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PAUL ROBESON, SR.

SAC, New York (100-56680) (Original & 1) January,

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Reference is made to New York letter to the Bureau dated 12/27/54 entitled "Amerikai Magyar Szó," transmitting translations from the October, November and December issues of this Hungarian-language publication.

An article in the November 4, 1954, issue of "Amerikai Magyar Szó" reflected that Mrs. Robeson, who attended a Hungarian meeting in the New York area, had a position in the Press Office of the United Nations.

The New York office is instructed to determine the accuracy of this information and specifically ascertain if Mrs. Robeson is employed in any capacity with the United Nations which would bring her within the purview of the United Nations loyalty program.

This information should be furnished the Bureau under the appropriate caption.

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[REDACTED] ON [REDACTED] ADVISED THAT b1/b7D
MASS RALLY TO "FREE WILLIAM L. PATTERSON AND BENJAMIN
DAVIS" UNDER AUSPICES OF CRC WAS HELD AS SCHEDULED
EVENING OF 1/26/55, AT YUGOSLAV HALL, 405 WEST 41ST STREET,
NYC. [REDACTED] ORALLY ADVISED SA [REDACTED] THAT THE b1/b7C
RALLY WAS ATTENDED BY APPROXIMATELY 400 INDIVIDUALS.

SAM BARRON INTRODUCED LOU MOROZE OF NEW JERSEY CRC, WHO
SERVED AS CHAIRMAN OF THE RALLY. SPEAKERS INCLUDED
LOUISE PATTERSON, CARL MARZANI AND PAUL ROBESON. BEULAH
RICHARDSON RECITED POEM ENTITLED "NEGRO AT BAR OF JUSTICE"
EULOGIZING PATTERSON. LEON BIBB AND EARL ROBINSON
ENTERTAINED WITH SONGS. OTHERS INTRODUCED INCLUDED SMITH

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ACT SUBJECTS JOE BRANDT, JUNIUS SCALES, REGINA FRANKFELD, AND THE WIFE OF JACOB MINDEL. COLLECTION SPEECH WAS HANDLED BY WILLIAM ALBERTSON, AND RAISED APPROXIMATELY \$500.00. ALBERTSON ATTACKED THE CONTINUED INCARCERATION OF PATTERSON AND DAVIS, LACK OF BAIL FOR THE ELEVEN, CONVICTION OF CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, AND STATED THAT HE WAS READY TO FIGHT IN DEFENSE OF THE RIGHTS OF ALL VICTIMS OF GOVERNMENT "PERSECUTION", INCLUDING THE RIGHTS OF THE COMMUNISTS. PAUL ROBESON INTERPOLATED HIS RECITAL OF AMERICAN, RUSSIAN AND CHINESE FOLK SONGS WITH REMARKS TO THE EFFECT THAT IT WAS AS CERTAIN AS HIS STANDING THERE THAT FORMOSA WOULD BE IN THE HANDS OF THE "CHINESE PEOPLE" AND "VERY SOON". ROBESON CHARGED THE UNITED STATES WITH TRYING TO VIOLATE CHINESE TERRITORY AND ATTEMPTED TO DRAW A PARALLEL WITH THE UNITED STATES POSITION IN THE PACIFIC WITH A HYPOTHETICAL CASE INVOLVING POSSIBLE OCCUPATION OF LONG ISLAND BY A FOREIGN POWER WHICH

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WOULD AROUSE PROTEST OF ALL AMERICANS AS THE PACIFIC
OPERATION WAS CAUSING PROTEST BY THE CHINESE PEOPLE.
ROBESON DESCRIBED THE PEOPLE OF THE WORLD AS BEING ON
THE MARCH AND CALLED ON THE PEOPLE TO STAND UP AND FIGHT.
RESOLUTIONS IN THE FORM OF WIRES FORWARDED TO THE ATTORNEY
GENERAL FROM THE MEETING CALLED FOR THE ENDING OF THE
PERSECUTION OF PATTERSON, DAVIS AND LIGHTFOOT, AND THE
ENDING OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST NEGROES IN FEDERAL
PRISONS GRANTING OF BAIL TO ELEVEN CP LEADERS PENDING
FURTHER APPEAL. [REDACTED] COPIES OF THE RECORD "THE
INVESTIGATOR" LAMPOONING SENATOR MC CARTHY SOLD AT
\$3.75 EACH DURING THE EVENING. [REDACTED] ON [REDACTED]
ADVISED THAT CRC DISTRIBUTED A MIMEOGRAPHED LETTER DATED 1/14/55
CAPTIONED "URGENT" AND UNDERSIGNED SAMUEL BARRON. THE
LATTER COMMUNICATION STATES CRC PRESENTLY ATTEMPTING TO
COMPILE A CARD FILE ON ALL CIVIL RIGHTS CASES FEDERAL, STATE
OR LOCAL. CRC HOPES TO PUT OUT A "FACT SHEET" DEALING WITH
SMITH ACT CASES AND THEIR AFFECT ON CIVIL RIGHTS, AS WELL
AS A MONTHLY PERIODICAL TO BE KNOWN AS "CIVIL RIGHTS LAW
LETTER" DEALING IN GENERAL WITH CIVIL RIGHTS CASES, AND
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WHICH WILL BE DISTRIBUTED AT THE RATE OF FIVE DOLLARS PER ANNUM, AND WILL DEAL WITH ALL CIVIL RIGHTS CASES, EXCEPT DEPORTATION AND DENATURALIZATION. CRC JANUARY 14 LETTER ASKED THAT ORGANIZATIONS RECEIVING SAME (1) GET LAWYERS HANDLING CRC CASES TO SUPPLY MATERIAL CONCERNING CIVIL RIGHTS CASES HANDLED BY THEM, (2) FORWARD NAMES OF ATTORNEYS INVOLVED IN CIVIL RIGHTS CASES AND RESPECTIVE AREAS, (3) FORWARD LIST OF ATTORNEYS, LAW LIBRARIES, LEGAL DEPARTMENTS OF ORGANIZATIONS AND UNIONS AND ALL OTHER GROUPS OR INDIVIDUALS WHO SHOULD GET COPIES OF FIRST ISSUE OF "CIVIL RIGHTS LAW LETTER", WHICH WILL BE ISSUED MIDDLE OF FEBRUARY NEXT. OFFICES RECEIVING COPIES OF INSTANT AIRTEL WILL REMAIN ALERT FOR INFORMATION INDICATING IMPLEMENTATION OF AFOREMENTIONED PROGRAM SET OUT IN JANUARY 14 CRC COMMUNICATION. AUSA GEORGE H. BAILEY ORALLY ADVISED THAT CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS BY TWO TO ONE

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DECISION FILED JANUARY 27, 1955, REVERSED CONTEMPT
CONVICTION OF PATTERSON, REMANDED CASE TO DISTRICT COURT,
AND ORDERED PATTERSON TO BE RELEASED IMMEDIATELY. MAJORITY
OPINION FILED BY JUSTICE CHARLES E. CLARK WITH JUSTICE
JEROME N. FRANK CONCURRING, CHARGES INSUFFICIENCY OF
EVIDENCE THAT PATTERSON HAD CUSTODY OF CRC BOOKS. JUSTICE
CARROLL C. HINCKS DISSENTED AND WILL FILE OPINION LATER.

~~REDACTED~~ AND ~~REDACTED~~ BOTH ADVISED ^{OF} REVERSAL IN PATTERSON b1
CASE AND INDICATED THAT CP HEADQUARTERS HAD ALSO BEEN
APPRISED OF THE DECISION. 1/27/55 ISSUE OF "DAILY WORKER",
PAGE FIVE, CONTAINED STATEMENT FROM WILLIAM ALBERTSON OF
CRC ATTACKING THE ACTIONS UNDERTAKEN BY THE NY STATE JOINT
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE AGAINST CRC AND SIMILAR ORGANIZATIONS
AND ANNOUNCES A LEADERSHIP ^{CONFERENCE} WOULD BE HELD 1/29/55, AT 23
EAST 26TH STREET TO ORGANIZE A JOINT MASS CAMPAIGN TO
"PROTEST THE ORGANIZED SECTIONS OF THE ANTI-MC CARTHY

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MOVEMENT". NY INFORMANTS NEGATIVE. FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
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Date: February 8, 1955

To: Mr. Dennis A. Flinn BY COURIER SERVICE
Director
Office of Security
Department of State
515 - 22nd Street, N. W.
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From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: PAUL ROBESON
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You have previously been furnished copies of various reports reflecting the activities of this subject.

For your additional information it has been called to this Bureau's attention by a reliable informant that on January 26, 1955, a mass rally to "Free William L. Patterson and Benjamin Davis" was held at the Yugoslav Hall, 405 West 41st Street, New York City, under the auspices of the Civil Rights Congress, an organization designated by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

Robeson, a speaker at this rally, reportedly interpolated his recital of American, Russian, and Chinese folk songs with remarks to the effect that it was as certain as his standing there that Formosa would be in the hands of the "Chinese people" and "very soon." Robeson charged the United States with trying to violate Chinese territory and attempted to draw a parallel between the United States' position in the Pacific and a hypothetical case involving the possible occupation of Long Island by a foreign power. This would arouse protests of all Americans as the Pacific operation was causing protest by the Chinese people. Robeson described the people of the world as being on the march and called on the people to stand up and fight.

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Subject is on SI. He has recently initiated proceedings to force the State Department to issue him a passport.

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SURVEY OF CHINESE COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES IN THE NY AREA: IS - CH.
RE NY TELS 2/2,3,4/55. THE NYO HAS PRESENTLY 59 CHINESE ON
THE SI, 27 OF WHICH ARE ALIENS AND 32 ARE AMERICAN CITIZENS.
LOCATION OF 57 OF ABOVE SUBJECTS VERIFIED ON 2/2,3,4/55 AS WITHIN
TERRITORY OF THE NYO. THE TWO REMAINING SUBJECTS, [REDACTED]
AND [REDACTED] ARE BOTH REPORTED TO BE OUTSIDE THE US.
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WITH RESPECT TO NON-CHINESE SI SUBJECTS CONSIDERED
POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS AND SYMPATHETIC TO CHINESE COMMUNIST,
THERE ARE ATTACHED HERETO 24 BLANK MEMORANDA IN DUPLICATE RE
SUBJECTS LISTED IN NY TELS OF 2/3 AND 4/55.

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The following information is being set out concerning the captioned individual, a security index subject of the New York Office, in order to substantiate placing the name of this person on the list of individuals whose close sympathies for Communist China would make them potentially dangerous.

The captioned individual who is the wife of Paul Robeson, is associated with the "New World Review", a magazine devoted to countries of the so-called "New World" such as the Soviet Union, China, and other satellite nations.

Mrs. Robeson stated on March 28, 1950 that she had been in Peiping, China in late December, 1949 and early January, 1950 where she attended a meeting of a conference of some 500 women called by the Chinese Communists. She stated further that she had reached China from Russia travelling into China via the Trans-Siberian Railroad.

Mrs. Robeson also stated on March 28, 1950 that she favors the recognition of the Chinese Communist Government and their right to a seat at the United Nations.

On December 9, 10, 17 and 19, 1950 Mrs. Robeson contacted Mrs. Kung Fu-Shen, International Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and a delegate to the United Nations representing the Chinese People's Republic.

Mrs. Robeson also contacted the Chinese Communist delegation to the United Nations at the Waldorf Astoria on December 19, 1952.

At a "Rally for China" sponsored by the Council on African Affairs, on February 20, 1950, Mrs. Robeson mentioned how the Chinese people welcomed her as an American sympathetic to the Chinese people's cause.

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TO : Director, FBI (100-12304)

DATE: 2/10/55

FROM : SAC, New York (100-56680)

SUBJECT: ESLANDA CORDOZO ROBESON, was
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Rebulet dated 1/7/55.

[redacted] advised SA [redacted] on [redacted] that ESLANDA ROBESON had been issued a temporary accreditation card as a representative of The New World Review [redacted]

According to this source, accreditation of press representatives to the U.N. is handled by the Press and Publication Section of the Department of Public Information of the United Nations. Consequently ROBESON was in no way an employee of the U.N. and would not come within the preview of the LEUN program.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT *Ab*

DATE: Feb. 4, 1955

FROM : MR. O. T. MANSFIELD *OTM*

SUBJECT: **ESLANDA ROBESON**
SECURITY MATTER (C)
 Bureau file: 100-12304
 ORIGIN: New York
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PROBLEM:

The file on captioned individual has been reviewed for the purpose of determining whether she is of such professed Communist Chinese sympathy that she would or could present a threat in the event of hostilities with Communist China.

BACKGROUND:

Subject was born December 15, 1895, in Washington, D. C. She resides at 408 West 128th Street, New York City. She is the wife of Paul Robeson.

SOUNDNESS OF CASE:

Subject has been a close associate of known Communist Party members and leaders for many years. [REDACTED] describes her as a concealed Communist - 1950. Subject refused to state whether she was a Communist Party member before the McCarthy Committee - July, 1953, but has since admitted publicly she is a Communist sympathizer. She has been active on behalf of numerous Communist fronts - 1947-1954, frequently as a speaker. Her principal recent activity has been as a member of the Board of Directors, National Council on American-Soviet Friendship - 1953; chairman of Progressive Party of Connecticut - 1952; and activity on behalf of Negroes in front groups and peace groups. She has been employed as editorial consultant on Negro and colonial matters by "New World Review" - 1952. She attended receptions at Russian Embassy - 1948, 1952.

In 1949 she attended meetings of the Women's International Democratic Federation in Russia and China. In New York she has met with leading representatives of the Chinese Communist delegation to the United Nations - 1950, 1952. She has advocated recognition of Communist China - 1950, 1953. In 1951 she spoke favoring the struggle of colonial peoples in China, Russia, and the "peoples' democracies." In February 1950 she spoke at a "Rally for China" sponsored by the Council for African Affairs extolling Russia and telling how the Chinese people welcomed her as a sympathizer to their cause.

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cc - Mr. Belmont; Mr. Norstrom; Mr. Cox; Mr. Mansfield

IN 100-12304-14

**RECOMMENDATION AS TO CONTINUANCE OR CANCELLATION
OF SECURITY INDEX STATUS:**

Subject should be continued on the Security Index.

**RECOMMENDATION AS TO WHETHER OR NOT SHE SHOULD BE
INCLUDED ON LIST OF "NON-CHINESE ON THE SECURITY
INDEX WHO ARE SYMPATHETIC TO COMMUNIST CHINA:"**

Subject is sympathetic to the Chinese Communists.
It is recommended she be included on the list of non-Chinese
sympathetic to Communist China.

It is observed that subject is primarily pro-Soviet
and her expressions of pro-Chinese sympathy are generally
expressed as a part of a broader interest in colonial questions.
In the event of an emergency, however, she would probably
become a propagandist on behalf of the Communist Chinese.
Accordingly, the above recommendation has been made.

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Mr. Belmont This is one we recommended
& decided should not be included
(on list)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-12304)

DATE: 2/17/55

FROM : SAC, New York (100-25857)

SUBJECT: PAUL LEROY ROBESON
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It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above-captioned individual.

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

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RESIDENCE ADDRESS ✓ Apt. 20, 408 W. 128th Street, N.Y. c/o ESLANDA ROBESON

(Subj. constantly travels and is rarely to be found at above address)

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REPORT MADE AT NEW HAVEN	DATE WHEN MADE 2-24-55	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 2/14, 16/55	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] las
TITLE ESLANDA CORDOZO ROBESON, aka			CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject reportedly believed to be Communist Party member 1954; sponsor of Connecticut Peace Council 1952; attended Connecticut Peace Council meetings Bridgeport, Connecticut 1954; subscribed to Daily Worker and/or Worker 1952-1954.

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

DETAILS:

I.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

A. Employment

Confidential Informant [REDACTED] advised on [REDACTED] that the subject had said she was then a reporter and that she had a good opportunity to know what goes on at the United Nations. The subject did not state for whom she was reporting.

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II. ACTIVITY IN SUBVERSIVE AND COMMUNIST PARTY DOMINATED GROUPS

A. Connecticut Peace Council (CPC)

The Connecticut Peace Council has been described by Confidential Informant [redacted] as dominated and controlled by the Communist Party in Connecticut.

The April 3, 1952 issue of the "Bridgeport Herald", a daily newspaper published in Bridgeport, Connecticut, contained an article which indicated that the subject was a sponsor of the CPC.

[redacted] advised on [redacted] that the subject attended a meeting of the CPC at [redacted] on [redacted].

This informant advised that WILLARD UPHAUS acted as Chairman of the meeting and introduced the subject as the speaker for the meeting. [redacted] advised that the subject's talk centered around the admission of Red China to the United Nations. This informant further stated that ROBESON stated that it was her belief that the United States would soon have to give in and admit Red China as a highly respected country to the United Nations. The informant advised that Mrs. ROBESON referred to China as the "People's Republic of China."

WILLARD UPHAUS has been described by Confidential Informant [redacted] as "one of the principle individuals involved in the Communist conspiracy to subject the Methodist Church for Communist purposes".

The subject's attendance at the above meeting on November 20, 1954 in Bridgeport, Connecticut was verified by Confidential Informant [redacted] on [redacted]; Confidential Informant [redacted] on [redacted]; Confidential Informant [redacted] on [redacted]; Confidential Informant [redacted] on [redacted] and Confidential Informant [redacted] on [redacted].

B. American Peace Crusade

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised on [redacted] that the subject was the featured speaker at Chicago's

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Salute to the 2nd Anniversary of Africa's Fight for Freedom on April 24, 1954 which was held at 41st Street and South Parkway, Chicago, Illinois under the auspices of the American Peace Crusade. According to the informant, Mrs. ROBESON spoke on the advances that are being made by the colored people in the world, and especially in Africa, in combating white supremacy and colonization.

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

C. Daily Worker and Worker

The Daily Worker is a Communist East Coast daily newspaper and the Worker is the Sunday edition of the same.

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised on February 18, 1954, April 15 and 30, 1954, that one Mrs. E. G. ROBESON, The Beeches, Enfield, Connecticut, was a subscriber to the Daily Worker or Worker in November, 1952, February 1953, July 1953 and April, 1954. b7D

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Summary report of SA [REDACTED] dtd January 11, 1954 at New Haven.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Transmit the following ~~Teletype~~ message to:

FBI, LOS ANGELES

3/11/55

8:00 PM

DIRECTOR, FBI

PAUL ROBSON. IS - C, DAYLET.

ADVISES ROBSON ARRIVED IN LOS ANGELES ON 3/10/55, TRAVELLING UNDER AN ASSUMED NAME. ADVISES ALLEN BOOTH IS TRAVELLING WITH ROBSON AS PIANIST. ROBSON SCHEDULED FOR CONCERTS IN LOS ANGELES 3/12 AND 3/13/55. BELIEVES ROBSON WILL DEPART LA ON 3/16/55 FOR SF AND "POINTS NORTH". RE ROBSON'S USE OF ASSUMED NAME FOR TRAVEL, A CHECK WITH TWA REFLECTS THEIR FLIGHT 91 WAS DUE IN LA AT 6:00 AM, 3/10/55, NON-STOP FROM NEW YORK. FLIGHT 91 ARRIVED LATE IN LA AT 8:32 AM. ADVISES THAT ROBSON ARRIVED IN LA APPROXIMATELY 8:30 AM, 3/10/55, NON-STOP FROM NEW YORK, APPROXIMATELY 2 1/2 HOURS LATE, FLIGHT AND AIR LINE UNKNOWN TO INFORMANT. BUREAU AND INTERESTED OFFICES WILL BE ADVISED.

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cc: 2- NEW YORK (REG. AM)
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PAUL ROBESON
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Enclosed for your information is one
copy of a letter from [redacted]
[redacted] which is self-explanatory.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-12304)

DATE: 4/5/55

FROM : SAC, New York (100-25857)

SUBJECT: PAUL LEROY ROBESON, wa
IS-CCard U. I. D.
4/2/55

It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above-captioned individual.

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

NAME olALIASES Add: J. Ward

NATIVE BORN _____ NATURALIZED _____ ALIEN _____

COMMUNIST _____ SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY _____ INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST LEAGUE _____

MISCELLANEOUS (Specify) _____

TAB FOR DETCOM _____ TAB FOR COMSAB _____ RACE _____ SEX _____

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AMERIKAI MAGYAR SZO
(Hungarian American Word)
Jan. 27, 1955
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THE SIGNIFICANCE OF HUGO GELLERT'S ART

Paul Robeson's address was a high point of the Gellert Banquet in New York. We present extracts of the address.

"Today was an unforgettable experience for me. It was inspiring to hear Michael Gold's sincere words. It was moving to see Louis Weinstock on the way to prison, full of faith and hope. I am reminded of my people's old song, that when I laugh I do it to cover my tears. We are smiling and laughing today too, but behind our smiles we cry for those from whom we must now part.

But I send this message to the enemies of the people: Beware, for behind our laughter and tears the hurricane of anger is preparing to break its bonds. What can I say to you now that we celebrate a great Hungarian, now that we are among Hungarians, I remember when I was in Hungary in 1930. And I think of modern Hungary. Who in 1930 could have thought that in so short a time the Hungarian people could change the course of history and rule over its own home?

In the battle for human freedom the ways and means vary. The ancestors of those who are in this hall fought for their freedom in various ways. But we must understand the basis sense of this struggle and we must make it understood to men and then we can go into the fight with perseverance.

They must understand that in history every great advance toward a higher and freer society was preceded by a longer period of waiting, decades, or centuries. But the time always arrives, it is unavoidable. Let us examine our Revolutionary War of 1775 and the period that preceded it, let us study the Civil War and the time before it. The Hungarian War for Independence was also preceded by a so called "time of reforms".

Throughout the world the peoples and nations are in this situation. Some have already made the great jump for which they prepared for centuries (China). Others are now preparing. But this is the law of life.

But the nations would not be able to make the great leap if there were not great thinkers who prepared the needs and rules for progress.

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And the peoples would not be able to make the jump, achieve the progress, if there were not artists who enlighten the intellect, make it powerful, bring out hidden beauty and desirability.

A great and irreplaceable representative of this army is he whom we celebrate this day with such great love and for so good a reason. His art is an indestrucible weapon of the American people's war for independence. Without this weapon we cannot conquer."

Translator: [REDACTED] b7c

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: June 1, 1955

FROM: J.B. SAC, Indianapolis (100-0-13070)

10 JUN 1955 R

SUBJECT: PAUL ROBESON
SECURITY MATTER - C

On May 24, 1955 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] called at this office and produced to SA [REDACTED] a letter bearing the signature who styled herself as [REDACTED] of the National Association of Negro Musicians. [REDACTED]

In the letter [REDACTED] stated that there is a movement in her local branch to have PAUL ROBESON give a recital to the branch. She states she understands that ROBESON is regarded as a Communist and that the question as to whether to permit him before their branch is causing some confusion among the members. She further mentioned that she is in the employ of the Federal Government and will not jeopardize her Federal position by being a party in the movement to obtain ROBESON for the branch and that, furthermore, if he is permitted to appear before the branch she will resign from the association. She did not give the name of any individual who is sponsoring ROBESON. In her letter she inquired [REDACTED] whether he could not give a directive to all branches on the question of permitting ROBESON to appear before them.

[REDACTED] purpose in coming to this office was to seek advice. He was advised that FBI records are confidential and that we could not assist him in replying to [REDACTED]. He indicated he might inform [REDACTED] to contact the FBI Office in New York or to write to the Attorney General.

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BY COURIER SERVICE

Date: June 16, 1955
To: Mr. Kimbell Johnson
Chief, Investigations Division
U. S. Civil Service Commission
Washington, D. C.
From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Subject: [REDACTED]
SECURITY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

Sent: 7/205-ny
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Date Bureau deadline
6/30/55.
Reason for delay
In handwriting
Necessary communication
Will reach Bureau
7/6/55. Glen

[REDACTED] National Association of Negro Musicians, has furnished this Bureau with the following information concerning captioned individual who, according to [REDACTED] is employed with the Federal Government in New York City.

[REDACTED] of the National Association of Negro Musicians, New York City, wrote [REDACTED] that certain members of her branch were interested in getting Paul Robeson to give a recital. She was opposed to letting Robeson give the recital and stated she would resign from the association if Robeson appeared.

There is no additional information in the files of this Bureau that can be identified as bearing on the loyalty of [REDACTED]

This is being furnished for your information since it is possible that captioned individual may contact the Civil Service Commission concerning this matter. This is not to be considered as a clearance or nonclearance concerning [REDACTED]. No action is being taken under the provisions of Executive Order 10450.

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cc: 1 - New York (Info) Refer Indianapolis letter to Bureau dated June 1, 1955, entitled "Paul Robeson, Security Matter - C," copy to the New York Office.

1 - Indianapolis (Info) (100-0-13070)

BY COURIER SVC.

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Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT NEW YORK

REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK	DATE WHEN MADE 7/6/55	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 5/5,6,9-13,16,26,31;6/1-3,6-8,14-17/55	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] psm
TITLE CHANGED PAUL ROBESON, was: J. Ward			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject a self-employed concert singer, chairman of Editorial Board of "Freedom" and chairman of the Council on African Affairs. Subject maintains residence at 408 W. 128th St., NYC, although constantly travels on concert and organizational work. Subject a vice chairman of NCASF, 1948 and 1950. Attended CP meetings [REDACTED] and listed as member, Executive Committee of Committee for a Democratic Far Eastern Policy, 1948-49. Subject a member of the Board of Directors, Committee for a Democratic Far Eastern Policy, 1951. Subject in contact with NCASF 1954; attended Czechoslovakian reception, 12/9/54; on Executive Committee of ALP, December, 1954 and attended Freedom Associates dinner on 12/26/54. Subject sang at YPA concert, 1/10/55; attended CRC rally, 1/26/55; sang at NYC ASP concert, 2/6/55; attended PUND reception, 2/10/55, and CRC Victory Dinner same date. [REDACTED] attended party in honor of Soviet delegates to Commission on the Status of Women, 3/24/55; spoke at May Day Rally, 4/29/55 and sent greetings to Asia-Africa Conference at Bandung, Indonesia. Subject attended APC dinner, 6/10/55.

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DETAILS: The title of this report is being marked Changed to reflect the alias of J. WARD, under which the subject traveled on March 17, 1955, via Trans World Airways, Flight 90, from Los Angeles, California to New York City, arriving March 18, 1955.

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DATE FORW. *7-14-55*
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BY *Jag [REDACTED]*

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APPROPRIATE AGENCIES
AND FIELD OFFICES
ADVISED BY SLIP(S)
DATE *7-14-55*

APPROVED AND
FORWARDED: *[Signature]*

SPECIAL AGENT
IN CHARGE

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BACKGROUND

Employment

The records of [REDACTED] b7D
[REDACTED] were checked on May 31, 1955, by SE [REDACTED] b7C
which records reflected a report dated August 25, 1954,
which listed the subject's occupation as a concert singer.
These records further reflected that in 1954, the subject
was managed by the Metropolitan Musical Bureau, 113 West
57th Street, New York City.

On May 31, 1955, [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable
information in the past, advised that the subject is a concert b7D
singer who can be reached through his agent, Columbia Concerts,
New York City.

On June 8, 1955, [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable
information in the past, advised that as of that date the
subject was on the staff of the newspaper, "Freedom", although
the exact nature of the subject's duties were not known to
the informant. D

The April, 1955, edition of "Freedom", Volume five,
Number four, page two, column two, noted that the newspaper
is published monthly by Freedom Associates, 139 West 125th
Street, New York City and listed PAUL ROBESON as chairman
of the Editorial Board.

The December 31, 1950, issue of "The Worker"
contained an article which describes "Freedom" as a monthly
newspaper published by Freedom Associates which was introduced
in November, 1950. This article pointed out that the
purpose of the newspaper was to promote Negro matters, the
selecting and writing of all material from the view point
that is interesting rather than necessary to the Negro worker
and to point out the importance to the Negro people of
their alliance with the labor movement of the worker's class.

"The Worker" is the Sunday edition of the "Daily
Worker", an East Coast Communist daily newspaper.

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In [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that the Editorial Board of "Freedom" was composed of Communist Party members and sympathizers. According to [REDACTED] "Freedom" was intended as a replacement for the Harlem edition of "The Worker."

On June 7, 1955, [REDACTED] who was in a logical position to furnish information concerning "Freedom", advised that the newspaper is published ten months per year, the last issue having been published in April, 1955. [REDACTED] continued that no issue would be published of "Freedom" during May and June, 1955, but that an August, 1955 issue would be forthcoming. [REDACTED] advised that a year's subscription to "Freedom" sells for one dollar and that the paper is located in Room six, 136 West 125th Street, New York City. b7D

On [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that as of that date the subject was chairman of the Council on African Affairs, (CAA), on the Editorial Board of the newspaper "Freedom." and

With regard to the CAA, [REDACTED] stated that the Council is in dire financial straits and is not functioning as an organization, although it does engage in activity from time to time, such as the issuing and distribution of a statement within the interests of the CAA.

The CAA has been designated by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

Residence

On January 24, 1955, [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that on [REDACTED], the subject indicated that he had sold his home in Connecticut and was then residing on 135th Street, New York City, on a temporary basis while he awaited an apartment.

On November 20, 1954, [REDACTED], who was in a logical position to furnish information regarding the subject, advised that as of that date, [REDACTED] b7C

[REDACTED] indicated that PAUL ROBESON should be contacted at AU 6-2667.

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The 1955 Manhattan cross index telephone directory, Bell Telephone Company, reflects the phone number AU 6-2667 is registered to the Reverend B. C. ROBESON, 155 West 136th Street, New York City.

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D. C. on May 14, 1951 contains the following concerning the NCASP:

- "1. Cited as a Communist front.
(Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities, Review of the Scientific and Cultural Conference for World Peace arranged by the National Council of the Arts, Sciences, and Professions and held in New York City on March 25, 26, and 27, 1949, House Report No. 1954, April 26, 1950 (originally released April 19, 1949), p. 2.)"

On February 9, 1955, [REDACTED]

and [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised they have resided in the neighborhood and have known Reverend B. C. ROBESON for many years. Both stated that they are familiar with the subject and to the best of their knowledge the subject did not reside with his brother and last visited the Reverend ROBESON for a period of two or three days prior to Christmas, 1954.

On February 9, 1955, [REDACTED] who was in a logical position to furnish information regarding the subject's residence, advised that to the best of his knowledge, the subject does not reside with his brother, Reverend B. C. ROBESON, 155 West 136th Street, New York City, and according to [REDACTED] has not visited this address for any length of time within the past year.

On May 17, 1955, [REDACTED] 22 East 89th Street, New York City, was contacted relative to the subject and advised that the subject, subsequent to the

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death of HAROLD MC GEE on February 23, 1955, has not visited this address and no mail addressed to the subject has been observed by [REDACTED] being delivered in care of MC GEE. She stated that in her opinion, the subject no longer uses the address of MC GEE as either a residence address or an address to which mail could be sent. b7c/b7D

The records of [REDACTED] supra, on May 31, 1955, reflected a report dated August 25, 1954, relative to the subject. The subject's residence as of that time was listed as 408 West 128th Street, New York City, although his permanent home was listed as "The Beeches" at Enfield, Connecticut. Subject's previous addresses were listed as Washington, D. C., 70 Bank Street, New York City, London, England and 55 Edgecomb Avenue, New York City. b7D

According to these records, the apartment at 408 West 128th Street, New York City, is rented in the name of the subject's son and daughter-in-law. These records reflected that the subject and his wife are not actually tenants of the above apartment but reside there from time to time when in New York City.

Miss Paul Robeson
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On June 1, 1955, the records of the New York Bureau of Motor Vehicles, were checked by SE [REDACTED] which records reflected that 1955 New York license 9C-60-80 is registered to ESLANDA GOODE ROBESON, 408 West 128th Street, New York City, for a 1950 green Oldsmobile sedan. b7c

On February 9, 1955, [REDACTED] 408 West 128th Street, New York City, advised that the subject's wife, ESLANDA ROBESON resides in Apartment 20 at instant address with the subject's son, PAUL ROBESON, JR., and his wife. [REDACTED] stated that the subject and his wife seemed to travel a great deal and spend frequent intervals away from the above mentioned apartment. [REDACTED] stated that in his opinion, the subject is actually paying the rent on the apartment and to all intent and purposes, this apartment constitutes the subject's residence when in New York. b7c/b7D

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ACTIVITIES OF SUBJECT

The April 26, 1947 issue of "People's Voice" page one, contained an article captioned, "I Am Coming Back, Fighting Paul Vows," which article concerned the return of PAUL ROBESON to Chicago, Illinois, following his being refused permission to give a concert at the City Hall in Peoria, Illinois. This article quoted ROBESON as stating, "I've never seen anything like it since Franco-Spain Peoria was like an armed camp." The article stated that ROBESON was asked whether or not he was a Communist to which he replied, "There are only two groups in the world today - fascists and anti-fascists. The Communists belong to the anti-fascists group and I label myself an anti-fascist."

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., on May 14, 1951, contains the following concerning the "People's Voice:"

- "1. Among publications which the committee found to be Communist initiated and controlled, or so strongly influenced as to be in the Stalin solar system."
(California Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1948, p. 225.)"

On [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that a meeting of the NCASP was held at [redacted] on [redacted]. According to [redacted] a leaflet was passed out at this meeting which leaflet listed the National Officers of the organization and noted that PAUL ROBESON was a Vice Chairman - Music.

The NCASP has been previously described.

On [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that as of that time, PAUL ROBESON was a Vice Chairman of the NCASP.

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On [REDACTED], who was in a logical position to furnish information concerning the subject, advised that during [REDACTED] the subject was present at [REDACTED] Communist Party meetings held [REDACTED]

The "Far East Spotlight," published by the Committee for a Democratic Far Eastern Policy, (CFDFEP), 111 West 42nd Street, New York City, volume four, number two, dated July, 1948, contained a list of the officers of the CFDFEP which listed PAUL ROBESON as a member of the Executive Committee of instant organization.

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

On March 9, 1949, [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, made available the March, 1949 issue of "Far East Spotlight" which listed PAUL ROBESON as a member of the Executive Committee of CFDFEP.

"The Worker," issue of May 8, 1949, Section Two, page four, columns one and two, contained an article entitled, "The Truth Also Fight For a Free China," which article concerned some of the activities of the CFDFEP. This article noted that PAUL ROBESON was a member of the Executive Committee of the CFDFEP.

"The Worker" has been previously described.

On [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that as of that date, PAUL ROBESON was a member of the Board of Directors of the CFDFEP.

On November 20, 1954, [REDACTED] who was in a logical position to furnish information relative to the subject, advised that on November 19, 1954, RICHARD MORFORD, described by the informant as Executive Director of the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship, (NCASF), congratulated

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the subject on ROBESON's appearance at the annual November rally of the NCASF. MORFORD commented on the significance of ROBESON's attendance at the annual meeting of the NCASF and stated, "Command us always when we can help you."

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

On [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that on December 9, 1954, the subject and his wife were among persons present at a reception held at the Czechoslovak United Nations Delegation, New York City.

On December 10, 1954, [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that as of December 9, 1954, the subject and his wife ESLANDA GOODE ROBESON were on the Executive Committee of the American Labor Party (ALP). b7D

[REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on September 9, 1954, that from the time of its inception in 1936, there existed within the American Labor Party a struggle for power among three groups. These were the Communist Party, the Socialist Party and the Social Democrats. By the early 1940's, the Communist Party emerged as the controlling force within the American Labor Party in the major industrial areas in New York State. Generally these were the areas around Albany, Buffalo, Jamestown, Rochester, Schenectady, Syracuse, Troy, the Hudson River Valley, Columbia, Dutchess, Nassau and Westchester Counties, and New York City with the exception of Brooklyn. In 1942 the Communist Party was able to capture the American Labor Party in Brooklyn.

[REDACTED] knew this situation to continue up until at least 1949. The American Labor Party never developed into an organization of any real consequence in the non-industrial areas of New York State.

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[REDACTED], who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on July 14, 1954, that the Communist Party today, as in the past, through its members in key positions in the American Labor Party, constitutes the force that controls it. b7.D

On [REDACTED], who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that PAUL ROBESON was to be among the speakers at a dinner honoring the 30th Anniversary of International Publishers and the 70th birthday of ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG, to be held December 17, 1954, at 405 West 41st Street, New York City.

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," as mentioned previously, contains the following concerning International Publishers:

- "1. 'The (Communist) Party's publishing house,' headed by ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG. (Attorney General Francis Biddle, Congressional Record, September 24, 1942, p. 7686.)
- "2. 'Publishing agency of the Communist Party.' (Brief for the United States in the case of WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, p. 145.)
- "3. An 'official publishing house of the Communist Party in the United States,' and a medium through which 'extensive Soviet propaganda is subsidized in the United States.' (Special Committee on Un-American Activities, Reports, January 3, 1940, p. 8, and June 25, 1942, p. 18; also cited in Report, March 29, 1944, p. 76.)"

The "Daily Worker" issue of December 22, 1954, page eight, column one, contained an ad announcing a Civil Rights Congress (CRC) mass meeting to be held on January 26, 1955, at Yugoslav Hall, 405 West 41st Street, New York City. This ad listed PAUL ROBESON as the main speaker.

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

On [REDACTED], supra, advised that on December 26, 1954, a cabaret party sponsored by Freedom Associates was held at 35 East 125th Street, New York City. [REDACTED] advised that PAUL ROBESON was the principle guest at this affair, the purpose of which was to raise funds for Freedom Associates.

Freedom Associates has been previously described as the publishers of the newspaper "Freedom."

[REDACTED]

The "Daily Worker" dated January 10, 1955, page three, column two, contained an article entitled, "Packed Auditorium at CCNY Hears ROBESON at Concert." This article described a concert given by ROBESON at the College of the City of New York and noted that the appearance of ROBESON was presented by the College of the City of New York Chapter of the Young Progressives of America (YPA).

HERBERT ROMERSTEIN, self-admitted former Communist and YPA member, in testimony before the Sub Committee of the Committee of the Judiciary, United States Senate, on April 12, 1951 and on June 12, 1951, stated that the YPA was set up on the basis of the needs of the Communist Party. YPA members were active with the YPA as Communists and the organization

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was developed along Communist Party lines. ROMERSTEIN also testified that the YPA leadership was composed of Communist Party members and further stated that the founding convention of the YPA had been held in Philadelphia in 1948.

On February 28, 1955, [REDACTED], who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information which indicated the YPA has not been active on a city-wide basis in New York since December, 1953.

The January 20, 1955, edition of "Magyar Szo", page three, column four, a Hungarian language publication, contained an article entitled, "HUGO GELLERT's Celebration in New York", which article stated that a banquet in the honor of HUGO GELLERT's fortieth anniversary as an artist was held in New York at the Bronx Hungarian Home. According to the article, PAUL ROBESON was present and spoke on the great issues facing the people of the world and the role which GELLERT filled in his forty years of productive activity. b7D

On February 18, 1954, [REDACTED], who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that the "Magyar Szo" consistently follows the Communist Party line as did its predecessor the "Magyar Jovo."

On [REDACTED], who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that the NCASP would present PAUL ROBESON in an evening of theatre arts at the Manhattan Center, 34th Street and Eighth Avenue, New York City, on February 6, 1955.

The "Daily Worker," issue of January 24, 1955, page four, column four, contained an article entitled, "ROBESON Sues for Passport to Prague Concert," which article stated that PAUL ROBESON, through his attorneys, had asked the Federal District Court in Washington, D. C. to direct the State Department to grant him a passport. The article continued that ROBESON had received an invitation to appear at the National Opera House in Prague, Czechoslovakia and

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further ROBESON was naming Secretary of State JOHN FOSTER DULLES as defendant in the suit. ROBESON claimed that DULLES' actions in denying him the privilege of travel abroad "are arbitrary, capricious and without warrant or authority in the laws of the United States are contrary to the United Nations Universal Declaration on Human Rights."

On [redacted] supra, [redacted] supra, and [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that on January 26, 1955, the subject attended and was a speaker at a mass rally to "Free WILLIAM L. PATTERSON and BENJAMIN DAVIS" which was held under the auspices of the CRC at Yugoslav Hall, 405 West 41st Street, New York City. With regard to this rally, [redacted] advised that PAUL ROBESON sang American, Russian and Chinese folk songs and stated that it was a certainty that Formosa would be in the hands of the Chinese people soon. He charged the United States with trying to violate Chinese territory and drew a parallel with the position of the United States in the Pacific with a hypothetical case of the occupation of Long Island by a foreign power. ROBESON described the people of the world as being on the march and called on the people to stand up and fight. b7D

On March 1, 1954, [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, made available a leaflet issued by the BENJAMIN DAVIS Committee which leaflet listed WILLIAM L. PATTERSON as National Executive Secretary of the CRC.

BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, JR. was one of eleven members of the National Committee of the Communist Party who was convicted on October 14, 1949, in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York for violation of the Smith Act of 1940.

The January 27, 1955, edition of "Magyar Szo", page three, column one, contained an article devoted to PAUL ROBESON's address at the HUGO GELLERT banquet in New York which presented extracts from ROBESON's speech. In part the article quoted ROBESON as saying ".....but I send this message to the enemies of the people; beware, for behind

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our laughter and tears the hurricane of anger is preparing to break its bonds.....in the battle for human freedom the ways and means vary. The ancestors of those who are in this hall fought for their freedom." ROBESON went on to compare the Hungarian war for independence with the American Revolution of 1775 and the American Civil War pointing out that such periods in world history are preceded by a time of reforms.

The "Daily Worker," issue of January 28, 1955, page six, column three, contained an article entitled, "400 at Rally Urge Release of PATTERSON and DAVIS," which article stated that a rally under the auspices of the CRC had been held in New York City at Yugoslav Hall in January, 1955, to protest the continued imprisonment of WILLIAM L. PATTERSON and former City Councilman BENJAMIN J. DAVIS. The article continued that PAUL ROBESON, a speaker at the rally, declared that the American people are "on the edge of winning the things for which PATTERSON and DAVIS have been jailed."

The "Daily Worker" issue of February 10, 1955, page seven, column two, contained an article entitled, "ASP Theatre Concert Stirs Overflow Audience," which article concerned a concert presented by the New York Chapter of the ASP held Sunday, February 6, 1955. According to the article, PAUL ROBESON appeared at the concert and sang several classical numbers in addition to a "peace song," an adaptation of Beethoven's Ninth Symphony.

On [REDACTED], supra, furnished a copy of the bylaws of the New York Chapter of the ASP; Section b, Article 1, states that this organization shall be affiliated with the NCASP.

The NCASP has been previously described.

On [REDACTED], who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that on February 10, 1955, the subject and his wife attended a reception held in honor of the departure of the Polish Ambassador J. WINIERWICZ. [REDACTED] continued that this affair was held at the Polish United Nations Delegation, New York City.

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On [redacted] and [redacted] supra b7D and [redacted] supra, advised that on February 10, 1955, a CRC Victory Dinner celebrating the release of WILLIAM L. PATTERSON from prison was held at Small's Paradise at New York City with approximately 300 persons in attendance. PAUL ROBESON, in introducing PATTERSON, described the present world dissension as illustrating the awakening of the Colonial peoples. He called upon those present to participate in the fight to win freedom for all political prisoners.

The "Daily Worker", issue of February 28, 1955, page three, column two, contained an article entitled, "PATTERSON, ROBESON Hit Effort to Cripple Defense Organizations," which article concerned the appearance of WILLIAM L. PATTERSON and PAUL ROBESON before a New York State Joint Legislative Committee probe into charity rackets held February 25, 1955. In part this article stated, ".....PAUL ROBESON, the singer, who had been subpoenaed, denounced the Committee for using MATUSOW-like 'stoolies' and 'informers'ROBESON said he was proud to be associated with the CRC."

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The "Daily Worker," issue of March 10, 1955, page six, column two, contained an article entitled, "ROBESON Urges Struggle to Defeat 'Double Jeopardy' Effort," which article stated in part: "PAUL ROBESON yesterday urged a fight on behalf of the Communist Party leaders and Smith Act victims released from Federal Penitentiary last week and re-arrested as being members of the Party under the Smith Act clause." According to the article, ROBESON stated,

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"The release of the courageous leaders of the American people is a cause for deep rejoicing...the struggle of these brave representatives of the masses of our land and the struggle of their associates is the fight of every decent thinking American." The article pointed out that ROBESON further stated, "It has been my privilege to appear on many platforms in the defense of Smith Act victims..... May we soon have an opportunity to greet these friends, not only of a progressive America, but of all America and of all the world."

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On March 24, 1955, [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that on this date the subject and his wife attended a cocktail party held at the U.S.S.R. United Nations Delegation, 680 Park Avenue, New York City. [REDACTED] stated that this party was given by the two Soviet women delegates to the Commission on the Status of Women, VERA A. FOMINA and FEONIYA NOVIKOVA. ←

The April 7, 1955, edition of "Magyar Szo", page thirteen, column one, contained a message from PAUL ROBESON which stated in part: "My sincere greetings to the Hungarian people on the great Anniversary which signifies their brave struggle through many centuries for freedom and independence.....My best wishes/this happy anniversary to Hungarian-Americans and the 'Magyar Szo' which amid constant struggles stands solidly for the traditions of our democratic heritage and which bravely reflects the basic changes in the new democracy." b7D

On [REDACTED] supra, advised that on April 23, 1955, BENJAMIN J. DAVIS arrived in New York City from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where he was met by a delegation led by WILLIAM L. PATTERSON and PAUL ROBESON. ←

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On [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that on April 29, 1955, the annual May Day Rally was held in Union Square, New York City. [REDACTED] continued that PAUL ROBESON was among the speakers at the rally and joined the others in eulogizing the working class and in calling for a continued fight against government legislation aimed at oppressing labor and minority groups. b7 D

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," as mentioned previously, contains the following concerning the May Day Parade:

- "1. 'The May Day Parade in New York City is an annual mobilization of Communist strength.' (Special Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, March 29, 1944, p. 179)."

The "Daily Worker," issue of May 4, 1955, page two, column one, contained an article entitled, "Bandung Notebook-PAUL ROBESON Heard Despite State Dept.", which article concerned a message from PAUL ROBESON sent to the Asia-Africa Conference at Bandung, Indonesia. According to the article, ROBESON greeted the conference and stated that the conference was significant in history as showing how the people of two continents could meet to decide their own destinies and sovereign independence. According to the article, ROBESON pointed out the U.S.S.R., Eastern Europe and China as examples of social progress.

The "Daily Worker", issue of May 13, 1955, page six, column one, contained an article entitled, "PAUL ROBESON Sang and Spoke to 1,000 Students at Swarthmore," which article concerned a concert given by PAUL ROBESON at Swarthmore College. In a speech delivered on this occasion, ROBESON stated that the refusal of the State Department to renew his passport was based on the contention that he "has been for years active politically in behalf of the independence of the colonial peoples of Africa."

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The "Daily Worker," issue of May 16, 1955, page three, column one, contained an article entitled, "ROBESON Offered Othello Role in Soviet Film: Again Applied to State Dep't For Passport." In part this article stated: "PAUL ROBESON, noted singer and actor, re-applied this week for a passport in order to appear in a film version of the Shakespeare classic, "Othello" scheduled for production this summer in the Soviet Union." The article stated that the offer had been made by SERGEI YUTKEVICH, Director of the Moscow Film Studio.

On [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that on June 10, 1955, the subject was in attendance at a dinner held at 1657 Broadway, New York City, which dinner was sponsored by the American Peace Crusade. ROBESON spoke on the work of THOMAS RICHARDSON, American Peace Crusade National Co-Director. [REDACTED] continued that RICHARDSON is now working with ROBESON as one of his managers, who aids ROBESON in planning his engagements. b7D

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

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On April 15, 1955, [REDACTED], who was in a logical position to furnish information, advised that on April 13, 1955, the resident board of the American Peace Crusade, announced that THOMAS RICHARDSON, American Peace Crusade National Co-Director, had tendered his resignation in order to devote his time fully to several cultural projects in which he is associated with PAUL ROBESON.

Informants cognizant of some Communist activity in the New York area, all of whom have furnished reliable information in the past, were contacted relative to the subject and could furnish no recent information concerning him.

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T-9 [REDACTED] c	[REDACTED]		SA [REDACTED] & SA [REDACTED]	100-78587-916 p. 3
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Informants contacted re recent activity on part of subject with negative results, as noted on page 17, are:

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Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized in the report only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.

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For the information of the Bureau, the Security Index card relative to PAUL ROBESON in the NYO is current and accurate.

Information contained herein, relative to the subject's use of the alias J. WARD, was furnished to the NYO in LA airtel to NY, dated 3/17/55, re subject's departure from LA on that day.

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[REDACTED]

The records of [REDACTED] were checked on 6/8/55 by SA [REDACTED] with negative results.

On 6/3/55, the records of the Manhattan Board of Elections were checked by SE [REDACTED] relative to the subject at 408 W. 128th St., 22 E. 89th St. and 155 W. 136th St., NYC, with negative results.

On 6/1/55, the records of the NY Motor Vehicle Bureau were checked by SE [REDACTED] relative to the subject with negative results.

The newspaper articles from the "Magyar Szo" set forth herein were translated from Hungarian by Translator [REDACTED]

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At New York, New York

Will follow and report the activities of PAUL ROBESON.

REFERENCE Report of SA [REDACTED] 1/6/55, New York.

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TO : Director, FBI (100-69266) DATE: 7/11/55
 FROM : SAC, New York (100-19377) (#7-2)
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 - (1-100-3-81) (INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS)
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 - 1-NY 100-101520 (FREEDOM) (#7-2)
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On [redacted] orally advised SAs [redacted] of [redacted] and [redacted] the following:

[redacted] CHARLES COE, who has been active in CP farm activity, and THELMA DALE of the Council on African Affairs (COA) [redacted]

THELMA DALE, according to the informant, is presently associated with the COA.

[redacted]
The COA has no office secretary and does not function as an organization.

PAUL ROBESON wants THELMA DALE to quit the paper "Freedom" and be a full-time Executive Assistant in the COA office.

The COA is not doing anything as an organization except to issue a statement now and then.

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PAUL ROBESON is striving to have his passport restriction lifted. ROBESON has an offer to play the role of "Othello" in England, but is unable to accept the offer because he is unable to travel. ROBESON also has an offer to act in a filmed production of "Othello" in East Germany. ROBESON also has other offers from Europe which he cannot fulfill because of his passport restriction. ROBESON's time these days, therefore, is spent in attempting to have his passport restriction lifted.

[REDACTED] THELM. DALE is Business Manager of "Freedom."

LOU BURNHAM is Editor of the paper "Freedom."

PAUL ROBESON is Chairman of the Board that publishes the paper "Freedom."

THELM. DALE appears to be a secretary of some sort in the COI. but is not employed full time.

PAUL ROBESON is Chairman of the COI.

THELM. DALE [REDACTED] worked on the National Board of the Progressive Party (PP) for a long time.

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] The
national office of the PP is closed and the furniture has
been disposed of. Technically, the PP exists, but there are
no offices. All matters are now referred to the ALP [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Informant advised that in all probability a
phone call to the PP office would be referred to the ALP
which further indicates the dissolution of the PP.

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Informant stated he believed he recalled that the April, 1955, issue of "Political Affairs" carried an extensive article attacking MC MINUS, his line and his ideas.

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It would appear, according to the informant, that MC MINUS has lost the first round in his argument even in his own camp because of the following:

1. The PP offices have been closed.
2. In the last issue of the "National Guardian" a policy statement was published by the paper which agreed generally that this is not the time for a third party. In editor's note which followed the article stated that MC MINUS voted against the statement which appeared in the "National Guardian." The article then went on to outline the line of MC MINUS in this matter.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-12304)

DATE 7/21/55

FROM : SAC, WFO (100-19021)

SUBJECT: PAUL ROBESON
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ReWFOairtel dated 7/18/55.

Mr. ASHLEY J. NICHOLAS, Assistant Director, Passport Office,
Department of State, furnished the following information to SA [REDACTED] on 7/19/55:

Subject and his attorney, LEONARD BOUDIN of NYC, saw Miss FRANCES G. KNIGHT, Director, PP Office, 7/18/55, re obtaining a PP for subject. In afternoon of 7/18/55, subject and BOUDIN had a conference with LOY HENDERSON, Undersecretary of State for Administration; RAYMUND T. YINGLING, Assistant Legal Adviser, Department of State; R. W. SCOTT MC LEOD, Administrator of the Bureau of Security and Consular Affairs, Department of State; Miss KNIGHT; Mr. NICHOLAS; and a representative of the State Department press section, re a PP for subject. BOUDIN wanted to know if the State Department was still following what he termed "the passport regulations scrapped by the courts" (referring to the recent court decisions in the cases of OTTO NATHAN, MAX SHACHTMAN, and CLARK NATHAN FOREMAN, of which the Bureau is aware, wherein the State Department issued passports rather than grant "quasi-judicial hearings" - these suits were brought by BOUDIN in opposition to the PP regulations regarding limitations on issuance of passports to persons supporting the Communist movement, as set forth in Section 51,135, Title 22, Code of Federal Regulations.) BOUDIN was informed at this conference that the State Department was still following the regulations. BOUDIN wanted to know why an exception could not be made for ROBESON under these regulations the same as it was for JOSEPH CLARK, "Daily Worker" correspondent who was issued a passport on 7/11/55 to go to Geneva for the "summit meeting." The State Department officials told ROBESON and BOUDIN that such an exception could not be made in his case. BOUDIN and ROBESON then immediately commented that it must then be a question of racial prejudice against ROBESON if an exception could not be made for him. The State Department officials denied this allegation and explicitly informed subject and BOUDIN that the question of "race" does not enter into this matter at all. NICHOLAS stated that some years ago the State Department, under the Travel Control Regulations, refused to let ROBESON travel to Canada. BOUDIN and subject raised this question also at the conference, stating that subject desired to go to Vancouver, B. C., for the weekend (July 23-24, 1955). It was agreed that the Department would consider

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this request and would advise BOUDIN of decision made. NICHOLAS advised that on 7/19/55, he telephonically communicated to BOUDIN the State Department's decision to allow subject to make the desired trip to Vancouver. NICHOLAS advised SA [REDACTED] that he knows nothing of the subject's travel plans or purpose of such travel, pointing out that no passport is necessary so such information is not in subject's passport file. NICHOLAS also advised that BOUDIN, in the subject's presence, took the occasion to inquire about a dozen or so other cases of this type wherein he is counsel and was told that the State Department intends to follow the aforementioned regulations. NICHOLAS added that no decision has been made as yet on the matter of issuing a passport to ROBESON for proposed travel abroad. P b7c

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TO : Director, FBI (100-12304)

FROM : SAC, New York (100-56680)

SUBJECT: ESLANDA CORDOZO ROBESON, was
Eslanda Cordozo Goode, Mrs.
Paul Leroy Robeson, Essie Robeson;
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DATE: 7/20/55

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REFERENCE:

SAC Letter #55-30, 4/12/55.

SUCCINCT RESUME OF CASE:

[REDACTED], advised on 10/26/43 that the subject, wife of PAUL ROBESON Sr., and her son, PAUL Jr., had gone to Washington, D.C. for a reception at the Russian Embassy during the first week of Nov., 1943. [REDACTED] the Russian Embassy considered her as a representative of the Soviet Union in the United States.

The 7/14/49 issue of the "NY Journal American", in an article entitled "Robeson Named as Red Party Member" stated in substance that MANNING JOHNSON, an admitted former member of the CP National Committee, had on that date told the House Un-American Activities Committee, that PAUL ROBESON, famous Negro singer, has been a "member of the CP for many years." JOHNSON told the Committee that he was a member of the CP up to 1940 and that during his years of CP membership he frequently met PAUL ROBESON in Party headquarters "going to or coming from" meetings with top Communist leaders. JOHNSON added "there is not one iota of a doubt that PAUL ROBESON was a CP member". He added, however, that ROBESON's membership was kept secret even from rank & file Communists.

[REDACTED] advised in [REDACTED] that PAUL ROBESON was known to him, prior to 1945, as a concealed Communist.

[REDACTED] advised on 6/29/50 that ESLANDA ROBESON was a Communist Party member in 1945, but she does not hold herself out to be a Communist. He stated that the subject was a devoted member of the CP along with her husband, PAUL ROBESON. [REDACTED] said that BENJAMIN DAVIS, known to the informant at that time as chairman of the Harlem Branch of the CP and a member of the National Board of the CP, and JACK STACHEL, known to the informant at that time as a National functionary of the CP, were the sources of his information.

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[REDACTED] advised that the subject is a member of the CP, USA. (No date given). b7c b7D

On 11/22/52 [REDACTED] advised that Mrs. PAUL ROBESON Sr. attended a Soviet Embassy reception in Washington, D.C. on 10/7/52 commemorating the October Revolution.

The subject testified before the Committee of Government Operations of the U. S. Senate on 7/7/53, at which time Senator McCARTHY asked her whether she was a Communist on that date. The subject refused to answer the question because, "it might tend to incriminate me." X

On 12/15/54 [REDACTED] advised that an affair was being held on 12/18/54 in honor of CLAUDIA JONES and the subject. b1

(CLAUDIA JONES was a CP leader convicted under The Smith Act of 1940)

On 3/24/55 [REDACTED] advised that the subject and her husband attended a cocktail party on 3/24/55 at the Russian UN Delegation Headquarters, 680 Park Ave., N.Y.C.

On [REDACTED] [REDACTED] advised that on [REDACTED] the subject stated that she had been in China in 12/49 and 1/50, 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. She stated that she reached China from Russia via the Trans-Siberian Railroad. b7c b7D

In the 7/8/52 issue of the "Daily Worker" it is reported that the subject has become associated with the "New World Review" as editorial consultant on Negro and colonial questions. The subject was scheduled to submit a regular monthly feature. This article further reflected that the subject had been in Soviet Russia on an extended stay.

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In 3/51 the name of the "New World Review" was changed from "Soviet Russia Today".

(S.R.T. - cited by HCUA)

The 9/27/52 issue of the Hartford Times, a daily newspaper published in Hartford, Conn., reflected that the subject was a candidate for Representative-at-Large for the Peoples Party.

[redacted] and [redacted] on 10/16/50 advised that the Peoples Party of Connecticut is dominated and controlled by the Communist Party of Connecticut. b1

[redacted] has advised that the subject has subscribed to "The Worker" and "Daily Worker" in 1952, 1953, and 1954. b1

The "Daily Worker" and "Worker" are East Coast Communist newspapers.

On 4/27/54 [redacted] advised that the subject was the featured speaker at Chicago's Salute to Second Anniversary of Africa's Fight For Freedom on 4/24/54, held at 41st Street and Southern Parkway, Chicago, Illinois under the auspices of the American Peace Crusade. b7D

(A.P.C. on AG's list.)

On 10/15/54 [redacted] advised that a dinner was held 10/14/54 in honor of ESIANDA and PAUL ROBESON at the Manhattan Towers Hotel, 76th Street and Broadway, N.Y.C. sponsored by the New World Review, and attended by approximately 450 people. b1

On 11/22/54 [redacted] advised that the subject was the principal speaker at a meeting of the Connecticut Peace Council at 1267 Stratford Ave., Bridgeport, Connecticut on 11/20/54. b1

[redacted] has described the CPC as dominated and controlled by the CP of Connecticut. b7D

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RECOMMENDATION:

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Retain on S.I.

The subject has been identified as a concealed CP member of long standing. She has also, within the past five years attended Soviet Official functions in the U.S. and refused to state before a U. S. Senate Investigating Committee whether or not she is a Communist. She has also within the past three years been an active participant in various front organizations.

DETCOM TABBING:

1. The subject is not presently tabbed for Detcom.
2. The subject has not been approved for Detcom tabbing under the new criteria in SAC Letter #55-12 (A) of 2/10/55. No SI cards have been received from the Bureau stamped "DETCOM" in large red letters.
3. The subject is not being recommended for Detcom .

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TITLE PAUL ROBESON, wa.			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

ROBESON arrived Los Angeles from New York 3-10-55, using alias J. WARD. He departed for New York 3-17-55. ROBESON was presented in two concerts by the First Unitarian Church, 2936 West 8th Street, Los Angeles. Housing arrangements for ROBESON were made by HORACE ALEXANDER, local CP member.

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DETAILS:

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[REDACTED] Los Angeles International Airport, advised on March 17, 1955, at the time of ROBESON's impending departure from Los Angeles for New York, that he knew ROBESON by sight. **[REDACTED]** made arrangements so that he

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would verify ROBESON's reservation [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] his ticket
[REDACTED] was made out to J. WARD. [REDACTED]

According to [REDACTED] while in Los Angeles ROBESON stated that he never uses his true name when traveling because he does not desire the public and "his enemies" to know in advance of his travel plans.

Arrival and Departure from Los Angeles

ROBESON's ticket stub for his flight from Los Angeles to New York on March 17, 1955, reflects TWA stock 0152D, number 97805, showing ROBESON to have arrived in Los Angeles aboard TWA flight 91 from New York Idlewild Airport on March 10, 1955. This ticket stub reflects the name J. WARD. ROBESON was ticketed in Washington Square Travel Service, 307 6th Avenue, New York City, New York, on March 4, 1955.

[REDACTED] verified ROBESON's reservation and departure on TWA flight 90 at 10:00 p.m. on March 17, 1955, from Los Angeles en route to New York.

According to [REDACTED] ROBESON departed for New York from the Los Angeles International Airport aboard TWA flight 90, 10:00 p.m., on March 17, 1955.

[REDACTED] advised that during ROBESON's stay in Los Angeles from March 10, 1955 through March 17, 1955, he was housed at 150 West 65th Street.

ACTIVITIES

General

[REDACTED] advised in [REDACTED] that HORACE ALEXANDER was contacted by PAUL ROBESON's Secretary to make arrangements for ROBESON's stay in Los Angeles.

At that time ALEXANDER was a member of the Los Angeles County Communist Party (LACCP). according to [REDACTED]

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██████████ advised ALEXANDER is presently Section Organizer, Central Section, Moranda Smith Division, LACCP.

██████████ advised ROBESON was accompanied by three attendants, who were acting as bodyguards for him while in Los Angeles. They were HOMER SADLER, CHARLES MOSLEY and HORACE ALEXANDER. All three are ██████████ members of the LACCP, according to ██████████

Association with the First Unitarian Church,
2936 West 8th Street, Los Angeles

The Pastor of the First Unitarian Church is STEPHEN H. FRITCHMAN.

According to ██████████ FRITCHMAN became a Communist Party (CP) member prior to ██████████ however, ██████████ has no information of CP membership on the part of FRITCHMAN subsequent to that date.

In ██████████ stated that he had known FRITCHMAN as a CP member in Boston; however, he gave no dates for FRITCHMAN's membership.

██████████ has advised that the purpose of ROBESON's trip to Los Angeles was to give some concerts at the First Unitarian Church and to have some special conferences with "various individuals."

██████████ stated that the First Unitarian Church sponsored ROBESON's appearance in Los Angeles in March, 1955, and that the church hoped to raise enough money to help pay its state taxes, inasmuch as the church had not complied with the provisions of the California State Law requiring a loyalty oath for a tax exemption.

██████████ said that ROBESON gave two concerts at the First Unitarian Church on March 11, and March 13, 1955.

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[redacted] advised in May, 1954, that the IPP in Los Angeles County is under the complete control of the CP, which sets its organizational goals, organizes its forces, and assigns its leadership. Membership in the IPP, however, does not of itself indicate CP membership on the part of any particular member.

In the latter part of 1954, [redacted] and [redacted] made available copies of a pamphlet soliciting help for the IPP in the November (1954) election. Among the Officers of the IPP listed was PAUL ROBESON, National Co-Chairman.

[redacted] advised that a reception for ROBESON was held at the Alpha House, 2016 South Western Avenue, Los Angeles, on March 16, 1955. [redacted] stated that the bulletin board at the Alpha House reflected that this reception was to be sponsored by the "Ratcliffe Club" and was apparently arranged by "RICK" RATCLIFFE. [redacted] said that ROBESON's subject at this reception was on the freedom enjoyed in Russia and of how his son enjoys his residence there. ROBESON also spoke of his difficulties in obtaining a passport.

[redacted] also advised concerning the above reception, sponsored by the "Ratcliffe Club."

According to [redacted] ALFONSO FRED RATCLIFFE, also known as "RICK", was the IPP Campaign Manager for HORACE V. ALEXANDER (supra), IPP Candidate for Secretary of State for the State of California in 1954.

[redacted] has identified RATCLIFFE as a 1952 member of the CP.

Miscellaneous

In [redacted] [redacted] advised that ROBESON would appear in Los Angeles in March to raise \$10,000 for "Freedom" and would appear at affairs sponsored by the Los Angeles Negro Labor Council (LANLC).

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Freedom Associates Incorporated, located at 139 West 125th Street, New York City, New York, has chapters located in various cities in the United States. The organization issues a monthly publication called "Freedom".

"Freedom", a monthly newspaper published by Freedom Associates, was introduced in November, 1950. The purpose of this publication is promoting Negro matters; the selecting and writing of all material from the viewpoint that it is interesting rather than necessary to the Negro workers; and the importance to the Negro people of their alliance with the labor movement of the working class, according to "The Worker" issue of December 31, 1950.

"The Worker" is the Sunday edition of the "Daily Worker" an East Coast Communist newspaper.

[redacted] advised in December, 1950, that the Editorial Board of "Freedom" newspaper was composed of CP members and CP sympathizers. According to [redacted] "Freedom" was intended as a replacement of the Harlem Edition of "The Worker".

[redacted] advised in January, 1953, that PAUL ROBESON was Chairman of the Editorial Board and writes the main articles for "Freedom".

The Headquarters of the LANLC, 4118 South Central Avenue, Los Angeles, is marked by a large sign, which reflects that the LANLC is the Los Angeles Chapter of the National Negro Labor Council (NNLC).

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

[redacted] has advised that [redacted] the Hollywood Arts, Sciences and Professions Council (HASP) on [redacted] decided to invite ROBESON to appear at a private reception sponsored by the HASP.

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[REDACTED] advised in May, 1954, that the HASP is the Southern California Chapter of the National Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions Council in New York, and that it follows the policies and program of the National organization.

The National Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions was cited as a Communist front by the Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report number 1954, dated April 26, 1950.

[REDACTED] has advised that ROZESON spoke for approximately five minutes to a meeting of the Baptist Ministerial Alliance at 41st Place and Paloma Street, Los Angeles on March 14, 1955, on the subject of Africa. ROZESON was taken to this meeting by FRANK WHITLEY.

[REDACTED] has identified WHITLEY as a [REDACTED] member of the CP and Executive Secretary of the LAMLC.

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