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SUMMARY REPORT

SYNOPSIS:

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*7/17/52*  
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Subject resides at 1221 Enfield Street, Enfield, Conn. Subject denies CP membership but informants identify her as a CP member. She associates with known CP members and attends CP meetings. The subject subscribes to the "Worker" and the "Daily Worker". She has traveled in Russia and Red China as a guest of the Communist government. The subject is active in many CP front groups and serves as chairman of the Peoples Party of Conn. Credit and criminal negative. Description set forth.

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND FIELD OFFICES ADVISED BY SLIP(S) DATE

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I. BACKGROUND

A. Birth Data

Records at the Bureau of Vital Statistics, Washington, D.C. reflect that the subject was born on December 15, 1895 at Washington, D.C. to ESLANDA CARDOZA, born in South Carolina, and JOHN J. GOODE, born in Illinois.

B. Citizenship Status

The subject is a United States citizen by birth.

No information has been developed that would indicate that she has renounced her citizenship.

C. Education

Records of Columbia University, New York City, reflect that the subject applied for admission on September 18, 1913. She graduated from Columbia on June 2, 1920 at which time she received a B.S. degree.

Records at the University of Illinois, Urbana, Illinois, reflected that the subject attended the university from September 1912 until June 1916. The records reflect that the subject received the degree of Liberal Arts and Sciences on June 20, 1914.

D. Marital Status

The subject is presently married to PAUL LEROY ROBESON.

E. Credit and Criminal

Records of the [redacted] as reviewed by Special Employee [redacted] on June 13, 1952 reflect no record for the subject. b7D

Records of the New Haven Police Department as reviewed by [redacted] on June 13, 1952 reflect no criminal record for the subject. b7c

F. Employment

The subject is employed as a housewife at the present time. She has done some writing and lecturing but no information has been developed that she is employed in either profession. At the present time the subject is chairman of the Peoples Party of Connecticut but such is an advocacy rather than an employment.

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G. Residences

The subject continues to reside at 1221 Enfield Street, Enfield, Connecticut. Such is her permanent mailing address but she spends very little time at such address due to her many trips.

Her previous addresses include:

529 Lennox Avenue, New York City in 1913.  
London England from 1925 to 1938.  
555 Edgecomb Avenue, New York City in 1940.

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II. CONNECTIONS WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY

New Haven Confidential Informant [redacted] advised on September 13, 1948 that MIKE RUSSO, known to the informant as State Chairman of the Communist Party in Connecticut at that time, requested that the subject address a large Negro Wallace meeting. The date of the Wallace meeting was not given.

New Haven Confidential Informant [redacted] advised on October 11, 1948 that BERNIE BERG, known to the informant as an active Communist Party member at that time, advised that October 19, 1948 is the date for the meeting with the subject. [redacted] advised that the subject took a car full of people to a meeting at the home of JOHN MARSALKA, known to the informant at that time as vice president of the American Slav Congress, on October 19, 1948.

The American Slav Congress has been cited by Attorney General TOM CLARK in Letters to Loyalty Review Board released June 1, 1948 and September 21, 1948 as subversive and Communistic.

New Haven Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that the subject conferred with the informant on March 12, 1949 at which time the subject attempted to explain the reason for ANNA LOUISE STRONG's, known to the informant at that time as an active Communist Party member, expulsion from Russia. The subject pointed out that, "All of us and all of them know that there is nothing wrong with her (ANNA LOUISE STRONG)" and indicated that the reason STRONG was expelled from Russia was the fact that she desired to go into an area (China) on which they (Russia) wanted no attention focused.

The subject further advised the informant that she believed that Europe is a diversion and that Russia really thinks that their hope in the future is someplace quite different.

New Haven Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that the subject attended a dinner for professional Communist Party members on [redacted]

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New Haven Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that the regular weekly meeting of [redacted] the Communist Party on [redacted] was held in the home of [redacted] known to the informant at that time as an active Communist Party member, [redacted] New Haven, Connecticut. At this meeting HELENA CARTER, known to the informant at that time as an active Communist Party member, gave a report on the meeting she had attended last week in Hartford where the subject spoke about her recent trip beyond the Iron Curtain and other countries that she had visited.

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New Haven Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that the subject paid \$2.50 for the "Daily Worker" and "The Worker" subscriptions on April 22, 1950.

[redacted] advised that the subject paid \$10.00 for the "Daily Worker and "The Worker" subscriptions on May 17, 1950.

The "Daily Worker" is an East Coast Communist publication and "The Worker" is the Sunday edition of this publication.

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New Haven Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that the subject was a Communist in 1945 but does not hold herself out as a Communist and denies membership in the party. The informant stated that the subject was a devoted member of the Communist Party and the informant stated that the subject's husband, PAUL ROBESON, is also a devoted Communist Party member. The informant stated that [redacted] known to the informant at that time as [redacted] of the Communist Party and member of [redacted] the Communist Party and [redacted] known to the informant at that time as [redacted] of the Communist Party, were the source of his information concerning the subject and her husband's Communist Party connections.

New Haven Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that the subject received the "Daily Worker" addressed to her at "The Beeches, Enfield, Connecticut as of October 26, 1943.

[redacted] advised that the subject and her son, PAUL, had gone to Washington, D.C. for a reception at the Russian Embassy during the first week of November 1943. The subject told the informant that the Russian Embassy considered her as a representative of the Soviet Union in the United States.

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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ advised that the subject subscribed to the publication, "New Masses" in 1943.

"New Masses" has been cited by Attorney General FRANCIS BIDDLE, Congressional Record, September 24, 1942, page 7688, as a Communist publication.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ advised that the subject stated, concerning her proposed trip to Russia and China, "You know, when you are a guest of the Soviet Union you don't have to pay for anything." The subject was a delegate of the Congress of American Women to the Annual Council Meeting of the Women's International Democratic Federation which was held in Russia.

The Women's International Democratic Federation has been cited by the Congressional Committee On Un-American Activities, Report 1953, L/26/50, as a Communist Front "which was founded and supported at all times by the international Communist movement.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ advised on December 1, 1950 that the subject attended several functions in New York City which were given in honor of WU HSIU CHUAN and that she had occasion to meet and talk with him personally several times. The subject stated that WU HSIU CHUAN was "a very charming man" and the subject was greatly impressed with him.

WU HSIU CHUAN is publicly known as a representative with ambassadorial rank representing the Chinese Communist Government at the United Nations.

New Haven Confidential Informant ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ advised that the subject stated on ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ that she had been in Peiping, China in late December and early January 1950 where she had attended a meeting of a conference of some five hundred women called by the Chinese Communists. The subject stated that women representatives from all parts of the world attended this meeting although the greater number were Chinese.

The subject stated she reached China coming from Russia via the trans-Siberian Railroad. The subject advocated recognition of the Chinese Communist Government in the United Nations. During the talk the subject volunteered the statement that she is not a Communist but she defended Moscow policies. She stated that in Russia there was no discrimination against Negroes while here in the United States there was discrimination against the Negroes in the South.

New Haven Confidential Informant ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ advised that the subject contacted Mrs. KUNG FU-SHENG on December 9, 10, 17 and 19, 1950. Mrs. KUNG FU-SHENG is Deputy Director, International Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

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in the Chinese Republic and was a delegate to the United Nations representing the Chinese Peoples Republic. The informant did not state where such contact was made.

█████ advised that the subject had personally contacted the delegation of the Chinese Communists to the United Nations on December 19, 1952 at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel, New York City. The subject specifically contacted KUNG PU-SHENG, female assistant to General WU, head of the delegation. Her conference with SHENG lasted approximately two hours. Informant did not know the nature of this conference.

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New Haven Confidential Informant ██████ advised on ██████ that the subject recently stated, "The Soviets will never do anything illegal. The Americans are the ones who do things illegally, the Americans had no business in Korea and Russia is wonderful."

The subject advised the American Consulate General at London England on December 18, 1937 that her mother, ESLANDA CARIOZA, was at that time residing in the Metropolitan Hotel in Moscow Russia.

On February 2, 1947 the subject made a speech at the A. Leo Weil School, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. During the speech she stated that the war had called Negroes to fight but not to speak. She stated that they had no voice in the United Nations yet Russia and China have spoken up for the Negro. She said the Soviet Union has a great variety of people and they have done the opposite of Americans, for Russia helps people to retain and develop their individuality and the people become one hundred percent citizens and are rooted in their own background and are absorbed into the Soviet Union.

The October 6, 1944 issue of the "Hartford Times" contains an article in which the subject branded as "absurdly foolish" charges made in Washington, D.C. that her husband was a Communist. The subject scored charges made by J. B. MATTHEWS, Research Director for the Dies Committee on Un-American Activities who had stated that the subject's husband was a member of the National Citizens Political Action Committee. MATTHEWS described the National Citizens Political Action Committee as the "most active" Communist front organization in the United States. The "Hartford Times" is a daily newspaper published in Hartford, Connecticut.

The December 13, 1943 issue of the "Hartford Courant", a daily newspaper published in Hartford, Connecticut, contained an article by the subject which stated, "In Russia all forms of discrimination on the scores of race or religion have been made a criminal offense and make the perpetrator liable for criminal prosecution." The article stated that the subject left the Soviet Union in 1939 after spending several years there.

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III. ALL OTHER ACTIVITIES OF THE SUBJECT INDICATING FURTHERANCE OF THE SUBVERSIVE ORGANIZATIONS WITH WHICH THE SUBJECT IS ASSOCIATED.

A. Peoples Party of Connecticut

On October 16, 1950 New Haven Confidential Informants [redacted] and [redacted] advised that the Peoples Party of Connecticut is dominated and controlled by the Communist Party in Connecticut.

New Haven Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that the subject was a candidate for Secretary of State in Connecticut on the Progressive Party ticket as of August 19, 1948. The informant advised that the Progressive Party referred to was the Peoples Party of Connecticut.

New Haven Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that the subject was named the new chairman of the Peoples Party of Connecticut at a meeting of the PPC on September 29, 1951.

New Haven Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that the subject attended a meeting of the third party state convention on June 26, 1948 at Bushnell Memorial Hall, Hartford, Connecticut.

[redacted] advised that the subject was the principal speaker and discussed "red-baiting" at a political rally of the PPC on [redacted] which was held at [redacted] New Haven, Connecticut. The subject discussed her trip to Italy and stated that many people should compare the United States with Soviet Russia.

The informant advised that the subject was asked the question, "How are Civil Liberties in Russia?" and that her answer was that during her stay in Russia she was treated "with open arms" and that being a Negro made no difference in Russia.

[redacted] advised that the subject spoke at a meeting of the PPC on [redacted] at [redacted] New Haven, Connecticut. JOHN MARSALKA, acting as chairman introduced the various state candidates. The informant did not give the text of the subject's speech.

New Haven Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that the subject spoke as chairman of the PPC at a meeting of the PPC on [redacted] at [redacted] Bridgeport, Connecticut. The informant did not give the text of the subject's speech.

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New Haven Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that the subject signed invitations to a meeting of the PPC which was held on [redacted] at [redacted] New Haven, Connecticut. JOHN MARSALKA chaired the affair.

New Haven Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that the subject spoke at a meeting of the PPC on May 11, 1952 at the Hotel Barnum, Bridgeport, Connecticut. The subject spoke of the prisoner of war stalemate in Korea and said that this was the first time in history that any nation took such a stand as the one taken by the United States. During her speech the microphone was on the righthand side of the speaker's platform and when the subject got through speaking the microphone was moved to the center of the stage. When this was done the subject shouted, "I hope they don't think this is subversive because we moved the mike away from the flag".

New Haven Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that the subject was a guest speaker at a PPC rally on [redacted] at [redacted] Bridgeport, Connecticut. The informant did not give the context of the subject's speech.

New Haven Confidential Informant [redacted] advised on [redacted] that the PPC sent out correspondence which included a pamphlet entitled, "Let The People Speak For Peace" which was published by the American Peace Crusade. This pamphlet is captioned, "Bring Our Boys Home From Korea, Make Peace With China Now. We are summoning American men and women to take part in a peace pilgrimage to Washington March 1, 1951."

The American Peace Crusade has been cited by the Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities on the March of Treason February 19, 1951 as an organization which "the Communists established as a new instrument for their peace offensive in the United States".

New Haven Confidential Informant [redacted] of unknown reliability advised that the subject attended meetings of the National Committee of the Progressive Party on December 2 and December 3 1950 at 13 Astor Place, New York City.

The June 18, 1950 issue of the "Daily Worker" contained an article which reflected that the PPC convention ended with a testimonial dinner for the subject. The article did not advise of the date or place of the convention.

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The May 9, 1952 issue of the "Daily Worker" reflected that the subject is chairing a meeting of the PPC on May 11, 1952.

The subject was nominated as Secretary of State, State of Connecticut by the Independent Peoples Party at a convention on June 26, 1948 at Bushnell Hall, Hartford, Connecticut.

The Peoples Party of Connecticut sent out notices in August of 1949 advertising the sale of the "National Guardian". Subject's name appeared on the letterhead as a vice-chairman of the PPC.

The 1949 report of the California Committee on Un-American Activities cited the "National Guardian" as a "publication launched in New York in 1948 aiming at national circulation which was found to be from its inception notoriously Stalinistic in its staff, writers, management and content".

The July 30, 1948 issue of the "Stamford Advocate", a daily newspaper published in Stamford, Connecticut, contained an article reflecting that the subject gave a talk on July 30, 1948. According to the article, the subject stated, "The major problems facing the American People today are high prices, housing and civil liberties. No amount of Communist baiting is going to change that. If we lynched all the Communists in this country or sent them to Moscow that would not solve the major problems of inflation and the housing shortage. The only way to solve them is to build for peace and not war."

The September 27, 1952 issue of the "Hartford Times" a daily newspaper published in Hartford, Connecticut, reflected that the subject was a candidate for Representative At Large for the Peoples Party.

The August 7, 1950 issue of the "Hartford Courant" contained an article which reflected that the subject said on August 7, 1950 that the United Nations is an instrument of war. The subject praised the Soviet Delegate JACOB MALIK for trying to bring peace to the world. The subject attacked the United Nations vigorously at the close of the two day annual convention of the PPC which drew one hundred delegates. She stated, "We as the peace party in this country cannot support United Nations action in Korea."

The October 13, 1950 issue of the "New Haven Register", a newspaper published daily in New Haven, Connecticut, contained an article which reflected that the subject got 1,462 votes on the Peoples Party ticket for the position of Secretary of Connecticut.

The August 9, 1950 issue of the "New Haven Register" contained an article which reflected that the subject gave a speech at the PPC convention on August 9, 1950 which was held in the Yale Law School, New Haven, Connecticut. She praised Soviet Russia's delegate to the United Nations as a "wonderful man". She said that JACOB MALIK has been "calm and statesman-like in the United Nations deliberations and has diligently pursued the cause of international peace." Aside from Mr. MALIK almost everyone else mentioned at the convention from HENRY WALLACE to HARRY TRUMAN was abused in typical party line fashion as "rubber stamps" and "warmongers". Even the United Nations went unsupported at the meeting and only the Soviet Union emerged as a defender of the right and doer of good.

The September 30, 1951 issue of the "Bridgeport Herald", a weekly newspaper, contained an article which reflected that the subject was elected chairman of the state PeoplesParty on September 29, 1951.

The October 16, 1950 issue of the "Yale Daily News", a Yale University newspaper, contained an article which reflected that the subject spoke at an election rally of the PPC on October 16, 1950. The subject, the party's candidate for Congressman at Large, declared that she was proud to be a member of the PeoplesParty and denied the party was "disloyal". JOHN MARSALKA declared that the main plank in the PPC's platform is "peace". During the summer the progressive workers secured over 10,000 signatures in Connecticut for the Communist supported Stockholm Peace Appeal.

The October 30, 1950 issue of the "Waterbury Republican", a daily newspaper published in Waterbury, Connecticut, stated that the subject spoke at a rally on October 29, 1950 at the YMCA, Waterbury, Connecticut as a PPC's Congresswoman at Large. The subject called for the seating of Red China in the United Nations, disarmament, the end of colonial exploitation in Asia and the working out of peaceful relations with Russia.

#### B. All Other Front Organizations

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that it was announced on June 11, 1949 at a meeting sponsored by the Washington Bookshop Association that the subject would be a featured speaker at a meeting on June 16, 1949 at Liberty Hall, 525 New Jersey Avenue, Washington, D.C. This meeting was held to request funds to be used in the defense of the eleven Communist Party leaders being tried in New York under the Smith Act. ✓ b/p

The Washington Bookshop Association has been cited by Attorney General TOM CLARK, Letters to Loyalty Review Board, released December 4, 1947 and September 21, 1948, as subversive and Communistic.

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New Haven Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that the subject lectured before a Washington Bookshop Association audience on October 5, 1945 at the Asbury Methodist Church, Eleventh and K Streets, N. W., Washington, D.C. The subject cited Russia as an example for the United States to follow in the treatment of its minority groups. She pictured Russia as a champion of all minorities and small nations as contrasted with the teasing of the United States and England at the United Nations San Francisco Conference to the detriment of the minorities of the world. The subject spoke in glowing terms of the way Russia had elevated Yakatz and other backward peoples to their rightful place. The subject expressed her opinion that the Russian constitution would be a better plan of government for a united Africa than the constitution of the United States, should the African continent ever throw off the cloak of its outside domination. The subject indicated her contempt for the action of the United States in banding together with England against Russia in questions effecting minorities and she stated that as for England she would, "Dispose of it down the drain where it belongs".

In response to a question from the floor the subject stated that she did not propose that the United States constitution should be scrapped but rather that it should be made to work like the workable USSR constitution.

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Confidential Informant [redacted] advised on September 22, 1944 that MURRY GITLEN, known to the informant at that time as one of the leaders of the American Youth For Democracy, was considering asking the subject to speak at one of their meetings. GITLEN mentioned that the subject's son was a member of the American Youth For Democracy.

The American Youth For Democracy has been cited by the Attorney General TOM CLARE, Letters to Loyalty Review Board, released December 4, 1947 and September 21, 1948, as subversive and Communistic.

New Haven Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that the subject was one of the initial sponsors of the American Peace Crusade.

New Haven Confidential Informant [redacted] advised on [redacted] that the subject was a member of the Sponsoring Committee of the American Peace Crusade in Connecticut as of June 26, 1951.

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that the subject was appointed on March 11, 1952 at a meeting of the Hartford Peace Council to [redacted] a group to obtain signatures for a proposed five power peace [redacted]

The security informants in the New Haven Division have previously stated that the Hartford Peace Council is a local organization of the American Peace Crusade.

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Confidential Informant [redacted] advised on [redacted] that the subject was listed as a member of the Executive Committee of the African Aid Committee.

[redacted] stated that the African Aid Committee is located at the headquarters of the Council on African Affairs at 23 West 26th Street, New York City and is believed to be a committee formed from the membership of the Council on African Affairs.

The Council on African Affairs has been cited by the Attorney General as an organization coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that the subject attended a meeting of the Frederick Douglas Lodge of the International Workers Order on [redacted] at [redacted] New Haven, Connecticut. The subject spoke on her trip to Africa and told of the alleged exploitation of the Negro in Africa.

The International Workers Order has been cited by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that the subject was scheduled to speak under the auspices of the IWO on January 28, 29 and 30, 1949.

[redacted] advised that the subject was a member of the National Council of American Soviet Friendship as of March 30, 1950.

The October 25, 1951 issue of the "Daily Worker" contained an article which reflected that the subject would have a paper before the National Council of American Soviet Friendship on October 27, 1951.

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised on March 6, 1950 that the subject bought money orders which were believed to be payable to the American Friends of the Soviet.

The National Council of American Soviet Friendship has been cited by Attorney General TOM CLARK in Letters to Loyalty Review Board, released December 4, 1947 and September 21, 1948, as subversive and Communistic.

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that the subject was a sponsor of The Bill of Rights Conference which was held in New York City on July 16, 1949. No identifying data concerning the Bill of Rights Conference was furnished by the informant.

Confidential Informant [redacted] furnished a pamphlet concerning the "Sojourn For Truth And Justice" which was held from September 29 to October 1, 1951 at Washington, D.C.

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The subject was listed as a member of the Initiating Committee of the Sojourn For Truth And Justice.

On September 29, 1951 the subject spoke to the gathered group about organizing Negro women and inducing them to join the Sojourn For Truth And Justice for the purpose of fighting discrimination against the Negro people and to demand justice.

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that the subject was in attendance at the meeting of the Sojourn For Truth And Justice held from September 29 to October 1, 1951 at Washington, D.C.

The informant stated that the subject told the delegates about being a fighter in fighting for Negro women's rights.

[redacted] stated that the CP wants the subject to tour the United States with widows of lynch victims and that this is being done to arouse the sympathy of the Negro people throughout the country.

The informant advised that the subject is not a Communist Party member although she works very closely with the Communist Party.

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised on [redacted] that the Sojourn For Truth And Justice was Communist inspired but the majority of delegates, all Negro women, were not to be Communist Party members.

The informant advised that the Communist Party expected and hoped that the Sojourn would be turned down by various government officials. The results of the Sojourn were to be observed by the Communist Party press and in Negro newspapers. The Communist Party planned to make a political issue of the Sojourn and use it to infiltrate Negro political organizations and communities.

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that the International Women's Day was celebrated on March 8, 1949. The committee of the National Council of American Soviet Friendship and the International Women's Day sent greetings to the women of the Soviet Union according to the informant.

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that the subject signed a protest against the McCarran Act on September 28, 1950. The protest contained the following statements:

"We are living in troublesome times but that is no reason for losing our heads. There is no danger threatening our way of life which cannot be met by resolute adherence to our traditions of political liberty and democratic progress.

Believing this to be true the undersigned citizens of Connecticut are deeply concerned

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over the proposed legislation to control 'subversive activities. We believe this legislation is not only entirely unnecessary but would go far to destroy the vital right to freedom of political expression in America."

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that the subject is a sponsor of the Chicago Peace Conference to be held from June 29 to July 1, 1951.

The informant stated that the significance of the conference can be understood only against the backdrop of the present world Communist plan to the free nations and free peoples of the world by masking appeasement of Communist aggression as "peace".

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that the subject spoke at a meeting on September 26, 1951 which was sponsored by the committee of Families of Smith Act Victims at the Riverside Plaza Hotel, New York City. The subject stated that she was proud to belong to the "Family fighting for freedom" and this family had billions of people throughout the world.

The September 28, 1951 issue of the "Daily Worker" contained an article which reflected that the subject spoke on September 26, 1951 at a meeting sponsored by the Committee of Families of Smith Act Victims at the Hotel Riverside Plaza, New York City. The subject lauded the wives, children and relatives of the Smith Act Victims as part of a world-wide "freedom family".

The rally was the opening shot in a steady campaign mapped by the organization of Families of Smith Act Victims against midnight thought control arrests and in defense of political freedom guaranteed by the Bill of Rights, according to the "Daily Worker".

The November 9, 1946 issue of "The People's Voice" contained an article by the subject which described her trip to Africa. The subject stated that the African is very conscious of the Soviet Union, especially their elimination of racial barriers and their fight for colonial freedom.

"The People's Voice" has been cited by the California Committee on Un-American Activities, Report 1948, page 225, as "among publications which the committee found to be Communist initiated and controlled or so strongly influenced as to be in the Stalin solar system".

The May 15, 1946 issue of the "Hartford Times" stated that the subject addressed a "Peace and Security" rally on May 14, 1946 which was held at the New Haven Arena under the sponsorship of the Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts Sciences and Professions.

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In her address the subject scored colonization as the plight of democracy.

The Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences and Professions has been cited by the California Committee on Un-American Activities, Report 1948, page 262, as a Communist front which grew out of the Independent Voter's Committee of the Arts and Sciences.

The February 22, 1950 issue of the "National Guardian" bore the subject's by-line which was entitled, "China, Russia and Everywhere - The Women of the World are worried about Us". This article indicated that the subject had attended the Women's International Democratic Federation meeting in Moscow in November 1949 and the Conference of Asian Women in Peiping in December 1949.

The "New York Times" on September 10, 1949 identified the subject as a speaker at the American Continental Congress For Peace which was held in Mexico City from September 5 to September 10, 1949.

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that the American Continental Congress For Peace was a follow-up on similar congresses held in Poland, France and New York and was part of the world-wide Communist inspired, "peace propaganda campaign".

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*Summary*

Name:	ESLANDA GOODE ROBESON, was. <del>Mrs. PAUL LEROY ROBESON</del> ESSIE ROBESON
Sex:	Female
Race:	Colored
DOB:	12/15/95
POB:	Washington, D.C.
Residence:	1221 Enfield St., Enfield, Conn.
Height:	5'3"
Weight:	120 lbs.
Build:	Slight
Hair:	Black
Eyes:	Brown
Complexion:	Light Brown
Scars and marks:	Tip of 1st finger, left hand disfigured
Occupation:	Housewife
Marital Status:	Married to PAUL LEROY ROBESON
Immediate Relatives:	Mother: <del>ESLANDA CARDOZA GOODE</del> Son: PAUL ROBESON, Jr.
Nationality:	American
Country of Birth:	United States

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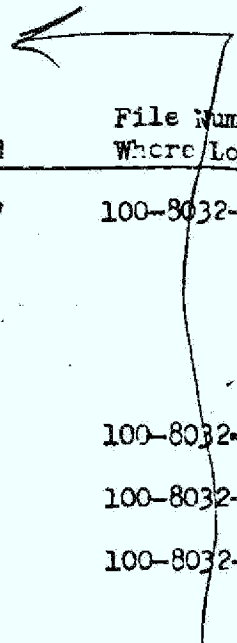
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THE NEW YORK DIVISION

At New York, New York

Will document information attributed to [redacted] and [redacted] in the above report according to Bureau instructions.

THE NEW HAVEN DIVISION

At New Haven, Connecticut

Will await documentation from Cleveland, New York, Philadelphia, San Francisco and Washington Field Offices and prepare amended informant pages and will forward such to the Bureau and interested offices. Will continue to follow and report subject's Communist Party activity.

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INFORMANTS

The Confidential Informants utilized in the report of SA [redacted] dated at New Haven in the case entitled, "ESLANDA GOODE ROBESON, was. Mrs. Paul Leroy Robeson, Essie Robeson - Security Matter-C" are identified as follows:

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T-2 is [redacted] c	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	
T-3 is [redacted] c	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	
T-4 [redacted] c	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	

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T-6 is [redacted] c	[redacted]	[redacted]	SA [redacted] orally	100-8087-519
T-7 is [redacted] c	[redacted]	[redacted]	SA [redacted] Orally	100-8087-520
	[redacted]	[redacted]	SA [redacted] Orally	100-11466-246
T-8 is [redacted] c	[redacted]	[redacted]	SA [redacted] orally	100-11466-321
	[redacted]	[redacted]	SA [redacted] written	100-12445-246
	[redacted]	[redacted]	SA [redacted] Orally	100-12443-286
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T-9 is [redacted] c	[redacted]	[redacted]	SA [redacted] orally	100-12446-286
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T-10 is [redacted] c	[redacted]	[redacted]	SA [redacted] orally	66-2886-Sub 1-
T-11 is [redacted] c	[redacted]	[redacted]	SA [redacted] orally	66-2886-Sub 1-
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	[redacted]	[redacted]	SA [redacted] orally	66-2890-Sub 1-
T-12 is [redacted] c	[redacted]	[redacted]	SA [redacted] written	66-2185-Sub 1
T-13 is [redacted] c	[redacted]	[redacted]	SA [redacted]	
T-14 is [redacted] c	[redacted]	[redacted]		
T-15 is [redacted] c	[redacted]	[redacted]	SA [redacted] SA [redacted] SA [redacted] SE [redacted]	NY 100-7518-

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T-18 is [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	SA [REDACTED]	PH61-80-1B-1 (2)
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T-19 is [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	SA [REDACTED] SA [REDACTED] Orally	CV 66-35-Sub. 264-Sub A-46
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T-20 is [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	SA [REDACTED] Orally	SF 100-30252-91, PP2,3.
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T-21 is [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]		
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T-22 is DAILY WORKER [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	SA [REDACTED]	97-169-1A6
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9/29/51 issue of the "Weekly Trend" from NY.

T-35 is [redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	SA [redacted]	100-8032-93
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ROUTING SLIP

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Date November 28,

Memo To: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-12304)

Title: ESLANDA GOODE ROBESON, was  
SM-C

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 ASAC \_\_\_\_\_  
 Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_  
 Agent \_\_\_\_\_  
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Correct              | <input type="checkbox"/> Search and Return        |
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Attached hereto are Amended Pages 17 through 21 for Report of SA [redacted] dated 6-26-52 at New Haven, Conn., re above-captioned subject, to be inserted for original pages 17 through 21 submitted.

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WASH 66 CHICAGO 3 FROM NEW YORK 9 7-40 P  
DIRECTOR AND SAC DEFERRED

*T.B. [Signature]*  
*Gifford*

PAUL ROBESON., IS - C. [REDACTED] ADVISED TODAY THAT  
HE LEARNED THROUGH UNIDENTIFIED PERSON AT [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] THAT ROBESON IS IN CHICAGO AS OF  
THIS DATE. FOR INFO.

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TO : Director, FBI (100-382224)

DATE: July 21 1952

100-12304

FROM : SAC, Pittsburgh (100-9855)

REGISTERED MAIL

SUBJECT: PAUL ROBESON  
SECURITY MATTER - C

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Enclosed are two photostatic copies of a clipping entitled "Paul Robeson Gives Recital on Rose Street," which appeared on page 1, column 4 of the June 28, 1952, issue of the Pittsburgh Courier, a Pittsburgh, Pa., weekly negro newspaper. This clipping has reference to ROBESON's appearance in Pittsburgh at Turner Hall, 2040 Rose Street, on June 20, 1952, under the auspices of the Pittsburgh Chapter of the National Negro Labor Council.

It is noted that this clipping states that a number of FBI men mingled with the crowd in the hall and on the outside. For the Bureau's information this statement is erroneous.

It is noted, however, that two Agents of this office did take motion pictures of the entrance of the above hall on the day of the above meeting from [redacted] with the permission of [redacted]

These Agents at no time either approached the hall where the concert was or mingled with those attending the concert.

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## Paul Robeson Gives Recital On Rose Street

Paul Robeson, singer who won fame during life as an All-American athlete, orator, actor, and one of the greatest minds America has produced, but who in recent years has been figuratively in America's "doghouse" for alleged pro-leftist utterances, came to Pittsburgh last Friday night.

The man who many times filled Carnegie Music Hall to capacity, came to sing and fill an engagement in a little dilapidated slum, side-street hall that couldn't have held more than 350 people no matter how tightly you packed them in. One pot-bellied stove heats the entire hall in the winter time.

### POLICE READY, "IN CASE"

And the police were there to maintain all of the city ordinances about so many people in so much floor space. There were many policemen called out to Carnegie Avenue police station, a number of FBI men who mingled with the crowd in the hall and

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## Paul Robeson Gives Recital On Rose Street

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on the outside. There were at least two deputy sheriffs, city and county detectives and policemen parked two blocks away in plainclothes, just in case trouble did occur.

One of the policemen remarked to a reporter:

"That hall holds just five hundred people. I just checked them. There's 120 in there now. There'll just be eighty more people that we'll allow to go in."

There were more than eighty that went in after that, though. For just about 300 or a little more than that persons heard Robeson sing. The audience was about half white people, half colored.

Paul Robeson and his manager stopped at the Flamingo Hotel while here, where a banquet at an announced price of \$2.00 per head was held for him after the concert.

Mr. Robeson was ushered into the hall, escorted by police, by way of a rear exit door, newly put by the promoters of the concert after the city of Pittsburgh condemned the building for concert use, when they heard Paul Robeson was going to sing there. The promoters said they also had to repair the fire escape in order to hold the concert.

A gigantic American flag was draped from one side of the stage and the concert began with the audience rising and singing the "Star-Spangled Banner." There were a large number of persons there who have been accused from time to time of associating with ballists. But there were others, too, who were just plain music lovers, old couples and young sweethearts, who were just admirers of Paul Robeson. Mr. Robeson gave a full con-

cert. He was in good spirits and sang about fifteen numbers. They included "What is America to Me," which he sang by following the lyrics strictly through the first and second verses and slightly altering them to include "Negroes in one-room dog cabins in the deep South," lynchings, and other racial aspects of the American scene.

Among other numbers which he sang well, but which might be construed to have a purposeful meaning, were the leftist ballad, "Joe Hill," and "Scandalized My Name." There was also a song in Jewish about a millionaire who had buttered-filled biscuits shot into his mouth from a gun. His antics during the singing of this song evoked laughter from the audience.

Alex Wright, head of the Progressive party, made a speech but Mr. Robeson made no speeches between songs, not until the end. Then he told the crowd that things were beginning to look better for his concert career. It is definitely re-established, he said. He told of large audiences he had sung to on this side of the Canadian border, on the West Coast, in Chicago and throughout the Midwest.

"Tell all of those folks who used to meet me at Carnegie Hall and revive episodes about when I used to play basketball against the Loonell Club or against whom I played when our football team played the University of Pittsburgh here, that I know they didn't come. Tell them that I'm still the same old Paul, though, the same boy they used to know, but who just won't stop speaking my mind out," Mr. Robeson said.

During the intermission, two women sold hot dogs and punch at a stand in the rear of the hall.

Also during the intermission a reporter and photographer tried to go backstage to interview Mr. Robeson, but a burly, white plainclothes bodyguard barred the door with the words:

"I don't care who you are or where you're from, nobody... I mean nobody goes in there with Paul Robeson."

In addition to the more than 300 persons in the hall, the windows were open and perhaps as many more persons again mostly neighbors from surrounding streets, crowded the housing walks and listened.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-382224)

DATE: July 24, 1952

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FROM : SAC, PITTSBURGH (100-9855)

REGISTERED MAIL

SUBJECT: PAUL ROBESON  
SECURITY MATTER - C

Remylet, 6-24-52 <sup>100-12304-266</sup> ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

Enclosed herewith are two 100' reels of 16mm movie film which was taken on June 20, 1952 of persons who attended the concert at Turner Hall, 2040 Rose Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, sponsored by the Pittsburgh Chapter, National Negro Labor Council, and which featured PAUL ROBESON, the Negro actor and singer.

Since the Pittsburgh Office does not have adequate facilities to select individual frames of instant film for use in producing still photographs, it is requested that the best frame of each individual and/or group of individuals portrayed on the various sequences of instant film be selected; that a still photograph be prepared from each such frame; and that the film and photographs be returned to the Pittsburgh Office in order that the latter may be displayed to Pittsburgh Security Informants in an effort to determine the identity of persons who attended the above-mentioned concert.

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Director, FBI (100-362224)

REGISTERED MAIL

Paul Robeson  
Security Matter - C

Reference is made to your letter dated July 24, 1952, transmitting two reels of movie film pertaining to the above-captioned matter.

In accordance with your request, prints have been made and they are being forwarded together with the film to your office herewith.

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TO : Director, FBI (100-12304)  
FROM : SAC, New York (100-56680)  
SUBJECT: ESLANDA GOODE ROBESON, was  
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Rerep of SA [redacted] at New Haven, dated 6/26/52.

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T-17 [redacted] C	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	Exhibit has been destroyed
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T-22 "Daily Worker"	[redacted]	[redacted]	SA [redacted]	97-169-1A6 "Daily Worker" 3/8/49
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T-26 [redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	SA [redacted]	66-6709 Subfile C
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- 2 - Kansas City

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It should be noted that the original exhibit furnished by Confidential Informant [REDACTED], of referenced report, which is [REDACTED] was furnished to New Haven by New York, letter dated 7/28/49 entitled, "Mrs. EBLANDA G. ROBESON, Enfield, Connecticut; SM - C".

New Haven requested New York to document Confidential Informant [REDACTED], of referenced report, which is [REDACTED]. The information furnished by [REDACTED] was made available to New York by Kansas City letter to the Director dated 12/14/50, entitled, "COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE PROGRESSIVE PARTY, IS - C", Kansas City file 100-8324.

Kansas City is requested to furnish the requested information to New Haven. RUC.

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**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Subject was a principal speaker at a meeting sponsored by the American Slav Congress, 12/5/47, and at a Steelworkers for WALLACE Rally, 9/19/48, which was reported attended for the most part by CP members, both at Pittsburgh, Pa. **[REDACTED]**

**[REDACTED]** ROBESON gave concert at Pittsburgh, 6/20/52, reported sponsored by NNLC and formulated by District 5 - CP. Concert attended by approximately 300 people and was reported by President of Pittsburgh Chapter, NNLC, to have been a "flop," it being necessary to borrow money to pay expenses.

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**DETAILS:**

All informants who furnished information contained in this report are of known reliability.

**A. PAUL ROBESON'S ACTIVITIES AT PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA**

**[REDACTED]** advised on **[REDACTED]** that the American Slav Congress sponsored a meeting at the Carnegie Music Hall, Pittsburgh, Pa., on December 5, 1947, at which the subject was one of the

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main speakers.

The American Slav Congress has been cited by the Attorney General of the United States under Executive Order 9835 as a Communist Organization.

On [REDACTED] a former self-admitted Communist Party member, advised that the subject was one of the principal speakers at a Steelworkers for WALLACE Rally held at the Aragon Ballroom Sixth and Penn Avenue on September 19, 1948. According to CVETIC, this conference was attended by approximately 350 people, the majority of whom were Communist Party members.

The Communist Party - USA has been cited by the Attorney General of the United States under Executive Order 9835 as a subversive organization which seeks to alter the form of government of the United States by unconstitutional means.

[REDACTED] also reported the subject as one of the principal speakers at the above conference held on September 19, 1948, at the Aragon Ballroom.

Proposed PAUL ROBESON Meeting to be Held October 15, 1949.

[REDACTED] advised on [REDACTED] that at a meeting which was attended by BENJAMIN REATHERS and WILLIAM ALBERTSON, leading District 5 Communist Party functionaries, it was decided that the subject should be brought to Pittsburgh under the sponsorship of a Citizens Committee composed of leading negroes, which was the pattern being used throughout the country.

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An article which appeared on page 13, column 4, of the September 8, 1949, issue of the "Pittsburgh Press" a daily and Sunday newspaper, captioned "Concert Here By Robeson Is Opposed", reflects that considerable opposition to ROBESON's appearance in Pittsburgh was voiced by the Allegheny County Committee of the American Legion in an effort to prevent a possible riot such as the one which had resulted at ROBESON's recent appearance in Peekskill New York.

It is noted that the proposed ROBESON's appearance on October 15, 1949, never took place, and according to an article which appeared on page 19, column 1, of the September 28, 1949, issue of the "Pittsburgh Press" captioned "Paul Robeson Mass Meeting Here Cancelled," the subject's Pittsburgh sponsors had stated that ROBESON would not come to Pittsburgh in October as he would be too busy in the New York City political campaigns, one of which was that of BENJAMIN DAVIS who was running for City Council. The article further reflects that ALEXANDER WRIGHT, "a leader in many left-wing organizations, in Pittsburgh," had previously applied for a permit for the ROBESON meeting.

DAVIS was a National Board member of the Communist Party-USA, and WRIGHT has been identified by [REDACTED] as a member of the District 5 Communist Party.

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PAUL ROBESON CONCERT held June 20, 1952

[REDACTED] advised in March, 1952, that THEODORE WRIGHT, District 5 - Communist Party member and President of the Pittsburgh Chapter of the National Negro Labor Council, had indicated that a meeting was held on March 16, 1952, for the purpose of discussing the obtaining of a place for the proposed PAUL ROBESON concert which was to be held in Pittsburgh on May 2, 1952.

[REDACTED] advised that events leading up to and during the founding convention of the National Negro Labor Council held at Cincinnati, Ohio, on October 27, 28, 1951, firmly convinced the informant that the entire direction of the convention was under the domination of the Communist Party - USA. The informant further advised that Communist Party members at Pittsburgh were urged to attend the founding convention and take part on the committees and participate in the activity of the organization.

[REDACTED] advised:

[REDACTED]: The National Negro Labor Council, Pittsburgh Chapter, was attempting to change the date of the ROBESON concert to sometime in June.

[REDACTED]: The subject will appear in Pittsburgh on June 20, 1952, under the sponsorship of the National Negro Labor Council

[REDACTED]: The District 5 - Communist Party leaders decided that all Communist Party members, Progressive Party members and all contacts and sympathizers should make an all out effort to make the PAUL ROBESON concert on June 20, 1952, a success.

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MATTHEW CVETIC, in testimony before the House Committee on Un-American Activities in Washington, D. C., in February, March, 1950, stated "In Western Pennsylvania, the Communist Party has functioning a Political Commission which is responsible for carrying the Communist Party line into the Progressive Party ..... In other words, members of the Communist Party in Western Pennsylvania have been assigned to work in the Progressive Party and they meet regularly to discuss the policies and line that is to be taken into the Progressive Party."

~~ELMER KISH~~, an active District 5- Communist Party member, was selling tickets to the PAUL ROBESON concert and had stated that if the striking steelworkers could not pay for the tickets, that the tickets should be given to them. It is noted that the United Steelworkers of America - CIO were out on strike at this time.

██████████ advised:

Informant furnished a mimeographed leaflet issued by the Progressive Party of Western Pennsylvania under date of June 2, 1952, which carries a postscript to the effect that PAUL ROBESON will appear in a concert in Pittsburgh on June 20, 1952, and that tickets are on sale at the Progressive Party Office, 2103 Center Avenue, Pittsburgh.

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[REDACTED]:  
Progressive Party leaders in Pittsburgh distributed leaflets which attacked the City of Pittsburgh's administration for its stand in prohibiting mixed occupancy at the PAUL ROBESON concert.

[REDACTED] advised that on [REDACTED] BEN CAREATHERS was selling tickets for the ROBESON concert and that he left 100 tickets at the headquarters of the Pittsburgh Chapter of the Civil Rights Congress for Civil Rights Congress members to sell. In commenting as to whether trouble was expected at the affair, CAREATHERS stated that the affair will be held in the Hill District (Negro Section) and if there is trouble, "We'll be prepared to take care of things."

The Civil Rights Congress has been cited by the Attorney General of the United States under Executive Order 9835 as a Communist organization. b7D

[REDACTED] advised that approximately 300 people attended the ROBESON concert held 6/20/52, although 1000 tickets were reportedly sold.

[REDACTED] advised that District 5 Communist Party members, including STEVE NELSON, District 5 Communist Party Chairman, attended the ROBESON concert on June 20, 1952. Informant further advised that ROBESON stated that as long as there are friends of his like BENJAMIN DAVIS and BEN CAREATHERS, who are not free men, he, ROBESON, will fight for what he thinks is right for his people. The concert was held at 2040 Rose Street.

[REDACTED] advised:


[REDACTED] THEODORE WRIGHT had stated that Pittsburgh authorities were trying

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to stop the ROBESON concert by condemning the building at which it was to be held, but that the Communists were selling the tickets anyway.

 THEODORE WRIGHT had reported that the collection taken at the ROBESON concert, 6/20/52, netted either \$135 or \$139; that the concert, the collection taken at the concert, and the banquet which followed the concert was a flop; and that it had been necessary to borrow money to help pay the expenses, one of the big items of expense being the cutting of an opening in the rear wall of the hall at which the concert was held in order to provide another exit and widening and repairing of the stairway as required by the Pittsburgh authorities. b7D

On page 8, column 2, of the June 1, 1952, issue of "The Worker" appears a picture of ROBESON and a short write-up stating that ROBESON will appear in Pittsburgh on June 20, 1952, sponsored by the National Negro Labor Council, and that already the "anti-labor, redbaiting 'Pittsburgh Press' is trying to incite fascistic elements to block the concert."

"The Worker" is the Sunday edition of the "Daily Worker". The "Daily Worker" is an east coast communist publication.

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PAUL ROBESON, IS DASH C. DAYLET. [REDACTED] STATED THAT

PAUL ROBESON ARRIVING BOSTON THIS DATE TO PARTICIPATE IN PROGRESSIVE PARTY OF MASS. ELECTION RALLY TO BE HELD OCTOBER TWENTYONE. THE RALLY TO FEATURE VINCENT HALLINAN, CHARLOTTA BASS AND FLORENCE LUSCOMB, PPM CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNOR. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ROBESON TO DEPART BOSTON OCTOBER TWENTYTWO, FIFTYTWO.

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ALVIN CORB HAD HE ARRIVED BOSTON. [REDACTED] STATED CHARLOTTA

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**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Informants state subject is a life member of UPWA and has participated in Progressive Party activities, District of Columbia, which organization informants say is Communist infiltrated and dominated. Also, featured as speaker at rallies sponsored by organizations cited by Attorney General as within purview of Executive Order 9835. Informant states subject publicly extolled Soviet Union and subject quoted by newspapers as stating he loves the Soviet country above all else. Subject attended functions at USSR and Czech Embassies. Court action in a passport suit brought by subject against DEAN ACHESON dismissed by U. S. Court of Appeals.

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DETAILS:

AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

Confidential Informants in this report are of known reliability unless otherwise noted.

The Communist Party will hereinafter be referred to as the CP and it is here noted that it is an organization designated by the Attorney General as being within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

An Asterisk is being placed after some of the names in this report, inasmuch as these names appear several times throughout the report. The Asterisk after a name indicates this person is described alphabetically in a section at the end of the report.

I. CONNECTIONS WITH ORGANIZATIONS

A. NATIONAL YOUTH AGAINST UNIVERSAL MILITARY TRAINING

Confidential Informant [redacted] supplied a printed program of the National Youth Assembly Against Universal Military Training, which was held in Washington, D. C., on February 15 and 16, 1948. This printed program indicated that PAUL ROBESON was to be one of the speakers February 16, 1948, at the Metropolitan Baptist Church, 1225 R Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. ←  
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According to Confidential Informant [redacted] the organizations represented at this meeting were the Jewish Peoples Fraternal Order of the IWO, the Southern Conference for Human Welfare, American Youth for Democracy, the American Labor Party and the Youth Student Section of the Communist Party. ↙

It is noted the California Committee on Un-American Activities, Report dated 1948, Pages 338-340, described the National Youth Assembly Against Universal Military Training as a "STALINIST front to keep the United States weak so that Russia will be free for its conquest of Europe and Asia and eventually for the conquest of the Western Hemisphere".

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The Jewish Peoples Fraternal Order of the IWO has been designated by the Attorney General as being within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

The Southern Conference for Human Welfare has been cited as a Communist front organization by the Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities, Report Number 592, dated June 12, 1947.

The American Youth for Democracy has been designated by the Attorney General as being within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

The American Labor Party has been described by the California Committee on Un-American Activities, Report 1948, Pages 40 and 41, as among organizations victimized by Communist domination.

Confidential Informant [redacted] reported that PAUL ROBESON stated that assembling in mixed groups was committing a crime under Virginia laws and that "we must continue the struggle so that here in America, as in Yugoslavia, Russia and other such areas, the workers can maintain their own power and guide their own destiny". Informant recalled that ROBESON stated he wanted to be assured that there would be no useful purpose served in some trumped up war, which useless conflict is the preservation of Jersey oil.

According to Confidential Informant [redacted] ROBESON congratulated the assembly on their stand against Universal Military Training and thanked them for their courage and assistance in the "struggle" he and others "were waging to make this a better world".

The Washington Afro-American newspaper, 56th Year, Number 54, Edition dated February 21, 1948, Pages 1 and 2, carried an article under the byline of WOODY L. TAYLOR entitled "Youth Hail PAUL ROBESON" in which TAYLOR indicates that ROBESON said in his address to the NUAUUMT that Universal Military Training is part of the war policy. ....A move toward new enslavement of millions of people. The article indicated ROBESON did not want to see the youth of this country engage again in some kind of conflict to preserve oil belonging to SINCLAIR, HARRISON or other rich Wall Streeters."

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ROBESON is quoted as stating, "to be shot down for them is as much a part of the Fascist pattern as for the youth of Germany, Italy France or Spain to be shot down for HITLER, MUSSOLINI, DeGAULLE or FRANCO".

B. UNITED PUBLIC WORKERS OF AMERICA

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised [redacted] that at a meeting of Local 30, United Public Workers of America, held [redacted] at [redacted], it was reported PAUL ROBESON would participate in a picket line at the White House August 4, 1949. Informant said PAUL ROBESON is a life member of the United Public Workers of America. ←  
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According to the Washington Evening Star newspaper, Number 47, edition dated February 16, 1950, Page 1, Column 1, under the caption "Public Workers Ousted by CIO on Red Charge", it was indicated that the CIO Executive Board expelled the UPWA from the CIO on charges that the Union followed the Communist Party line instead of CIO policy.

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised the subject participated in a picket line at the White House August 4, 1949. According to the informant, the purpose of the picket line was to protest racial segregation and discrimination in the U. S. Bureau of Engraving and Printing. Other participants in the picket line, according to the informant, were:

AL BERNSTEIN\*  
GERTRUDE EVANS\*  
MARCUS GOLDMAN\*

ARTHUR STEIN\*  
THOMAS RICHARDSON\*

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that after termination of the picket line, a reception in honor of the subject was held from 5:30 P.M., to 7:30 P.M., August 4, 1949, at 523 New Jersey Avenue, N. W., Washington, D. C. Informant said OLIVER PALMER\* and THOMAS RICHARDSON\* seemed to be the dominating persons at this reception and that an automobile, bearing D. C. license E-2109, was observed transporting people to the reception. ←

It is noted that D. C. license E-2109 is registered to ARTHUR STEIN\*.

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Confidential Informant [redacted] advised on [redacted] that PAUL ROBESON stated on August 4, 1949, during a reception in his honor, at 523 New Jersey Avenue, N. W., Washington, D. C., that, "I am here today to help you, the workers, in your struggle for equal rights. You will find me ever on the battle fronts for workers fighting for their rights. I have been on picket lines the world over and why am I doing this? Not for myself, but for you. Yes, in Africa, my native home, my heart bleeds for it, but they are beginning to see the light of how to fight for their own liberty and they have every right to fight. Is the fight for freedom worth it? .....Ask the Chinese, ask the people of the Balkan countries. In the Nation's capitol, I am indeed glad to see the workers carry on such a struggle against reaction".

Confidential Informant [redacted] added a press conference, on August 4, 1949, was held for subject in Room 501 of the Dunbar Hotel, Washington, D. C. Informant recalled the subject was asked what he thought of China and he said the same as he thinks of the Soviet Union. Informant quoted the subject as stating, "They have the right idea at last, and so has India, and it is time for the American working class to fall in line." Informant said ROBESON was asked "Do you think the Negroes will fight against Russia?" His answer, according to informant, was, "Will you fight yourself, for the Russian people are a part of the world labor struggle for freedom from reaction".

Informant said he was then asked what he, ROBESON, thought of the church and ROBESON answered, "The church is a tradition in my life. In most cases, the church stands for the very forces that would like to enslave us, the workers."

#### C. COUNCIL ON AFRICAN ACTIVITIES

Confidential Informant [redacted] on [redacted] advised a meeting was held on [redacted] for the Planning Committee of the Negro Freedom Rally for PAUL ROBESON scheduled in Turner's Arena, October 13, 1949. The Chairman and members of this committee have been described by [redacted] as being CP members or CP sympathizers. They are:

WINSTON C. EDWARDS\*  
ROSE CLINTON  
SIDNEY HALLWEY  
ALBERT FARLEY

GERTRUDE EVANS\*  
THOMAS RICHARDSON\*  
LILLY, JAMES

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Confidential Informant [redacted] advised on September 29, 1949, that WINSTON C. EDWARDS\* indicated PAUL ROBESON's activities, during his stay in Washington, would be limited to one day, October 13, 1949. EDWARDS further indicated the entire plans for ROBESON's activities were scheduled by the Council on African Affairs.

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It is noted the Council on African Affairs appears on the Attorney General's list as being within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised the rally for the subject was held on October 13, 1949, at Turner's Arena, Washington, D. C., where he appeared at 10:30 P.M., and spoke from about 10:38 P.M., to 11:15 P.M. Informant said his speech was interspersed with songs by him and his remarks suggested the impeachment of Judge MEDINA. He stated that Peekskill was a sign of weakness in American Fascism and said he would still stand for DENNIS, FOSTER and BENJAMIN DAVIS even though they have been on trial in New York. He said the Negro people had not spoken out strongly enough and if they had a few weeks ago, maybe instead of TOM CLARK on the Supreme Court CHARLES HOUSTON might be in his place.

ROBESON remarked there was no question about his loyalty to America, but that he would have nothing to do with the DULLES' Fascists, the RANKINS of Mississippi, and the COXS of Georgia. He said the American Negroes are finding friends among the thirty million Nigerians, West Indian Negroes and the people of Communist China, the Soviet Union and Czechoslovakia and that they might also find a friend in Japan.

Appearing on the printed program of the Negro Freedom Rally for ROBESON, were the following persons:

WINSTON C. EDWARDS\*, Chairman, Negro Freedom Rally Committee and National Chairman, United Negro and Allied Veterans of America.

It is noted the United Negro and Allied Veterans of America has been designated by the Attorney General as within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

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EDWARD FISHER, Chairman of the meeting and member of the Washington Chapter of the United Negro and Allied Veterans of America.

The platform of guests and speakers was indicated to be:

WILLIAM L. PATTERSON, National Secretary, Civil Rights Congress.

It is noted the Civil Rights Congress has been designated by the Attorney General as within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

~~Dr. ALPHEUS HUNTON, Executive Secretary, Council on African Affairs, New York City, which organization has been previously described.~~

- HENRY THOMAS\*
- GERTRUDE EVANS\*
- THOMAS RICHARDSON\*

D. AMERICAN PEACE CRUSADE

Confidential Informant [redacted] on [redacted] advised PAUL ROBESON appeared at a peace rally of the American Peace Crusade held at Turner's Arena, Washington, D. C., March 15, 1951. Informant said subject sang a few songs, one of which was in Russian and which, he said, was sent to him from Russia. According to the informant, the subject spoke at length extolling the Soviet Union and Soviet China. b7D

Informant said ROBESON quoted NEHRU, of India, to the effect that the United States was an aggressor in Korea. He, ROBESON, reported on his meeting with an assistant of DEAN ACHESON, of the State Department, who, according to ROBESON, had been stupid enough to discourage any hope of peace, but had insisted that "we" must protect the democratic countries of Western Europe. Informant said ROBESON's answer was to cite the slavery record of the British in Africa, India and Belgium, and of the French in Africa, also.

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The House Committee on Un-American Activities issued a press release on February 19, 1951, concerning the American Peace Crusade, entitled "The March of Treason" in which the House Committee refers to the proposed peace pilgrimage to Washington, D. C., as "a project intended to promote treason against the United States".

It is noted the American Peace Crusade was cited by the House Committee on Un-American Activities as an organization which "the Communists established" as "a new instrument for their 'peace' offensive in the United States", and which was heralded by the Daily Worker "with the usual bold headlines reserved for projects in line with the Communist objectives". (Report Number 378, April 25, 1951.)

E. PROGRESSIVE PARTY, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised [redacted] there was a picket line at the White House from 11:15 A.M., to 4:25 P.M., on May 24, 1950. Informant said the picket was sponsored by the Progressive Party and concerned the FEPC Bill then before Congress. According to informant, the following individuals participated in the picketing:

PAUL ROBESON	GLADYS THOMAS*
GEORGE B. MURPHY, Jr.*	WINSTON C. EDWARDS*
ROY WOOD*	OLIVER PALMER*
LARIENE WOOD*	EDWARD FISHER*
SHY RODMAN*	MARCUS GOLDMAN* and wife
BELLA RODMAN*	MIRIAM PAUL*
HENRY THOMAS*	
EMMA ROBINSON*	

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised on October 27, 1950, the Negro Vote Committee of the Progressive Party, Washington, D. C., sponsored a recital by CLARA RICHARDSON\* at 11th and R Streets, N. W., Washington, D. C. Among the patrons listed on the program were Mr. and Mrs. PAUL ROBESON.

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised in [redacted] that the majority of the officers of the Progressive Party of the District of

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Columbia, were CP members or CP sympathizers. Informant said it was his opinion that the Progressive Party of the District of Columbia was infiltrated and controlled by the Communist Party.

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised on [redacted] that GEORGE MURPHY\* informed at a meeting of the Progressive Party of [redacted] at [redacted], that he was trying to bring the negroes into the Party because PAUL ROBESON is the Vice Chairman of the Progressive Party of the United States, and he, ROBESON, has promised "his people" will have the right kind of leadership. MURPHY further stated he was getting the negroes into the Progressive Party because ROBESON states that was the thing to do.

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II. PUBLIC REMARKS MADE BY SUBJECT

A. NEWSPAPER QUOTATIONS

Under a London dateline of June 15, 1949, an article appeared in the Evening Star newspaper, Washington, D. C., dated June 15, 1949, Number 161, Page 1, Column 8, entitled "Soviet Is Country I Love Above All, ROBESON quoted". This article indicates the subject informed an interviewer of the official TASS News Agency that he was "truly happy" that he could travel through the USSR, "the country I love above all! I always have been, I am now, and will always be a loyal friend of the Soviet Union".

The Washington Times Herald newspaper, Volume Number XI, Number 162, edition dated July 15, 1949, Page 1, Column 7, Page 5, Column 5, contained an article captioned "Probers Told ROBESON is Veteran Red". The article indicated MANNING JOHNSON, ~~ex-CP leader~~, told a Congressional Committee July 14, 1949, that the subject had been a CP member for many years. According to this article, JOHNSON said he met PAUL ROBESON frequently at Party Headquarters in New York City where PAUL ROBESON held secret meetings with EARL BROWDER, WILLIAM Z. FOSTER, JACK STACHEL and J. PETERS. JOHNSON is quoted in the article as saying, "There is no iota of doubt he is a Communist".

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III. CONTACT WITH FOREIGN EMBASSIES

A. USSR EMBASSY

Under the by-line of JEANNE ROGERS, an article appeared in the Washington Times Herald newspaper, Volume XII, Number 278, edition dated November 8, 1950, Page 1, Column 1, captioned "Proletariat Eats Cake at Russian Embassy Party". This article indicated PAUL ROBESON and his family attended a Party at the Russian Embassy celebration, the 33rd Anniversary of the "Great October" Bolshevik Revolution. This article quotes ROBESON as saying, "I could be giving concerts all over the world if I could get my passport.....I don't see why, as Americans, we can't live at peace with the Soviet Union". (u)

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It is noted that VASILI G. MAKAROV was Second Secretary, Cultural Division, USSR Embassy, Washington, D. C., in 1951. (u)

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B. CZECHOSLOVAKIAN EMBASSY

Confidential Informant [redacted] on [redacted] advised that subject attended a reception at the Czechoslovakian Embassy on October 27, 1951. (u)

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IV. PASSPORT INFORMATION

The general docket of the U. S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia, under Docket Number 11030, entitled PAUL ROBESON, Appellant, vs. DEAN G. ACHESON, Appellee, indicated ROBESON was appealing for judgment against him April 20, 1951, in Civil Action 500-50 before Judge WALTER M. BASTIAN. This was a passport action brought against ACHESON by ROBESON.

An article appearing in the Washington Evening Star newspaper edition dated August 7, 1952, captioned "Appeals Court Dismisses ROBESON Passport Suit", stated the U. S. Court of Appeals threw out of the court, which suit brought by Singer PAUL ROBESON, asking a revalidation of his passport.

By letter dated November 23, 1947. [redacted]

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V. DESCRIPTION OF PERSONS MENTIONED IN THIS REPORT

AL BERNSTEIN

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised on [redacted] that AL BERNSTEIN had informed [redacted] that he, BERNSTEIN, had been a Communist Party member.

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LILLIAN CLOTT

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised in [redacted] that LILLIAN CLOTT was Dues Secretary for the Communist Party in the District of Columbia and was also known to [redacted] as a Communist as of 1949.

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~~WINSTON C. EDWARDS~~

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that WINSTON C. EDWARDS was known to [redacted] as a Communist Party member [redacted]

~~GERTRUDE EVANS~~

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that GERTRUDE EVANS was known to [redacted] as a Communist Party member [redacted]

~~EDWARD FISHER~~

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that EDWARD FISHER attended a CP meeting on [redacted] at [redacted] [redacted] also stated in [redacted] that he believed FISHER to be a Communist Party member, but had no actual proof of it.

According to Confidential Informant [redacted] FISHER is a member of the United Negro and Allied Veterans of America, Washington Chapter, which organization has been cited by the Attorney General as being within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

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~~MARCUS GOLDMAN~~

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that MARCUS GOLDMAN had attended several CP meetings in 1937. [redacted] also stated that GOLDMAN and his wife followed the CP line very strictly, even more so than some members of the Communist Party.

~~ROB HALL~~

ROB HALL is Washington correspondent of the Daily Worker and his name appears under a by-line in each edition of the Daily Worker, an East Coast Communist newspaper.

~~ALFRED HENLEY~~

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that ALFRED HENLEY was known to [redacted] as a CP member in [redacted] and that he, HENLEY, was on the Board of Trustees of the Washington Bookshop Association, which has been cited by the Attorney General as within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

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GEORGE E. MURPHY, Jr.

[redacted] advised that MURPHY was known to [redacted] as a CP member [redacted]

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MRS. OLIVER PALMER

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised in [redacted] that PALMER associated a good deal with State and local CPA officials and was especially friendly with AL. GANNON, President of the CPA, District 4, in Maryland and the District of Columbia.

It is noted that Confidential Informant [redacted] described BEATRICE PALMER, OLIVER PALMER's wife, as a member of the Communist Party on [redacted]

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MIRIAM PAUL

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised on [redacted] that MIRIAM PAUL was known to [redacted] as a Communist Party member.

CHARLES PAYNE

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised in [redacted] that PAYNE was known to [redacted] as a CP member.

THOMAS RICHARDSON

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that THOMAS RICHARDSON was known to [redacted] as a CP member in [redacted]

CLARA RICHARDSON

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised in [redacted] that CLARA RICHARDSON was known to [redacted] as a CP member.

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EMMA ROBINSON

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Confidential Informant [redacted] advised in [redacted] that EMMA ROBINSON was a member of the CP in the District of Columbia.

[redacted] previously described, stated on [redacted] that EMMA ROBINSON was a CP member [redacted]

BELLA RODMAN

BELLA RODMAN was known to [redacted] as a CP member [redacted]

SHY RODMAN

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised on [redacted] [redacted] had been acquainted [redacted] with SHY RODMAN through mutual association in Communist front organizations. He said RODMAN was considered a C. angel in the District of Columbia and, for all intents and purposes, RODMAN and his wife are Communists.

GLADYS and HENRY THOMAS

[redacted] stated GLADYS and HENRY THOMAS were members of the FREDERICK DOUGLAS Club of the Communist Party [redacted]

ARTHUR STEIN

ARTHUR STEIN is former Vice President of the United Public Workers of America, which organization was expelled from the CIO, because it was following the CP line instead of CIO policies. (Washington Evening Star newspaper, Number 47, Edition dated February 16, 1950, Page 1, Column 1) Confidential Informant [redacted] advised on [redacted] STEIN told [redacted] that he, STEIN, was a CP member from 1937-1943.

LARIENE WOOD

[redacted] previously described, advised on [redacted] that LARIENE WOOD was known to [redacted] as a CP member [redacted]

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~~ROY WOOD~~

ROY WOOD was Chairman of the Communist Party, District 4, and was convicted April 1, 1952, at Baltimore, Maryland, for conspiracy to violate the Smith Act.

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Director, FBI (100-12304)

**PAUL ROBESON**  
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The Bureau via Liaison channels was advised of an intercept of a broadcast emanating from Peiping, China, concerning the Asian Peace Conference which adjourned October 12, 1952. In this broadcast it was stated that the major purposes of the conference was the establishment of a new organization known as the Asian "Peace Liaison Committee" to be headed by Sun Yat-sen. This broadcast listed the various officers of the afore-mentioned committee and stated that Paul Robeson would be the United States representative of the "Peace Liaison Committee."

In connection with the afore-mentioned Asian and Pacific Peace Conference, there is attached a Photostat of the greetings sent by Robeson as a member of the World Peace Committee to the conference. This article was obtained from the Shanghai News for October 4, 1952.

The foregoing is for your information and inclusion in your file.

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By letter dated September 19, 1952, classified secret, OSI  
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Attached are 2 copies of an entry which appears to have been  
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November 25, 1952

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- Mr. Belmont \_\_\_\_\_
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From Walter Winchell.

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# Robeson Enraged as Party Membership is Questioned

A large force of police gathered outside Weaver High School Saturday night to quell a riot that never took place.

Inside the school, however, a near-riot threatened when two Hartford Times reporters asked singer Paul Robeson if he was a Communist.

In an emotional outburst following his concert at the school, Robeson told the reporters it was "nobody's damn business" whether or not he was a Communist.

The singer also called the newsmen names because they (Review on Page 16) asked, "Don't you think you are hurting your cause by allying yourself with Communists?"

"By the way you ask that question, it proves you are a phony," Robeson said to his questioner.

The reporter pressed his point. "Aren't there other ways of fighting for peace and your people than being associated with Communists?" he asked.

Robeson stamped his foot in anger. "You ineffective so-called liberals think you know how to get things done. But you accomplish nothing. Communism is not the reason for the attacks on me. The reason is this: The White ruling class of America doesn't like Negroes who stand up and talk back and fight for their rights."

A TALL, muscular impressive man, Robeson bent at the waist. "Is this what you want us to do? Bend and bow and shuffle along and be a nice, kindly colored man and say please when I ask for better treatment for my people?"

"Well, it doesn't work," he thundered. He drove his fist into his hand. "That's what I do to people who get in my way. That's what I learned in football." (Robeson was an All-American football player at Rutgers University.)

The interview was held backstage at the high school in the presence of some 25 well-wishing fans. It had opened on a quieter note.

At the conclusion of the concert, attended by an estimated 800 persons and marked by no untoward disturbances as anticipated by the hundreds of po-

licemen on guard, Robeson made these remarks from the stage:

"I WANT to thank the Board of Education for permitting me to sing and upholding the constitutional right of an artist to perform. I want to thank the police for the protection they have given me and I would like to return and discuss with the press issues of concern to the state and the country as a whole.

"I will never relinquish my right to speak here or anywhere else. I haven't said anything in the last few years I didn't say back in 1937, or 1941 or 1945. I'm still the same Paul Robeson. I was born on American soil. My father was a slave and on his blood and the blood of my people, there is still a lot America owes me.

"I'll continue fighting and struggling for the Negro people as long as there is breath in my body. And nobody will stop me."

The statement was greeted with a wild burst of applause. Earlier in the evening, with his first appearance on stage, the singer drew a standing ovation.

ROBESON appeared at Weaver under the auspices of the People's Party of Hartford, an affiliate of the Progressive Party.

He volunteered to sing, according to Dr. John M. Marsalka, executive vicechairman of the party, and received only traveling expenses. Profits from admission fees will go toward reducing a \$2,000 deficit suffered by the party during the recent political campaign.

Announcement of the concert more than two weeks ago started a full-scale controversy. The City Council asked the Board of Education to deny Robeson permission to use the public school auditorium, but the board refused.

Fearful that the singer's appearance might touch off a possible riot, Hartford police mobilized 250 men at the school.

In the murky gloom the policemen patrolled the sidewalks, breaking up an occasional band of teen-agers. Patrolmen in white raincoats kept the road clear. Some cars were seen to ring the block several times but they were not allowed to stop. Shouts of "Commie" came from one car.

OTHERWISE the concert was held without incident. Inside the auditorium were uniformed and plainclothes policemen. Nothing out of the ordinary was reported. The audience was highly partisan and showed its approval of the program.

Police operations were directed from the Ridgefield St. entrance of Keney Park. Inside the park the police maintained the patrol wagon and a bus load of 45 men. Three other buses carrying police were standing by at strategic spots. Firemen stood guard at alarm boxes in the area.

It was one of the greatest defense cordons ever thrown around a single man in Hartford, comparing only with the elaborate protective measures taken during the Hartford speeches of President Truman and President-elect Eisenhower. (Last night's operation cost the city of Hartford roughly \$3,000 in overtime, bus rentals and fuel.)

CITY MANAGER Sharpe visited the school shortly before the concert, but left after he was convinced no trouble was afoot.

Louis Burnham, secretary to Paul Robeson, asked about the singer's future plans, said Robeson intends to continue singing in this country and throughout the world if he regains his passport, denied him in 1949 by the U. S. State Department.

Burnham said Robeson has invitations to sing in England, France, Poland and Czechoslovakia. "He will go wherever he is wanted."

"Whatever Acheson — that is to say, the State Department says — I have a right to be friendly with whomever I want," Robeson said, adding "I don't like Franco-Spain or the Germans. The United States is friendly with them. I stand on my rights to choose my friends."

He said his friendships were based on his desire for peace. "I don't want my son to be killed fighting for industrial interests," he said.

Robeson is scheduled to speak and sing next in Cleveland, Ohio, at the 2d annual Convention of the National Negro Labor Council.

Prior to his concert here he had dinner with Hartford friends.

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Mr. Walter Winchell  
% Daily Mirror  
New York, N.Y.  
Dear Mr. W -

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I mailed you a few clippings  
re the Robson concert (?) and I am  
enclosing more of interesting news. Thought  
you would like to read them.

The Hartford Police made  
great preparations for a riot that in-  
cluded bus loads of police hidden in  
a nearby park. Nothing occurred of any  
consequence and Hartford has a large  
negro population.

Your column of today (Monday)  
certainly spoke true when you stated  
that the Hartford Board of Education  
needed educating.

Keep up the fight!

Sincerely,

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# Paul Robeson Sings 8 Scheduled Tunes, Plus 6 Encores

By EVANS CLINCHY -

About 800 chatting, orderly people filed into Weaver High School auditorium Saturday night to witness a much talked about concert by the Jewish People's Chorus, Miss Hope Foye, a former local soprano, and Mr. Paul Robeson, one of the greatest singers of our time.

It was not a very well run concert. It did not get under way until almost 9 p. m., and Mr. Robeson himself did not arrive until 9:30 p. m.

As 9 p. m. drew near, the people began to show their impatience by sporadic clapping.

WHEN THE concert finally did start, it opened with a group of songs by the Jewish People's Chorus, a ragged, amateurish ensemble. Under the direction of Samuel Goldman, the group sang one or two ringing Israeli patriotic songs and gave a moving rendition of the spiritual "Go Down, Moses". Mr. Goldman spoke a few introductory words to each number, stressing the social and tribal protest that ran through the music.

It was obvious from Mr. Goldman's remarks that social as well as musical uplift was to be the order of the evening.

Miss Foye, who received her musical training at the Hartt School, then came on looking very pert and attractive in a pink dress. She sang a variety of songs, most of them filled with social and political significance, with a clear, light, sweet soprano and in a delicate, intimate style.

It is always something of a shock and a thrill to have Mr. Robeson appear on any stage. His towering physical presence, that unbelievable, overpowering voice, these are the stuff of majestic command.

HE SANG eight scheduled numbers and half a dozen encores, pieces ranging from old English folksongs like "Over the

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The controversial appearance of Paul Robeson turned into an ordinary concert performance Saturday night as the noted Negro baritone sang before an audience of 600 at Weaver High School. There were no demonstrations or incidents of consequence inside or outside the hall. Police stood by to quell expected disturbances, but their services were never required. More than 250 police were stationed at strategic vantage points in the area. Scores of curiosity seekers converged on the scene, but they limited their activities to circling the high school in their cars or on foot.

**Standing Ovation**  
Robeson was greeted by a standing ovation as he walked onto the stage. Reporters counted only three young boys seated near the back of the hall who failed to rise and applaud.

In apparent reference to the barrage of criticism leveled at his appearance here by the City Council, three members of the Board of Education and numerous local organizations and individuals, Robeson prefaced his singing with the statement: "I will appear here and many other places around the country as long as I can sing."

This brought another ovation. The audience was a far cry from the more than 3,000 that filled Bushnell Memorial when Robeson sang there seven years ago. It also failed to exceed the 600 who filed into the hall last month to hear Vincent A. Hallinan, Progressive Party candidate for President when he spoke here. The seating capacity at Weaver is 1,050. The Connecticut affiliate of the Progressive Party, sponsored the con-

cert and reaped the profits from the \$1.20 and \$2.40 admissions.

Robeson volunteered his services for the concert, according to Dr. John M. Marsalka, executive vice-chairman of the party in Connecticut. Other than traveling expenses, he received no fee.

Robeson's concert fare consisted of one of his typical artistic programs. There were Negro spirituals and folk songs, Israeli and Hebrew songs as well as works from classic Russian composers. Also on the program was Miss Hope Foye, Meriden-born soprano who received her training at the Hartt School of Music in Hartford, and the Jewish People's Chorus. The latter was a composite chorus made up of various local groups from throughout the state.

It was a late-arriving audience, and the scheduled 8 o'clock concert did not start until after 9. Robeson himself did not arrive at the hall until 9:20. He arrived in a motorcade that pulled up to a side door rather than the main entrance. Surrounded by a group of men who emptied out of the motorcade, Robeson hurried into the hall as shouts of "No photographs!" "No photographs!" went up from his escorts.

**Chat Freely**  
The audience was a well-dressed, predominantly middle-aged gathering. A few of the women wore evening dresses. They came into the hall like any other concert audience, chatting freely, and by 9 o'clock indicated their impatience by clapping for the program to start. Observers estimated that less than one-quarter of the audience was composed of Negroes. Some of the ushers, apparently members of the People's Party, estimated that half the audience was from out of town. They recognized people from such cities as New Britain, New Haven, Bridgeport and Stamford.

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Louis Burnham, secretary to Robeson, arrived at the hall before the singer. He reported that Robeson came to Hartford by train from New York City and was a dinner guest of a local family. He declined to identify the family. Burnham said that Robeson "might" remain in Hartford overnight and attend one of the churches here today.

**Heavy Fog Blankets Area**

Burnham, in addition to being the singer's secretary, is editor of "Freedom," a monthly paper published in Harlem by Robeson. Robeson writes a column in the paper. Robeson also still owns his home in Enfield and spends some time there, according to Burnham. According to Springfield newspapermen, for the past two years the home has been advertised for sale.

Prior to Saturday night's performance here, Robeson's last concert took place October 9 at the Mother of Zion AME Church in New York. Robeson's brother, the Rev. Benjamin Robeson, is pastor there. He also spoke and sang Thursday night at an American-Soviet Friendship Meeting at the Rockland Palace in New York.

The scene outside Weaver High School could best be described as ghostly. The fog blanketing the area was so heavy that at times it was impossible to see from the steps of the school to the street. Police cruisers and motorcycle patrolmen slowly circled the school all night. Clumps of policemen pounded the sidewalks or stood at the corners. Inside the hall, a detail of plain clothesmen mingled with the audience or stood guard at every exit.

Police Chief Godfrey was in charge of the big force. Also stopping by to check the situation was City Manager Sharpe, who had helped map the police protection.

Throughout the evening, the police continued grimly about their allotted tasks. But there was never anything to worry about. Only an occasional teen-ager jeered from a passing car. And no one paid much attention to that.

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At 6:30 p.m., Chief Godfrey, in uniform and carrying a nightstick like all the uniformed policemen arrived as did a motorcycle squad of six. Minutes later, five Connecticut Company buses carrying 25 uniformed policemen and detectives, arrived as did the patrol wagon which was parked in Kersey Park.

One bus with 6 policemen and five superior officers remained in the park while three other buses each with 6 policemen and commanding officers were posted in the area.

Traffic policemen in white coats and flashlights kept a steady stream of curiosity seekers moving without incident. Other policemen kept small distances from obstructing sidewalk leading to the hall.

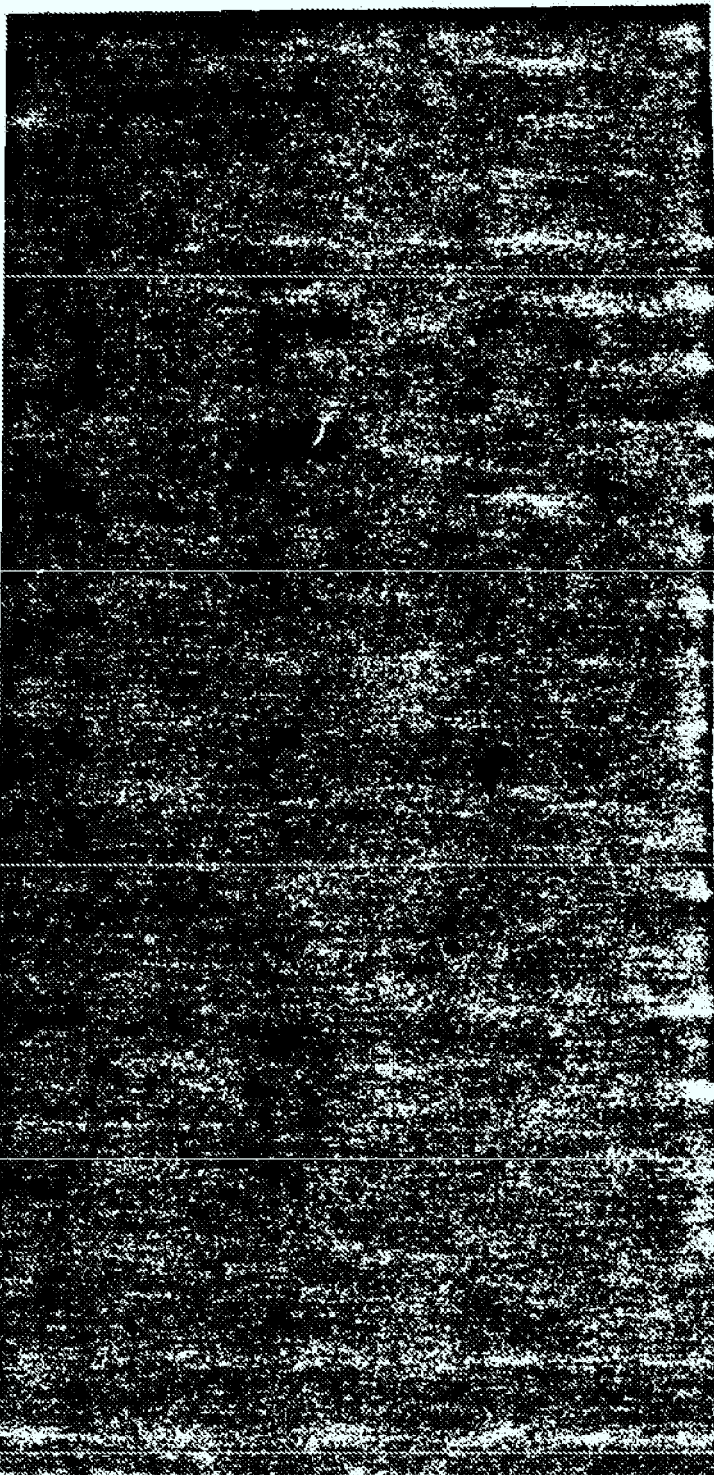
Hartford County Sheriff H. Potter was on hand for the event that trouble of any kind broke out. Under an old and rarely used state statute, it is the duty of the sheriff to maintain silence and order a gathering to disperse. If they fail to obey with his order, he can then command the chief of police to enforce the order.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

November 25, 1952

*PAL ROBERTSON*

From Walter Winchell.

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Dear Sir:

T. Hoover 11/17/52

Thanks to the Board of Education of the City of Hartford for allowing Paul Robeson to appear in a public school. They couldn't have done any better for Uncle Joe himself.

Sincerely disgusted

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# The Hartford Times.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 1952

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## Robeson Enraged as Party Membership is Questioned



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In an emotional outburst following his concert at the school, Robeson told the reporters it was "nobody's damn business" whether or not he was a Communist.

The singer also called the newsmen names because they

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asked, "Don't you think you are hurting your cause by allying yourself with Communists?"

"By the way you ask that question, it proves you are a phony," Robeson said to his questioner.

The reporter pressed his point. "Aren't there other ways of fighting for peace and your people than being associated with Communists?" he asked.

Robeson stamped his foot in anger. "You ineffective so-called liberals think you know how to get things done. But you accomplish nothing. Communism is not the reason for the attacks on me. The reason is this: The White ruling class of America doesn't like Negroes who stand up and talk back and fight for their rights."

A TALL, muscular impressive man, Robeson bent at the waist. "Is this what you want us to do? Bend and bow and shuffle along and be a nice, kindly colored man and say please when I ask for better treatment for my people?"

"Well, it doesn't work," he thundered. He drove his fist into his hand. "That's what I do to people who get in my way. That's what I learned in football." (Robeson was an All-American football player at Rutgers University.)

The interview was held backstage at the high school in the presence of some 25 well-wishing fans. It had opened on a quieter note.

At the conclusion of the concert, attended by an estimated 860 persons and marked by no untoward disturbances as an-

licemen on guard, Robeson made these remarks from the stage:

"I WANT to thank the Board of Education for permitting me to sing and upholding the constitutional right of an artist to perform. I want to thank the police for the protection they have given me and I would like to return and discuss with the press issues of concern to the state and the country as a whole.

"I will never relinquish my right to speak here or anywhere else. I haven't said anything in the last few years I didn't say back in 1933, or 1941 or 1945. I'm still the same Paul Robeson. I was born on American soil. My father was a slave and on his blood and the blood of my people, there is still a lot America owes me.

"I'll continue fighting and struggling for the Negro people as long as there is breath in my body. And nobody will stop me."

The statement was greeted with a wild burst of applause. Earlier in the evening, with his first appearance on stage, the singer drew a standing ovation.

ROBESON appeared at Weaver under the auspices of the People's Party of Hartford, an affiliate of the Progressive Party.

He volunteered to sing, according to Dr. John M. Marsalka, executive vicechairman of the party, and received only traveling expenses. Profits from admission fees will go toward reducing a \$2,000 deficit suffered by the party during the recent political campaign.

Announcement of the concert more than two weeks ago started a full-scale controversy. The City Council asked the Board of Education to deny Robeson permission to use the public school auditorium, but the board refused.

Fearful that the singer's appearance might touch off a possible riot, Hartford police mobilized 250 men at the school.

In the murky gloom the policemen patrolled the sidewalks, breaking up an occasional band of teen-agers. Patrolmen in white raincoats kept the road clear. Some cars were seen to ring the block several times but they were not allowed to stop. Shouts of

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Police operations were directed from the Ridgefield St. entrance of Keney Park. Inside the park the police maintained the patrol wagon and a bus load of 45 men. Three other buses carrying police were standing by at strategic spots. Firemen stood guard at alarm boxes in the area.

It was one of the greatest defense cordons ever thrown around a single man in Hartford, comparing only with the elaborate protective measures taken during the Hartford speeches of President Truman and President-elect Eisenhower. (Last night's operation cost the city of Hartford roughly \$3,000 in overtime, bus rentals and fuel.)

CITY MANAGER Sharpe visited the school shortly before the concert, but left after he was convinced no trouble was afoot.

Louis Burnham, secretary to Paul Robeson, asked about the singer's future plans, said Robeson intends to continue singing in this country and throughout the world if he regains his passport, denied him in 1949 by the U. S. State Department.

Burnham said Robeson has invitations to sing in England, France, Poland and Czechoslovakia. "He will go wherever he is wanted."

"Whatever Acheson — that is to say, the State Department says — I have a right to be friendly with whomever I want," Robeson said, adding "I don't like Franco, Spain or the Germans. The United States is friendly with them. I stand on my rights to choose my friends."

He said his friendships were based on his desire for peace. "I don't want my son to be killed fighting for industrial interests," he said.

Robeson is scheduled to speak and sing next in Cleveland, Ohio, at the 2d annual Convention of the National Negro Labor Council.

Prior to his concert here he had dinner with Hartford friends.



## Policing Robeson May Cost \$4,000

It looks as if the city will have to pay about \$4,000 in overtime to 250 off-duty policemen used during the Paul Robeson concert here Saturday night.

The extra policemen were assigned to keep order in the vicinity of Weaver High School, site of the concert, in the event there was any attempt at violence.

Robeson, identified with Communist-front groups, was sponsored in his Hartford appearance by the People's Party of Connecticut. The school auditorium was rented for \$70.

City Personnel Director Charles F. Yard, on instructions from City Manager Sharpe, today planned to poll members of the Personnel Board to determine whether the off-duty policemen should be paid extra or whether their service was of "emergency" character.

There are indications the board will rule in favor of overtime payment.

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NEW YORK, NEW YORK  
December 8, 1952

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Transmit the following Teletype message to: BUREAU 9-1

PAUL ROBESON; IS DASH C. DAYLET. INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM  
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LETTER WHICH IN PART STATES THAT MAJOR RECORDING COMPANIES  
REFUSED TO PRODUCE ANY RECORDS FOR HIM. STATEMENT CONTINUED  
THAT A NEW INDEPENDENT RECORDING COMPANY HAS BEEN FORMED WHICH  
WILL MAKE RECORDINGS FOR ROBESON. THIS FIRM IS TO BE KNOWN AS  
THE OTHELLO RECORDING CORPORATION. OFFICES AT FIVE THREE WEST  
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DIRECTOR FBI AND SAC NEW YORK URGENT

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*11/15/52*

**[REDACTED]** ADVISED HE RECEIVED A LETTER FROM ROBESON, SUITE THREE, FIFTY THREE WEST ONE TWENTY FIFTH ST., N.Y. TWENTY SEVEN, N.Y. ANNOUNCING THE FORMATION OF A NEW INDEPENDENT RECORDING COMPANY THAT WILL MAKE RECORDINGS OF ROBESON AND QUOTE OTHER ARTISTS BANNED BECAUSE OF THEIR VIEWS UNQUOTE. THIS LETTER ALSO ASKED FOR SUBSCRIPTIONS TO A SPECIAL FIVE DOLLAR ADVANCE SALE OF ROBESON'S NEW ALBUM WHICH HE WILL AUTOGRAPH. ENCLOSED WITH THE LETTER WAS A BROCHURE DESCRIBING ROBESON'S NEW ALBUM AND A REPLY ENVELOPE ADDRESSED TO THE OTHELLO RECORDING CORP., FIFTY THREE WEST ONE HUNDRED TWENTY FIFTH ST., TWENTY SEVEN, N.Y.

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SAC, New York

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Director, FBI

~~OTHELLO RECORDING COMPANY  
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Re Baltimore airtel dated December 15, 1952, a copy of which was furnished your office, advising of the formation of the captioned organization to make recordings by Paul Robeson and "other artists banned because of their views."

In view of the character of the individuals associated with the captioned organization, it is desired that an investigation be instituted in accordance with existing Bureau instructions and a report suitable for dissemination submitted to the Bureau.

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Office Memorandum

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TO : Director, FBI  
FROM : SAC, New Haven (100-8602)  
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[redacted] advised that a reception was tendered the captioned subject at the home of JAMES S. TATE, 2006 Main St., Hartford, after a concert given by the subject at the Weaver High School, Hartford, Conn., on Saturday evening 11/15/52. ROBESON spent the night at the TATE home. TATE is a key figure of the New Haven Division and a Smith Act subject.

[redacted] advised that several persons [redacted] were present with ROBESON in the living room of the TATE home at approximately 12:30 A.M. on 11/16/52 when a young colored woman whose identity is unknown to the informant suggested to ROBESON that there were other ways of helping the negro people rather than through Communism. [redacted] advised that ROBESON replied, "My dear girl, my best friends are Communists. I am a Communist and proud to be one. One of my best friends, BEN DAVIS, is a Communist and he is in jail right now." Shortly thereafter a male negro, whose identity was also unknown to the informant, stated that he admired ROBESON for his artistic ability, but differed with him in everything he stood for. At this point, according to [redacted] ROBESON replied, "Here's one negro boy who if he gets a bullet through his chest tomorrow will die happy because I put this government on the spot when I made that speech in Paris that shook the world."

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ROBESON also stated that his work is being carried on all over the world despite his inability to obtain a passport to leave the U.S. He indicated that people are listening to him in Asia and in Africa through tape recordings of his songs and speeches which are being sent out of the U.S.

[redacted] also reported ROBESON as having stated, "We progressives have been too soft. We must toughen up and come out fighting. I will personally be the first one to punch Walter Winchell right on the nose."

The above, which is submitted for the information of the Bureau and the New York Division, was furnished by [redacted] to SA [redacted]

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