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TO : J. Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE APR 2 1956

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FROM : Warren E. Burger
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Division
SUBJECT: Paul Robeson v. John Foster Dulles
(C.A. D.C.), No. 12,983

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On March 14, a motion was filed with the Court of Appeals to add the names of the following to those of the amici curiae who had subscribed to the amici curiae brief:

✓ Lucien M. Brown, M. D.	no George H. Fisher - <i>NI</i>
✓ Daniel Weitzman - <i>W70</i>	✓ Dr. Annette T. Rubinstein
✓ Rev. Stacy Adams - <i>NI</i>	no John E. T. Campes, M. D. - <i>NI</i>
✓ Julius Heiman	no Mary P. Thompson - <i>NI</i>
✓ Dr. Harry K. Wells	no A. M. Trudeau - <i>NI</i>
no Charles Enoch Wheeler - <i>NI</i>	no Francis H. Bartlett (work & SI)
no Dr. Amanda V. Gray-Hilyer - <i>W70</i>	✓ Edwin Berry Burgum
✓ Albert Kaltz - <i>NI</i>	✓ Lloyd L. Brown
no Henry A. Callis, M. D. - <i>W70</i>	✓ Dr. Howard Kelsam
✓ Dr. Philip Foner	no Mrs. Jewel Bozique - <i>W70</i>
✓ Capt. Hugh N. Mulzac	✓ Henry P. Slaughter - <i>NI</i>
no Eleanor Mulzac - <i>NI</i>	no Dr. John E. Washington
✓ Lyndora Grey - <i>NI</i>	✓ George Murphy - <i>W70</i>
no Dr. Ulysses Campbell - <i>NI</i>	no Elinor Perry
no G. Murray Branch	✓ Thelma Dale
✓ William Harrison - <i>NI</i>	✓ Coleman Young - <i>NI</i>

I thought it pertinent to bring these developments to your attention in view of the security aspects of this case.

cc: William F. Tompkins
Assistant Attorney General
Internal Security Division

Mr. Jackson

SAC, New York (100-25857)

April 23, 1956

Director, FBI (100-12904)

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Transmitted herewith for your information is one copy of a memorandum from the Department dated April 2, 1956, which is self-explanatory.

The Bureau has advised appropriate field offices regarding the following individuals, whose names appear in the memorandum of reference:

Reverend Stacy Adams
G. Murray Branch
Dr. Ulysses Campbell
Henry A. Callie, M.D.

Lyndora Grey
William Harrison
Reverend Charles Hill
Dr. Amanda V. Gray Hilger
Albert Malta
George Murphy
Mrs. Jewel Moxique
Mary P. Thompson
Daniel Weitzman
Coleman Young

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Legal Attache, Mexico City
Washington Field
Washington Field
New Haven Office
Washington Field
Detroit Office

It is noted that many of the above names were listed as only possible identifications in view of the limited identifying data in the memorandum of reference.

Based on the limited identifying data, no identification was made in the Bureau's files regarding the following individuals listed in the memorandum of reference:

John E. T. Campos, M.D.
Eleanor Mulvan
A. M. Trudeau
Charles Enoch Wheeler

George E. Fisher
Henry P. Slaughter
Dr. John E. Washington

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Letter to SAC, New York

The remainder of the individuals listed in the memorandum of reference appear to reside in the New York area and channelizing memoranda should be placed in the appropriate case files concerning this matter. In the event it is determined that some of these individuals listed in the memorandum of reference are no longer in the New York area, New York should advise the appropriate office.

The above is for your information and the completion of your files.

J. Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Warren E. Burger
Assistant Attorney General
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Assistant Attorney General
Internal Security Division

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-12304)

DATE: April 30, 1956

FROM : SAC, WFO (100-19021)

SUBJECT: PAUL ROBESON, was.
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On 4/19/56, ASHLEY J. NICHOLAS, Chief, Passport Legal Division, Passport Office, Washington, D. C., made available the following letter to SA [REDACTED]. This letter was sent to the Passport Office in an envelope bearing the return address of [REDACTED].

The letter reads as follows:

April 11, 1956

"Passport Department, State Department, USA
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs,

"A notice in this morning's paper states that Canada refused entrance to PAUL ROBESON. Isn't it time that the United States wakes up to the fact that in joining the Communist Party and working for the overthrow of our Government, ROBESON forfeited his citizenship? Why is he not deported to Russia?!!!"

"[REDACTED] in Russia in 1936 he told [REDACTED] he had gone there to stay, that he was a communist and that had only disgust for the United States!!

"Isn't it more sensible to send such traitors out of the country than to let them stay here and destroy us from the inside?? We got CHARLIE CHAPLIN out, now let us get ROBESON and BRIDGES out before they do more damage!!.

Sincerely yours,

[REDACTED]
(signature)

The above is submitted for information purposes.

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Reference is made to Washington Field letter dated April 30, 1956, setting forth the contents of a letter addressed to the State Department by [REDACTED]

Bureau files were checked concerning [REDACTED] with negative results. Inasmuch as [REDACTED] indicated in her letter to the State Department [REDACTED] was personally acquainted with Robeson and had conversed with him in Russia in 1936, it is desired you immediately interview [REDACTED] to determine any knowledge she may possess regarding Robeson. If it is determined that [REDACTED] did in fact converse with Robeson and the statements that she contributed to Robeson were made in her conversation with Robeson you should be most thorough in your interview to obtain all information indicating pre-Soviet sentiments or membership in the Communist Party on the part of Robeson. The results of your interview with [REDACTED] should be set forth in report form suitable for dissemination. This matter should receive immediate attention inasmuch as Robeson is presently appealing a decision of the State Department regarding passport matters.

cc New York (100-25854) (Information)

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (RM)

DATE: 4/25/56

FROM : SAC, OKLAHOMA CITY (14-0)

SUBJECT: PAUL ROBESON
SEDITION

On 4/23/56 one [REDACTED] was interviewed regarding case entitled Treasury, SGE, Bufile 140-9086. This is also identical with subject of investigation entitled [REDACTED] RECAP - K, PART II, OC file 100-6429. During this interview [REDACTED] was discussing some of the events which took place while he was a prisoner of war and he briefly mentioned the fact that while he was interned at [REDACTED] during the summer of 1952, PAUL ROBESON, an American singer, accompanied by a Britisher, name not recalled, visited the camp. [REDACTED] recalls that during his visit ROBESON sang a song he now remembers as being "That Old Black Magic" and after his performance ROBESON circulated among the prisoners, particularly the Negro prisoners of war, and he allegedly attempted to convert them to the Communist way of life. [REDACTED] stated this was done by ROBESON's comparing the life of the American Negro and discrimination and segregation in America with the life they could expect under Communism. [REDACTED] stated ROBESON used himself as an example.

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[REDACTED] mentioned that ROBESON did not discuss this subject with large groups of POW's, but rather with small groups and individuals. [REDACTED] stated at this time he specifically recalled one [REDACTED] and an individual known as [REDACTED] as being among those so contacted by ROBESON.

[REDACTED] added he will make a special effort to recall the names and identities of several others in [REDACTED] who were also approached by ROBESON.

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DIRECTOR, FBI

4/25/56

Re: PAUL ROBESON
SEDITION

In the way of descriptive information, [REDACTED] stated he noticed ROBESON and the Britisher were carrying a small caliber pistol while circulating among the prisoners. When specifically asked during this interview whether or not he was sure this was PAUL ROBESON [REDACTED] stated he was so sure he would be glad to testify to this information if necessary.

This information is being furnished to the Bureau as it is not known by the Oklahoma City Office whether or not the alleged fact that ROBESON visited American prisoners of war at [REDACTED] in North Korea has been previously brought to the Bureau's attention. It should be noted [REDACTED] further added that ROBESON and the Britisher talked to American prisoners of war, British subjects, and other United Nations prisoners of war during their visit.

In view of the foregoing information, no further investigation is contemplated in Oklahoma City pending advice from the Bureau.

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Mr. Conman

SAC, Oklahoma City (14-0)

May 3, 1956

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Reurlet dated April 25, 1956, captioned
"Paul Robeson, Sedition."

A review of the Bureau files on the captioned subject does not reflect that the subject was out of the United States during the Korean conflict. In addition, during the review of approximately 250 counterintelligence files furnished to the Bureau by the Department of the Army there was no indication that Robeson was in Korea during the pertinent period. Consequently, no investigation is desired in connection with the information furnished in your referenced letter.

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Oklahoma City, in interviewing a former Korean prisoner of war, was advised that Robeson appeared at [redacted] North Korea, in the Summer of 1952 and talked with American prisoners of war. Our files on Robeson reflect that he was in this country all that time.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson ✓

DATE 5-31-56 9-1

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT: HOUSE UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE HEARINGS
INTO PASSPORT MATTERS
PAUL ROBESON

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_____ of the House Un-American Activities Committee staff called Wick at 2:00 p. m. 5-29-56. He stated the Committee is having difficulty with Paul Robeson who was served with a subpoena by United States Marshal on May 21 or 22 to appear before the Committee 5-29-56 in Washington.

_____ pointed out that just prior to 5-29-56 the Committee received two letters from Robeson's attorney, Milton Friedman, 342 Madison Avenue, New York City, which made reference to an operation Robeson underwent in November, 1955. Enclosed with the letters from Friedman were communications from 2 doctors who attested to Robeson's inability to appear in Washington on subpoena for the reason that (1) he cannot travel and (2) he cannot make public appearances because of the adverse effects such activity might have on the condition of his heart. He is also, one doctor stated, afflicted with a urinary disorder. One of the doctors said Robeson was confined to his home because of the above.

_____ pointed out that in view of the letters from Friedman and the doctors' statements, the Committee had decided to postpone Robeson's appearance until June 12, 1956.

It occurred to the staff of the Committee, stated _____ that if it can be shown that Robeson engaged in any travel outside his home between May 29 (the date he could not appear before the Committee under subpoena) and June 12, 1956 (the date he is now scheduled to appear) it will be possible for the Committee to cite him for contempt. _____ asked whether the FBI could be of any assistance in this regard since possibly the FBI might have an investigative interest in Robeson and could confidentially advise the Committee whether Robeson had left his home during the pertinent period.

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_____ stated he personally did not know where Robeson resided at this time but he believed he was staying part of the time at the home of his son at 166 West 32nd Street, Apartment 20, New York City. Communications from the Committee addressed to the senior Robeson at this address have been delivered to him.

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cc - Mr. Boardman

cc - Mr. Belmont

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ACTION TAKEN:

Wick told [REDACTED] it did not appear we could be of any help. b7c

RECOMMENDATION:

That we have the New York Office make two or three spot checks between now and June 12 to determine whether Robeson leaves his residence. If this is the case the Bureau should be promptly advised so that consideration may be given as to what further steps may be taken with respect to the House Un-American Activities Committee's request.

I don't think we
should be making
investigations
for the House
Committee

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont *AKB*

DATE: 6/7/56

FROM : Mr. J. F. Bland *JFB*SUBJECT: PAUL ROBESON
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On 7/18/55 Paul Robeson accompanied by his attorney, Leonard Boudin, consulted with officials of the State Department, Washington, D. C., concerning Robeson's obtaining a valid passport for travel abroad.

Boudin wanted to know if the State Department was still following what he termed "the passport regulations as scrapped by the courts," referring to the previous court decisions in the cases of Otto Nathan and Max Shachtman wherein the State Department issued passports rather than grant "quasi-judicial hearings." Boudin was informed by State Department officials that the passport regulations regarding limitations on the issuance of passports to persons supporting the communist movement as set forth in Sections 51, 135, Title 22, Code of Federal Regulations, was still being followed by the State Department. Boudin was informed that in view of these regulations, Robeson was being refused a passport. The attorneys for Robeson subsequently filed motion for a preliminary injunction and summary judgement to be heard 8/16/55 before the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia for a decision. On 6/7/56 Mr. Bartlett, Liaison Section, telephonically advised that State Department officials had on that date received information to the effect that the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals unanimously affirmed the denial of a passport to Paul Robeson.

cc - Mr. Belmont *AKB*
 Mr. Bland
 Mr. Jackson

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Date: June 2, 1956

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Transmit the following message via AIRTEL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-12304)

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (100-13754)

RE: PAUL ROBESON
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On 6/1/56

[REDACTED] was interviewed by SAs [REDACTED]
 and [REDACTED] said she would not furnish
 any signed statement but would be willing to appear as a
 witness at any type of hearing where her presence may be
 desired.

[REDACTED] furnished Agents with a pamphlet which
 is entitled [REDACTED]. This pamphlet
 says in part [REDACTED] became keenly aware of the
 Red Menace threatening the World. She has spent a great
 part of her time in the study of the Russian Language, history
 and culture, [REDACTED]

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Approved: _____

Mr. Belmont

Special Agent in Charge

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

RE: PAUL ROBESON

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With regard to her contacts with PAUL ROBESON [REDACTED] advised that in 1936 she was traveling around the world with a group of friends that included [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] said she may be able to secure the present address of the above-named persons.

[REDACTED] were on a five months' tour of Europe and Russia. During their travel in Russia, the party was having lunch one day in the International Hotel, Moscow, during [REDACTED], when ROBESON walked into the dining room of the hotel and sat down near their table. [REDACTED] called [REDACTED] attention to ROBESON and asked if he could go over and invite ROBESON to their table. ROBESON was alone and when asked by [REDACTED] to come over to their table he responded.

[REDACTED] asked ROBESON what he was doing in Russia, and she says ROBESON "stuck out his chest" and replied "I am a Communist and I have come here to stay". [REDACTED] said she asked ROBESON why he had come to Russia what with all America had to offer, and ROBESON replied "Because here, I'm as good as anybody, and my children can go to school with white children". [REDACTED] said she asked if Russia would not take his children away from him, and ROBESON replied "They won't take my children away - I'm a special person here - I'm training an opera company to give TOM SAWYER - It is very amusing for me, a Negro, to be training White Russians to sing TOM SAWYER in Russian - I speak Russian like a native."

When asked by [REDACTED] if he planned to return to America, ROBESON replied "I'm never going back - I'm tired of being pushed around over there - I'm a Communist and I can come out in the open over here - There's no such

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RE: PAUL ROBESON

thing as freedom in the USA." [REDACTED] replied to ROBESON she would give him six months and he'd be back in the USA, to which ROBESON replied "Never", and he got up and left the table.

[REDACTED] said she was certain the person she talked to was ROBESON, and she said her party returned to America in due course, [REDACTED] returned to London alone, and while walking down Piccadilly, she ran into ROBESON on the street. [REDACTED] made a remark to ROBESON, who was alone, to the effect, "I see you came out of Russia", to which ROBESON replied "Yes, they tried to take my children away from me, and I wouldn't stay". [REDACTED] said "Then my prophecy was correct", to which ROBESON replied angrily, "I'm going back to the USA, but I will not give up my work, for I still believe in the cause." After the above remark ROBESON walked off down the street, and [REDACTED] has not seen him since.

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[REDACTED] has continued her fight against Communism and cited a concert in St. Louis in 1941 or 1942 where [REDACTED] distributed a lot of literature and allegedly caused a postponement of ROBESON's concert. The concert was allegedly moved from St. Louis to East St. Louis.

[REDACTED] has not been in Russia since 1936 and has had no contact with ROBESON since she last saw him in London in the fall of 1936.

Regarding [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised she is acquainted with [REDACTED] and since she has been in this area, she has conducted seances and made many talks before various clubs here. [REDACTED] said [REDACTED] has been allegedly forced to leave a church group with which she was associating in [REDACTED] due to fantastic tales which she has been

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

RE: PAUL ROBESON

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telling to the effect that she, [REDACTED] saw Roosevelt's body, FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT, former President of the USA, that is, transferred from its original coffin, and that the body was allegedly sent to Russia, where it is buried. [REDACTED] said [REDACTED] general reputation here is that she is "living in another world".

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It is suggested Bureau, Chicago and St. Louis check indices on [REDACTED] for background info which may have bearing on her credibility as a potential witness before any hearing board, etc.

Report being prepared by MM.

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SAC, New York (100-25857)

June 11, 1956

Director, FBI (100-12304)

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PAUL ROBESON
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Reference is made to Miami airtel dated June 8, 1956, copies to Chicago, New York and St. Louis, reflecting the results of an interview with [REDACTED]

A review of Bufiles reflects that during 1942 [REDACTED] was the subject of case entitled [REDACTED] Internal Security - C, Bufile 100-40191.

There is enclosed herewith for the information of the Miami and New York Offices one copy each of the following reports together with one copy of a memorandum regarding the investigation of [REDACTED] which contains information bearing on her credibility as a potential witness;

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated April 7, 1942, at St. Louis.

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated April 29, 1942, at Little Rock.

Memorandum from Little Rock Office to the Director dated April 29, 1942.

From a review of the above reports and other correspondence in the subject's file it appears that the subject made numerous fabricated statements concerning the Bureau and Government officials at that time. For the additional information of the Miami and New York Offices, St. Louis by letter dated May 29, 1942, advised that [REDACTED] was called to the St. Louis Office and confronted with certain statements she had allegedly made concerning the Bureau at which time she denied statements which involved the Bureau but did not deny her verbal attacks against the President and reiterated her statements indicating she might possibly be a psychopathic individual.

Enclosures (3)
2cc - Miami (100-13754) (3)
1cc - Chicago (For Information)
1cc - St. Louis (For Information)

See note on yellow page two.

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Letter to SAC, New York

In view of the above any future contacts with this individual by the Miami Office should be most circumspect.

NOTE ON YELLOW:

This individual interviewed as a result of a communication she directed to the State Department alleging that she had met Paul Robeson in Moscow during the 1930s at which time he admitted to her that he was a member of the CP. Bufiles checked on the married name of the subject, [REDACTED], with negative results. Miami Office interviewed subject at which time there was some indication during the course of the interview that the credibility of [REDACTED] was questionable. It was ascertained during the interview that [REDACTED] was formerly known as [REDACTED]. Bufiles reflect this individual has been the object of considerable correspondence at the Bureau as well as being the subject of the IS-G investigation in 1942. It is indicated that this individual was possibly pro-Nazi, anti-Semitic, possible possessed a psychopathic personality.

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Date: 6/13/56

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REGULAR MAIL,

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From SAC, NEW YORK

To: BUREAU

PAUL ROBESON
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On 6/12/56, [REDACTED] advised that subject in telephone conversation with BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, JR., CP National Committee member, advised that he had just returned from the hearing in Washington, D.C. (House Committee on Un-American Activities). ROBESON stated it was fine and that he had plenty of time to talk. He stated that he smeared EASTLAND (Senator JAMES O. EASTLAND, Democrat of Mississippi). DAVIS stated he has been watching TV and also had the newspaper and radio news and thought that ROBESON did a grand job. They agreed to meet in a few days.

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Mr. Belmont

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Approved:

Special Agent in Charge

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Date: 6/14/56

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FROM: SAC, NEW YORK

TO: BUREAU

PAUL ROBESON
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On 6/11/56, [redacted] reported [redacted] contacted BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, JR. and indicated that PAULIE (believed to be PAUL ROBESON) was with him and they had prepared a statement and press release which would be mimeographed and then mailed out. Informant could furnish no other information concerning the above.

On 6/12/56, [redacted] reported PAUL ROBESON contacted BEN DAVIS and indicated he was back from the hearing in Washington. ROBESON indicated it was fine; that he got plenty of time to talk; and that he smeared Senator EASTLAND. DAVIS indicated he felt that ROBESON did a grand job.

It is noted that ROBESON on 6/12/56, testified in Washington, D.C. before the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

The above is being furnished the Bureau for information.

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1-New York (100-25857)(PAUL ROBESON)(12-16)

1-New York (100-23825)(BENJAMIN J. DAVIS)(19)

1-New York [redacted](12-14)

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CO: MR. BELMONT
AND SUPERVISOR
IN M. INTEL. DIVISION

Mr. Belmont

Approved: [signature]

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE MIAMI	OFFICE OF ORIGIN NEW YORK	DATE 6/22/56	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 6/1, 14/56
TITLE OF CASE PAUL ROBESON		REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]	TYPED BY lr
		CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C	

SYNOPSIS:

[REDACTED], advised during 1936 while on world tour she met PAUL ROBESON in Moscow, Russia at International Hotel. ROBESON, during conversation with [REDACTED] and others, allegedly said, "I am a Communist and have come here to stay - I'm never going back - I'm tired of being pushed around over there (America) - I'm a Communist and I can come out in the open over here - There's no such thing as freedom in the USA". Later in 1936 while in London, [REDACTED] again saw ROBESON and during conversation ROBESON allegedly said, "I'm going back to USA, but I will not give up my work, for I still believe in the cause". [REDACTED] was unwilling to furnish a signed statement, but says she is willing to testify as to the above conversations she had with ROBESON. [REDACTED] described as "living in another world" and "a psychopath".

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DETAILS: By letter dated April 30, 1956, Washington Field

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advised that on April 19, 1956, ASHLEY J. NICHOLAS, Chief Passport Legal Division, Passport Office, Washington, D. C., made available the following letter to SA [REDACTED] This letter was sent to the Passport Office in an envelope bearing the return address of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The letter reads as follows:

April 11, 1956

"Passport Department, State Department, USA
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs;

"A notice in this morning paper states that Canada refused entrance to PAUL ROBESON. Isn't it time that the United States wakes up to the fact that in joining the Communist Party and working for the overthrow of our Government, ROBESON forfeited his citizenship? Why is he not deported to Russia?!!!

"When I saw him in Russia in 1936 he told me that he had gone there to stay, that he was a communist and that had only disgust for the United States!!

"Isn't it more sensible to send such traitors out of the country than to let them stay here and destroy us from the inside?? We got CHARLIE CHAPLIN out, now let us get ROBESON and BRIDGES out before they do more damage!!

Sincerely yours,

[REDACTED]
(signature)

AT [REDACTED]

On June 1, 1956, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was interviewed by SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] said she would not furnish any signed statement but would be willing to appear as a witness at any type of hearing where her presence may be desired.

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[REDACTED] said she formerly was known as [REDACTED] and resided at [REDACTED] prior to her marriage to [REDACTED]

Eng. Russia

[REDACTED] furnished Agents with a pamphlet which is entitled [REDACTED]. This pamphlet says in part [REDACTED] became keenly aware of the Red Menace threatening the World. She has spent a great part of her time in the study of the Russian language, history and culture. [REDACTED] b7c b7d

With regard to her contacts with PAUL ROBESON, [REDACTED] advised that in 1936 she was traveling around the world with a group of friends that included [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] said she may be able to secure the present address of the above-named persons.

[REDACTED] said they were on a five months' tour of Europe and Russia. During their travel in Russia, the party was having lunch one day in the International Hotel, Moscow, during the month of August, when ROBESON walked into the dining room of the hotel and sat down near their table. [REDACTED] called [REDACTED] attention to ROBESON and asked if he could go over and invite ROBESON to their table. ROBESON was alone and when asked by [REDACTED] to come over to their table he responded.

[REDACTED] asked ROBESON what he was doing in Russia, and she says ROBESON "stuck out his chest" and replied "I am a Communist and I have come here to stay" [REDACTED] said she asked ROBESON why he had come to Russia what with all America had to offer, and ROBESON replied "Because

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here, I'm as good as anybody, and my children can go to school with white children". [REDACTED] said she asked if Russia would not take his children away from him, and ROBESON replied "They won't take my children away - I'm a special person here - I'm training an opera company to give TOM SAWYER - It is very amusing for me, a Negro, to be training White Russians to sing TOM SAWYER in Russian - I speak Russian like a native."

When asked by [REDACTED] if he planned to return to America, ROBESON replied "I'm never going back - I'm tired of being pushed around over there - I'm a Communist and I can come out in the open over here - There's no such thing as freedom in the USA." Mrs. BAYS replied to ROBESON she would give him six months and he'd be back in the USA, to which ROBESON replied "Never", and he got up and left the table.

[REDACTED] said she was certain the person she talked to was ROBESON, and she said her party returned to America in due course, [REDACTED] returned to London alone, and while walking down Piccadilly, she ran into ROBESON on the street. [REDACTED] said she made a remark to ROBESON, who was alone, to the effect, "I see you came out of Russia", to which ROBESON replied "Yes, they tried to take my children away from me, and I wouldn't stay". [REDACTED] said "Then my prophecy was correct", to which ROBESON replied angrily, "I'm going back to the USA, but I will not give up my work, for I still believe in the cause." After the above remark ROBESON walked off down the street, and [REDACTED] has not seen him since.

[REDACTED] said she has continued her fight against Communism and cited a concert in St. Louis in 1941 or 1942 where [REDACTED] distributed a lot of literature and allegedly caused a postponement of ROBESON's concert. The concert was allegedly moved from St. Louis to East St. Louis.

On June 1, 1956, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised she is acquainted with [REDACTED] and since she has been in this area, she has conducted seances and made many talks before various clubs here. [REDACTED] said [REDACTED] has been allegedly forced to leave a church group with which she was associating in [REDACTED] due to fantastic tales which she has been

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telling to the effect that she, [REDACTED] saw ROOSEVELT's body, FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT, former President of the United States of America, that is, transferred from its original coffin, and that the body was allegedly sent to Russia, where it is buried. [REDACTED] said [REDACTED] general reputation here is that she is "living in another world".

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On June 14, 1956, Confidential Informant T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised he was acquainted with [REDACTED] and from his contacts with her he regards her "as a psychopath".

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INFORMANT

T-1 is

[REDACTED]

REFERENCE

Bureau letter to Miami and New York dated 5/8/56.
Miami airtel to Director and New York, Chicago and St. Louis
dated 6/2/56.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Transmit the following ~~TELETYPE~~ message to:

FBI, CHICAGO (100-22692)

6/22/56

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-12304)

PAUL ROBESON
IS-C
O.O. New York

Re MM airtel to Director dated 6/2/56.

A review of the files of the CG Office reflect that [REDACTED] was a complainant to the CG Office approximately 8 times in the years 1947 and 1953 and 1954. Information furnished to the CG Office by [REDACTED] was little or no value. Judging from information reported in the CG files, [REDACTED] furnished unsupported allegations centering on Communism.

A review of the CG Office files failed to reflect that [REDACTED] has ever furnished any information re PAUL ROBESON.

In a letter to the SAC, CG, from [REDACTED] dated 9/6/54, [REDACTED] stated that she had organized and ran a [REDACTED] during the last war.

By letter to the SAC, CG, by [REDACTED] dated 2/25/53, information contained in the letter had reflected that [REDACTED] was a "travelling agent" and "lecturer."
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cc Baumgardner

- 3-Bureau (AM RM)
- 2-New York (100-25857) (AM RM)
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OFFICE MEMORANDUM -- UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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To: Director, FBI

From: Legat, Bonn, Germany (105-0)

Subject: PAUL ROBESON
53 West 125th St.
New York, NY
IS - HU

Date: 6/25/56

Remylet 3/14/56 which advises as follows: "The following persons and organizations have received copies of the 'Welt Jugend', a monthly magazine of the Democratic World League in Budapest." Subject's name and address was included as receiving this publication.

The 66th CIC Group, Stuttgart, Germany, have now stated that the organization publishing "Welt Jugend" should have been correctly designated as the "Weltbund der Demokratischen Jugend" - World Federation of Democratic Youth (WFDY). No such organization as the Democratic World League is known to exist and its use was due to a faulty translation from the German.

The WFDY has been cited by the Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities as one of the "long established Soviet-controlled international organizations" which "speak identical lines of propaganda and stand together on all phases of Soviet foreign policy." (Report No. 271, April 17, 1947, pp. 12 and 13; House Report No. 378, on the Communist "Peace" Offensive, April 25, 1951, original date, April 1, 1951, p. 77.)

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-370859)

7/6/56

SAC, NEW HAVEN (100-14518)

MINUTE WOMEN FOR PEACE
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Re Boston letter to the Bureau, 4/16/56, and report of SA [REDACTED] dated 1/11/54 at New Haven entitled "CHANGED: ESKLANDA CORDOZO ROBESON, Nea, Esklanda Cordozo Goods, Aka., Mrs. Paul Leroy Robeson, Essie Robeson".

In accordance with instructions set forth in referenced Boston letter, corrections in memorandum of SA [REDACTED] dated 11/7/52 have been made in the files of this office.

It is noted that this same information was reported in referenced report, of which five copies were transmitted to the Bureau and three to New York. New Haven copies of referenced report have been corrected and the Bureau and New York are requested to correct their copies of referenced report as follows:

Page 11, section "F. Miscellaneous", paragraph 1, lines 1 and 2: Delete "a member", and insert in its place "on the mailing list".

For the information of the New York Office, referenced Boston letter instructs that the Bureau should be advised when all corrections have been made.

3 Bureau (1: 100-12304)(RW)
1 New York (100-56680)(RV)
2 New Haven (1: 100-8032)
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-12304)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-56680)

SUBJECT: ESLANDA CORDOZO ROBESON, was
SM-C

DATE: 7/23/56

Re New Haven let to the Bureau, 7/6/56, captioned "Minute Women For Peace, Bufile 100-370859, IS-C."

Corrections have been made in captioned NY file, pg. 11, sect. F, as set out in referenced letter.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-12304)

DATE: July 24, 1956

FROM : SAC, NEW HAVEN (100-8032)

SUBJECT: MRS. ESLANDA ROBESON
SECURITY MATTER - C

Re Boston letter dated June 19, 1956, entitled "MINUTE WOMEN FOR PEACE, IS - C"; New Haven letter dated July 6, 1956, entitled "MINUTE WOMEN FOR PEACE, IS - C", and Bureau form O-1 dated July 9, 1956, entitled "MRS. ESLANDA ROBESON, SM-C."

From a review of NHO files, it does not appear that erroneous data re Mrs. ESLANDA ROBESON was reported by the New Haven Office other than as set forth in referenced New Haven Letter.

cc: 2 Director (RM)
1 New Haven (100-8032)

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Administrative action handled in memo Mr. Belmont & Mr. Boardman 4/24/56 regarding Massachusetts Minute Women for Peace.

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Liaison Section
Miss Triplett

100-12304

Date: July 25, 1956

To: Mr. Dennis A. Flinn
Director
Office of Security
Department of State
515 - 22nd Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

BY COURIER SERVICE

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: ESLANDA CORDOZO ROBESON
SECURITY MATTER - C

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES
AND FIELD OFFICES
ADVISED BY SLIP(S)
DATE 7/27/56

Reference is made to the summary report of
Special Agent John T. Pryor dated January 11, 1954,
at New Haven, Connecticut.

Paragraph 2 on page 11 of this report reflects
that Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that the subject
was a member of the Minute Women for Peace as of June 26,
1952.

The basis for subject's description as a member
of the Minute Women for Peace by this informant was the
fact her name appeared on a list originally believed by the
informant to be a membership list of this organization. It
has now been determined by the informant that the list upon
which subject's name appeared was a mailing list and not a
membership list.

You may desire to make appropriate changes in the
copy of referenced report in your possession in accordance
with the above.

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cc: Assistant Attorney General
William F. Tompkins

Attention: [redacted]
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(BY FORM 0-6 same date)

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Letter to Mr. Dennis A. Flinn
Director
Office of Security
Department of State

YELLOW: Subject is on SI. Administrative action handled in memo Mr. Belmont to Mr. Boardman 4-24-56 regarding Massachusetts Minute Women for Peace which recommends corrections be handled in individual cases. As reflected in this memo, [REDACTED] who originally furnished info that the list in question was a membership list, recently advised [REDACTED] this list was not a membership list, but a mailing list. All corrections in this case have been handled. b7D

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Date: 7/25/56

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From SAC, NEWARK (100-33129)

To: DIRECTOR, FBI

PAUL ROBESON
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██████████ advised on 7/23/56 that ██████████ on that date contacted an individual in New York City by the name of "PAT" (probably WILLIAM PATTERSON). She told him that she had a leaflet in her possession which announced that PAUL ROBESON was coming into New Jersey this weekend to the home of a man by the name of ERNEST THOMPSON. According to ██████████ a program had been arranged for ROBESON for the weekend and she indicated she was concerned because it does not represent any organized effort and she did not know whether or not ROBESON was aware of some of the aspects of the program. ██████████ expressed concern because NJ CP officials had not been consulted and she stated that the whole program was a complete surprise to her. She noted that the leaflet did not indicate who was responsible for the program. PAT indicated that he had some knowledge of what arrangements had been made and stated that STRETCH (LNU), probably HOWARD "STRETCH" JOHNSON, was familiar with the details. ██████████ expressed concern because she did not believe that the program was being handled in a dignified manner, noting that the program outlined for ROBESON included making a tour of taverns during the first night that he was here. ██████████ told PAT that she would have someone come in to New York on that day to discuss the problem with PAT.

- 3 - Director, FBI (REGISTERED MAIL)
 1 - New York (Info) (100-95550) REGISTERED MAIL
 6 - Newark (100-33129)
 1 - NK 100-4284K (Negro Activities)
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Mr. Belmont

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From SAC, NEWARK (100-33129)

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To: DIRECTOR, FBI

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[redacted] also advised earlier on the same day that [redacted] had discussed with [redacted] a contact [redacted] had made with ERNEST THOMPSON. According to the informant, [redacted] was of the opinion that the program planned by THOMPSON for ROBESON was not too bad. [redacted] expressed concern because of some of the "other people" with whom THOMPSON may have been working in planning the program for ROBESON. b1

[redacted] advised on 7/23/56 that at a meeting of New Jersey CP County Organizers held on that date at N.J. CP Headquarters in Newark, EMANUEL CANTOR, Essex County, N.J. CP Organizer, announced that they had been advised late of the fact that ROBESON will be in New Jersey over the coming weekend. According to CANTOR, they understood that he will be the guest of a number of New Jersey individuals who will bring him in touch with a number of people at a church picnic in connection with his right to sing. CANTOR said that they had found out about it too late to be of assistance to ROBESON. CANTOR stated that there will be a public barbecue at the home of ERNEST and MARGARET THOMPSON, 397 Olcott St., Orange, N.J., on Sunday and the counties should help swell attendance at this affair. b1

On 7/24/56 [redacted] (conceal identity) [redacted] b7C/b7D

[redacted] furnished to this office a typed copy of a press release received by the paper on that date. The press release reflected that ERNEST THOMPSON, of 397 Olcott St., Orange, N.J., announced that friends and well-wishers were holding a series of homecoming social events in honor of PAUL ROBESON on the weekend of July 27, 28 and 29. The featured event will be a barbecue and lawn party on Sunday afternoon, July 29, at 397 Olcott St., to which the general public is invited.

According to the press release, THOMPSON, who is well known in New Jersey labor circles and a long-time friend and admirer of ROBESON, said that he hoped that out of the homecoming would come a series of concerts or perhaps plays

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in New Jersey by ROBESON, "New Jersey's best known son". THOMPSON said that many people in New Jersey had expressed deep concern for a long time over the denial to ROBESON of many of the concert halls and radio and television. THOMPSON said that ROBESON would be available to his many friends and well-wishers during the day on Saturday, July 28, at 397 Olcott St., Orange, N.J.

It is noted that ERNEST THOMPSON is Secretary of the National Fair Practices Committee of the UNITED ELECTRICAL, RADIO AND MACHINE WORKERS OF AMERICA, 11 East 51st St., New York City.

~~_____~~ Former ~~_____~~ who has furnished reliable information in the past and who was a former NJ CP County Organizer, advised in May, 1951, that he had known MARGARET HUNTER THOMPSON as a CP member from 1942 to 1948. ~~_____~~ (conceal identity) advised that PAUL ROBESON was known to him as a concealed member of the CP. b1/b7

All Informants utilized in this airtel have furnished reliable information in the past or are in a position to furnish reliable information.

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Date: 7/30/56

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To: DIRECTOR, FBI

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Re: Newark Cinal captioned as above dated 7/25/56 which reflected that a series of Homecoming social events in honor of PAUL ROBESON were being held on the weekend of July 27, 28 and 29 at Orange, N.J.

[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on this date that MARTHA STONE, NJ CP State Chairman, had contacted WILLIAM PATTERSON on this date in New York City. PATTERSON, former National Executive Secretary of the Civil Rights Congress, told STONE that the three-day program was terrific and there had been a big crowd at the picnic on Sunday (7/29/56). PATTERSON told STONE that he has already organized similar affair in Plainfield (New Jersey) on August 11 and 12, 1956, and will also plan a program to be held in Paterson, N.J.

STONE made arrangements to meet with PATTERSON at 8:00 p.m. Thursday evening, 8/2/56, in New York City, for the purpose of discussing the events PATTERSON is planning. According to the Informant, STONE was pleased at the success of the affair at Orange, N.J., and indicated that a similar program at Paterson, N.J., would have even greater potentialities of success.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-12304)

DATE: July 31, 1956

FROM : SAC, ST. LOUIS (100-7590)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~SUBJECT: PAUL ROBESON
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Re Miami airtel 6-2-56 and Bulet 6-11-56.

In addition to data referred to in rebulet, St. Louis files reflect photostatic copies of reports received by the Bureau from Miami which were transmitted to St. Louis by Bulets November 30, 1942 and March 13, 1943, respectively, captioned [REDACTED] Internal Security - G, Custodial Detention" and [REDACTED] Internal Security - G, Custodial Detention."

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To: DIRECTOR, FBI

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Newark Cinals of 7/25/56 and 7/30/56 reflected that a series of Homecoming social events in honor of PAUL ROBESON were held on the weekend of July 27, 28 and 29 in New Jersey, and that [REDACTED] had expressed concern because N.J. CP officials had not been consulted in the arrangement of the program for ROBESON. WILLIAM PATTERSON, former Executive Secretary of the Civil Rights Congress, told MARTHA STONE on 7/30/56 that the three-day program had been a terrific success.

[REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised SA [REDACTED] that he had learned that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was of the opinion that ROBESON's visit to New Jersey should be handled only by Negroes and his appearance with white persons should be held to a minimum. According to the Informant, the reasoning behind this was that the CP leadership, consisting of white persons, had always monopolized ROBESON and as a consequence, this led to a narrowing of his contacts among the Negro people. The Informant noted that it was the opinion of [REDACTED] and his fellow Negro associates that the CP had misused ROBESON in the past and were inclined to separate him from the Negro masses.

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 - 1 - NK 100-18208 [REDACTED]
 - 1 - NK 100-4284LL (Cinal File)

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The Informant advised that the details of ROBESON's itinerary during his three-day visit to New Jersey were purposely withheld from MARTHA STONE and EMANUEL CANTOR, Essex County CP Organizer. The Informant noted that the program arranged by THOMPSON and his associates included a tour of Negro taverns and night clubs in the Newark area on Friday evening, 7/27/56; appearance at a picnic of meat-packing plant workers sponsored by the United Packinghouse Workers Union, on Saturday, 7/28/56; attendance at church services in a Negro church on Sunday morning, 7/29/56; and appearance at a public barbecue that Sunday afternoon at ERNEST THOMPSON's home in Orange, N.J. The Informant noted that THOMPSON and his associates planned only to make efforts to have a few white persons attend the barbecue and not any of the other activities.

The Informant advised that at a CP club meeting [REDACTED], EMANUEL CANTOR told the members that ROBESON was visiting the Newark area and that he was doing all that he could to make the visit successful. CANTOR stated that while he did not have complete information on ROBESON's plans, it was his opinion that more organization in advance should have been made for such an important person. CANTOR stated that the purpose of ROBESON's visit was to raise funds for his passport fight. The Informant noted that one of the club members said he thought ROBESON's visit was to be casual in nature and that ROBESON was not seeking funds for his passport fight. CANTOR stated that he had indirectly contacted ERNEST THOMPSON and was sure that ROBESON's visit was for political purposes.

It is noted that ERNEST THOMPSON is Secretary of the National Fair Practices Committee of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America [REDACTED]

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 8/10/56

FROM: SAC, WFO (100-11994) **CONFIDENTIAL 8702**

SUBJECT: **ESLANDA GOODE ROBESON, aka.**
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[REDACTED] furnished [REDACTED] clippings from the following newspapers concerning ROBESON's appearance before HCUA on June 12, 1956:

Charlottesville - Albemarle Tribune
Sun - Reporter (San Francisco)
Baltimore Afro - American

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Reurlet September 6, 1956, indicating [redacted]
has contacted your office volunteering information
concerning his activities in the communist movement
and requesting authority to contact him as a PSI.

A check of Bufiles has failed to disclose any
information identifiable with this individual in addition
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Before authority will be granted [redacted]
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communication relative to removing him from the Security
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During your contacts with [redacted]
particular attention should be paid to the possibility of
defecting Paul Robeson from the communist movement, possibly
by utilizing [redacted]

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Prompt, careful attention must be given to this matter, particularly in view of the possibility [REDACTED] of defecting Paul Robeson. The matter of securing the cooperation of [REDACTED] should also receive close attention. XU b7C b7D

NOTE ON YELLOW:

[REDACTED]

Paul Robeson may possibly be defected from the communist movement since he is now disillusioned with the CP as well as being physically ill. [REDACTED]

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-12304)

DATE: 10/15/56

FROM : SAC, New York (100-25857)

SUBJECT: PAUL LE ROY ROBESON, wa.
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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)

NAME PAUL LE ROY ROBESON, wa.

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COMMUNIST SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST LEAGUE

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RESIDENCE ADDRESS 16 Jumel Terrace, New York, New York

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REPORTING OFFICE NEW YORK	OFFICE OF ORIGIN NEW YORK	DATE 10/19/56	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 9/19, 24-27, 29; 10/1-5, 9, 10/56
TITLE OF CASE PAUL LE ROY ROBESON, was		REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]	TYPED BY kld
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SYNOPSIS:

Subject resides 16 Jumel Terrace, NYC, and is a self-employed concert singer. The "Freedom" newspaper, on which subject was formerly chairman of the editorial board, and Freedom Associates reported inactive.

Subject attended WILLIAM Z. FOSTER celebration 3/9/56 and in June, 1956, was cited for contempt as a result of appearance before HCUA. Subject listed as contributor to "Sing Out" Winter, 1956, edition. Subject in contact with BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, JR. April and June, 1956, and ERNEST THOMPSON, August, 1956. [REDACTED] advised that agency sponsoring subject's proposed Canadian concert tour owned and managed by known Communists. Subject attended Rumanian reception 8/23/56. On 6/13/56, ECLC sponsored concert, NYC, to raise funds for ROBESON's passport case.

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A. Residence

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The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," dated May 14, 1951, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., reflects the following concerning the WIDF, also known as the International Democratic Women's Federation:

"1. Cited as a Communist front 'which was founded and supported at all times by the International Communist movement.' Also cited as an 'organization (which) frankly stated that it intended to follow the lead of the Soviet Union, 'the only country truly working for peace' and which joined in issuing the call for the World Peace Congress, held in Paris in April 1949.'

"(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); and House Report No. 378, on the Communist 'Peace' Offensive, April 25, 1951 (original date, April 1, 1951), p. 71.)

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"2. Cited as a 'Red international' organization, formed in 1945 in Paris at an International Congress of Women 'at the call of international Communist forces.' Mme. Eugenie Cotton and Mme. Marie-Claude Vaillant-Couturier, Communist members of the French House of Deputies, were cochairmen of the Paris congress. The American affiliate is known as the Congress of American Women.

"(California Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1948, pp. 228-232.)"

On [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that ESLANDA GOODE ROBESON was a Communist Party (CP) member in 1945, but that she does not hold herself out as a Communist and denies membership in the Party. [REDACTED] stated that ESLANDA ROBESON was a devoted member of the CP along with her husband, PAUL ROBESON.

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On October 5, 1956, Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) observed a package of books addressed to Mr. PAUL ROBESON being delivered to 16 Jumel Terrace, New York City.

B. Employment

The "Daily Worker" of April 24, 1956, page five, column three, contained an article entitled "Canadian Storm Over Robeson." This article relates that PAUL ROBESON, who

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had been granted the right to travel in Canada by the United States Department of State as a concert artist, had a contract for a tour of seventeen Canadian cities to begin April 15, 1956. The article then reports the banning of ROBESON's proposed tour by Canadian authorities.

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

The "Daily Worker" issue of June 14, 1956, page five, column one, contained an article entitled "Un-American Racists" This article describes PAUL ROBESON as the "world-famous singer."

It is noted that the July-August, 1955, issue of "Freedom," Volume 5, Number 6, page two, listed PAUL ROBESON as chairman of the editorial board of the newspaper.

With regard to "Freedom," 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 viewpoint 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 workers class.

In [REDACTED], advised that the editorial board of "Freedom" was composed of Communists and Communist sympathizers. According to [REDACTED] "Freedom" was intended as a replacement for the Harlem Edition of "The Worker."

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On June 21, 1956, LOUIS ^{N.Y.}BURNHAM, Editor of "Freedom" was contacted under a telephonic pretext by a Special Agent of the FBI. BURNHAM advised that "Freedom" was going out of business due to a lack of funds and future issues of the paper were not contemplated. According to BURNHAM, subscribers to "Freedom" were being asked to transfer their subscriptions to the "National Guardian."

The 1949 report of the California Committee on Un-American Activities cited the "National Guardian" as a publication launched in New York in 1948 aiming at national circulation which it found to be from its inception notoriously Stalinist in its staff, writers, management and content. (1949 report of the California Senate Fact Finding Committee on Un-American Activities, page 394.)

The masthead of the "National Guardian" issue of May 14, 1956, reflects that it is published weekly by Weekly Guardian Associates, Inc., 197 East Fourth Street, New York City.

On [REDACTED] advised that Freedom Associates, Inc. had dissolved as of August 15, 1956, and was no longer in existence. b7D

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C. Status of Health

On [REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] b7D
[REDACTED] PAUL ROBESON had been very ill and had undergone an operation similar to that for which President

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EISENHOWER was treated. It was pointed out that although ROBESON was still very ill, he would not have to have a second immediate operation.

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

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II. AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT

A. Evidence of CP Sympathies

On [REDACTED] advised that on March 9, 1956, a birthday celebration in honor of WILLIAM Z. FOSTER was held at the Chateau Gardens, 105 East Houston Street, New York City. [REDACTED] stated that ROBESON was present and prior to singing several songs, gave a short talk on FOSTER and stated that the country from which he had just returned (Canada) had sent their greetings to FOSTER through him.

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[REDACTED] advised that WILLIAM Z. FOSTER was introduced as National Chairman, CP, USA, at the above-mentioned birthday celebration held March 9, 1956.

The "New York Times" newspaper, issue of May 28, 1956, page six, contained an article entitled "Paul Robeson Is Called." This article, in part, stated:

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"Washington, May 27 - The House Committee on Un-American Activities announced today it had summoned Paul Robeson to testify Tuesday in its investigation of alleged passport irregularities by Communist sympathizers. Mr. Robeson, left-wing basso, has traveled as an honored guest in the Soviet Union...."

The "Daily Worker" issue of June 13, 1956, page one, column three, contained an article entitled "Un-Americans Cite Robeson as He Blasts Racism." This article reports the citation of ROBESON for contempt by the House Committee on Un-American Activities on June 12, 1956, and details of ROBESON's testimony before the committee. In part, the article read:

"He (ROBESON) said he had testified on behalf of the first Communist Party leaders tried under the Smith Act, which was now obnoxious to millions of Americans and would one day be declared unconstitutional as Justice Hugo Black had said it was.

"Asked whether he was a Communist, Robeson replied by asking Arens (committee counsel) whether he referred to the Communists 'who were the first to die in the fight against fascism,' the Communist Party which had 'sacrificed so much for my people!' Ben Davis, one of the Communist leaders who was jailed under the Smith Act, he said was one of his 'dearest friends,' one of the 'best Americans' in contrast to the members of the committee who he added 'belonged with the Alien and Sedition Acts.'"

BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, JR. is one of the eleven members of the National Committee of the CP, USA, 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.

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The "New York Times" newspaper issue of June 13, 1956, page one, contained an article entitled "House Group Favors Citing Paul Robeson." In part, this article read:

"Contempt of congress proceedings were begun against Paul Robeson today as the upshot of a shouting, table-thumping and gavel-banging hearing at the Capitol.....Mr. Robeson brought a stormy morning session to a sudden close by raising his resonant bass voice to shouting pitch and asserting, 'You are the non-patriots and you are the un-Americans and you ought to be ashamed of yourselves.' Before the final blow-up, Mr. Robeson angrily denounced the committee, Senator Eastland and others in response to questions about his activities and his travels to Soviet Russia."

The New York "Daily Mirror" issue of June 14, 1956, contained an article entitled "House Group Cites Robeson." This article related the citing of PAUL ROBESON by the House Committee on Un-American Activities for contempt of congress and, in part, read:

"Though the singer invoked the Fifth Amendment when queried about Red affiliations, he shouted his contempt for the committee time and again."

B. Evidence of Membership in or Sympathy with
CP Front Organizations

People's Artists, Inc.

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," previously mentioned, reflects the following concerning People's Artists, Inc.:

"1. Cited as a Communist front.

"(California Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1948, p. 392.)"

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On February 27, 1956, [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, made available the winter, 1956, edition of "Sing Out," Volume 6, Number 1, issued by People's Artists, Inc., 124 West 21st Street, New York City. Page two contained a list of the publication's staff and under contributors listed PAUL ROBESON.

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C. CP Associates

On [REDACTED] advised that on that date BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, JR. was in contact with PAUL ROBESON.

On [REDACTED] PAUL ROBESON was in contact with BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, JR. and informed DAVIS that he had just returned from the hearings in Washington, D.C. DAVIS complimented ROBESON on his appearance.

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On [REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] was of the opinion that ROBESON's New Jersey visit should be handled only by Negroes and his appearance with white persons should be held to a minimum. According to [REDACTED] the reasoning behind this was that the CP leadership, consisting mostly of white persons, had always monopolized ROBESON and as a consequence this had led to a narrowing of his contacts among the Negro people.

D. Miscellaneous Activities

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Subject's Activities In and/or Subversive
Ramifications of his Passport Case

The "Daily Worker" issue of April 12, 1956, page two, column one, contained an article entitled "Canada Denies Robeson Visa." This article reflected that Canadian immigration authorities had refused to allow PAUL ROBESON to enter Canada for a concert tour.

The "Daily Worker" issue of June 6, 1956, page six, column three, contained an article entitled "The Cry Grows in London - Let Robeson Sing!" bylined "John Williamson." This article concerned a meeting of the "Let Robeson Sing Committee" which met in Manchester, England, on May 27, 1956. The purpose of this committee was to unite the scattered activities in England in connection with supporting PAUL ROBESON's passport case. The article also stated that an inspiring letter was read to the committee from PAUL ROBESON in which he told of his few weeks of freedom in Canada.

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JOHN WILLIAMSON 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. On October 21, 1949, he was sentenced to five years imprisonment and fined \$10,000 by Federal Judge HAROLD R. MEDINA. WILLIAMSON was released from federal prison on March 1, 1955. He was granted permission to leave the United States voluntarily under warrant for deportation and departed the United States for England on May 4, 1955.

The "New York Herald Tribune" newspaper issue of June 8, 1956, page 412, contained an article entitled "Robeson Loses Passport Appeal." This article reported that the United States Court of Appeals that date had unanimously upheld a district court order dismissing ROBESON's suit against Secretary of State JOHN FOSTER DULLES.

On [REDACTED] advised that on June 13, 1956, the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee (ECLC) sponsored a concert at Town Hall, New York City. [REDACTED] advised that this concert was held as a tribute to PAUL ROBESON and the proceeds from same were to help pay the cost of ROBESON's suit for his passport. [REDACTED] advised that 1,239 persons attended this affair. b7D

The "Daily Worker" issue of October 8, 1951, page one, columns four and five, in an article entitled "150 Notables Form Emergency Civil Liberties Committee" reflected that the formation of the ECLC had been announced on October 7, 1951. It was shown that the purposes of the organization would be to help mobilize public opinion in support of the traditional American constitutional guarantees of civil liberties and to render aid to victims of abridgement of these liberties in politics, education and the professions. The founders, according to the article, included more than fifty members of the clergy and many educators and professionals.

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[REDACTED] who was in a position to furnish reliable information, on October 21, 1955, furnished information reflecting that the CP felt that help should be extended in building a "united front civil liberties organization" in the United States which, while not led by the "Left" would contain labor, liberal and "Left Forces" within it in a commonly agreed program, including defense of the rights of Communists. b7D

The information further indicated that the CP felt that this aim can best be achieved by helping the ECLC to become a national organization with local chapters operating on the basis of its program.

The headquarters of the ECLC is located at 421 Seventh Avenue, New York City.

The "Daily Worker" issue of June 20, 1956, page four, column three, contained a letter entitled "Robeson's Passport Case" by-lined "William L. Patterson." This letter compliments the "Daily Worker" for its angry reaction to the decision of the United States Appellate Court in the PAUL ROBESON passport case and notes that this passport fight is a struggle to defend the constitutional liberties of all American citizens. b7D

On [REDACTED] [REDACTED] advised that at that time WILLIAM L. PATTERSON was National Executive Secretary of the Civil Rights Congress (CRC) and known to the informant as a Communist.

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

The "New York World Telegram and Sun" issue of September 6, 1956, contained an article entitled "Robeson Appeals to Top Court." This article reported that PAUL ROBESON had asked the United States Supreme Court, through his attorneys, on September 5, 1956, to intervene in his three year old passport controversy with the State Department.

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III. MISCELLANEOUS

Informants cognizant of some Communist activity in the New York area, who have furnished reliable information in the past, were contacted relative to the subject during September and October, 1956, and they could furnish no recent or additional information concerning him.

On September 24, 1956, the records of [REDACTED] [REDACTED] were checked by SA [REDACTED] and were found to contain no recent or additional information concerning the subject. b7D b7C

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Informants cognizant of some Communist activity in the New York area contacted relative to the subject during September and October, 1956, are as follows:

[REDACTED] contacted 9/27/56 by SA [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] contacted 9/19/56 by SA [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] contacted 9/29/56 by SA [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] contacted 9/29/56 by SA [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] contacted 10/2/56 by SA [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] contacted 10/2/56 by SA [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] contacted 10/4/56 by SA [REDACTED]

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

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The Agents observing books being delivered to 16 Jumel Terrace, New York City, on October 5, 1956, were SAS [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] b7c

The pretext telephone call to "Freedom" on June 21, 1956, was conducted by SA [REDACTED] who utilized the pretext of [REDACTED] b7E

[REDACTED] (c)

On September 27, 1956, the records of the Manhattan Board of Elections, New York City, were checked by Investigative Clerks [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] for the addresses 155 West 136th Street, New York City; 402 West 128th Street, New York City, and 16 Jumel Terrace, New York City. These records were found to contain no information regarding the subject. b7c

On September 27, 1956, the records of [REDACTED] were checked by SE [REDACTED] These records were found to contain no additional information relative to the subject. b7D b7c

As a matter of information, it is noted that the subject's wife, ESLANDA GOODE ROBESON (New York 100-56680 and Bufile 100-12304) is carried on the Security Index of the New York Office.

The subject is a key figure and carried on the SI of the NYO.

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An FD 122 amending the subject's Security Index cards has been submitted to the Bureau reflecting the subject's new residence and deleting his connections with "Freedom" and Freedom Associates.

This case has been re-evaluated in the light of Security Index criteria and still fits those criteria.

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At New York, New York

Will follow and report the activities of the subject.

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Report of SA [REDACTED] 4/17/56, New York.

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From SAC, NEWARK (100-33129)

To: DIRECTOR, FBI

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On [REDACTED] (protect identity) was contacted by SAS [REDACTED], and [REDACTED]. This was the initial contact with [REDACTED] and no determination can be made concerning his reliability or unreliability.

[REDACTED] advised at this time that he does not believe the U. S. Government is doing the right thing in denying PAUL ROBESON a passport to visit other countries. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] ROBESON has indicated [REDACTED] that if he were allowed to visit other countries, he (ROBESON) would denounce the U. S. as imperialists who practice segregation at home. [REDACTED] stated that he does not believe that ROBESON is a member of the CP and based this belief on the fact that [REDACTED]

and that ROBESON has never indicated he was a CP member at these times. [REDACTED] stated that at PAUL ROBESON's homecoming held recently at Orange, N.J., ROBESON made the statement that he would "fight for his people his own way." [REDACTED] was interviewed under SAC authority [REDACTED]

This information is being furnished the Bureau in the event the Bureau feels that the State Dept. should be advised of ROBESON's statements concerning remarks he would make about the U. S. should he be allowed to travel abroad.

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BY COURIER SERVICE

To: Mr. E. Tomlin Bailey
Director
Office of Security
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515 22nd Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: PAUL ROBESON
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A source whose reliability or unreliability has not been determined to date, advised this Bureau during [redacted] that Robeson had indicated [redacted] that if he were allowed to visit other countries he, Robeson, would denounce the American people as imperialists who practice segregation at home. b7D

The above is for your information and is not to be disseminated outside your Department.

YELLOW: Subject key figure, NYO. Subject has been attempting to obtain a passport for travel abroad and to date has been refused a passport. In this connection on 6/2/56 U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia unanimously affirmed the denial of the passport to Robeson. Despite this decision there is indication Robeson is continuing his fight to secure passport.

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

October 24, 1956

From Walter Winchell.

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Mr. Boardman ☒
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John Edgar

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FROM : SAC, WFO (100-19021)

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SYNOPSIS:

ESLANDA ROBESON resides at 16 Jumel Terrace, NYC. She is employed by the "New World Review," 23 West 26th Street, NYC, as Editorial Consultant on Negro and Colonial Questions and is the "New World Review" correspondent to the UN. Articles by-lined ESLANDA ROBESON appeared in "New World Review," "Jewish Life," and "National Guardian" at various times 1953-1955. At various times during the period 1954-1956, subject was a speaker, supporter, or lecturer to numerous CP front groups. In 1954, Mrs. ESLANDA G. ROBESON was Chairman of the Executive Board of the Council on African Affairs and member of the Board of Directors National Council of American-Soviet Friendship. In 1954, subject attended ALP election rally and was an ALP State Vice-Chairman. Subject in contact with Soviet and Satellite establishments in the USA, 1954-1956.

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DETAILS:

I BACKGROUND

A. Residence

On October 13, 1955, [REDACTED] b7C/
Hotel Dauphin, Broadway and 67th Street, New York City, b7D
advised the subject had resided in Room 418 at instant
hotel since January 22, 1954.

On November 29, 1955, an unknown individual
at the Hotel Dauphin, mentioned above, was telephonically
contacted under pretext by a Special Agent of the Federal
Bureau of Investigation. This person advised that the
subject had moved from the hotel several weeks previously,
leaving a forwarding address of 16 Jumel Terrace, New
York City.

On December 27, 1955, [REDACTED] who is in a logical b7D
position to furnish reliable information, advised that as
of that date, the subject was residing at 16 Jumel Terrace,
New York City.

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[REDACTED] (c) b7D

B. Employment

On February 7, 1955, [REDACTED] b7D
[REDACTED], advised that ESLANDA
ROBESON had been issued a temporary accreditation at the
United Nations (UN) as a representative of the "New World
Review" on October 8, 1954. This card was re-issued on
November 13, 1954 and expired December 23, 1954. [REDACTED]
pointed out that accreditation of press representatives to
the UN is handled by the Press and Publications Section
of the Department of Public Information of the UN.

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The "New World Review" is documented under Section II of this report.

On February 16, 1956, [REDACTED] advised that as of that date, the subject was an accredited correspondent for the publication "New World Review" at the UN, New York City. b7D

On October 16, 1956, [REDACTED] advised that as of that date, ESLANDA ROBESON continued to be an accredited correspondent to the UN for the publication "New World Review." b7D

In October, 1956, [REDACTED] made available the October, 1956 issue of the "New World Review" which reflected that ESLANDA ROBESON is the magazine's Editorial Consultant on Negro and Colonial Questions, 23 West 26th Street, New York City. b7D

II AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT

A. Evidence of Communist Party (CP) Sympathies

The August, 1953 issue of "New World Review" contains an article entitled "Why I Am a Friend of the USSR," by-lined ESLANDA ROBESON. In part, this article states "As a woman and a Negro who has always worked and fought for my full rights as an equal human being, I discovered that the Soviet people accepted women and minorities as equals, and treated them as such officially and unofficially.....For many years my government took no interest in my friendship with the Soviet Union. This was normal because for many years my government took no interest at all in me and my Negro people." The article continues that she (ROBESON) will not break off her friendship with the Soviet Union; that the United States cannot tell her who may be her friends.

It is noted that the publication "Soviet Russia Today" changed its name to "New World Review" in March, 1951. The citation of "Soviet Russia Today" applies to the new title.

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

- "1. Cited as a Communist front.
(Special Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, March 29, 1944, p.167; also cited in Report, June 25, 1942, p. 21.) "

The August, 1954 issue of "Jewish Life," page 25, contains an article entitled "What is a Ghetto?" by-lined ESLANDA ROBESON. This article in part states "We can no longer remain as sitting ducks in our ghettos, now all of us know to survive and make a future, we must organize and rise up and wipe out our ghettos. Not wipe them out as HITLER did, barbarous, murderous destruction, but wipe them out with constructive, progressive housing projects, recreation programs and most of all by tearing down the barriers which have been built up to separate us and to keep those barriers down forever."

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

- "1. 'Among typical examples of the Communist Press and publications.' Published by the Morning Freiheit Association, Inc. -
(California Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1948, pp. 49 and 225.)

The "National Guardian" issue of May 9, 1955, page two, contains an article entitled "What About This 'Soviet Colonialism' Business," by-lined ESLANDA ROBESON. In this article, ROBESON gives various meanings to the word "colonialism" including such definitions as occupation and

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domination of a territory by foreigners, control of government and the Army by foreigners, control of the economy by foreigners and control of educational institutions by foreigners. According to the article none of these conditions exist in any of the Peoples' Democracies. It is pointed out that the colonial powers first called the Union of Soviet Socialist Republic's (USSR) allies, satellites, and now call them colonies in a desperate attempt to prove that Russia is as bad as themselves.

The 1949 Report of the California Committee on Un-American Activities cited the "National Guardian" as a publication launched in New York in 1948 aiming at national circulation, which it found to be from its inception notoriously Stalinist in its staff writers, management and content. (1949 Report of the California Senate Fact Finding Committee on Un-American Activities, page 394).

The masthead of the "National Guardian" issue of May 14, 1956, reflects that it is published weekly by Weekly Guardian Associates, Incorporated, 197 East 4th Street, New York City.

B. Evidence of Membership in or Sympathies with CP Front Organizations

American Federation for Polish Jews (AFPJ)

The 1943-1944 American Jewish Yearbook reflects that the AFPJ was founded in 1908 for the purpose of promoting social and cultural activities among its affiliates and guarding and promoting the interests of the Jews in Poland.

[REDACTED] advised on [REDACTED] that at the Convention of the AFPJ held in New York City on March 26, and March 27, 1949, the "right-wing elements" were eliminated and the "left-wing Communist element" was elected. b7D

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On [REDACTED] reported he had been informed by a member of the CP that the above Federation was under the full control of the "left-wing and progressive elements."

On [REDACTED] advised that the APPJ continues to function from its headquarters, 1133 Broadway, New York City, and is still controlled by Communist and "left-wingers."

On [REDACTED] advised that on April 21, 1954, a meeting commemorating the "11th Anniversary of the Revolt of the Warsaw Ghetto" organized by the APPJ, was held at the Manhattan Center, New York City. [REDACTED] advised ESLANDA ROBESON was one of the speakers and spoke of the wakening of the colonial peoples of the world, pointing out that Korea was part of the struggle as was the fight against colonial imperialism in Indo-China. She stated in part "The people of Africa and Asia, the black people of the world are marching to freedom. There isn't a power in the world that will ever be able to stop this march."

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American Peace Crusade (APC)

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

On [REDACTED], advised that the Chicago Southside Chapter of the APC planned to hold a meeting on April 24, 1954, the title of which was to be "Southside Salutes Second Anniversary of Africa's Fight for Freedom." [REDACTED] advised the meeting would be held at the Metropolitan Community Church, Chicago, Illinois, with ESLANDA ROBESON as the featured speaker.

On [REDACTED] advised the "Second Anniversary of Africa's Freedom" celebration was held under the auspices of the APC at the Metropolitan Community Church, Chicago, Illinois, on that date. [REDACTED] advised that the subject was the featured speaker and spoke at some length on the advances that were being made by the colored peoples of the world in combating white supremacy and colonialism. She stated the United States now stands alone in the UN in its policy of rejecting or opposing the admittance of the Peoples Republic of China to the UN.

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On [redacted] advised that on April 26, 1954, the APC held a reception for Mrs. ESLANDA ROBESON at 3610 South Parkway, Chicago, Illinois.

On [redacted] advised that on [redacted] he had learned that ESLANDA ROBESON was among persons considered to be important contacts of the APC.

Committee for the 300th Anniversary of Jewish Settlement in the United States of America

On [redacted] advised that the Committee for the 300th Anniversary of Jewish Settlement in the United States of America was a Communist front group organized about June, 1954, to celebrate the tercentenary during 1954-1955, of the arrival of the first group of 23 Jews in America, in September, 1654. According to [redacted] the organization was formed because the "right-wing" anti-Communists had formed their own committee to celebrate the tercentenary and had excluded all organizations which followed the CP line.

On June 15, 1956, a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, by means of a pretext telephone call, to [redacted] New York City, determined that the Committee of the 300th Anniversary of Jewish Settlement in the United States of America was now better known as the Tercentenary Book Committee, 1133 Broadway, Room 732, New York City. It was further ascertained that [redacted] was the [redacted] of the latter Committee.

On [redacted] advised that on October 16, 1954, a "Grand Celebration of the Tercentenary of American Jewish History" was held at Carnegie Hall, New York City, and was organized by the Committee of the 300th Anniversary of Jewish Settlement in the United States of America. [redacted] advised that the subject was a featured speaker and spoke concerning the strong ties between the Negro and the Jewish masses in their struggle for full rights against "national and racial discrimination."

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Council on African Affairs (CAA)

The Council on African Affairs (CAA) has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

On [REDACTED] made available a copy of a letter, dated June 25, 1954, on letterhead paper of the CAA, which announced that Mrs. ESLANDA G. ROBESON, Chairman of the Executive Board of the CAA, desires the reader to attend a meeting of the CAA to be held July 1, 1954, at 212 West 139th Street, New York City. The letter lists topics to be discussed at the meeting as the Kenya Aid Program, Promoting Action on Africa in other Organizations and fund raising plans.

On [REDACTED] advised that on June 9, 1955, a report on the Bandung Conference sponsored by the CAA was held at 310 Lenox Avenue, New York City. [REDACTED] stated the subject was chairman of the meeting and delivered a summary of the African-Asian Conference, stating that the conference represented a new alignment of world forces.

Families of the Smith Act Victims (FSAV)

The Families of the Smith Act Victims (FSAV) has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The "Daily Worker" issue of January 27, 1953, page three, column one, contained an article entitled "150 Women Sign Plea For Amnesty for 11." This article listed ESLANDA GOODE ROBESON as one of the signers of a letter, which appealed to the White House to grant amnesty for the eleven leaders of the CP convicted under the Smith Act. The article pointed out that the announcement of this letter was made by the FSAV.

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

Jefferson School of Social Science (JSSS)

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

The "Daily Worker" issue of September 28, 1956, page seven, column five, contained an article entitled "Lecture Series on Asia, Africa and Latin America." This article stated that a new course entitled "The Underdeveloped Countries: Role of U.S., USSR and UN," would begin October 4, 1956, at the JSSS. The article noted that ERLANDA ROBESON would be among persons giving one or more lectures in the course.

Labor Youth League (LYL)

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

On [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], advised that the subject was the featured speaker at an LYL Youth Rally held on December 10, 1954, at Yugoslav Hall, New York City. The subject discussed the role of youth in modern affairs and termed the Supreme Court ruling on segregation as merely an attempt on the part of the United States to save face. b7D

On [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] furnished the same information concerning the LYL Youth Rally on December 10, 1954, as set forth above.

The Yugoslav-American Cooperative Home, Incorporation, also known as the Yugoslav Hall has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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National Committee to Defend Negro Leadership (NCDNL)

On December 31, 1952, T-13 advised the NCDNL had been formed to stop attacks against the Negro people.

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b7D In a printed leaflet furnished by [redacted] Howard University, Washington, D.C., in October, 1952, the NCDNL stated that its aims included amnesty for HENRY WINSTON and Associates; stopping prosecution for political teachings and advocacy under the Smith Act; repealing also other repressive legislative acts, especially the severe restrictions of immigration from the West Indies in the McCarran-Walter Act; the anti-labor Taft-Hartley Act, and the "thought control" and "concentration camp" McCarran Act.

HENRY WINSTON was National Organizational Secretary, CP USA, since July, 1946, according to his own statement made in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, September 20, 23, 1949.

WINSTON was convicted October 14, 1949, for violation of the Smith Act of 1940 and sentenced October 21, 1949 to five years and fined \$10,000. He became a fugitive upon issuance of a bench warrant. WINSTON surrendered himself to custody of the United States Marshal, New York City, on March 5, 1956. On March 26, 1956, WINSTON was sentenced three years for contempt of court to be served subsequent to the sentence imposed for Smith Act convictions.

b7D On [redacted] advised that the NCDNL is highly infiltrated by the CP and has expanded its energies in behalf of Negroes indicted under the Smith Act.

A pretext telephone call was made on April 12, 1956, by a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to the headquarters of the NCDNL and it was ascertained that the Committee continues to exist and is located at 1660 Fulton Street, Brooklyn, New York.

The November 10, 1954 issue of the "Daily Worker", page three, column one-five, contained an article entitled "Rally Support Patterson, Bunton." This article stated that on November 8, 1954,

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a "fight back rally to defend WILLIAM L. PATTERSON and ALPHAEUS HUNTON", had been held in New York City, sponsored in part by the NCDNL. This article described PATTERSON as Executive Secretary of the Civil Rights Congress (CRC) and HUNTON as executive director of the CAA. The article further pointed out that ESLANDA ROBESON acted as Co-Chairman of the rally.

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

On [REDACTED] advised that the subject spoke at the above rally on November 8, 1954 and pointed out the role of women to be played in fighting for the rights of Negroes and for freedom and brotherly love. ^{b7D}

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National Council of American-Soviet Friendship (NCASF)

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

On [REDACTED] advised on April 22, 1953, the subject was one of two co-chairman of a meeting of the Committee of Women of the NCASF held in New York City.

On [REDACTED] made available a copy of the Agenda of the annual meeting of the NCASF held on May 13, 1954. This agenda in part listed members and officers of the NCASF as reported to the Board of Directors and Officers of the NCASF at the annual meeting. ESLANDA G. ROBESON was listed by the agenda as having been added to the Board of Directors of the NCASF at the annual meeting. b7D

The "Daily Worker" issue of March 31, 1955, page eight, column two, contained a column entitled "What's On?" This column announced a symposium for April 4, 1955, on the subject of peaceful coexistence to be held under the auspices of the NCASF at the Yugoslav-American Home, 405 West 41st Street, New York City. Mrs. ESLANDA G. ROBESON is listed as one of the speakers.

On [REDACTED] advised that on April 4, 1955, the subject was among the speakers at a symposium on peaceful coexistence held at the Yugoslav-American Home, New York City, under the auspices of the NCASF. [REDACTED] stated the subject charged the United States with securing bases all over the world in order to deliver atomic bombs on other nations. She stated the SEATO Conference had a primary aim in erecting military barriers against Communism whereas the Asia-African Conference is being called to fight outside encroachment, oppose colonialism, and western domination.

On [REDACTED] and on [REDACTED] advised that on June 7, 1955, a reception sponsored by the Committee of Women of the NCASF was held at the Yugoslav Hall, New York City. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] advised that the subject acted as Chairman of this meeting.

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On [REDACTED] advised that on November 17, 1955, the NCASF held its annual November rally at 135 West 70th Street, New York City. [REDACTED] advised that the subject was in attendance and delivered a short speech.

On [REDACTED] made available a copy of an invitation to a dinner in honor of Reverend RICHARD MORFORD on the occasion of his tenth anniversary as Executive Director of the NCASF to be held on March 4, 1956, at 118 West 57th Street, New York City. This invitation listed officers of the NCASF and included ESLANDA GOODE ROBESON as a member of the Board of Directors.

New World Review (NWR)

On [REDACTED] advised that on October 14, 1954, a dinner sponsored by the NWR in honor of PAUL and ESLANDA ROBESON was held at the Manhattan Towers Hotel, 76th Street and Broadway, New York City.

With regard to PAUL ROBESON, on [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that in June, 1955, the CAI dissolved and at the time of its dissolution, PAUL ROBESON was Chairman of the organization.

[REDACTED] advised in [REDACTED] that PAUL ROBESON was a concealed Communist.

On July 15, 1955, [REDACTED] made available the July, 1955 issue of the NWR, which on page 26, contained an article entitled "Before and After Bandung" by-lined ESLANDA ROBESON. This article concerns the Asian-African Conference and states the results of the conference will have a great effect on the world wide demand for peace.

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New York Council for the Arts, Sciences, and Professions (NYCASP)

On [REDACTED], [REDACTED] furnished a copy of the by-laws of the NYCASP. Section B, Article 1 of the by-laws states "This organization shall be affiliated with the National Council for the Arts, Sciences, and Professions (NCASP)." b7D

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

- "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), page 2.)"

In [REDACTED] advised that on June 29, 1954, the subject was among speakers at a rally entitled "Shall American Boys Fight in Indo-China" held at the Cornish Arms Hotel, New York City, and sponsored by the NCASP. According to [REDACTED], the subject delivered a speech on the people of Guatemala and acted as Chairman of the meeting. b7I

On [REDACTED] furnished the same information concerning the NYCASP Rally on June 29, 1954, as set forth above.

On [REDACTED] advised that on January 19, 1955, the subject attended a meeting held at the New York Offices of the NCASP, 34 West 64th Street, New York City,

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at which was discussed the proposed listing of the NCASP as a subversive organization by the Attorney General of the United States. [REDACTED] advised that the subject was the fourth speaker of the evening and delivered a speech concerning desegregation order of the Supreme Court.

Women's Committee for Equal Justice (WCEJ)

The WCEJ, according to the "Daily Worker" issue of October 2, 1951, page three, was a group that was organized to review and strengthen the world-wide demand for the unconditional pardon of Mrs. ROSA LEE INGRAM and her two sons.

It is noted that Mrs. INGRAM and her sons are serving life term sentences in a Georgia State Prison having been convicted of homicide.

On [REDACTED] advised that the WCEJ utilized the headquarters of the CRC in New York City as its address. Subsequent to its re-activation in late 1953, the WCEJ benefited from the support of the CRC with regard to personnel, funds, and direction in accomplishing its objectives. In the informant's opinion, the WCEJ was an organization in name only, actually operated as a sub-group of the CRC and it was directed by CP members in the CRC.

On [REDACTED] advised that the WCEJ was defunct and had been inactive for an extended period of time.

On September 29, 1955, a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, through a telephonic pretext call, contacted WILLIAM L. PATTERSON, then National Executive Secretary of the CRC, who advised that the WCEJ was disbanded in July, 1955.

On January 3, 1955, [REDACTED] advised that ESLANDA GOODE ROBESON of the WCEJ had during 1954 sent a communication to Governor HERMAN E. TALMADGE of Georgia protesting the continued incarceration of ROSA LEE INGRAM.

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Women's Community Forum (WCF)

[redacted] advised on [redacted] that the WCF had been organized about four years previously and the majority of the WCF leadership were Communists. [redacted] advised further that the non-Communists in leadership capacity closely followed the CP line.

On [redacted] advised that the WCF continued to be active. The informant stated the purpose of the WCF was to hold social functions to raise funds for the support of "progressive" and Communist supported activities.

On [redacted], advised that on February 9, 1954, the subject was the featured speaker at a meeting of the WCF held at 107 East Burnside Avenue, New York City, in connection with Negro History Week. Mrs. ROBESON discussed the problems of the African Negro and the continuing work for reform in Africa.

Women's International Democratic Federation (WIDF)
Also Known As International Democratic Women's Federation (IDWF)

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

"1. Cited as a Communist front 'which was founded and supported at all times by the International Communist movement.' Also cited as an 'organization (which) frankly stated that it intended to follow the lead of the Soviet Union, 'the only country truly working for peace' and which joined in issuing the call for the World Peace Congress, held in Paris in April 1949.'"

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"(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); and House Report No. 378, on the Communist 'Peace' Offensive, April 25, 1951 (original date, April 1, 1951), p. 71.)"

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C. Miscellaneous Activities

American Labor Party (ALP)

[REDACTED] 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.

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[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 nonindustrial areas of New York State.

[REDACTED] advised on [REDACTED] 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.

The "New York Times," a daily newspaper, Issue of October 8, 1956, on pages 1 and 20, reflected that the American Labor Party State Chairman announced on October 7, 1956, that the American Labor Party State Committee had unanimously approved a resolution dissolving the American Labor Party and liquidating its assets.

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On [REDACTED] advised that on September 23, 1954, the subject was in attendance at the ALP 1954 Gubernatorial Election Rally held at Manhattan Center, New York City. [REDACTED] on this date, also made available material which reflected that ESLANDA GOODE ROBESON was among ALP officers and members elected at the ALP State Committee meeting on September 23, 1954. This material reflected that ESLANDA ROBESON was an ALP State Vice-Chairman at that time. b7D

International Publishers

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

- "1. 'The (Communist) Party's publishing house,' headed by Alexander Trachtenberg.
"(Attorney General Francis Biddle, Congressional Record, September 24, 1942, p. 7686.)"

On [REDACTED] advised that on December 17, 1954, the subject attended a dinner honoring the 30th Anniversary of International Publishers and the 70th birthday of ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG, held at 405 West 41st Street, New York City. b7D

The records of the Clerk of the Court, Criminal Division, United States District Court, Southern District of New York, reflect that on July 31, 1956 (following a jury trial, United States District Judge ALEXANDER BICKS presiding), TRACHTENBERG was found guilty of violation of the Smith Act of 1940.

The above records reflect that on September 17, 1956, Judge BICKS imposed a one year sentence on TRACHTENBERG as a result of his conviction on July 31, 1956.

The records of the United States Court of Appeals, Second Circuit, reflect that on September 17, 1956, a notice of appeal was filed on behalf of TRACHTENBERG. Following the entry of this notice of appeal, Judge BICKS granted a defense motion to continue the defendants, in United States versus TRACHTENBERG, Et. Al., on their present bail. TRACHTENBERG is at present free under \$10,000.00 bail.

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Contacts with Soviet and Satellite Establishments
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On [REDACTED] advised that on December 3, 1954, the subject attended a reception held at the Czechoslovakian Headquarters in New York City. ← b7E

On [REDACTED] advised that on February 4, 1955, the subject attended a cocktail party held at the Polish Embassy, Washington, D.C. ← b1

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On [REDACTED] advised that on February 10, 1955, the subject attended a reception in honor of the departure of the Polish Ambassador. This affair was held at the Polish UN Delegation Headquarters, New York City. ← b7E

On [REDACTED] advised that on that date the subject had attended a cocktail party given at the Soviet UN Delegation, 680 Park Avenue, New York City. [REDACTED] advised that this affair was given by the two Soviet women delegates to the Commission on the Status of Women, VERA A. FOMINA and FEONIYA NOVIKOVA. USSR ← b1

On [REDACTED] advised that on October 2, 1955, the subject was among persons attending a reception held by YVACHESLAV M. MOLOTOV at the USSR UN Delegation, 680 Park Avenue, New York City. ← b1

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III MISCELLANEOUS

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 in October and November, 1956, and could furnish no recent or additional information concerning her.

In November, 1956, the records of [REDACTED] were checked by Special Agent [REDACTED]. These records were found to contain no recent or additional information concerning the subject.

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T-1 [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]		← b1	100-56680-36
T-2 ✓ Anonymous (as set forth in WFO letter 8/10/56)	[REDACTED]		b7c b7D	100-56680-38
T-3 ✓ [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]			100-56680-29
	[REDACTED]			100-56680-38
T-4 ✓ [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]			100-56680-40
T-5 ✓ NY Confidential Mail Box	[REDACTED]			100-56680-40
	[REDACTED]			100-56680-38
T-6 ✓ [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]			[REDACTED]

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T-6 (cont'd)	[REDACTED]			[REDACTED]
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T-7	[REDACTED]		b1	100-102789-1462
T-8	[REDACTED]		b7C	
	[REDACTED]		b7D	100-102789-1538 p. 29
T-9	[REDACTED]			100-102789-1528 p. 35
T-10	[REDACTED]			[REDACTED]
	[REDACTED]			[REDACTED]
	[REDACTED]			[REDACTED]
T-11	[REDACTED]			[REDACTED]
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	[redacted]			100-7518-1A-2041
T-13 [redacted] c	[redacted]			[redacted]
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	[redacted]			100-56680-32
T-14 [redacted] c	[redacted]			100-56680-29
T-15 [redacted] c	[redacted]			[redacted]
T-16 [redacted] c	[redacted]			[redacted]
T-17 [redacted] c	[redacted]			100-7518-1A-1941

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T-26 [REDACTED] c	[REDACTED]			100-56680-29
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T-27 [REDACTED] c	[REDACTED]			100-56680-30
T-28 [REDACTED] c	[REDACTED]			

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Informants contacted relative to the subject during October and November, 1956, with negative results are as follows:

Informant	Date of Contact	Agent	File Where	Loca
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[REDACTED] C	[REDACTED]	SA [REDACTED]		

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[REDACTED] (c) b1
The pretext telephone call on 11/29/55 to the Hotel Dauphin, NYC, was made by SA [REDACTED]. The nature of the pretext used is unknown.

The pretext telephone call to JACOB M. BUDISH, Tercentenary Book Committee on 6/15/56, was conducted by SA [REDACTED] who utilized the pretext [REDACTED] b7c b7d

The pretext telephone call to the NCDNL on 4/11/56, was conducted by SA [REDACTED] under [REDACTED]

The pretext telephone call to WILLIAM L. PATTERSON of the CRC re the WCEJ on 9/29/55, was conducted by SA [REDACTED] who used the pretext [REDACTED]

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The subject is carried on the Security Index of the NYO and her SI cards are current and accurate. This case still fits the criteria for inclusion on the SI.

A suitable photograph of the subject is in the possession of the NYO.

No recommendation for interview of the subject is being made at this time, in view of subject's employment with "New World Review," her activities at the UN, and in the absence of any information which would indicate she would be inclined to be cooperative if interviewed by this Bureau.

REFERENCES: Report of SA [REDACTED] 2/24/55, at New Haven, and report of SA [REDACTED] 3/31/54, at NY. b7c

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SAC, NEW YORK (105-21809)

E. G. R.
16 Jumel Terrace
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Re NY airtel to Bureau 10/26/56.

The information service and the current cross reference street directory of the New York Telephone Company reflected no listing for anyone at the address 16 Jumel Terrace, New York City.

[REDACTED] United States Post Office, NYC, which covers the aforementioned address, on 11/19/56 furnished the following information to SA EDWARD P. MC NULTY:

[REDACTED] said he had ascertained from the mail carrier for the route covering 16 Jumel Terrace, that this address was the residence of PAUL ROBESON and his wife ESLANDA GOODE ROBESON. ROBESON is the well-known Negro singer. According to [REDACTED] the ROBESONS have resided at this address for over a year and are the only occupants. They receive a lot of foreign mail and in their contact with the mail carrier have been very courteous to him.

The initials E. G. R. would appear to be those of Mrs. PAUL ROBESON, who is the subject of NY 100-56680. Accordingly, no further investigation is being conducted and this case is being closed.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-12304)

DATE: 12/5/56

FROM : SAC, New York (100-25857)

SUBJECT: PAUL LE ROY ROBESON, was
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ReWFOlet to Bureau, 10/19/56, copies of which were received by the NYO with two sets of the HCUA publication entitled, "Investigation of the Unauthorized Use of United States Passports - Parts 1,2,3 and 4."

In accordance with Bureau instructions concerning the review of HCUA testimony contained in Bulet dated 6/8/53 captioned, "Un-American Activities Committee," subject's testimony before the United States House of Representatives, Sub-Committee of the Committee on Un-American Activities at a public hearing on 7/12/56 at Washington, D. C. has been reviewed.

In answer to questions concerning his Communist activities, past and present, the subject repeatedly invoked the Fifth Amendment.

Subject is a Key Figure of the NYO and is carried on the SI of this division. Pertinent parts of subject's testimony at the above hearing will be incorporated into the next investigative report submitted re subject. No further action relative to subject's appearance before the HCUA is being taken by the NYO at this time.

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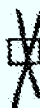
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515 22nd Street, N. W.
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From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
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Subject: PAUL LE ROY ROBESON
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No information is currently available concerning [REDACTED]

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TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont

DATE: January 23, 1957

FROM : R. R. Roach

SUBJECT: PAUL ROBESON
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On January 23, 1957, [REDACTED] Passport Office, State, advised Mr. Bartlett of the Liaison Section that Leonard Boudin, attorney for Paul Robeson, has asked the Passport Office of State to set a date for an administrative hearing in connection with Paul Robeson's application for a passport. You will recall that the Supreme Court turned Paul Robeson down in his effort to force State to give him a passport in that Robeson had not exhausted all of his administrative processes.

[REDACTED] further advised that he suggested to Mr. Boudin that he send a letter to State, putting his request in writing. No date has been set for this hearing. [REDACTED] said that he will keep the Bureau advised of any developments concerning Robeson.

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SYNOPSIS:

PAUL ROBESON resides 16 Jumel Terrace, NYC, and is a self-employed concert singer. On 6/12/56, in testimony before the US House of Representatives, Sub-Committee, Committee on Un-American Activities, ROBESON evoked the 5th Amendment of the US Constitution in answer to questions concerning subversive activities and/or affiliations. On 1/2/57, "Daily Worker" reported message of greetings from PAUL ROBESON broadcast by radio Moscow. ROBESON suggested as observer at 16th National Convention of the CPUSA but was unavailable. On 11/13/56, PAUL ROBESON speaker at NCASF rally, NYC. On 1/9/57, subject visited by WILLIAM Z. FOSTER. PAUL ROBESON attended reception at Soviet Embassy, 11/7/56, and attended Albanian UN Delegation approximately 11/23/56.

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DETAILS:

I. BACKGROUND

A. Residence

On November 19, 1956, [REDACTED] advised that PAUL ROBESON and his wife reside at 16 Jumel Terrace, New York City, and are the only occupants of the house at that address.

On February 15, 1957, [REDACTED] who is in a position to furnish reliable information, advised that as of that date PAUL ROBESON could be located at 16 Jumel Terrace, New York City.

B. Employment

The "Daily Worker" issue of October 12, 1956, page 3, column 4, contained an article entitled "Hall in Newark Bars Concert By Robeson After Hate Story". This article noted that a November 30th concert by PAUL ROBESON, Negro baritone, had been cancelled by the management of the Essex House, Newark, New Jersey, following the publication of an article concerning ROBESON which had appeared in the Newark Star-Ledger newspaper.

The "Daily Worker" is an East coast Communist newspaper.

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On [REDACTED] advised that on that date CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT indicated a large Negro church in Chicago desired to have PAUL ROBESON perform a concert although no specific date had been set. b7D

The "Daily Worker" issue of February 13, 1957, page 2, column 4, disclosed that CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT was among persons elected to the National Committee of the Communist Party of the United States of America (CPUSA) on February 12, 1957, during the 16th National Convention of the Communist Party (CP).

II. AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT

A. Evidence of CP Sympathies

On [REDACTED] b7C
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[REDACTED] advised SA [REDACTED] and SA [REDACTED] that he had occasion to talk with PAUL ROBESON during the period 1945-1947. According to [REDACTED] on one occasion ROBESON stated that while Communism is not perfect as it exists in Russia, it definitely was working for the betterment of the working man.

On June 12, 1956, PAUL ROBESON testified at a special hearing of the United States House of Representatives Sub-Committee of the Committee on Un-American Activities, Washington, D.C., which was

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then conducting a series of hearings on the issue of the use of American passports as travel documents in furtherance of the objectives of the Communist conspiracy. During the course of his testimony ROBESON invoked the Fifth Amendment of the United States Constitution in answer to questions as to :

- 1) Whether or not he was then a member of the CP
- 2) Whether or not his CP name was ever JOHN THOMAS
- 3) Whether ROBESON had ever been Chairman of the Council on African Affairs
- 4) Whether or not there was a Communist core in the Council on African Affairs.

In addition to the above, ROBESON invoked the Fifth Amendment as to whether or not he was acquainted with various government witnesses who had previously testified and had furnished information concerning his subversive affiliations.

The Council on African Affairs has been cited by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

On [REDACTED] advised that in a conversation with PAUL ROBESON, ROBESON had stated if he were allowed to visit other countries, he would denounce the United States as imperialists who practice segregation at home.

The "Daily Worker" issue of January 2, 1957, page 7, column 4, contained an article entitled "Robeson Sends Greetings to Soviet People". This article stated

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in part, "London, January 21, - Radio Moscow today broadcast a 'cordial message of greetings' from American singer Paul Robeson to the Soviet people in which he said many American Negroes have to flee the South because of the 'forces of evil' there."

On [REDACTED], advised that the 16th National Convention of the CPUSA had been held February 9-12, 1957, at Chateau Gardens, New York City. [REDACTED] stated that during the Saturday session on February 9, 1957, BEN DAVIS spoke in favor of seating observers at the Convention. It was then suggested that PAUL ROBESON be among persons added to the list of observers. However, it was pointed out that these people, including ROBESON, had already been invited and were not available.

On [REDACTED] advised that at that time, BEN DAVIS was a member of the National Board of the CPUSA.

B. Evidence of Membership In or Sympathy with CP Front Organizations

The "Daily Worker" issue of September 25, 1956, page 2, column 1, contained an article entitled "Paul Robeson to Sing Tonight". This article stated that PAUL ROBESON would sing and speak that date at an affair arranged by the "Morning Freiheit" to be held at the Henry Hudson Hotel, New York City.

The "Morning Freiheit" is a Communist Yiddish daily. (Attorney General Francis Biddle, Congressional Record, September 24, 1942, p. 7686.)

On [REDACTED] advised that on November 13, 1956, a meeting of the National Council of

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American-Soviet Friendship (NCASF) was held at 135 West 70th Street, New York City. [REDACTED] advised that PAUL ROBESON was in attendance and in a speech described the rise of the Negro from slavery and pointed out that their struggle for rights was aided by the dictators of Socialism as practiced in the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR). He called for peaceful co-existence and friendship between all peoples.

On [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that on November 13, 1956, PAUL ROBESON spoke at the NCASF rally, mentioned above, during which he paid tribute to the NCASF. ROBESON stated that we must live with war and the question of full citizenship for the Negroes must be resolved. ROBESON pointed out the struggle of the Negro today was brought forth in the October, 1917, Revolution as a result of which the Negro peoples know their struggles are possible because of the Soviet struggle.

The "Daily Worker" issue of November 15, 1956, page 5, contained an editorial entitled "They Want No Peace". This editorial concerned demonstrations against persons attending a rally of the NCASF held the week before. In part this editorial read, "There is more than passing significance in the fact that one of the persons reviled and physically threatened by the demonstrators was Paul Robeson, famed at home and abroad as a symbol both of the achievements of the Negro people and of the repressions they still suffer. Paul Robeson has never hidden his admiration for the Soviet Union - the land where he first found color to be no bar to equality nor his belief in the need for American-Soviet cooperation for world peace."

C. Communist Party Associates

On October 7, 1956, [REDACTED] who is in a position to furnish reliable information, advised that on that date BEN DAVIS visited PAUL ROBESON at his residence.

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BEN DAVIS has been previously described.

On January 9, 1957, [REDACTED] who is in a position to furnish reliable information, advised that on that date WILLIAM Z. FOSTER indicated he had visited PAUL ROBESON and found ROBESON to be very friendly. b7D

The "Daily Worker" issue of February 13, 1957, page 2, column 4, reflected that WILLIAM Z. FOSTER was among persons elected to the National Committee of the CPUSA on February 12, 1957, during the 16th National Convention of the CP.

D. Miscellaneous Activities

1) Contacts With Soviet or Satellite Officials, Nationals and/or Establishments

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[REDACTED] b1
[REDACTED] (c)

On [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] respectively, [REDACTED] b7D
[REDACTED] advised that on November 7, 1956, PAUL ROBESON was in attendance at a reception held in the Soviet Embassy, Washington, D.C.

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2) Subject's Activities In and/or Subversive
Ramifications of His Passport Case

The "New York Times" newspaper of September 6, 1956, page 7, late city edition, contained an article entitled, "Robeson Pushes Appeal". This article read in part, "Paul Robeson, singer, asked the Supreme Court today to intervene in his three year passport controversy with the State Department."

The "Daily Worker" issue of November 6, 1956, page 2, columns 4 and 5, contained an article entitled, "High Court Denies Hearing to Robeson". This article noted that on November 5, 1956, the Supreme Court had denied a hearing to PAUL ROBESON to grant him a passport.

The "Daily Worker" issue of November 7, 1956, page 5, column 1, contained in its editorial column an item entitled, "The Robeson Decision". This item read as follows:

"The Supreme Court has denied PAUL ROBESON a hearing on his fight to force the State Department to give him a passport. Thus one of America's finest and most famous sons, renowned in the four corners of the earth, is kept virtually

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a house prisoner.....What a disgrace!
.....Three-fourths of the world
will see this petty official tyranny as a racist
act against a Negro who was a pioneer critic
of the Jim Crow system and is an uncompromising
foe of colonialism."

[REDACTED] (c)

[REDACTED] (c)

JOHN WILLIAMSON 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. On October 21, 1949, he was sentenced to five years imprisonment and fined \$10,000 by Federal Judge HAROLD D. MEDINA. He was released from federal prison on March 1, 1955.

WILLIAMSON was granted permission to leave the United States voluntarily under warrant for deportation and departed from the United States for England on May 4, 1955.

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NATIONAL COUNCIL OF AMERICAN-SOVIET FRIENDSHIP

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

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[REDACTED] (c)

With regard to the 16th National Convention of the CPUSA held 2/9-12/57, in NYC, [REDACTED] advised it was heard during the course of the convention that WILLIAM PATERSON was in close consultation with PAUL ROBESON prior to and during the convention. [REDACTED] also heard that PATERSON and BEN DAVIS allegedly represented the ideological point of view of ROBESON. This, according to the informant, was further brought out by the position taken by PAUL ROBESON, JR. who was a delegate to the convention and who spoke for the left caucus position on all points. b1

On February 28, 1957, the records of [REDACTED] NYC. were furnished by [REDACTED] to SE [REDACTED]. These records were found to contain no new information re ROBESON. b7c / b7d

As a matter of information, it is noted that the subject's wife, ESLANDA GOODE ROBESON (NY 100-56680, Bufile 100-12304) is carried on the Security Index of the NYO.

The subject is a key figure and is carried on the Security Index of the NYO. Subject's Security Index cards are current and accurate.

A suitable photograph of PAUL ROBESON is available to the NYO.

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At New York, New York

Will follow and report activities of the subject.

REFERENCES

Report of SA [REDACTED], 10/17/56, NY. b7c

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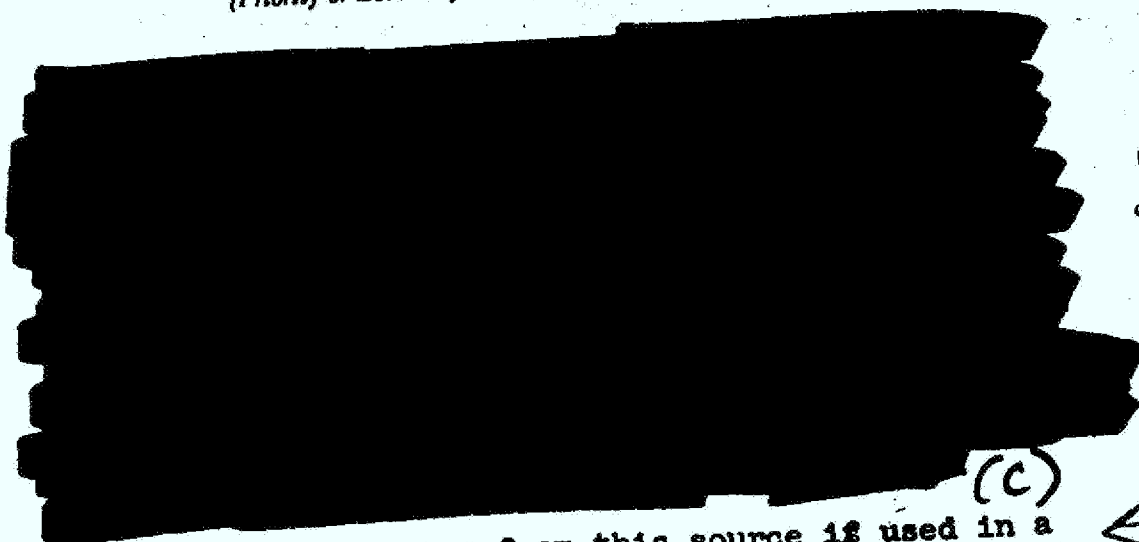
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