to reach Bureau no later than 5/28/58.

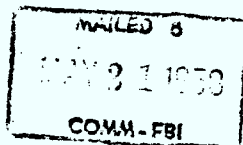
**NOTE: State Department advised Liaison on 5/8/58 to
discontinue investigation. On 5/9/58, State Department
advised Liaison to hold investigation in abeyance. On 5/21/58
State Department advised Liaison to continue investigation as
Anderson would accept position.**

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Date: 5/22/58

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(Type in plain text or code)Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (77-78164)
 FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (77-2596)
 RE: MARIAN ANDERSON, aka
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New Haven airtel, 5/9/58, requested complete documentation of SCEF, SCHW and "Southern Patriot". New Haven also desired to know if identity of [REDACTED] mentioned in report of SA [REDACTED] dated 11/18/48, at New Orleans, captioned, "Southern Conference for Human Welfare, "SCHW", Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc., (SCEF), IS - C", should be concealed.

Requested information was furnished to New Haven by airtel, May 13, 1958.

No report submitted by this Office.

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 2 - New Orleans

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office PHILADELPHIA	Office of Origin BUREAU	Date 5/27/58	Investigative Period 5/7,9,10,12,13,22,23/58
TITLE OF CASE MARIAN ANDERSON		Report made by [REDACTED] b7C	Typed By: cpc
		CHARACTER OF CASE SPECIAL INQUIRY	

Synopsis:

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No birth record located for ANDERSON at Philadelphia. Education, South Philadelphia High School, verified. [REDACTED], Temple University, who does not know ANDERSON personally, believes ANDERSON should not be placed in high level Government position because he is under impression she is a "typical temperamental musician."

[REDACTED] critical of her former accompanist. WILLIAM KING, and [REDACTED] Philadelphia Orchestra [REDACTED] and other associates recommend highly.

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Credit and arrest negative at Philadelphia. ANDERSON listed as one of national sponsors of Women's International League for Peace and Freedom in 1955. ANDERSON's name appeared on a special mailing of the Philadelphia Chapter of the American Council for a Democratic Greece. [REDACTED]

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Approved <i>C. E. H.</i>	Special Agent in Charge	Do not write in spaces below			
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PH 77-9562

REFERENCE: Bureau airtels, 5/2, 5/9, and 5/21/58.
Philadelphia airtel to Director, 5/8/58.

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DETAILS: Investigation at the Philadelphia Board of
Education and Philadelphia Bureau of Vital
Statistics was conducted by SE [REDACTED] and the
remainder of the investigation was conducted by
SA [REDACTED]

At Philadelphia, Pa.

BIRTH

Bureau of Vital Statistics,
City Hall Annex

On May 9, 1958, a clerk of the Philadelphia
Bureau of Vital Statistics reviewed birth records on file
there for the month of February in the years 1900 through
1910 and located no birth certificate for MARIAN ANDERSON.

EDUCATION

Philadelphia Board of Education
21st and Parkway

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b7D [REDACTED] advised on May 8, 1958,
that school records there reflect ANDERSON was graduated from
South Philadelphia High School in 1921. No birth data was
reflected in her school record.

Honorary Degree,
Doctor of Music,
Temple University

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b7D [REDACTED]
Temple University, advised on May 7, 1958, that Temple
University conferred a Doctor of Music Degree on MARIAN
ANDERSON in June 1941.

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me [redacted], Temple University, advised on May 7, 1958, that he is not personally acquainted with ANDERSON; therefore, he does not know much about her. He said his impression of her, which he has obtained second-hand from other people whose names he did not recall at the time, is that she, like many other musical people, is not temperamentally well balanced. He said he believes she is a "typical temperamental musician." He said for that reason he does not believe she is suited for any high level position in the Government.

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me [redacted] Temple University, advised on May 7, 1958, that he is acquainted with ANDERSON, but is not a close personal friend. He said he admires her greatly as a singer and a person. He said she is a noble and dignified person who in the eyes of the entire music profession has been admired as an artist and an exceptionally fine person.

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b7D [redacted] said that she has a great social consciousness and pointed out that many white, as well as Negro singers, have benefited from the Marion Anderson Award. He said this award is made annually to deserving young people coming up in the music world.

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b7D [redacted] said that [redacted] has known ANDERSON well since her childhood and is one of her close friends. He said ANDERSON has suffered many indignities throughout her lifetime and has never shown any cynicism as a result. He said she has remained aloof and dignified.

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b7D He said there is no question in his mind concerning her ability, her loyalty, or her patriotism. [redacted] recommended her for a high level Government position.

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b7D [redacted] said he does not believe there was any close relationship between PAUL ROBESON and ANDERSON. He said their abilities in the music world were far apart and that while ROBESON undoubtedly admired ANDERSON greatly, he does not believe this admiration was returned by ANDERSON.

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b7D [REDACTED] said he has had personal contact with ANDERSON since 1941. He said SOL HUROK has been her manager in the United States throughout her entire professional career.

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b7D [REDACTED] said he did not like the group of SOL HUROK employees and others who surrounded MARIAN ANDERSON early in her career in New York. He said he felt they were individuals who were not necessarily Communists but who left the impression with [REDACTED] that they had no love for the United States. He said these people constantly placed emphasis on racial problems and stressed the fact that ANDERSON was becoming successful in spite of her color rather than because of it. [REDACTED] said he always refrained from seeking MARIAN ANDERSON as a friend because he was afraid that some of the reputation of the group surrounding her "might rub off on him."

He said he knows nothing of a concrete nature to indicate that group of people to be disloyal but said they were a group that never gave any indication by actions or words that they had any respect for the United States.

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b7D [REDACTED] said that in fairness to ANDERSON, it should be considered that in the entertainment field nearly all rising stars have a "swarm of parasites and admirers around them and sometimes it is difficult to distinguish the parasites from the honest admirers." He said these so-called "parasites" seem to cling more to rising Negro entertainers than to others.

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b7D [REDACTED] said he has never heard ANDERSON express any unhappiness with her lot. He said she is a very religious person and that she has a tremendous presence and dignity and has a "mood-building power out of this world as though she were in touch with God himself."

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b7D [REDACTED] said that his father disliked ANDERSON's [REDACTED] and said his father had referred to [REDACTED] as a "slimy character." He said his father did not elaborate on this. He said his father had also once told him that he was sorry MARIAN ANDERSON had been acquainted with WILLIAM KING, who was a former accompanist for ANDERSON

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during the early part of her training at New York City under GIUSEPPE BOGHETTI, because his father did not like KING's ideals. He said his father did not elaborate on that statement either.

[redacted] stated that he believes PAUL ROBESON was an acquaintance of ANDERSON, but said he did not know the degree of friendship existing between them. He recalled that ROBESON attended some of her concerts in New York and Philadelphia. *Robeson*

[redacted] said that ANDERSON's mother, ANNA, [redacted] lived at 752 South Martin Street in Philadelphia. [redacted]

[redacted] stressed the fact that he has never heard anything derogatory against ANDERSON.

[redacted] stated that [redacted] prominent Negro attorney and member of [redacted] is a long-time friend of ANDERSON.

Interview
[redacted] at Philadelphia, Pa.

ASSOCIATES

Interview
[redacted], advised on May 8, 1958, that he is fairly well acquainted with ANDERSON. He said he has never heard an unfavorable view expressed pertaining to her and said that she is a person with an absolute minimum of political interests. He said she is a person of great compassion for humanity in general and described her as a very good citizen of the United States and a very fine woman in every respect. *acquaintance*

He said in his opinion ANDERSON has already demonstrated her great abilities by her trip last year through Korea, Malaya, and other countries for the State Department. He said she has demonstrated her ability to deal with people under varying circumstances in an effective and friend-winning manner.

He said he believes MARIAN ANDERSON to be a person of good repute and loyal to the United States. He said ANDERSON is one of the few persons against whom he has never heard anyone speak a derogatory word.

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[redacted] Philadelphia Orchestra, Academy of Music, advised on May 8, 1958, that MARIAN ANDERSON is a fine lady who is respected by all who are connected with her. He said she has a good reputation in the music world and said he does not have much knowledge pertaining to her personal life, but added that he has never heard anything unfavorable concerning her in any way. He stated that one of ANDERSON's friends in the Philadelphia area is [redacted] a prominent woman in Main Line society, [redacted] incl

[redacted] recommended ANDERSON for a high level position in the Government. He said he does not question her loyalty or patriotism to the United States.

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[redacted] Philadelphia Orchestra, Academy of Music, advised on May 7, 1958, that she has been acquainted with MARIAN ANDERSON mostly in a professional manner [redacted] She said that MARIAN ANDERSON has given her services for various charitable purposes in the Philadelphia area and has been a very wonderful person to work with throughout the years. She said MARIAN ANDERSON has appeared as a singer with the Philadelphia Orchestra in Philadelphia about eleven times since 1938.

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She described ANDERSON as a humble person and said she is one of the finest persons who ever sang with the Philadelphia Orchestra. She said ANDERSON has a good reputation and as far as she knows maintains good associates. She said she believes ANDERSON is a patriotic and loyal American. She said ANDERSON appears to have abilities in all fields and she recommended her for a high level position in the Government.

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[redacted] Philadelphia Orchestra, Academy of Music, advised on May 7, 1958, that he has known ANDERSON for [redacted] and said he has found her to be a fine person in every respect. He said her character and reputation are excellent in every way,

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and that he can say nothing but the best concerning her. He said he has never heard a derogatory word concerning her reputation or associates. He said her abilities are great and that she is highly adaptable to nearly any situation. He said he believed ANDERSON is a perfectly loyal American.

[REDACTED] and Member of [REDACTED], advised on May 23, 1958, that he has known MARIAN ANDERSON [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] He said he is also well acquainted with ANDERSON's husband, ORPHEUS FISHER. He said that his family and MARIAN ANDERSON's family have exchanged numerous visits [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] said ANDERSON's character is the finest, without a single blemish. He said she is undoubtedly one of America's finest ladies and perfect in every way. He said she has a good reputation and that she is a good family person.

[REDACTED] said that MARIAN ANDERSON comes from a fine Philadelphia family and that her mother, ANNA, [REDACTED] are wonderful people in every respect. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] said that ANDERSON's associates are all good and that she is a person of great ability in every way. He said she is capable of the highest of assignments and has equipped herself well. He said she is a person who knows her limitations and will state them when necessary if placed in a position beyond her limitations. [REDACTED] said ANDERSON would lend dignity and prestige in any Government position. He recommended her without reservation for any position she seeks or is being considered for.

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At [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised on May 10, 1958, that she has known MARIAN ANDERSON and said she considers her to be a person of excellent character with a fine reputation. // Comm

She said MARIAN ANDERSON is respected by everyone who knows her and that she has never heard the slightest derogatory thing concerning her or her associates.

She said she knows little of ANDERSON's abilities other than her singing ability, but said she is a person with such determination that she believes she could do almost anything she set out to do.

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[REDACTED] said she believes ANDERSON is a loyal American and recommended her for a high level position with the Government.

At Philadelphia, Pa.

CREDIT AND ARREST

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On May 13, 1958, the files of the Philadelphia Credit Bureau Inc. were searched by a clerk of that organization and no record was located for MARIAN ANDERSON, Mrs. ANNA ANDERSON [REDACTED]

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On May 9, 1958, the criminal files of the Philadelphia Police Department were searched by [REDACTED] Central Records and Communications Section, and no record of MARIAN ANDERSON, Mrs. ANNA ANDERSON [REDACTED]

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On May 12, 1958, the files of the Intelligence Squad, Philadelphia Police Department, were searched by [REDACTED] Detective Division, and no record of ANDERSON and her above-mentioned relatives was located.

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At all times an indefinite number of unidentified records are out of file and unavailable for review.

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[REDACTED] advised on May 8, 1958, that he is not personally acquainted with ANDERSON, but that he has a favorable personal impression of her. He said if utilized in proper channels of Government dealing with Asiatic, South American, or colored people, he believes she would be wonderful in Government service. He said he believes her charm can be utilized personally in many places; however, he said he personally feels she should not be put in a position of policy-making level. He said that she appears to be a person way above the rest of her race and is a very high type person. He said not being personally acquainted with her, he felt he could not comment further concerning her.

Concerning MARIAN ANDERSON

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Philadelphia Confidential Informant [REDACTED] who is not personally acquainted with MARIAN ANDERSON, furnished on May 4, 1955, a copy of the April 1955 News Bulletin of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom. Names of national sponsors for the 40th Anniversary include the name MARIAN ANDERSON.

The informant furnished a pamphlet issued by the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom which stated:

"The Women's International League for Peace and Freedom is an international and inter-racial organization whose aim is to establish by democratic methods those political, economic, and psychological conditions which will insure the inherent right of men and bring peace among nations."

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Concerning [REDACTED]
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The Congress of American Women has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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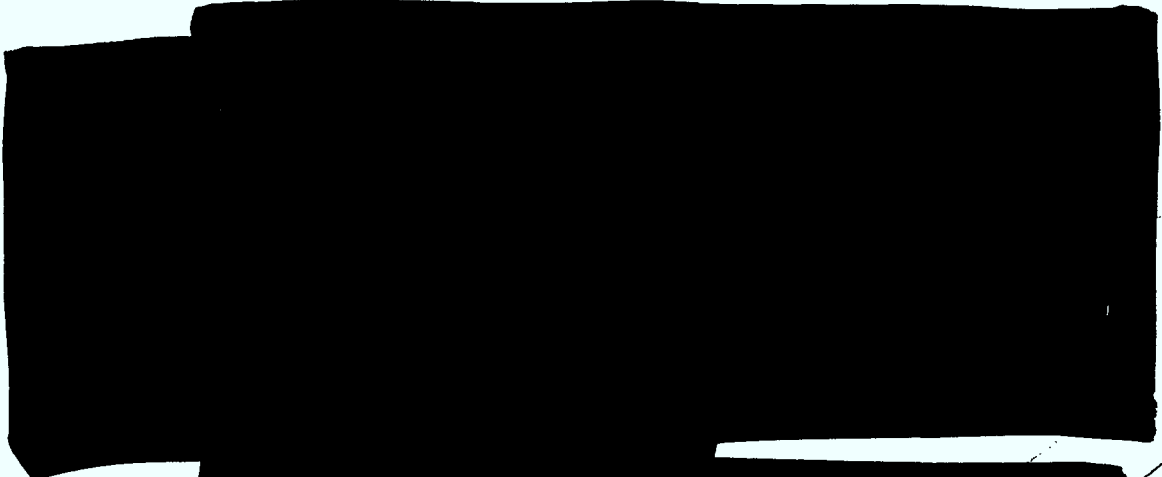
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Philadelphia School of Social Science and Art
American Committee for Spanish Freedom
American Youth for Democracy
Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee.

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The National Lawyers Guild was cited by the Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities, Report on the National Lawyers Guild, House Report No. 3123, September 21, 1950, as follows:

"Cited as a Communist front which is the foremost legal bulwark of the Communist Party, its front organizations, and controlled unions and which since its inception has never failed to rally to the legal defense of the Communist Party and individual members thereof, including known espionage agents."

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The files of the Philadelphia Bulletin were searched during the course of this investigation and nothing pertinent to this investigation was noted which has not been reported herein.

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TO : Director, FBI (77-78164)

DATE: 5/27/58

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FROM :

SAC, Philadelphia (77-9562)

SUBJECT: MARIAN ANDERSON
SPECIAL INQUIRY

67C Transmitted herewith are two copies of the report of SA [REDACTED] dated 5/27/58, at Philadelphia; together with two copies of a letterhead memo evaluating informants.

Administrative Data

Newspaper clippings in the library of the Philadelphia Evening Bulletin reflect that two of the first music teachers of ANDERSON in Philadelphia were MARY PATTERSON and AGNES REIFSNEIDER. A check of the Philadelphia Telephone Directories, inquiries of ANDERSON's associates, and a review of newspaper files failed to develop further information concerning these two music teachers or their present whereabouts or if they are still living.

New York teletype to Director, 5/27/58, recommended Philadelphia check indices on WILLIAM KING and consider interviewing him.

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67D [REDACTED] was recontacted on May 27, 1958, concerning the present location of WILLIAM KING. He could furnish nothing additional concerning him since he has not seen or heard of KING for about 18 years.

Philadelphia indices are negative concerning WILLIAM KING. Philadelphia does not plan to conduct further investigation to locate him as it is not indicated that anything of value would be obtained if he were located and interviewed.

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Informants

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

May 27, 1958

MARIAN ANDERSON
SPECIAL INQUIRY

67C
Reference report of SA [REDACTED] dated
May 27, 1958, at Philadelphia.

All Confidential Informants utilized in
referenced report have furnished reliable information
in the past.

This memo is loaned to you by the FBI, and
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URGENT 5-27-58 1-55 PM MTR
TO DIRECTOR 6 AND SAC LOS ANGELES
FROM SAC NEW YORK 2 P

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MARIAN ANDERSON, AKA. MRS. ORPHEUS HODGE FISHER, MARIAN ELINA BLANCHE ANDERSON, SPI. BUDED MAY TWENTY EIGHT NEXT. DEPARTMENT OF STATE REQUESTS INVESTIGATION OF ANDERSON, WHO IS BEING RECOMMENDED TO PRESIDE^{AT} FOR APPOINTMENT TO TOP LEVEL POSITION IN STATE DEPARTMENT. BORN TWO TWENTY SEVEN ZERO TWO PARENTHESIS OR ZERO EIGHT CLOSE PARENTHESIS IN PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA, BEGAN AMERICAN CAREER UNDER SOL HUOK IN NINETEEN THIRTY FIVE, WHO HAS MANAGED HER SINCE. HUOK IN FREQUENT CONTACT WITH SOVIETS FOR TWENTY YEARS, ALLEGEDLY FOR BUSINESS PURPOSES. [REDACTED] DURING EARLY PRE DASH

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HUOK DAYS OF CAREER COMMENTED UNFAVORABLY RE LOYALTY OF WILLIAM KING, ANDERSON-S ACCOMPANIST DURING SAME PERIOD. 77-78161-18 ANDERSON-S [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] NOW TRAVELING WITH [REDACTED] COMPANY AND STAYING KNICKERBOCKER HOTEL, LOS ANGELES, UNTIL MAY TWENTY NINE NEXT, THEN TO
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WHITCOMB HOTEL, SAN FRANCISCO. HUOK [REDACTED]
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[REDACTED] HUOK RE ANDERSON. INQUIRE RE ASSOCIATION WITH WILLIAM KING ^{VIA}
AND EXTENT OF ASSOCIATION, IF ANY, WITH PAUL ROBESON.

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TO DIRECTOR 16

FROM SAC NEW YORK 1 P

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MARIAN ANDERSON, AKA, SPI. REBUAIRTEL MAY TWENTYONE LAST. CAREER

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TWENTYNINE, VERIFIED. MANAGED BY SOL HUOK SINCE NINETEEN THIRTYFIVE,
ASSOCIATES REGARD HER FAVORABLY. PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATE, SOCIAL
FRIEND, [REDACTED] ASSOCIATE ON GOODWILL TOUR OF ASIA, AND [REDACTED]
b7C b7D [REDACTED] ALL RECOMMEND HER. NO INFO OBTAINED RE WILLIAM KING BUT
THREE INDIVIDUALS SAY HE PROBABLY LIVES IN PHILADELPHIA, IF ALIVE.
NO DEROGATORY INFO OBTAINED IN NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATION, APPOINTEE-S
NY HOME. NO PERTINENT QUOTE NY TIMES UNQUOTE MORGUE INFO. NO
CREDIT OR ARREST RECORD. LENGTHY FILE REVIEW ON APPOINTEE AND MANAGER
UNDER WAY. ADDITIONAL AGENCY CHECKS REQUIRED. CASE GIVEN EXPEDITE
AND CONTINUOUS ATTENTION. WILL SUREP BY JUNE FOUR NEXT.

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URGENT 5-27-58 1-38 PM MTR

TTO DIRECTOR 5 AND SAC PHILADELPHIA

FROM SAC NEW YORK 1P

MARIAN ANDERSON, AKA., SPI. [REDACTED] AND TWO ASSOCIATES

AT HUOK ATTRACTIONS DO NOT KNOW WILLIAM KING, FORMER ACCOMPANIST TO
APPOINTEE, BUT STATE IF ALIVE, HE PROBABLY LIVES IN PHILADELPHIA.

PHILADELPHIA CHECK INDICES RE KING AND CONSIDER INTERVIEW.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office NEW HAVEN	Office of Origin BUREAU	Date 5/28/58	Investigative Period 5/7, 8, 26, 27/58
TITLE OF CASE MARIAN ANDERSON, Aka., Mrs. Orpheus Hodge Fisher, Marian Elina Blanche Anderson		Report made by [REDACTED] b7C	Typed By: md/bss
		CHARACTER OF CASE SPECIAL INQUIRY	

Synopsis:

Background from "Who's Who" and other sources set forth. Applicant was married 7/24/43 at Bethel, Conn., to ORPHEUS HODGE FISHER. One neighbor stated that about 12½ years ago [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Most neighbors were acquainted with applicant's husband but were only slightly acquainted with the applicant. All neighbors and acquaintances, including [REDACTED] of Danbury, Conn., advised that applicant has an outstanding reputation as to character and loyalty, but they were not acquainted with applicant's friends; that applicant is away from Danbury on concert tours most of the year and that applicant's husband has an excellent reputation as to character and loyalty. They stated that applicant is a very religious, charitable person who is active in local civic functions. Applicant and her husband have a satisfactory credit rating and no arrest record at Danbury and Bethel, Conn. Norwalk, Conn., newspapers on 6/5/45 reported MARIAN ANDERSON sent to an organizing meeting of the Norwalk Chapter of the Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences and Professions (ICCASP) a telegram of greetings regretting her inability to be present. An

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informant advised in November that the ICCASP was infiltrated, dominated, and controlled by the Communist Party in Connecticut.

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REFERENCE: Bureau airtels to Philadelphia, cc. New Haven,
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WFO airtel to New York, cc New Haven, 5/7/58
New Haven airtels to Bureau, 5/8,9/58
New Orleans airtel to New Haven, 5/13/58

DETAILS: Background and Relatives

The following biographical data concerning MARIAN ANDERSON appeared in the current issue of "Who's Who":

Born:	Philadelphia, Pa. (date not given)
Education:	Philadelphia public schools
Music Education:	Private study in Philadelphia, New York, Chicago; College of Music abroad; music degree from Howard University - 1938
	Contralto
Married:	Husband ORPHEUS FISHER, 7/24/43.
	Sang in Union Baptist Church, Phila., Pa. Won first prize in competition with 300 others at New York Lewisohn Stadium - 1925.
	Began singing career - 1924.
	Concert tours of U.S. and Europe; one of leading contralto singers of world.
	Recipient of Bok Award - 1940; awarded Finnish Decoration (Probenignitate Humana (Finnish Decoration). Member Alpha Kappa Alpha
Home:	Danbury, Conn.

An autobiography by MARIAN ANDERSON entitled "My Lord, What A Morning" published by the Viking Press, listed the following relatives and education of the applicant:

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Father: JOHN ANDERSON (deceased)
Mother: ANNIE (born Lynchburg, Va.)
Sister: ALYSE
Sister: ETHEL

Education: Attended William Penn High School, Philadelphia,
and South Philadelphia High School, Philadelphia

Newspaper articles in the files of the "Danbury News-Times" on May 7, 1958, reflected substantially the same information as listed in "Who's Who" concerning the receipt by applicant of various awards. In addition, these articles reflected that the applicant's mother, Mrs. ANNIE ANDERSON, and her sisters, ALYSE ANDERSON and ETHEL DE PRIEST, resided in Philadelphia.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED]
at Bethel, Connecticut:

Marital Status

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b7D [REDACTED] Bethel, Connecticut, advised on May 7, 1958, that his records disclosed that MARIAN ANDERSON, age 40, occupation artist, born Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, was married on July 24, 1943, at Bethel, Connecticut, to ORPHEUS HODGE FISHER, age 43, occupation architect, who was born at Oxford, Pennsylvania, and was divorced. The parents of MARIAN ANDERSON, according to [REDACTED] were: JOHN B. ANDERSON, father, and ANNA RUCKER ANDERSON, mother. He continued that the parents of Mr. FISHER were listed as GEORGE A. FISHER, father, and PAULINE CONKLIN FISHER, mother.

Review of Arrest Records

b7D [REDACTED] Bethel, Connecticut, advised on May 7, 1958, that his files contain no arrest record identifiable with the applicant or her husband.

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b7D [REDACTED] Bethel, Connecticut, Police Department, advised on May 7, 1958, that applicant and her husband had never lived in Bethel.

At Danbury, Connecticut

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] housewife, Joe's Hill Road, on May 26, 1958, advised that she has lived in the neighborhood all her life, that she has known applicant only slightly as a neighbor, and has been a speaking acquaintance of applicant's husband ever since applicant and her husband first came to live on Joe's Hill Road. She stated that applicant and her husband have excellent reputations in the community as to character and loyalty to the United States, but that she was not acquainted with their associates. She said that the applicant is a very religious and charitable person who has done numerous little acts of kindness and neighborliness for the people in the area. She continued that applicant's habits are most temperate and that her life is devoted to her art. [REDACTED] said that she knew of nothing derogatory concerning applicant or her husband.

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[REDACTED] and housewife, Joe's Hill Road, on May 26, 1958, stated as follows:

[REDACTED] has been slightly acquainted with applicant for ten years but has had a speaking acquaintance with applicant's husband during this time. She said that applicant has a wonderful reputation in the community as to character and loyalty to the United States. She advised that she did not know any of applicant's associates. She stated that applicant's husband is a very friendly person who is well regarded by everyone in the neighborhood. She said that the only associates of applicant's husband whom she knew were the people in the neighborhood who were all of good character.

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[REDACTED] and her family first moved to Joe's Hill Road about [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Danbury, Connecticut, on May 26, 1958, related that he had been acquainted with applicant for approximately ten years having met applicant at many community functions where the leading citizens of Danbury were present. He stated that in his opinion applicant is an extraordinary person with a magnificent character. He said that when he thinks of applicant, all the superlatives that he knows come to mind as applying to her as far as character, integrity, and dignity are concerned. He declared that he did not know any reason to question her loyalty. He stated that he did not know applicant's associates but that he knew of nothing derogatory concerning them. He added that he did not know anyone who did not have the finest things to say about the applicant.

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[REDACTED] Danbury, Connecticut, on May 26, 1958, furnished the following information:

[REDACTED] has known applicant for the last ten years and has found her to have a spotless character. Applicant is held in the highest esteem in Danbury. She associates mostly with people in the musical world and all her associates are of high character. He stated that there never could be any reason to question her loyalty to the United States.

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[REDACTED] stated that applicant travels a great deal in connection with her concert tours and spends about ten months of every year away from Danbury. She is a world famous singer and is a gifted speaker. [REDACTED] advised that applicant is a very devout person and has said that she considers herself to be a member of the New Hope Baptist Church, although she has never officially joined that church due to the fact that she still maintains her connections with a church in Philadelphia. Applicant has had children from the church come to her farm for picnics. She has always been very generous to the New Hope Baptist Church and also to the Danbury Community Chest. [REDACTED] recommended applicant without reservation for a position of trust in the United States Government.

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[REDACTED] continued that applicant's husband, ORPHEUS FISHER, is an architect by education and at present manages applicant's farm in Danbury. He is a very genteel person, of good reputation as to character, loyalty and associates. No other members of applicant's family live in Danbury, although her mother and sisters have visited applicant at times. [REDACTED] knew nothing of a derogatory nature concerning applicant or her husband.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED]

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b7D [REDACTED] advised on May 7, 1958, that he and his family

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b7D [REDACTED] on Joe's Hill Farm Road since September, 1957. He said that applicant is gone on tours most of the time, however, her husband remains at home and takes care of her business interests. He said that he and his wife have visited in the applicant's home on occasions, and that he was amazed at what a world of knowledge applicant possessed. He said that applicant is a very gracious, humble-type of individual. He stated that when she is resting at home between concert tours, applicant cooks, sews, gardens and enjoys doing things around the home, like any other housewife. He continued that applicant is a very friendly person and that both he and his wife enjoy talking and visiting with applicant and her husband. [REDACTED] said that he has never heard the applicant or her husband make any derogatory remarks about our democratic way of life, and that he definitely believes that she is completely loyal and patriotic to her country. He said that he has never heard or known of anything of an adverse nature concerning applicant or her husband. He related that all the people in and around Danbury think very highly of applicant. He said that he definitely would have no hesitancy whatsoever in recommending her for a responsible position with the U. S. Government.

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b7D [REDACTED] of the Danbury "News Times", Main Street, Danbury, Connecticut, advised on May 7, 1958, that she first met the applicant approximately 15 years ago when applicant first came to Danbury, Connecticut, to make her home. She said that she has not seen applicant more than a dozen times during these years because applicant is off on tours about seventy five percent of the time. She related that when applicant is at her home in Danbury she keeps out of public affairs as much as possible. She stated that applicant's home is known as Marianna Farms and is located in the outskirts of Danbury. She declared that the applicant has contributed financially to the New Hope Baptist Church, which is located on Cherry Street in

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Danbury. She continued that although applicant very rarely attends this church, applicant is very much interested in the girl scout troop at this church and have had them out to her farm on occasions for picnics.

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[redacted] went on to state that she knew of no one in Danbury with whom applicant was real friendly and explained that most of applicant's acquaintances are from New York City. She continued that the applicant is highly regarded by the people of Danbury, and she had never heard or known of anything of an unfavorable nature regarding applicant. She said that applicant has contributed generously to various organizations and functions in time and money. She went on to say that the applicant is such a well known figure throughout the world and so many tributes and awards have been bestowed upon her that there certainly could be nothing said adversely against her.

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[redacted] stated that applicant's husband usually remains at home to look after the farm when applicant is on tour, and that he, too, is a person who is well regarded and held in high esteem by the people of Danbury. She said that there has never been anything said or known to her that would keep her from recommending the applicant for a responsible position with the U. S. Government.

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[redacted] Danbury "News Times", Main Street, on May 7, 1958, stated that he was not personally acquainted with applicant.

Credit

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[redacted] Credit Bureau of Danbury, 195 Main Street, advised on May 7, 1958, that her records indicated that the applicant and her husband enjoy a satisfactory credit rating. She said that her files contain nothing of a derogatory nature concerning them.

Review of Arrest Record

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[redacted] Danbury Police Department, on May 7, 1958, related that the files of his department fail to contain any arrest record identifiable with the applicant or her spouse.

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Connections With Independent Citizens
Committee of the Arts, Sciences and Professions

The "Norwalk Hour" for June 5, 1945, contained an article reflecting that an organizational meeting of the Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences, and Professions was held on the previous evening. The article stated, in part, that a telegram of greeting from MARIAN ANDERSON, noted singer, was read.

The "Norwalk Sentinel" for June 5, 1945, contained an article to the same effect as that in the "Norwalk Hour", mentioned above. It stated that the telegram from MARIAN ANDERSON regreted her inability to be present at the meeting and wished the project all success.

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In November, 1950, New Haven [REDACTED] advised that the Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences, and Professions was infiltrated, dominated and controlled by the Communist Party in the State of Connecticut.

The Communist Party (CP), USA, has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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New Haven [REDACTED] does not desire that her identity be disclosed, to make a signed statement, or to testify before a hearing board.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: May 28, 1958

FROM : SAC, NEW HAVEN (77-3643)

SUBJECT: MARIAN ANDERSON, Aka.
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b7C Enclosed are three copies of the report of SA [REDACTED] dated and captioned as above, at New Haven; and a copy (1) of New Orleans airtel to New Haven, 5/13/58, a copy of which was not sent to the Bureau.

ADMINISTRATIVE

The following references in the New Haven Office indices to MARIAN ANDERSON were not included in the details of the report due to the fact that they fail to show any activity or cognizance on the part of applicant, and they are being set out for the information of the Bureau.

b7C Report of SA [REDACTED] dated 10/3/45 at New Haven, Connecticut, captioned "CONNECTICUT STATE DIVISION OF THE INDEPENDENT CITIZENS COMMITTEE OF THE ARTS, SCIENCES, AND PROFESSIONS, Inc., IS-C," at Page 14 reflects that according to Confidential Informant [REDACTED] the committee had made plans for having well known people, including MARIAN ANDERSON, appear at a rally on November 4, 1945, sponsored by that committee but that it was discovered that the only one the committee could obtain was ADAM CLAYTON POWELL.

b7C Report of SA [REDACTED] dated 11/18/48, at New Orleans, Louisiana, captioned, "SOUTHERN CONFERENCE FOR HUMAN WELFARE; SOUTHERN CONFERENCE EDUCATIONAL FUND, Inc., IS-C," at Pages 31-33 and 39, reflected that the name of MARIAN ANDERSON, RFD 1, Danbury, Conn., was on a mailing list maintained by JAMES A. DOMBROWSKI as head and administrator of the Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc., which organization published

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The letter also explained that according to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Nashville, Tennessee, a Confidential Source of the Memphis Division, many persons mentioned on the mailing list for the "Southern Patriot" came about as a result of their attending a lecture by Mrs. ELEANOR ROOSEVELT in Nashville, Tennessee, in 1942, which was supported by the Southern Conference for Human Welfare.

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A documentation of the Southern Conference for Human Welfare, the "Southern Patriot" and the Southern Conference Educational Fund, as furnished by the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA) or by [REDACTED] referred to above, was set out in New Orleans airtel to New Haven, May 13, 1958, cc of which is being enclosed with this letter.

INFORMANTS

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AIR MAIL

TO: SAC, NEW HAVEN (77-3643)
FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (77-2596)
RE: MARIAN ANDERSON, Aka.
Mrs. Orpheus Hodge Fisher,
Marian Elina Blanche Anderson
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Re New Haven airtel to the Bureau, 5/9/58.

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[REDACTED] Confidential Informant [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Barnard Printing Company, New Orleans, La., in
the report of SA [REDACTED] dated 11/18/48 at
New Orleans, captioned "Southern Conference for Human Welfare,
Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc., IS-C," should be
concealed in any report submitted. She should be described
as a [REDACTED] who is familiar with some
phases of the activities of the Southern Conference Educational
Fund. She should be characterized as having furnished reliable
information in the past.

In accordance with your request, the following is
the documentation of the Southern Conference for Human Welfare,
the "Southern Patriot" and the Southern Conference Educational
Fund, Inc.:

The Southern Conference for Human Welfare has been
cited as a communist front organization "which seeks to attract
southern liberals on the basis of its seeming interest in the
problems of the South" although its "professed interest in
southern welfare is simply an expedient for larger aims serving
the Soviet Union and its subservient Communist Party in the
United States." By the Committee on Un-American Activities,
House Report 592 dated June 16, 1947.

The "Southern Patriot" has been cited as the "organ"
of the Southern Conference for Human Welfare by the Committee
on Un-American Activities, House Report 592, dated June 12, 1947.

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An amendment to the charter of the Southern Conference for Human Welfare (SCHW), which has been cited by the Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities as a communist front, changed the name of the organization to the Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc., and listed its purposes as being to improve the educational and cultural standards of the southern people in accordance with the highest American democratic institutions, traditions and ideals. The amendment was dated April 26, 1946.

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Confidential Informant [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past and is familiar with some phases of Communist Party activity in the New Orleans area, advised on June 29, 1956, that during the time the SCHW was in existence, Communist Party members were members of and worked actively in the SCHW. However, since the formation of the SCEF, Inc., rank and file Communist Party members have not been encouraged to work in the SCEF. Informant stated that the SCEF is a progressive liberal organization which he considers a Communist Party front organization because it has gone along with the Communist Party on certain issues, particularly on the racial question, and through the years certain Communist Party members in the New Orleans area have been assigned to work in the organization to further Communist Party principles.

Informant considers James Dombrowski, the Executive Director of the SCEF, as a Communist Party member because he follows Communist principles, but he is not under Communist Party discipline. Many prominent people who are officials and members of the organization, while liberal in their views, are by no means communists.

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Confidential Informant [redacted] advised on June 21, 1957, that the status of the Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc., remains unchanged.

The Communist Party, USA, has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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[REDACTED]

This informant does not desire identity disclosed, to make a signed statement or to testify before a hearing board.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

New Haven, Connecticut

May 28, 1958

MARIAN ANDERSON, Aka.
Mrs. Orpheus Hodge Fisher,
Marian Elina Blanche Anderson
SPECIAL INQUIRY

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Reference is made to the report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated May 28, 1958, at New Haven, Connecticut, in captioned matter.

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[REDACTED] mentioned in referenced report has furnished reliable information in the past.

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Reporting Office WASHINGTON FIELD	Office of Origin BUREAU	Date 5/28/58	Investigative Period 5/5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 22, 23/58
TITLE OF CASE MARIAN ANDERSON, aka Mrs. Orpheus Hodge Fisher, Marian Elina Blanche Anderson		Report made by [REDACTED] b7c	Typed By: mlh
		CHARACTER OF CASE SPECIAL INQUIRY	

Synopsis:

Records at Howard University reflect appointee was awarded an honorary degree in 1938. Acquaintance at Howard University described appointee as loyal and person of good character.

Referred to another government agency

[REDACTED] Credit and police record checks negative for appointee. No additional pertinent info re appointee in files of HCUA. No record of appointee in files of CSC. Passport record favorable.

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REFERENCES: Bureau airtels, May 2, 5, 8, 1958.
New Haven airtel, May 8, 1958.
Philadelphia airtel, May 8, 1958.

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DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

EDUCATION

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[REDACTED] Office of Recording, Howard University, advised SA [REDACTED], on May 6, 1958, that she could locate no scholastic record for the appointee. She stated that the records indicated that the appointee had not attended the university but had been awarded an Honorary Degree of Doctor of Music from Howard University on June 10, 1938. [REDACTED] advised that the records contained no additional pertinent information regarding the appointee. *How sign*

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[REDACTED] Howard University, advised SA [REDACTED] on May 22, 1958, that he has been personally acquainted with MARIAN ANDERSON for about 25 years. *associate*

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[REDACTED] said Miss ANDERSON is a woman of impeccable character as well as a great artist. He described her as a wonderful woman, tolerant, completely balanced, and possessing excellent judgement.

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He said the appointee is not a "joiner" and has wisely chosen her friends and associates. [REDACTED] said, in his opinion, Miss ANDERSON is completely loyal to the United States.

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[REDACTED] said he knows of nothing but the best regarding MARIAN ANDERSON. He continued that she personifies everything that is good and fine. [REDACTED] stated he would recommend MARIAN ANDERSON without reservation for a position of trust and confidence with the government.

EMPLOYMENT

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The following, interviewed by SA [REDACTED] on ^{b7C} May 6, 1958, stated that there is no record of the appointee in the files of their office:

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[REDACTED] Foreign Service Staff Officer, assigned to the Personnel Locator, Office of Personnel.

[REDACTED] Clerk, Personnel File Room, Management and Services Division, Office of Personnel.

[REDACTED] Clerk, Recruit Files, Employment Division, Office of Personnel.

CREDIT AND POLICE RECORD CHECKS

SE [REDACTED] determined on May 6, 1958, that there is no credit record for the appointee in the files of the Credit Bureau, Incorporated, Washington, D. C.

There is no record for the appointee in the files of the Metropolitan Police Department, Washington, D. C., checked on May 6, 1958; at all times an indefinite number of unidentified records are out of file and unavailable for review.

There is no record for the appointee in the files of the United States Park, checked on May 6, 1958.

MISCELLANEOUS

b7c The files of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, checked by SE [REDACTED] on May 6, 1958, contained no additional pertinent information regarding the appointee.

It was determined on May 6, 1958, that there is no record of the appointee in the files of the Investigations Division, Civil Service Commission.

b7c The appointee's file at the Passport Office, Department of State, lists the appointee's name since May 1, 1957, as Mrs. ORPHEUS H. FISHER and prior to that date as MARIAN ANDERSON. Her passport file was reviewed by SE [REDACTED] on May 22, 1958, and reflects that the appointee was issued Passport Number 772464 on April 28, 1943, for a six weeks' concert tour to Mexico. She was issued Passport Number 55755 on May 5, 1947, for a three weeks' concert tour to Cuba and Jamaica. On April 1, 1949, the appointee's passport was renewed for two years and revalidated for use for a four months' concert tour and short vacation to England, France, Belgium, Switzerland, Holland and four Scandinavian countries.

The file also reflected that the appointee was issued Passport Number 405175 on March 30, 1951, for a two months' concert tour to Cuba, Panama, Columbia, Venezuela, Ecuador, Peru, Mexico and Uruguay. On February 4, 1953, the appointee's passport was renewed until February 3, 1955, and use for travel of seven weeks on a concert tour to Hawaii, Japan and possibly Korea and Singapore.

The file further reflected that she was issued New York Series Passport Number 54166 on August 27, 1952, for approximately two months' concert tour to Scandinavia and England. (The reason this passport was issued was due to the fact that she had misplaced Passport Number 405175. Upon her return to the United States she located Number 405175 which she returned to the Passport Office, Department of State, for cancellation.) On February 25, 1955, Passport Number 54166 was renewed for four years and she would be using the passport for travel for a concert tour for three months to Israel, Algiers, Portugal, Spain, Italy, France and England.

The file reflected that the appointee was issued Passport Number 173169 on August 22, 1956, for a two months' concert tour to Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Finland, France, Belgium, Switzerland, Italy, and West Germany. The file also reflected that the appointee was born February 27, 1903, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

The appointee listed her husband as ORPHEUS HODGE FISHER who was born June 11, 1900, at Oxford, Pennsylvania. They were married on June 24, 1943.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (77-78164)

DATE: 5/28/58

FROM : SAC, WFO (77-62924)

SUBJECT: MARIAN ANDERSON, aka
Mrs. Orpheus Hodge Fisher
Marian Elina Blanche Anderson
SPECIAL INQUIRY

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67C SA [REDACTED] Enclosed are two copies of the report of [REDACTED] dated and captioned as above.

The outstanding investigation in this case for WFO is to report the results of the check re the appointee at CIA and Security Office, Dept. of State, when received.

WFO will also review and report the results of the review of the appointee's passport file for the years prior to 1943. It should be noted that the passport file for the years prior to 1943 are maintained at the Federal Records Center, Alexandria, Va., and personnel at the Passport Office have informed that it would be approximately one week before the file could be made available.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, WFO (77-62924)
MARIAN ANDERSON aka
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5/28/58

Re WFO report 5/28/58.

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The files of the Passport Office, Dept. of State, reviewed on 5/27/58 by SA [redacted] reflected that the appointee was issued passport #550124 on 6/10/38 for a five month concert tour to France, Brazil, Argentina, Peru, and Chile. The file reflected that the appointee was born 2/27/03 at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. *info*

No additional pertinent data appeared in the file other than fact appointee issued passport in 1934. Washington Field attempting to locate same.

Files Office of Security, State Department reviewed May 27, 1958, no additional pertinent info noted. *sf*

WFO will RUC upon receipt CIA and additional passport record.

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Reporting Office LOS ANGELES	Office of Origin BUREAU	Date 5/29/58	Investigative Period 5/27-29/58
TITLE OF CASE MARIAN ANDERSON, aka Mrs. Orpheus Hodge Fisher, Marian Elina Blanche Anderson		Report made by [REDACTED] b7C	Typed By: pra
		CHARACTER OF CASE SPECIAL INQUIRY	

Synopsis: **b7C**
b7D [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] business associates and personal friends of appointee, recommend appointee.

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REFERENCE: New York teletype to Bureau and Los Angeles, 5/27/58

DETAILS:

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b7D [REDACTED] temporarily residing at the Hollywood Knickerbocker Hotel, 1714 North Ivar Street, Hollywood, California, advised on May 28, 1958, that he has known the appointee for [REDACTED]. He said [REDACTED] and considers himself a warm personal friend of the appointee.

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b7D [REDACTED] said he has the greatest admiration for the appointee and described her as very religious and not militant. He said she has endured slights and slurs because of her race with the attitude that these things are done out of habit or ignorance, and that time will bring understanding. **2**

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b7D [redacted] stated that appointee has travelled and given concerts throughout the world and is loved wherever she has gone. He said the people of the world respect her as an artist and a person and he said she has made many friends for the United States, especially among Negro and oriental peoples. [redacted] said that he personally thinks appointee is one of the greatest women in the world today.

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b7D [redacted] stated that he knows appointee's friends and associates and that they are all reputable, loyal, professional people. He said that appointee herself is solidly loyal to the United States and is a patriotic citizen.

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b7D With regard to WILLIAM KING, [redacted] said that he knew of KING as appointee's accompanist when she first began her career. He said his understanding is that KING was a young struggling musician as was appointee and that he accompanied her for about one year. [redacted] said that KING lacked the professional qualifications, however, to continue as appointee's regular accompanist. He stated that this occurred before he became associated with appointee and he said he does not think appointee has had any association with KING since and stated he thought what association there has been was limited strictly to their professions.

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b7D [redacted] stated that appointee knows PAUL ROBESON and respects him as an artist. He stated, however, that appointee feels ROBESON is wrong in his militant approach to the racial question and feels he has not chosen his associates or advisors wisely. He said he knows appointee disagrees completely with ROBESON's philosophy and ideas.

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b7C [redacted] concluded that appointee will make an excellent representative of the United States and will make many additional friends for the United States and he strongly recommended her appointment.

b7D [redacted] temporarily residing at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, stated on May 28, 1958, that he [redacted] He said their

b7D mutual respect for each other is evidenced by the fact that [REDACTED]

b7D [REDACTED] said he would call the appointee the "first lady of the world." He described the appointee as a great lady and said they have become close friends, and related that he has boundless admiration for the appointee. He said the appointee is a great person not only as an artist, but as a human being and will be a tremendous asset to the United States in the present struggle between the totalitarian and the free world.

b7D [REDACTED] said the appointee had sought his advice concerning acceptance of the appointment tendered her, and he said he advised her she is needed by the country, and that she should take this appointment even though it will represent a considerable personal and financial sacrifice to her. [REDACTED] said that the United States and the State Department could not find a greater or more loyal person to represent and promote the interests of the United States.

b7D [REDACTED] said that WILLIAM KING was the appointee's accompanist in about 1926 or 1927. He stated he does not know how the appointee and KING became associated professionally, but he said he thinks the association was limited to their professional relationship only. He said KING was dropped as the appointee's accompanist because he lacked necessary talent. [REDACTED] said he does not believe the appointee has had any association with KING since the late 1920's.

b7D [REDACTED] stated that the appointee knows PAUL ROBESON only as another professional. He stated that any association that has existed between them had their mutual interest of music, because he stated the appointee has no sympathy with ROBESON's political ideas.

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TO DIRECTOR 1 AND SAC SEATTLE
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MARIAN ANDERSON, AKA. MRS. ORPHEUS HODGE FISHER, MARIAN ELINA
BLANCHE ANDERSON, SPECIAL INQUIRY. BUDED MAY TWENTY EIGHT. DEPARTMENT
OF STATE REQUESTS INVESTIGATION OF APPOINTEE, RECOMMENDED TO PRESIDENT
FOR APPOINTMENT TO TOP LEVEL POSITION STATE DEPARTMENT. BORN PHILADELPHIA
BEGAN SINGING CAREER NINETEEN TWENTY FOUR. SEATTLE REPORT SA [REDACTED]

b7C [REDACTED], MARCH TWENTY NINE FORTY SIX, CAPTIONED QUOTE JOINT ANTI
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FILE ONE HUNDRED DASH ONE TWO TWO FOUR FIVE, ON PAGE EIGHT REFLECTS
PAUL ROBESON AND MARIAN ANDERSON OPENED RELIEF CAMPAIGN IN NY FOR
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