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PAUL ROBESON, SR.

**SECURITY INFORMATION - CONFIDENTIAL**  
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TITLE <b>PAUL ROBESON</b>	CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - C</b>
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**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

*Additional information concerning subject's concert in Los Angeles in June, 1953 set out. Subject arrived in Los Angeles August 25, 1953 and departed for New York September 1, 1953. Subject's August, 1953 visit not publicized and subject made no public appearances, however met with CP and LANLC members. Subject reported suffering from heart trouble.*

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**DETAILS:**

The Los Angeles County Communist Party will be hereinafter be referred to as the LACCP.

All sources in this report designated by T symbols are of known reliability unless otherwise indicated.

**I BACKGROUND**

**A. Residence in Los Angeles**

*[REDACTED]* has advised that he believes subject to have resided at 236 102nd Place during his August visit to Los Angeles, California.

**B. Status of Health**

*[REDACTED]* stated that he learned in *[REDACTED]* that subject has a "heart condition." *[REDACTED]* was able to obtain no details concerning this matter.

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II ACTIVITIES

A. Subject's Activities in Los Angeles  
in June, 1953

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[redacted] has advised that the Los Angeles Negro Labor Council (LANLC) met at [redacted] on [redacted] [redacted] stated that ROBESON was present at this meeting and in his conversation stressed the importance of Negro Labor Council members concentrating in local churches.

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On June 15, 1953 the Los Angeles Committee to Secure Justice in the ROSENBERG case (LACSJRC) met at 607 South Western Avenue. PAUL ROBESON was the featured guest.

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With regard to the LACSJRC, [redacted] stated in [redacted] that the LACSJRC was formed in early 1952 for the avowed purpose of preventing the execution of JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG who were sentenced to death on April 15, 1951 in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York for conspiring to commit espionage by furnishing United States atomic secrets to the government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics. The LACSJRC is controlled and dominated by the LACCP through the assignment of Communist Party members to the steering committee of the LACSJRC. The LACSJRC receives advice and directives on all important issues from the leaders of the LACCP.

On [redacted] the Los Angeles Committee for Protection of Foreign Born (LACFPB) met at [redacted] with subject in attendance.

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With respect to the LACFPB, [redacted] advised in March, 1952 that this organization is an adjunct of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign born. It activates on a local level policies as laid down by the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born which has been designated by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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On [redacted] a reception for subject was held at the home of [redacted] [redacted] has been identified by [redacted] and [redacted] as a member of the LACCP.

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B. Subject's Activities in Los Angeles in August, 1953

According to [redacted] subject arrived in Los Angeles by plane on August 25, 1953. He departed from Los Angeles for New York by plane on September 1, 1953.

[redacted] has advised that subject's August visit to Los Angeles was not to receive any publicity and the subject was to make no speeches or public appearances.

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[redacted] advised concerning a reception held for subject at [redacted]

[redacted] was not able to state who or what organization sponsored this reception, however ROBESON's remarks are set out as of interest.

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ROBESON lead a discussion period which he started by inquiring for the most important issue which should be discussed stating that the answer should be considered on a world-wide basis and indicating that the appointment of BIRNES (former secretary of state JAMES BIRNES) to the United Nations by the President is a matter of grave importance. ROBESON also stated he is called a Communist because he fights for the Bill of Rights. He continued by saying there will soon be fighting in the African region at the instance of the United States Government because the United States is desirous of obtaining the minerals which exist in that country. Subject stated that as chairman of "African Affairs" he is familiar with the culture of the African people. He stated that a one man fight for the rights of Negroes is a difficult problem. Subject stated he was denied a passport by the United States when he attempted to travel to Africa two years ago because he has fought for the rights of Negroes.

<sup>X U</sup> [redacted] advised that the Women's Committee of the LANLC met on [redacted] at [redacted] with subject in attendance.

According to <sup>X U</sup> [redacted] subject was the guest at a reception in the home of [redacted] (supra) on [redacted]

<sup>X U</sup> [redacted] has also advised concerning the above reception.

III MISCELLANEOUS

According to <sup>X U</sup> [redacted] subject's concerts in Los Angeles from June 14 to 21, 1953 resulted in his acquiring about \$2,600 to finance the newspaper "Freedom" and other activities. Subject stated he thought the concerts to have been a financial but not a political success and criticized the LANLC for not having better infiltrating the churches of Los Angeles.

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GENERAL

Remarks made by subject during his June concert tour in Los Angeles are not included in this report where they have been previously furnished in reference report.

RECOMMENDATION

No recommendation concerning subject's Security Index status is made since New York is the Office of Origin.

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<u>Identity of Source</u>	<u>Date &amp;/or Desc. of Activity</u>	<u>Date Rec'd</u>	<u>Agent</u>	<u>Location</u>
T-1 [redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	SA [redacted] (written)	[redacted] c
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[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted] (oral)	100-25861-294
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	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	SA [REDACTED] (written)	[REDACTED]
T-5	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	SA [REDACTED] (written)	[REDACTED]
T-6	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	SA [REDACTED] (written)	[REDACTED]
	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
T-7	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED] (written)	[REDACTED]
T-8	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
T-9	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
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T-11	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED] (written)	[REDACTED]
T-12	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED] (Written)	[REDACTED]
T-13	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED] (written)	[REDACTED]
T-14	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
T-15	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
T-16	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

REFERENCE: Report of SA [REDACTED] dated September 15, 1953 at Los Angeles

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

*RF*  
**TO :** DIRECTOR, FBI (100-12304)  
**FROM :** SAC, NEW HAVEN (100-8032)  
**SUBJECT:** ESLANDA GOODE ROBESON, was.  
SECURITY MATTER - C

**DATE:** December 9, 1953

Card U.T.D.  
*1.4.54*

The captioned individual has been the subject of a security investigation by this office. The New York Division has verified the permanent presence of the subject in its division as residing and working at the addresses listed below. The New York Division is being considered the new office of origin.

Residence Address: 408 West 128th St., Apt. 20  
New York, New York

Business Address: Unknown

Check the following applicable statements:

- This individual has been the subject of a Communist Index Card.
- This individual is the subject of a Security Index Card.  
(The Bureau is requested to make the appropriate changes in the Security Index at the Seat of Government. The                      Division should affix the addresses reflected above and the appropriate case file number.)
- This subject was tabbed for Detcom.
- This subject was tabbed for Comsab.
- This subject was carried as a Key Figure or Top Functionary.
- Handwriting specimens have been furnished to the Bureau.
- A photograph has been furnished to the Bureau.
- A security flash notice has been placed with the Identification Division.

The following pertinent items are being forwarded to the new office of origin with its copies of this letter:

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- Report of SA                      at Washington, D.C., 1-12-44.
- Report of SA                      at New Haven, 4-6-44.
- Report of SA                      at Springfield, 4-7-44.
- Report of SA                      at New Haven, 4-10-47.
- Report of SA                      RUC at New Haven, 6-26-52.

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A supplementary summary will be prepared.

cc: New York Division (Enc.)  
(100-56680)

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TITLE <b>CHANGED: ESLANDA CORDOZO ROBESON, nee, Eslanda Cordozo Goode, aka, Mrs. Paul Leroy Robeson, Essie Robeson</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>SECURITY MATTER - C ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED</b>

SUMMARY REPORT

EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN OTHERWISE

Subject resides at 408 West 128th Street, New York City. She associated with Communist Party members in Connecticut in 1952 and was described as a Communist Party member in 1950. She testified before the Committee on Government Operations, U. S. Senate, on July 7, 1953 and refused to state whether she was a Communist Party member. She was Chairman of the PPC in 1952 and attended PPC meetings in 1953. She has been identified with CP front groups.

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Eslanda Cordozo Robeson Summary

DETAILS:

The title of this case is marked changed to reflect the subject's true name as given by subject when testifying before the Committee on Government Operations, U. S. Senate, on July 7, 1953, as ESLANDA CORDOZO ROBESON.

All informants utilized in this report are of known reliability unless otherwise indicated.

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I BACKGROUND

A. Residence

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that the subject was residing with her son, PAUL ROBESON, JR., at 408 West 128th Street, New York City, as of November 6, 1953. b7D

II CONNECTIONS WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that [redacted] told the informant on [redacted] that the subject would be at [redacted] on [redacted] for a meeting. The informant was unable to advise what type of meeting was referred to. b7C b7D

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that [redacted] was known to the informant as an active Communist Party member in 1952. Mrs. Paul Robeson

[redacted] has identified ESLANDA GOODE ROBESON, wife of PAUL ROBESON, as a concealed member of the Communist Party on June 29, 1950.

The February 8, 1953 issue of the "Bridgeport Herald", a daily newspaper published in Bridgeport, Connecticut, reflects that the subject signed an appeal for amnesty for the 11 leaders of the CP convicted under the Smith Act. The article reflects that the subject's signing was announced by an organization called Families of Smith Act Victims.

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that the Connecticut Committee to Aid Victims of the Smith Act was an organization formed by the Communist Party leaders in the State of Connecticut to raise funds for the second level Communists on trial in New York City. b7D

The January 27, 1953 issue of the "Daily Worker", an east coast Communist publication, contained an article which reflected that the subject was one of 150 women who signed "an appeal for amnesty for the 11 leaders of the Communist Party under the thought control provisions of the Smith Act".

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The July 8, 1953 issue of the "New York Times", a daily newspaper published in New York City, reflected that the subject was called before the Senate Permanent Committee on Investigations, at which time she refused to state whether she was a Communist.

The July 8, 1953 issue of the "Hartford Courant", a daily newspaper published in Hartford, Connecticut, contained an article which reflected that the subject appeared before the Senate Investigations Committee headed by Senator Joseph R. Mc Carthy. While before this Committee, the subject stated she had "never heard anybody anywhere under any circumstances" advocate overthrow of the United States Government by force or violence. The subject stated she does not think the Communist Party is dedicated to that aim.

The subject testified before the Committee of Government Operations of the United States Senate on July 7, 1953, at which time Senator Mc Carthy asked,

"I am asking you the simple question, do you feel that if you gave us an honest, truthful answer as to whether you are a Communist today, that honest, truthful answer would tend to incriminate you?"

The subject answered,

"It might tend to incriminate me."

Mr. MATTHEWS, of the Investigating Committee, asked the subject if she had written any articles for the Communist press such as the "Daily Worker". The subject again took refuge in the fifth amendment. Mr. MATTHEWS then asked the subject if she has participated in the work of the Civil Rights Congress. The subject stated that she made a speech in Detroit a few weeks ago under the auspices of the Civil Rights Congress. The subject stated that she does not believe that the Civil Rights Congress is a Communist organization.

The Civil Rights Congress has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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III ALL OTHER ACTIVITIES OF THE  
SUBJECT INDICATING FURTHERANCE OF  
THE COMMUNIST PARTY

A. Peoples Party of Connecticut

Confidential Informant [redacted] <sup>XU</sup> advised that the Peoples Party of Connecticut, nationally known as the Progressive Party, is infiltrated and dominated by the Communist Party in the State of Connecticut.

Confidential Informant [redacted] <sup>XU</sup> advised that the subject attended a PPC rally on September 19, 1952 at Wilbur Cross High School, New Haven, Connecticut. The informant stated that all the speakers spoke about the same old issues, which included peace in Korea now, and unity between "Black and White". The informant advised that VINCENT HALLINAN, publicly known as the Presidential candidate on the Progressive Party ticket, in the 1952 general election, was the principal speaker. The informant further advised that the subject spoke at this rally, but the informant did not furnish the text of her speech.

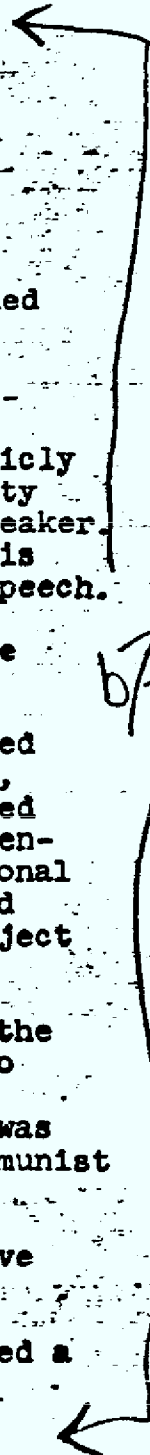
Confidential Informants [redacted] <sup>XU</sup> and [redacted] <sup>XU</sup> verified the subject's attendance at the above function.

Confidential Informant [redacted] <sup>XU</sup> advised that the subject attended a PPC State Convention on June 21, 1952 at Lithuanian Club, Front Street, New Haven, Connecticut. The informant advised that the subject was one of the main speakers at this convention. The meeting was opened with the singing of the National Anthem, and there was laughter at "the land of the free and the home of the brave". The informant stated that the subject was chosen as a delegate from Connecticut to attend the National Progressive Party Convention at Chicago. These delegates would be sent by the State Central Committee of the Peoples Party of Connecticut. The subject was nominated to run for Congress at this convention and she said that she would put up a good fight as always. She stated that she was the wife of PAUL ROBESON and "as you all know, he is a Communist and a good one, and a good leader".

Confidential Informants [redacted] <sup>XU</sup> and [redacted] <sup>XU</sup> verified the above information.

Confidential Informant [redacted] <sup>XU</sup> advised that the subject attended a

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PPC meeting on September 18, 1952 on the corner of Canton and Main Streets, Hartford, Connecticut. The subject spoke at this meeting and made promises of benefits to the people if she were elected on the PPC ticket. According to the informant, BERT GILDEN and JAMES TATE also spoke briefly at this meeting.

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that BERT GILDEN was known to the informant as an active Communist Party member. This informant further advised that JAMES TATE was known to the informant as a paid CP organizer in the State of Connecticut.

Confidential Informant [redacted] verified the subject's attendance at this meeting.

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that the subject attended a PPC reception on September 18, 1952 at the Hotel Garde, Hartford. The subject stated during this reception that she had been away from the United States for 12 years and that when she returned to America and became a citizen again, there was nothing in the United States she could vote for until the PPC was born.

Confidential Informant [redacted] furnished a leaflet published as notice of a PPC meeting to be held on November 9, 1952 at 37 Howe Street, New Haven. This leaflet reflected that JOHN ABT National legal counselor of the Progressive Party, would analyze the campaign and election results.. This leaflet was signed ESLANDA G. ROBESON, as PPC Chairman.

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that the subject attended a State meeting of the PPC on November 9, 1952 at 37 Howe Street, New Haven, Connecticut. The informant advised that very little took place at this meeting, as all those in attendance were in a poor frame of mind as a result of the sad showing of the Progressive Party in the election.

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that the subject attended

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a PPC rally on August 24, 1952 at Lithuanian Hall, Hungerford Street, Hartford. The subject spoke about a recent peace rally at Randall's Island, New York City, and told how her husband, PAUL ROBESON, had a security guard around him of his own choosing. She stated that he had to have his own security guard, as the New York Police would kill him.

██████████ advised that PAUL ROBESON was known to the informant as a Communist Party member under the name JOHN THOMAS. b7D

Confidential Informant ██████████ advised that JOHN MARSALKA mentioned the name of the subject on June 5, 1952 as a possible delegate to the National Convention of the Progressive Party.

JOHN MARSALKA is publicly known as President of the American Slav Congress.

The American Slav Congress has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

Confidential Informant ██████████ advised that ██████████ stated on ██████████ that the subject was an ardent worker, a very smart and trustworthy woman, and that the members of the PPC were going to do everything in their power to elect her in the coming election. b7C b7D

██████████ advised that ██████████ was known to the informant as an active Communist Party member.

Confidential Informant ██████████ advised that the subject attended a PPC picnic on July 27, 1952 at East Berlin, Conn. BERT GILDEN spoke on the poor social conditions of the worker in the United States, and stated that if the Progressive Party could take over the country, such social conditions would improve. Informant said that subject at this picnic spoke along the same lines as GILDEN.

██████████ and ██████████ verified the above information.

██████████ advised that the PPC was distributing a letter from the subject dated August 6, 1952 which reflected that the subject was chairman of the PPC. Informant advised that this letter requested \$1.00 from each recipient, to be used for the PPC. b7D

Confidential Informant ██████████ advised that the subject attended a PPC rally and reception for VINCENT HALLINAN on September 18, 1952 in Hartford, Connecticut. The informant stated that the subject advised that if she were brought before the House UnAmerican Activities Committee, she would not admit that she was a Communist. The subject stated that she was not afraid of

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being called before such a committee because she had never signed any cards or any papers. The informant interpreted the subject's remarks as meaning that she may have been, or is currently a Communist Party sympathizer, but is not actually a card-carrying or dues-paying member of the Party.

Confidential Informant [redacted] <sup>XU</sup> advised that the subject attended a PPC rally on October 25, 1952 at Weaver High School, Hartford, Connecticut. The informant advised that a collection was taken up at this rally to be used by the Progressive Party [redacted]

[redacted] The informant advised that VINCENT HALLINAN was the main speaker and in his speech he criticized both major political parties. He stated that the Progressive Party had the only answer to peace.

Confidential Informants [redacted] <sup>XU</sup> and [redacted] <sup>XU</sup> verified the above information.

Confidential Informant [redacted] <sup>XU</sup> advised that the subject was Chairman of the PPC as of July 27, 1953.

Confidential Informant [redacted] <sup>XU</sup> advised that the subject attended a meeting of the PPC State Central Committee on [redacted] at [redacted]

The informant advised that the subject presided at this session. The informant advised that the main discussion at this meeting concerned an account of the 1953 election.

Confidential Informant [redacted] <sup>XU</sup> verified the above information.

Confidential Informant [redacted] <sup>XU</sup> advised that the subject attended a rally sponsored by the Progressive Party in Washington, D.C. which was held in Washington, D.C. sometime in May, 1953. The subject was a speaker at this convention and talked along lines of discrimination and segregation in the United States. She stated that the negro people are carrying on a passive resistance against their oppressors in Africa and Asia and some day they will achieve their goal which is, according to subject, complete freedom.

Confidential Informant [redacted] <sup>XU</sup> advised that the subject attended a Peoples Party meeting on [redacted] at [redacted]. The subject spoke at this meeting on the African people. According to the informant, the subject

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stated that all the African people want is for the white people to get out of Africa and leave them alone. The informant stated that the subject said that the reason for the Mau Mau is to drive the white people out of Africa.

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that the subject attended the National Convention of the Progressive Party in Chicago, Illinois, which was held July 4 through July 6, 1952. The informant stated that the subject was listed as a member of the Platform Committee of this convention. The informant did not furnish any activity participated in by the subject.

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that the subject attended an evening session of the platform hearing of the Progressive Party National Convention on July 3, 1952 at Chicago. The informant did not furnish the agenda of this meeting.

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that the subject attended a State Convention of the PPC on June 21, 1952 at Lithuanian Hall, New Haven, Connecticut. [redacted] did not know the agenda of this meeting.

The June 19, 1952 issue of the "New Haven Register", a daily newspaper published in New Haven, Connecticut, reflects that the subject was nominated as United States representative-at-large at a PPC State Convention which was held on June 18, 1952 at Lithuanian Hall, New Haven, Connecticut. Informant advised that the subject was identified as State Chairman of the PPC in this article.

The September 21, 1952 issue of "The Worker", the Sunday edition of the "Daily Worker", an East coast Communist publication, reflects that the subject spoke at a PPC rally on September 20, 1952 at Wilbur Cross High School, New Haven. The article did not contain the text of subject's speech.

B. Connecticut Peace Council

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that the Connecticut Peace Council is infiltrated and dominated by the Communist Party.

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Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that a CPC meeting was held on [redacted] at [redacted] New Haven, Connecticut. The subject was elected to the Colonial Affairs Committee of the CPC at this meeting.

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that the subject attended a CPC meeting on [redacted] at [redacted] New Haven, Connecticut. The informant advised that the principal speaker was Dr. W. E. B. DUBOIS, who spoke on African Colonial Matters. The informant advised that during his talk, DUBOIS defended communism.

LOUIS BUDENZ has identified W. E. B. DUBOIS as a Communist Party member.

The May 3, 1953 issue of the "Bridgeport Herald", a daily newspaper published in Bridgeport, Connecticut, reflected that the subject was a sponsor of the CPC as of that time.

C. Hartford Negro Labor Council

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that the Hartford Negro Labor Council is an affiliate of the National Negro Labor Council. Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that the National Negro Labor Council is infiltrated and dominated by the Communist Party.

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that the subject spoke at a meeting of the Hartford Negro Labor Council on [redacted] at [redacted], Hartford. The subject stated that "the Mau Maus in South Africa are doing a wonderful job", and added that "all that the natives of South Africa desire is the land that belongs to them and for the whites to get out of the country". She stated that "the colonial people are going mad because they occasionally find a dead white person, after exploiting the natives for years". She added that the "lily whites all left their land behind and moved into the big cities and the Mau Maus are happy because they had obtained what they want, their land". The subject continued by stating that "the same thing is happening here in the southern part of the United States. If fifteen million negroes could forget themselves and come out fighting, it would be a terrible mess for the lily whites down south and around Mississippi."

Confidential Informants [redacted] and [redacted] verified the above information.

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D. National Council of American-Soviet Friendship

The National Council of American-Soviet Friendship has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that the subject was elected to the Board of Directors of the NCASF in 1953. The informant advised that the subject was a member of the NCASF at that time.

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that the subject was Co-Chairman of the Committee of Women, of the NCASF, as of December 18, 1952.

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that the subject was nominated as a member of the Board of Directors by the Nominating Committee of the NCASF, as of March 31, 1953.

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that the subject was a member of the NCASF as of April 14, 1953.

Confidential Informant [redacted] of unknown reliability, advised that the subject was a member of the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship, as of April 23, 1952.

E. "The Worker" and "Daily Worker"

"The Worker" is the Sunday edition of the "Daily Worker", an east coast Communist daily publication.

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F. Miscellaneous

Confidential Informant T-16 advised that the subject was ~~and~~ the member of the Minute Women for Peace, as of June 26, 1952.

[REDACTED] advised that the Minute Women for Peace is dominated by the Communists and its members are largely Communists, Communist sympathizers, and persons who will always favor the cause of Russia when that cause conflicts with the policies of the United States.

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Confidential Informant [REDACTED] advised that the subject was a sponsor of a pamphlet entitled "You Can End The War In Korea Now", as of October 6, 1952.

The informant advised that this pamphlet was published by the American Peace Crusade.

The American Peace Crusade has been cited by the Congressional Committee on UnAmerican Activities statement issued on the March of Treason, February 19, 1951, and House Report #378 on the Communist "peace" offensive, April 25, 1951, original date April 1, 1951, page 51, as an organization which "the Communists established" as "a new instrument for the 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:"

The July 8, 1952 issue of the "Daily Worker" reflected that the subject had become associated with the "New World Review" as editorial consultant on negro and colonial questions at that time. The subject was scheduled to submit a regular monthly feature for the "New World Review", according to this issue of the "Daily Worker". This article further reflected that the subject had been in Soviet Russia on an extended stay.

The name of the publication "New World Review" was changed to "Soviet Russia Today" in March, 1951.

"Soviet Russia Today" has been cited by the Special Committee on UnAmerican Activities report, March 29, 1944, page 167; also

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cited in report June 25, 1942, page 21, as a Communist front.

The August 21, 1952 issue of the "Daily Worker" reflected that the subject was a sponsor of a nationwide peace referendum sponsored by the American Peace Crusade to request immediate cease fire in Korea.

The August 22, 1952 issue of the "Daily Worker" reflected that the subject attended a peace rally at Randall's Island Stadium in New York City. The article reflected that the subject talked on Imperialism of Wall Street and the spreading of war bases by bankers of Wall Street.

The March 19, 1953 issue of the "Daily Worker" contained an article by the subject addressed to the President of the United States. This article reflected that the subject believed that the United States should recognize the Peoples Republic of China and should end the Korean war immediately.

The May 13, 1953 issue of the "Daily Worker" reflected that the subject and WILLIAM SENTNER, identified by the "Daily Worker" as a UE organizer and a Smith Act victim, would address a rally against "MC CARTHYISM" on June 7, 1953 at the Madison Ballroom, Woodward at Forest Avenue, New York City.

The June 1, 1953 issue of the "Daily Worker" reflected that the subject would attend a public hearing on June 4, 1953 and testify in behalf of the wives and families of the 87 Smith Act Victims who have been "branded as subversive" by the Attorney General. The article reflected that this hearing would be held on the next Thursday evening at 306 West 52nd Street, New York City. The article reflected that Mrs. ESTHER JACKSON and Mrs. PEGGY DENNIS would also speak at this rally.

Mrs. ESTHER JACKSON is publicly known as the wife of Dr. JAMES JACKSON, who is publicly known as a functionary of the CP. Mrs. PEGGY DENNIS is publicly known as the wife of EUGENE DENNIS, who is publicly known as a functionary of the Communist Party.

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REFERENCE: Report of SA [redacted] 6/26/52, New Haven.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-12304)

DATE: 1/11/54

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FROM : SAC, NEW HAVEN (100-8032)

SUBJECT: *Card U.T.D.*  
*1-26-54*  
ESLANDA CORDOZO ROBESON, nee,  
Eslanda Cordozo Goode, aka.,  
Mrs. Paul Leroy Robeson, Essie Robeson  
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It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above-captioned individual.

*y* The Security Index Card on the captioned individual should be changed as follows: (Specify change only)

NAME ESLANDA CORDOZO ROBESON

ALIASES Eslanda Cordozo Goode<sup>OK</sup>, Mrs. Paul Leroy Robeson,  
Essie Robeson<sup>OK</sup>

NATIVE BORN \_\_\_\_\_ NATURALIZED \_\_\_\_\_ ALIEN \_\_\_\_\_

COMMUNIST \_\_\_\_\_ SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY \_\_\_\_\_ INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST LEAGUE \_\_\_\_\_

MISCELLANEOUS (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_

TAB FOR DETCOM \_\_\_\_\_ TAB FOR COMSAB \_\_\_\_\_ RACE \_\_\_\_\_ SEX \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_ PLACE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_

BUSINESS ADDRESS (Show name of employing concern and address) \_\_\_\_\_

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TO : Director, FBI (100-12304)

DATE: 1/15/54

FROM : SAC, New York (100-25857)

SUBJECT: PAUL LEROY ROBESON  
IS-C

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1/15/54  
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RESIDENCE ADDRESS *✓* c/o Harold McGee

22 East 89th Street, New York, New York *✓*

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NEW YORK 1/12/54

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Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Ladd	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Belmont	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Glavin	_____
Mr. Harbo	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tracy	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Mr. Winterrowd	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Mr. Holloman	_____

Transmit the following Teletype message to: BUREAU  
 ATTENTION: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR A. H. BELMONT. *G.I. ROBESON*  
 IS - C. FOR INFORMATION OF BUREAU, AN ARTICLE BY COLLEEN  
 CHOLLY KNICKERBOCKER IN THE NEW YORK JOURNAL AMERICAN,  
 1/12/54 STATES, "PAUL ROBESON SUPPOSEDLY HAS FINALLY SEEN  
 THE LIGHT, AND WOULD LIKE TO BREAK WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY.  
 THE ONLY OBSTACLES ARE HIS WIFE AND HIS COMMUNIST TRAINED  
 SON, WHO THREATENED TO EXPOSE THE FACT THAT ROBESON WAS A  
 'SECRET COURIER' BETWEEN THE KREMLIN AND COMMUNIST PARTY  
 IN AMERICA." FILE OF THE NYO REVEALS NO INFORMATION OF  
 DISSATISFACTION ON PART OF ROBESON, HOWEVER, IT IS NOTED  
 THAT SUBJECT IS LIVING APART FROM HIS WIFE, ESLANDA ROBESON.  
 ESLANDA PRESENTLY LIVING WITH SON, PAUL ROBESON, JR., NYC.  
 IN VIEW OF ABOVE, SUBJECT UNDER CONSIDERATION FOR [REDACTED] - b7E  
 INTERVIEW BY NYO. [REDACTED] LETTER WILL BE SUBMITTED TO BUREAU  
 REQUESTING AUTHORITY FOR INTERVIEW.

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Approved: *[Signature]*  
Special Agent in Charge

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TO : Mr. Tolson *per [unclear]*

DATE: Jan. 27, 1954

FROM : L. B. Nichols

*G.I.R.-3*

SUBJECT: PAUL ROBESON

- Tolson
- Ladd
- Nichols
- Belmont
- Mohr
- Glavin
- Harbo
- Rosen
- Tracy
- Laughlin
- Nease
- Winterrowd
- Tele. Rm.
- Holloman
- Gandy

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 [redacted] of Time Magazine, called to advise that they had picked up a tip in the Cholly Knickerbacker column stating that Paul Robeson would quit the Communist Party except that he fears that his wife and son would expose him as a Communist courier.

I told [redacted] that obviously we could make no comment.

cc - Mr. Ladd  
Mr. Belmont

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TO : Director, FBI (100-3-99)  
 FROM : SAC, New York (100-25857)  
 SUBJECT: CP, USA - [REDACTED] b7E (9)  
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DATE: 1/25/54  
 PERSONAL AND [REDACTED]

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Glavin	_____
Mr. Harbo	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tracy	_____
Mr. Egan	_____
Mr. Gurnea	_____
Mr. Hendon	_____
Mr. Jones	_____
Mr. Quinn	_____
Mr. Nease	_____
Mr. Winterrowd	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Mr. Holloman	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

PAUL ROBESON, wa  
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Remyair-tel, 1/12/54, captioned "PAUL ROBESON; IS-C," which reported the following item in CHOLLY KNICKERBOCKER'S column in the "New York Journal American:"

"This is a hot one that comes to us from left wing - literally. Paul Robeson, the Communist entertainer, has supposedly finally seen the light, and would like to break with the CP. The only obstacles are his wife and his Communist-trained son, who threatened to expose the fact that Robeson was a 'secret courier' between the Kremlin and the CP in America."

No information has been received by this office indicating defection by PAUL ROBESON from the CP. However, his name is being submitted to the Bureau for its consideration as a person to approach [REDACTED]

### BACKGROUND

#### Birth Data

PAUL ROBESON was born on 4/9/98, at Princeton, N.J.

#### Marital Status

PAUL ROBESON married ESLANDA GOODE on 8/21/21, at Port Chester, NY, and they have one son, PAUL ROBESON, JR. It has been reported that, at the present time, PAUL ROBESON is not living with his wife.

#### Nationality and Citizenship

ROBESON is a Negro and is a citizen of the US.

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Education

ROBESON graduated from Rutgers College in 1919 with a BA degree, and he received a Law degree in 1923 from Columbia University. At college he came into prominence in 1948, when he was selected by WALTER CAMP, as a member of the 1918 All American Football Team.

Employment

PAUL ROBESON is a concert singer and actor. In 1925 he gave his first concert and, since that date, has gained international fame as a singer. He travels throughout the country on his concert tours and appears as guest artist at numerous Communist-sponsored functions. He is also employed as Chairman of the Council on African Affairs and is Chairman of the Editorial Board of "Freedom," a monthly publication of Freedom Associates. Both of these organizations are located at 53 W. 125th St., NYC.

Residence

PAUL ROBESON resides at 22 E. 89th Street, in care of HAROLD MC GEE. ROBESON receives his mail at this address and is reported to reside there at irregular intervals. [REDACTED] has advised that ROBESON is out of town most of the time, but does stay at that address when in NY. It has been reported that ROBESON is estranged from his wife and son, and they have sold their home in Connecticut.

CP Affiliations

In April, 1944, it was reported that PAUL ROBESON was a member of the CP Political Association under the name JOHN THOMAS. It was reported that in 1948 ROBESON refused to testify before a Congressional Committee as to whether or not he was a Communist. However, various informants have reported that ROBESON has been a member of the CP for many years. ROBESON has been associated with numerous CP front organizations and, over the years, has been a favorite guest artist at Communist sponsored conferences.

In the August, 1936 issue of "Soviet Russia Today," ROBESON is quoted as having said "The Soviet Union is the only country I've ever been in where I've felt completely at ease. I've lived in England and America and I almost circled the globe - but for myself, wife, and son the Soviet Union is our future home. For awhile, however, I wouldn't feel right going

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"there to live. By singing its praises wherever I go, I think I can be of most value to it. It's too easy to go to the Soviet Union, breath free air, and live happily ever afterwards."

In an interview with ROBESON quoted in the "British Daily Worker," on 4/18/49, ROBESON was quoted as saying that he loved what he found in Russia, and that until the war he returned there every year. He further stated that in Moscow he had studied Marxism and had found it "enthraling."

ROBESON'S son, PAUL ROBESON, JR., was educated in Moscow, and it was reported that his wife had two brothers living in Moscow. ROBESON has been observed marching in numerous May Day Parades in NYC. During the trial of the 11 members of the National Board of the CP, USA, ROBESON on 1/23/49 attended the trial and shook hands with the defendants. He was quoted as saying, "I came here too, as I too am on trial."

In April, 1949 at a concert given by ROBESON in Stockholm, Sweden, the affair turned into a political row when ROBESON sang the Russian anthem. In 1949, ROBESON received considerable publicity in connection with the public riot at Peekskill, which took place at a concert given by ROBESON.

In 1952, PAUL ROBESON was awarded the Stalin Peace Prize, on the 83rd birthday of the Soviet Premier. This award by the Soviet Union also gave ROBESON \$25,000.00 in connection with it. This award to ROBESON was publicized in a booklet entitled, "Negro History Week, 1953," prepared by the Education Department of the NY State CP. ROBESON spoke at a rally for STEVE NELSON on 3/6/53, held at Rockland Palace, NYC. ROBESON sang and spoke at this rally and, during his praise of STEVE NELSON, he was quoted as saying in part "the Soviet Union is fighting for the people of the world and for the freedom and dignity of all men."

ROBESON continues to be active as Chairman of the Council on African Affairs, an organization designated by the Attorney General of the US pursuant to Executive Order 10450. He also is Chairman of the Editorial Board of "Freedom," a monthly publication of Freedom Associates. It has been reported that members of the Editorial Staff and Editorial Board of Freedom Associates are Communists active in racial matters. ROBESON has been involved in litigations with the State Department as a result of the latter's refusal to issue him a passport.

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On [REDACTED] it was reported that PAUL ROBESON was among those invited to a dinner to be given by ANDRE VISHINSKY. On 11/7/52, ROBESON had attended the Soviet Embassy reception commemorating "The October Revolution." On 12/14/53 it was reported that, early in December, 1953, ROBESON was in a hospital in Washington, D.C., for a rest cure. It has been reported that ROBESON is suffering from a heart ailment. b7D

On 7/7/53, a special reception in honor of PAUL ROBESON was held in Chicago, under the auspices of the CP Committee of the United Public Workers of America - CIO, District # 1. It has been reported that ROBESON is a life member of the UPWA. The UPWA was reported to have been ousted by the CIO because of its Communist infiltration.

The name of PAUL ROBESON is included in the Security Index.

PLAN OF APPROACH

The Bureau is requested for authority to contact PAUL ROBESON, in accordance with existing Bureau instructions [REDACTED] b7E

[REDACTED] It is contemplated that such an interview will be conducted during the week of February 8, 1954 or soon thereafter, as circumstances permit.



SAC, New York (100-25857)(134-80)

February 3, 1954

Director, FBI (100-3-99)(100-12304)

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PAUL ROBESON, wa  
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Reurlet January 25, 1954.

In view of the subject's background and insufficient information indicating a contact with him should be made at this time, authority to approach Paul Robeson [redacted] is denied.

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Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Ladd	_____
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Mr. Belmont	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Glavin	_____
Mr. Harbo	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
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Mr. Winterrowd	_____
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Mr. Holloman	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: February 12, 1954

FROM: SAC, NEWARK (100-33120)

SUBJECT: PAUL ROBESON APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND FIELD OFFICES ADVISED BY ROUTING SLIP(S) OF DATE 2-30-81 WJH

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On [redacted] and [redacted] furnished the following information to SAs [redacted] and [redacted]

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Informant attended a PAUL ROBESON concert on January 31, 1954 at the Galilee Baptist Church, 148 Clinton Ave., Newark, N. J. The church was filled to capacity, with the informant estimating about 1,000 persons in attendance. There were no speeches, no literature, and no political implication to the concert. The only speaker was Rev. CLARK, Pastor of instant church, who introduced ROBESON and the latter's accompanist.

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[redacted] JOHN GRAY, [redacted]

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is now engaged, apparently on a full-time basis,

- cc/ (7) New York
- cc/ (1) 100-38808
- cc/ (1) 100-38814
- cc/ (1) 100-27867
- cc/ (1) 100-32013
- cc/ (1) [redacted]
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as an agent for ROBESON. [REDACTED] he resides in New York City, is located at "Freedom", and that his wife, HAZEL, is presently employed at the United Packing House Workers office in Camden, N. J. [REDACTED] HAZEL commutes to New York City on week-ends. Informant was unable to obtain any further information regarding JOHN and HAZEL GRAY.

[REDACTED] GEORGE MURPHY and LOU BURNHAM, are also part of ROBESON's traveling party.

[REDACTED] MURPHY and BURNHAM had been assigned by the CP in 1950 to give "political guidance" to PAUL ROBESON. [REDACTED] this meant the control and direction of ROBESON's activities to conform with the desires of the CP and to insure that there was no deviation on his part. [REDACTED] MURPHY has long been a close associate of ROBESON.

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[REDACTED]  
Informant stated that ROBESON, while in Newark for a concert, was chauffeured by WILLIAM RIX [REDACTED] an Organizer for the United Packing House Workers in New York City. [REDACTED]

Informant was unable to furnish any further information concerning the above at this time [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that through a pretext, it was learned that HAZEL GRAY is employed by the UPWA - CIO, District 6, 33 Arch St., Camden, N. J.


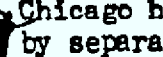
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Instant letter also stated that JOHN MATTHEW ~~GRAY~~<sup>MR. WINE</sup>, husband of HAZEL, has been employed for about a year and a half as "advance agent" for PAUL ROBESON. While he and his wife have maintained a residence at 3334 West Grenshaw, Chicago, during this time, GRAY has traveled extensively and has resided in Chicago only for short periods.

 Chicago has been advised of the above information furnished by  by separate communication.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-12304)

DATE: 2/10/54

FROM : SAC, New York (100-56680)

SUBJECT: ESLANDA CORDOZO ROBESON, was.  
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It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above-captioned individual.

The Security Index Card on the captioned individual should be changed as follows: (Specify change only)

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COMMUNIST \_\_\_\_\_ SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY \_\_\_\_\_ INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST LEAGUE \_\_\_\_\_

MISCELLANEOUS (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_

TAB FOR DETCOM \_\_\_\_\_ TAB FOR COMSAB \_\_\_\_\_ RACE \_\_\_\_\_ SEX \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_ PLACE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_

BUSINESS ADDRESS (Show name of employing concern and address) \_\_\_\_\_

Editorial Consultant on Negro and Colonial Questions, New World Review, Suite  
201, 23 West 26th Street, New York City

KEY FACILITY DATA:

GEOGRAPHICAL REFERENCE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ RESPONSIBILITY \_\_\_\_\_

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: February 25, 1954

FROM : SAC, WFO

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SUBJECT: PAUL ROBESON, JR.  
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SODAC, WASH., DC,  
IS - R (Bu 65-30092)  
(WFO 100-16597)

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The New York Office should be guided by suggestions and instructions contained in No Number SAC Letter, AF Series, 1952, dated October 22, 1952, and captioned, "ESPIONAGE AND FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE INVESTIGATIONS - DOUBLE AGENT PROGRAM," which are pertinent to investigations of this type. (u)



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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 3/29/54

FROM : SAC, Newark (100-33129)

SUBJECT: PAUL ROBESON  
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- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Belmont
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Harbo
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tamm
- Mr. Tracy
- Mr. Mohr
- Mr. Winterrowd
- Tele. Room
- Mr. Holloman
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On [redacted] furnished the following information to SA'S [redacted] and [redacted]

[redacted]

G. I. R. - J

[redacted]

JOHN GRAY, [redacted] has been given the party job of watching over PAUL ROBESON and seeing that he is led along the right political track

[redacted] discrimination against Negroes in public interstate transportation [redacted] apparently at one time was given high priority, but now the Party seemed to be turning from this and is shifting to a political struggle in connection with the Newark Council race with the further idea of building a strong machine so that they can enter a candidate in the Congressional race in the fall. He stated that the Party has somewhat abandoned the race struggle

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TITLE <b>ESLANDA CORDOZO ROBESON, was: Eslanda Cordoze Goode, Mrs. Paul Leroy Robeson Essie Robeson</b>	CHARACTER OF CASE <b>SECURITY MATTER - C</b>
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Synopsis:	SUMMARY REPORT ADVISED BY ROUTING SLIP(S) OF <i>Class</i> DATE <i>7-30-81 WPA</i>
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Subject resides at 408 West 128th Street, NYC, and employed as Editorial Consultant on Negro and Colonial Questions for "New World Review," 23 West 26th Street, NYC. According to informants, ROBESON has attended and spoken at numerous meetings of CP front groups and has associated with CP members. Attended Soviet Embassy reception, Washington, D.C. on 11/7/52. Attended Progressive Party National Committee meeting, NYC, on 1/16-17/54. Review of activities set forth.

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DATE FORW. *5-18-54*  
BY *[Signature]*

DETAILS:

*(Handwritten notes)*  
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All informants of this report are of known reliability unless otherwise specified.

I. BACKGROUND

A. Residence

[REDACTED] of unknown reliability, but aware of subject's residence, advised **ESLANDA ROBESON** is residing with her son, **PAUL ROBESON, JR.**, at 408 West 128th Street, New York City.

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B. Employment

According to [redacted] 44 ESLANDA ROBESON has remained in the background since moving to New York, and has not entered into any new activities. ROBESON continues to write articles for "New World Review" located at 23 West 26th Street, New York City.

The January, 1954 issue of "New World Review" lists ESLANDA ROBESON as Editorial Consultant on Negro and Colonial Questions.

[redacted] 44 advised ESLANDA ROBESON is receiving mail in care of "New World Review," Suite 201, 23 West 26th Street, New York City.

The "Daily Worker" issue of July 8, 1952, page 7, columns 1-3, states, "With the July issue, Mrs. ESLANDA ROBESON, distinguished anthropologist and author, becomes associated with 'New World Review' as editorial consultant on Negro and colonial questions, a statement in the current issue of 'New World Review' announces. The magazine is devoted to the countries of the 'new world' - the Soviet Union, China, the People's Democracies of Eastern Europe, the colonial peoples - and the growing movement for peace."

"Soviet Russia Today' is among the 'more important' Communist-front organizations 'for the sole purpose of carrying on propaganda on behalf of the Soviet Union.' (California Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1948, page 169.)"

[redacted] 44 stated on [redacted] that "Soviet Russia Today" is a Communist Party activity and the magazine is on sale at all Communist bookshops and Communist Party section organizations.

[redacted] 44 advised in January, 1951 that the publication "Soviet Russia Today" would change its name to "New World Review," but the purpose of the publication and its officers would remain the same and would be published by Soviet Russia Today Publications, Incorporated.

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II. CONNECTIONS WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY b7D

<sup>NY</sup> [redacted] advised a meeting which was held at the Centennial Christian Church, Aubert at Fountain Park Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri, on March 13, 1950, was addressed by ESLANDA ROBERSON under the auspices of the Division of World Work of the Centennial Christian Church. The subject of ROBERSON's talk was a report on the Women's International Democratic Federation Council held in Moscow and Peking, attended by her. According to the informant, this meeting was afforded considerable publicity by the Communist dominated Progressive Party of Missouri, the St. Louis Chapter of the National Council of Arts, Sciences, and Professions, and the St. Louis Chapter of the Civil Rights Congress. This meeting was attended by approximately 150 to 200 persons, and a large number of Communist Party members were observed in this number.

"The Women's International Democratic Federation was cited as a Communist front 'which was founded and supported at all times by the International Communist movement.' (Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities, Report on the Congress of American Women, House Report No. 1953, April 26, 1950 (originally released October 23, 1949)."

<sup>NY</sup> [redacted] of unknown reliability, has advised that the above organization is completely dominated by the World Communist Movement. The Women's International Democratic Federation is the parent organization for, and controls the Congress of American Women. b7D

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

The September, 1948 issue of "Political Affairs," which identifies itself as a magazine devoted to the theory and practice of Marxism-Leninism, contains on page 943 the election platform of the Communist Party, which is set out in part as follows:

"....The New Progressive Party is an inescapable historic necessity for millions who want a real choice between peace and war, democracy and Fascism, security and poverty."

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The Civil Rights Congress has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The National Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions was cited as a Communist-front by the House Committee on Un-American Activities, Report No. 1954, April 19, 1949.

[REDACTED] advised ESLANDA ROBESON is a member of the Communist Party. According to [REDACTED] ROBESON has spoken at Communist Party sponsored meetings and was a delegate to the International Women's Congress in 1949.

[REDACTED] furnished a receipt of the "Daily Worker" and the Sunday "Worker" dated May 28, 1951 for \$8.75 made out to Mrs. PAUL ROBESON.

The "Daily Worker" issue of March 5, 1952, page 8, columns 1 and 2, states, "A conference on 'Political Action for Equal Rights-Equal Justice' will take place in Brooklyn at the Hotel St. George Roof Sunday at 1:30 PM. The conference, which will plan a program in defense of equal rights for the Negro and Puerto Rican people, is sponsored by the Kings County American Labor Party.

"Mrs. ESLANDA ROBESON and Dr. ALPHEUS HUNTON will speak on 'The Fight for Freedom of the African and other Colonial Peoples - Its Meaning to the People of the United States.'"

[REDACTED] advised on [REDACTED] that without question the dynamic force in the American Labor Party is the Communist Party, and that it is regarded as a political obligation of every Communist Party member in New York State to enroll and vote in the American Labor Party.

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[REDACTED] advised ALPHAEUS HUNTON is a Communist. He attended the Marxist Institute of the Jefferson School of Social Science during the term 1948 to 1949.

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[REDACTED] advised ALPHAEUS HUNTON is known to him as a Communist.

[REDACTED]

ALPHAEUS HUNTON is Secretary of the Council on African Affairs, which has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

[REDACTED] <sup>UNKNOWN RELIABILITY</sup> and [REDACTED] advised Mrs. PAUL ROBESON, SR. attended a Soviet Embassy reception in Washington, D.C. on November 7, 1952, commemorating the October Revolution.

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According to [REDACTED] ESLANDA ROBESON wrote upon STALIN's death:

"On Stalin's Death

"JOSEF STALIN is dead. May he rest in peace and honor.

"He will live in history. He will live in the minds and hearts of billions of people who are infinitely better off because he and his comrades - together with

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"the Russian People - studied, worked, fought, sacrificed and endured to build the Soviet system, to translate their ideas and ideals into living practicing reality.

"As a woman and a Negro, I am one of those billions of people who are infinitely better off, and therefore I salute JOSEF STALIN, his comrades, the Russian People, and the Soviet system, and I say: Thank you.

"The Russian People, under the wise and brilliant leadership of LENIN and STALIN and their co-workers, have brought Russia up from obscurity to the position of Number One (or at the very least the Number Two) Nation in the world. They have also helped to bring the small nations of Eastern Europe out of obscurity into dignified participation in world affairs. They have also laid it down, spelled it out, and proved it to be a fact-of-life that human beings are not inferior nor superior because of sex, color, religion, national origin and previous condition.

"I must say I was dismayed, embarrassed, and saddened by the behavior of some of our American leaders on the occasion of STALIN's death. No dignity, no manners, no ordinary decent human courtesy and respect.

"In all my studies of anthropology I have never come across a people - any people - who did not behave with some dignity toward the dead.

"Some of our leaders behaved like vultures, circling overhead, as vultures do, waiting to wheel down and pick a carcass. They refuse to understand that there is no carcass, that STALIN was part of a Whole; the Leader, yes, but definitely part of the whole Russian People and the Soviet system. The Russian People developed STALIN, and he in turn, together with his comrades, developed the Russian People and the Russian State. The vultures will have to look elsewhere for prey.

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"And I say, respectfully, to these sorrowing Soviet People, do not grieve for STALIN. Be glad and proud and grateful that you could and did produce and develop such a leader, that he lived a long and useful life with you, that he lived to see the success of the ideas and ideals he, together with you all, translated into living working reality so quickly.

"If there were a way to fly a flag - not at half mast, but above the mast, - I would fly it so in honor and tribute and gratitude to STALIN."

<sup>u</sup> [redacted] advised a meeting of the [redacted] Communist Party, Cleveland, Ohio, was held on [redacted] at which meeting invitations were given to several persons concerning a luncheon in honor of ESLANDA ROBESON to be given by Freedom Associates at York Mason's Hall, 135-12 Kinsman Road, Cleveland, Ohio, on September 19, 1953. ←

Freedom Associates, located at 53 West 125th Street, New York City, has chapters located in various cities in the eastern half of the United States. This organization issues a monthly publication called "Freedom".

<sup>u</sup> [redacted] advised that the members of the Editorial Staff and Editorial Board of "Freedom" are Communists who are active in racial matters. b7D

III. ALL OTHER ACTIVITIES OF THE  
SUBJECT INDICATING FURTHERANCE  
OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY

<sup>u</sup> [redacted] advised a Peace and Democracy Rally was held at the St. Paul Baptist Church, 1938 Adams Street, Gary, Indiana, on October 7, 1949, and was sponsored by the St. Paul Baptist Church and the Progressive Party. This rally featured Mrs. PAUL ROBESON who spoke on the Peekskill Affair.

<sup>u</sup> [redacted] advised that the Peekskill disorders of August 27, 1949 and September 9, 1949 in the ←

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vicinity of Peekskill, New York, were the outgrowth of concerts given by singer PAUL ROBESON. The informant stated that the concerts were held under the auspices of the Harlem Division of the Civil Rights Congress.

It is to be noted that PAUL ROBESON is the husband of ESLANDA ROBESON.

<sup>44</sup> [redacted] advised that PAUL ROBESON was in close contact from 1937 to January, 1948 with WILLIAM Z. POSTER, EUGENE DENNIS, HENRY WINSTON and BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, JR., members of the National Committee of the Communist Party. b7D

ROBESON was also in close contact with EARL BROWDER, General Secretary of the Communist Party for a period following 1937.

[redacted] advised that during the 1930's PAUL ROBESON served as a confidential courier for the Communist Party in the Caribbean area. Upon his return to the United States from concert tours, he would report to Communist Party Headquarters. b7C  
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<sup>44</sup> [redacted] advised a "Rally for China" held on [redacted] at [redacted] New York City, was sponsored by the Council on African Affairs. ROBESON began her talk at this rally by telling what a wonderful country Russia was and how the Chinese people welcomed her as an American who was in sympathy with the Chinese people's cause. She praised the African people in their fight for freedom against opposition by the English, Dutch and American Governments, and that the purpose for which she entered on this tour was to bring back to the American Progressive people the truth as she saw it in China, Russia and particularly Africa. b7C  
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[redacted] advised that ROBESON attended a meeting sponsored by the Peace Information Center at [redacted] New York City, on [redacted]. According to the informant, the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the Korean war, the Far East and world peace.

The Peace Information Center has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

[redacted] advised subject attended and spoke at a meeting of the Labor Youth League, Harlem Section, held at [redacted] New York City, on [redacted].

The Labor Youth League has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

[redacted] advised on August 8, 1950 that subject was listed as co-chairman of the American Women for Peace.

[redacted] advised on March 2, 1951 that the American Women for Peace is strongly influenced and infiltrated by the Communist Party.

[redacted] advised that the Communist Party members [redacted] New York in November, 1950 were instructed by their officers to support the American Women for Peace delegation to the United Nations, November 30, 1950.

[redacted] advised ESLANDA ROBESON spoke at a conference sponsored by the China Key to World Peace Committee at the Hotel Brevoort, 8th Street and Fifth Avenue, New York City, on November 11, 1950. The theme of this conference was Peace in Korea.

[redacted] and [redacted] advised subject attended an "Educational Conference" on the question of "How To Avoid War and Make Peace" at the Hotel Brevoort,

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New York City, on March 3, 1951 sponsored by the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship.

"ESLANDA ROBESON spoke on the awakening of the colonial people. She said that the people of Asia and Africa - the colonial people all over the world are engaged in a struggle for economic and racial equality. She stated that the colonial world is in a revolution for freedom and independence; that the Soviet Union, China and the countries of the peoples' democracies are serving the cause of inspiration in the march of the colonial people to freedom and independence.

"Mrs. ROBESON spoke about the economic and political inequality of the people of Africa and she underlined that the war in Korea is only one part of the revolution which is enveloping the colonial people of the world; that the U. S. is trying to halt this revolution through the might of dollars, the atomic bomb and with arming the reactionary world. She predicted that the U.S. will fail in this reactionary mission because the people are just tired of being slaves. They want freedom and they are going to get it."

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<sup>su</sup> [redacted] advised subject made a speech after the showing of a film at the Jefferson School of Social Science on [redacted]

The Jefferson School of Social Science has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

<sup>su</sup> [redacted] and <sup>su</sup> [redacted] advised ESLANDA ROBESON was a speaker at a dinner in honor of WILLIAM L. PATTERSON at the Central Plaza Hotel, 111 Second Avenue, New York City, sponsored by the Civil Rights Congress.

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The February, 1951 issue of "Masses and Main Stream," a Communist Party quarterly publication, contained an article by MICHAEL GOLD entitled "WILLIAM L. PATTERSON, Militant Leader". In this article PATTERSON is quoted as saying: "I joined the Communist Party and went down to the International Labor Defense and offered them my life."

[redacted] advised subject attended a meeting of the Peace Festival of American Women for Peace on [redacted] at [redacted] New York City.

The "Daily Worker" issue of September 24, 1951, page 2, column 1, lists ESLANDA ROBESON as a speaker for a reception for the Families of the Smith Act Victims to be held at the Riverside Plaza Hotel, 253 West 73rd Street, New York City, on September 26, 1951.

[redacted] and [redacted] advised a reception was held on September 26, 1951 at the Riverside Plaza Hotel, 253 West 73rd Street, New York City, sponsored by the Families of the Smith Act Victims. According to [redacted] ROBESON spoke and had as her theme that she was a member of various families which she learned about as she was growing up. First, she learned of a negro family after she had thought she was at first just a member of the "good GORDOZA" family. Next, as she grew up, she found she was a member of the American family; next of the African family, and finally of the freedom family. She explained that latter family by remarking that near her home in Massachusetts was a photographer who had come forward to put up bail for one of the recent seventeen Communists. He is also a member. To be a member of this family, you have to fight.

[redacted] advised on August 26, 1952 that the Families of the Smith Act Victims is an organization which is devoted to the collection of funds for the benefit of families prosecuted under the Smith Act.

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The "Daily Worker" issue of June 3, 1953, page 5, column 2, carried an article by ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN which states that the Families of the Smith Act Victims was set up in 1951 for those who had been arrested under the Smith Act in New York City. Later, following other arrests, Family Committees were set up in Los Angeles, Baltimore, Seattle, St. Louis and Detroit. According to this article, the purpose of this organization is to give mutual aid and protection for families and help to the prisoners.

<sup>ky</sup> [redacted] advised ROBESON spoke at a meeting of the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship held on October 27, 1951 at the Brevoort Hotel, New York City.

<sup>ky</sup> [redacted] advised the Eastern Seaboard Conference of the Sojourners for Truth and Justice met with the Emma Lazarus Federation of Jewish Women for a luncheon at the YMCA, 180 West 135th Street, New York City, on March 23, 1952. According to [redacted] this luncheon was attended by ESLANDA ROBESON.

<sup>ky</sup> [redacted] advised on May 29, 1952 that the Sojourners for Truth and Justice was organized in September, 1951 by an Initiating Committee composed of fourteen negro women. According to [redacted] the stated aims and objectives of this organization are as follows:

1. To fight discrimination, mob rule, Jim Crowism in the Armed Forces and lynch justice.
2. To advocate passage of anti-poll tax, anti-lynch law, and fair employment practice legislation.
3. To work for the release from prison of ROSA LEE INGRAM.
4. To work for conferences with other nations to attain world peace.

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5. Demand a stop to the persecution of the Negroes.

[redacted] advised that the officers of this organization are either members of the Communist Party or Communist Party front organizations. According to T-13, the Sojourners for Truth and Justice follow the Communist Party line.

[redacted] advised that the Jewish Peoples Fraternal Order of the International Workers Order had a women's section known as the Emma Lazarus Division. The "Morning Freiheit," an East Coast Communist Yiddish language daily newspaper, on January 25, 1951 reported that a National Conference on January 20-21, 1951 of the Emma Lazarus Division, adopted a new constitution and changed its name to the Federation of Emma Lazarus Jewish Womens Clubs.

The Jewish Peoples Fraternal Order and the International Workers Order have been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

[redacted] advised ESLANDA ROEBSON spoke at the "Peace Under the Stars" rally held at Tri-Boro Stadium, New York City, on August 20, 1952, which was sponsored by the New York Peace Institute.

ROEBSON gave a political speech on behalf of the Progressive Party. She said that both other parties said of the other that it was THE War Party. And, that she regretted to say that BOTH OF THEM ARE RIGHT: That the only peace party is the Progressive Party. She said that at their Convention, there was a terrific demand for peace, contrary to the column of I. F. STONE of the "New York Compass" newspaper.

She said that while Wall Street wanted war, and wanted to launch their imperialistic war aggressively, the pressure of the people was stopping them. She pointed out that they had had to cut their planned number of divisions because of this.

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She called on the USA Warmakers to end the war in Korea today; to stop the cruel bombings, the Napalm Bombs and throw all the Jellied Gas in the ocean. She also said the peoples would have to force the Wall Street forces to stop their aid of the British and French in their Imperialistic fighting.

She said that the people everywhere, especially in the Colonial Countries, were now actively fighting for peace.

According to the "Daily Worker" of May 13, 1951, page 1, columns 1 and 2, the New York Peace Institute held its first session on April 19, 1951, at which meeting the delegates voted to set up the New York Peace Institute as a permanent "center" for peace activities in New York State to help win world peace.

<sup>NY</sup> [redacted] was advised that the Headquarters of the New York Peace Institute is located at 125 West 72nd Street, New York City, in the same office as the American Peace Crusade. [redacted] stated that although the New York Peace Institute does not publicly admit any connection with the American Peace Crusade, it is in fact a group concerned entirely with furthering programs of the American Peace Crusade.

The American Peace Crusade has been cited 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. (Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities, statement issued on the March of Treason, February 19, 1951, and House Report No. 378, on the Communist 'Peace' Offensive, April 1, 1951, page 51.)"

<sup>NY</sup> [redacted] and [redacted] advised the American Peace Crusade was organized in February, 1951, under the direction of FRED FINE, Secretary of the Public Affairs Department of the Communist Party, USA. [redacted] advised

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that FINE instructed that hundreds of "Peace Committees be organized throughout the country for the purpose of bringing back the American troops from Korea."

<sup>UNKNOWN RELIABILITY</sup>  
[redacted] advised ESLANDA ROBESON attended a demonstration at Rockland Palace, 155th Street and Eighth Avenue, New York City, on November 28, 1952, in support of the African Resistance movement.

The "Daily Worker" issue of March 11, 1953 states political and educational leaders will pay tribute to the achievements of JOSEPH STALIN at a memorial meeting at the Jefferson School of Social Science Sunday evening. ESLANDA ROBESON was listed as a speaker.

<sup>NY</sup>  
[redacted] advised subject attended a lecture sponsored by the Committee of Women of the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship at [redacted] New York City, on [redacted]

<sup>NY</sup>  
[redacted] advised ROBESON attended a Progressive Party State Convention held at 2205 Brookfield Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland, on April 19, 1953.

<sup>NY</sup>  
[redacted] advised subject spoke at a Progressive Party affair held on April 18, 1953 at 2014 North 32nd Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, by the Fourth Congressional District of the Progressive Party.

<sup>NY</sup>  
[redacted] and [redacted] advised ESLANDA ROBESON spoke on [redacted] at a Civil Rights Congress meeting sponsored by the Committee of One Hundred, at the [redacted], Detroit, Michigan.

According to [redacted] ROBESON made no specific reference to Communism, but characterized America as the main body of imperialism. Subject's remarks referred to Africa, Peace and Civil Rights, Korea, and generally followed the "Daily Worker" line.

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On June 12, 1950 [redacted] advised that the International Workers Order had formed the Committee of One Hundred, 147 Fourth Avenue, New York City. According to [redacted] the Committee of One Hundred was organized at the instigation of the General Council of the International Workers Order for the purpose of taking action to support the defense activities of the International Workers Order.

[redacted] advised subject spoke on mannerisms, culture, manner of dress, education, and wealth of Africa at a Freedom Associates meeting on [redacted] at [redacted] New York City.

According to [redacted] and [redacted] the subject attended a meeting of Freedom Associates on [redacted] at [redacted] Chicago, Illinois.

[redacted] advised ROBESON attended a meeting at [redacted] New York City, on [redacted] which reported on the World Congress in Defense of the Rights of Women held in Denmark in June, 1953. b7D

According to [redacted] ROBESON attended a rally "In Defense of the Right to Read" held on December 11, 1953 at the Manhattan Towers, Broadway and 76th Street, New York City, which was sponsored by the New York Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions.

ROBESON told of her run-in with Senator McCARTHY and stated she was surprised and happy to hear that her books were on the shelves overseas. ROBESON said she was not asked if she was a Communist sympathizer by McCARTHY, but added "I am."

[redacted] advised ESLANDA ROBESON attended a "send-off" party sponsored by the Civil Rights Congress and given for the delegates participating in the delegation traveling to Atlanta, Georgia as part of the campaign for the freedom of ROSA LEE INGRAM. This party was held at [redacted] New York City.



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It is to be noted that ROSA LEE INGRAM is presently serving time in Atlanta, Georgia. The Civil Rights Congress is attempting to seek her freedom.

[redacted] and [redacted] advised subject attended the "McCarthy Trial" held at the St. Nicholas Arena, 66th Street and Columbus Avenue, New York City, on January 6, 1954, sponsored by the Trade Union Veterans Committee.

According to [redacted] ROBESON condemned McCARTHY for his threat and intimidations of people in all walks of life, the methods he uses and what effect it has had and will continue to have if he is not stopped now. The Negro People, Labor Unions, the arts, the sciences, all have felt his Nazi-like investigations, and all this with the stamp of approval of the present administration. This war-monger, murderer of innocent people, must be brought to justice by the American people who alone can judge him for what he is worth. This meeting will go down in history as having incited a move which will eventually wipe out McCarthyism.

[redacted] furnished a pamphlet entitled "Trade Union Veterans Committee" addressed to the Civil Rights Congress which states, "A group of trade unionists who are World War II and Korean war veterans are holding a public trial of Senator JOSEPH McCARTHY, Wednesday, January 6, 1954, at St. Nicholas Arena. The purpose of this trial is to expose the evil of McCarthyism as well as McCarthy's record of political and moral corruption. This trial will also bring to light McCarthy's association with pro-Nazi and Big Business groups. This trial, in our opinion, will help to mobilize the struggle against the anti-labor forces who are running rampant in our country. It will show that McCarthyism has become the chief weapon of reaction in its efforts to destroy the democratic and civil liberties of American labor and the people."

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