

FBIHQ FILE

100-12304

SECTION : 20

PAUL ROBESON, SR.

XXXXXX  
XXXXXX  
XXXXXX

### FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION FOIPA DELETED PAGE INFORMATION SHEET

1 Page(s) withheld entirely at this location in the file. One or more of the following statements, where indicated, explain this deletion.

Deleted under exemption(s) (b)(1) with no segregable material available for release to you.

Information pertained only to a third party with no reference to you or the subject of your request.

Information pertained only to a third party. Your name is listed in the title only.

Document(s) originating with the following government agency(ies) \_\_\_\_\_, was/were forwarded to them for direct response to you.

\_\_\_\_\_ Page(s) referred for consultation to the following government agency(ies); \_\_\_\_\_ as the information originated with them. You will be advised of availability upon return of the material to the FBI.

\_\_\_\_\_ Page(s) withheld for the following reason(s):  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

For your information: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

The following number is to be used for reference regarding these pages:  
FBI Headquarters file 100-12304-667

XXXXXX  
XXXXXX  
XXXXXX

XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX  
X DELETED PAGE(S) X  
X NO DUPLICATION FEE X  
X FOR THIS PAGE X  
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

XXXXXX  
XXXXXX  
XXXXXX

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
FOIPA DELETED PAGE INFORMATION SHEET

2 Page(s) withheld entirely at this location in the file. One or more of the following statements, where indicated, explain this deletion.

Deleted under exemption(s) (b)(1) with no segregable material available for release to you.

Information pertained only to a third party with no reference to you or the subject of your request.

Information pertained only to a third party. Your name is listed in the title only.

Document(s) originating with the following government agency(ies) \_\_\_\_\_, was/were forwarded to them for direct response to you.

\_\_\_\_\_ Page(s) referred for consultation to the following government agency(ies); \_\_\_\_\_ as the information originated with them. You will be advised of availability upon return of the material to the FBI.

\_\_\_\_\_ Page(s) withheld for the following reason(s):  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

For your information: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

The following number is to be used for reference regarding these pages:  
FBI Headquarters file 100-12304-668

XXXXXX  
XXXXXX  
XXXXXX

XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX  
X DELETED PAGE(S) X  
X NO DUPLICATION FEE X  
X FOR THIS PAGE X  
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

XXXXXX  
XXXXXX  
XXXXXX

### FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION FOIPA DELETED PAGE INFORMATION SHEET

1 Page(s) withheld entirely at this location in the file. One or more of the following statements, where indicated, explain this deletion.

- Deleted under exemption(s) (b)(1) with no segregable material available for release to you.
- Information pertained only to a third party with no reference to you or the subject of your request.
- Information pertained only to a third party. Your name is listed in the title only.
- Document(s) originating with the following government agency(ies) \_\_\_\_\_, was/were forwarded to them for direct response to you.

\_\_\_\_\_ Page(s) referred for consultation to the following government agency(ies); \_\_\_\_\_ as the information originated with them. You will be advised of availability upon return of the material to the FBI.

\_\_\_\_\_ Page(s) withheld for the following reason(s):  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

For your information: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

The following number is to be used for reference regarding these pages:  
FBI Headquarters file 100-12304-669

XXXXXX  
XXXXXX  
XXXXXX

XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX  
X DELETED PAGE(S) X  
X NO DUPLICATION FEE X  
X FOR THIS PAGE X  
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

UNITED STATES

SECRET

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-12304)

3/8/63

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-22692) (P)

SUBJECT: PAUL LEROY ROBESON  
IS - C  
(OO:NY)

ReBulet dated January 31, 1963, and Chicago letter dated February 13, 1963. (u)

[REDACTED] (S)

[REDACTED] (S)

The source could not furnish any additional information in connection with the ROBESON matter but will remain alert for further developments and the Bureau and New York will be kept advised. (u)

CLASS. & EXT. BY SP-5 Rdg/dw 1-27-81  
REASON-FCIM II, 1-2.4.2  
DATE OF REVIEW 3-8-83

- ②-Bureau (RM)
- 1-New York (100-56680)(Info)(RM)
- 2-Chicago

100-12304-670

RWH:MDW  
(5)

Classified by 2650 JED REG-42  
Exempt from GDS, Category 2 6 MAR 11 1963  
Date of Declassification Indefinite  
JUN 3 1977

62 MAR 14 1963

~~SECRET~~

SUBV CONTROL

4

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

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

TO: *97 m*  
FROM: *6/7/63*

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-12304)

DATE: MAR 29 1963

SAC, NEW YORK (100-25857)

SUBJECT:

PAUL LEROY ROBESON  
SM - C  
(OO: NEW YORK)

*st*  
*pc*  
*7*

ReNYlet to Bureau, 2/13/63. (u)

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (c)

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES  
AND FIELD OFFICES  
ADVISED BY ROUTING  
SLIP(S) OF *W. J. ...*  
DATE *3-27-77*

NY files on [REDACTED] in the NY area, who are of security interest to the NYO, were reviewed to determine whether any information pertaining to this matter was reflected therein. None of the files reviewed reflected any information concerning the identity of [REDACTED] involved. (u)

[REDACTED]

CLASS. & EXT. BY *SP-5 R-7-...*  
REASON-FCIM II, 1-2.4.2 *2*  
DATE OF REVIEW *3-29-83*

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Classified by *2650 VER*  
Exempt from GDS, Category *2*  
Date of Declassification Indefinite  
JUN 3 1977

- 2-Bureau (100-12304) (RM)
- 2-Washington Field (100-19021) (RM)
- 1-New York (100-25857)

*100-12304-671*

VJA:arg  
(5)

REC-28

12 APR 1 1963

APR 8 1963

*114*

EX-116

SUBV. CONTROL

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

*b1*  
*b7c*  
*b7d*  
*7-81*  
*A*

XXXXXX  
XXXXXX  
XXXXXX

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
FOIPA DELETED PAGE INFORMATION SHEET

1 Page(s) withheld entirely at this location in the file. One or more of the following statements, where indicated, explain this deletion.

- Deleted under exemption(s) (b)(1); (b)(7)(C) with no segregable material available for release to you.
- Information pertained only to a third party with no reference to you or the subject of your request.
- Information pertained only to a third party. Your name is listed in the title only.
- Document(s) originating with the following government agency(ies) \_\_\_\_\_, was/were forwarded to them for direct response to you.

\_\_\_\_\_ Page(s) referred for consultation to the following government agency(ies); \_\_\_\_\_ as the information originated with them. You will be advised of availability upon return of the material to the FBI.

\_\_\_\_\_ Page(s) withheld for the following reason(s):  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

For your information: (b)(7)(C) cited to protect FBI investigative interests of third parties.

The following number is to be used for reference regarding these pages:  
FBI Headquarters file 100-12304-671 (page 2)

XXXXXX  
XXXXXX  
XXXXXX

XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX  
X DELETED PAGE(S) X  
X NO DUPLICATION FEE X  
X FOR THIS PAGE X  
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

UNITED STATES

AGENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-12304)

DATE: 4/12/63

FROM : SAC, WFO (100-19021) (RUC)

SUBJECT: PAUL LEROY ROBESON  
SM - C  
(OO:NY)

*W. J. Sew*  
*[Handwritten signatures and initials]*

ReNYlet 3/13/63, requesting WFO to review passport file concerning [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

In connection with this matter, it is pointed out that under current passport regulations, a person in possession of a valid passport need not advise the U. S. Department of State (USDS) concerning proposed travel [REDACTED]

Re [REDACTED]  
IC [REDACTED] determined at the USDS Passport Office on 2/27/63, [REDACTED]

SA [REDACTED] determined at the USDS Office of Security, on 3/19/63, that the file concerning [REDACTED] contained no additional information other than data furnished by the Bureau.

Re [REDACTED]  
IC [REDACTED] determined at the USDS Passport Office, on 2/28/63, [REDACTED]

- 4-Bureau
- 4-New York (100-25857) (ROBESON) (RM)
  - (1 - 100-119739)
  - (1 - 100-137722)
- 3-WFO
  - (1 - 100-37301)
  - (1 - 100-37261)

REC-69 100-12304-672

11 APR 15 1963

EX-118

SUBV CONTROL

CAF:ecs  
(11)

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
DATE 1-27-81 BY SP5R/g/jw

58 APR 22 1963

b7c  
b7D

b7c

*SF*  
*[Handwritten initials]*

*2*

*7*



WFO 100-19021

[REDACTED]

No additional pertinent information was contained in the file.

SA [REDACTED] determined at USDS, Office of Security, on 4/3/63, that [REDACTED] contained no additional information concerning this matter.

←  
b7c  
←

8

XXXXXX  
XXXXXX  
XXXXXX

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
FOIPA DELETED PAGE INFORMATION SHEET

1 Page(s) withheld entirely at this location in the file. One or more of the following statements, where indicated, explain this deletion.

Deleted under exemption(s) (b)(1); (b)(7)(D) with no segregable material available for release to you.

Information pertained only to a third party with no reference to you or the subject of your request.

Information pertained only to a third party. Your name is listed in the title only.

Document(s) originating with the following government agency(ies) \_\_\_\_\_, was/were forwarded to them for direct response to you.

\_\_\_\_\_ Page(s) referred for consultation to the following government agency(ies); \_\_\_\_\_ as the information originated with them. You will be advised of availability upon return of the material to the FBI.

\_\_\_\_\_ Page(s) withheld for the following reason(s):  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

For your information: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

The following number is to be used for reference regarding these pages:  
FBI Headquarters file 100-12304-673 (page 1)

XXXXXX  
XXXXXX  
XXXXXX

XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX  
X DELETED PAGE(S) X  
X NO DUPLICATION FEE X  
X FOR THIS PAGE X  
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

XXXXXX  
XXXXXX  
XXXXXX

### FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION FOIPA DELETED PAGE INFORMATION SHEET

1 Page(s) withheld entirely at this location in the file. One or more of the following statements, where indicated, explain this deletion.

Deleted under exemption(s) (b)(1) with no segregable material available for release to you.

Information pertained only to a third party with no reference to you or the subject of your request.

Information pertained only to a third party. Your name is listed in the title only.

Document(s) originating with the following government agency(ies) \_\_\_\_\_, was/were forwarded to them for direct response to you.

\_\_\_\_\_ Page(s) referred for consultation to the following government agency(ies); \_\_\_\_\_ as the information originated with them. You will be advised of availability upon return of the material to the FBI.

\_\_\_\_\_ Page(s) withheld for the following reason(s):  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

For your information: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

The following number is to be used for reference regarding these pages:  
FBI Headquarters File 100-12304-673 (Enclosure)

XXXXXX  
XXXXXX  
XXXXXX

XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX  
X DELETED PAGE(S) X  
X NO DUPLICATION FEE X  
X FOR THIS PAGE X  
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

TO: SAC, \_\_\_\_\_

- Albany
- Albuquerque
- Anchorage
- Atlanta
- Baltimore
- Birmingham
- Boston
- Buffalo
- Butte
- Charlotte
- Chicago
- Cincinnati
- Cleveland
- Dallas
- Denver
- Detroit
- El Paso
- Honolulu

- Houston
- Indianapolis
- Jacksonville
- Kansas City
- Knoxville
- Las Vegas
- Little Rock
- Los Angeles
- Louisville
- Memphis
- Miami
- Milwaukee
- Minneapolis
- Mobile
- Newark
- New Haven
- New Orleans
- New York City

- Norfolk
- Oklahoma City
- Omaha
- Philadelphia
- Phoenix
- Pittsburgh
- Portland
- Richmond
- St. Louis
- Salt Lake City
- San Antonio
- San Diego
- San Francisco
- San Juan
- Savannah
- Seattle
- Springfield
- Tampa

- Washington Field
  - Quantico
- TO LEGAT:**
- Bern
  - Bonn
  - London
  - Madrid
  - Manila
  - Mexico, D. F.
  - Ottawa
  - Paris
  - Rome
  - Rio de Janeiro
  - Tokyo

Date 7/25/63

RE: *PAUL LEROY ROBESON*  
*SM-C*

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
DATE 1-27-81 BY SP-5Rdg/HW

- For information
- For appropriate action
- Surep, by \_\_\_\_\_
- The enclosed is for your information. If used in a future report,  conceal all sources,  paraphrase contents.
- Enclosed are corrected pages from report of SA \_\_\_\_\_ dated \_\_\_\_\_

Remarks: *Reurlets 4/15/63 and 4/14/63 re [redacted]*  
*[redacted] your file 100-22692, Bufile*  
*100-1V304.*

*Appears informant intended reference to Paul Lero Robeson, father of Paul Robeson, to clarify and advise by R/S if not previously done.*

Enc.  
Bufile *100-1V304*  
Urfile *100-2269 ✓*

SEARCHED _____	INDEXED _____
SERIALIZED _____	FILED _____
JUL 26 1963	
FBI-CHICAGO	



Date 8/1/63 <sup>called</sup> <sub>8/1</sub>

To  Director

FILE # 100-12304-673

Att. ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Title PAUL LEROY ROBESON

- SAC
- ASAC
- Supv.
- Agent
- SE
- CC
- Steno
- Clerk

SM-C

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN  
OTHERWISE

ACTION DESIRED

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Acknowledge   | <input type="checkbox"/> Open Case              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Assign.....Reassign.....                                | <input type="checkbox"/> Prepare lead cards     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bring file  | <input type="checkbox"/> Prepare tickler        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Call me   | <input type="checkbox"/> Recharge serials       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Correct   | <input type="checkbox"/> Return assignment card |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Deadline.....   | <input type="checkbox"/> Return file            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Deadline passed   | <input type="checkbox"/> Return serials         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Delinquent  | <input type="checkbox"/> Search and return      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Discontinue   | <input type="checkbox"/> Sign me                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Expedite  | <input type="checkbox"/> Submit charge-out      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> File  | <input type="checkbox"/> Submit report by       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> For information   | <input type="checkbox"/> Type                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Initial & return  |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Leads need attention                                    |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Return with explanation or notation as to action taken. |   |

CLASS. & EXT. BY SP-5/...  
REASON-FCIM II, 1-2.4.2, 2  
DATE OF REVIEW 7-25-93

Re Bu R/S 7/25/63 v CD ltr 4/15-16/63.



SAC CMJ/era

See reverse side ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

*Handwritten notes and signatures:*  
- CONTROL  
- SMK  
- ←

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-12304) **CONFIDENTIAL**

DATE: April 19, 1963

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-22692) (RUC)

SUBJECT: PAUL LEROY ROBESON YES  
PAUL ROBESON Jr.  
SM - C

OO: NEW YORK

*PAUL LEROY ROBESON*

*1-31-63*

*W. [Signature]*

Re Bureau letter dated 3/31/63, and Chicago letters dated 2/13/63, and 3/8/63, all captioned as above.

Chicago has followed instant matter as suggested in referenced Bureau letter. Since submission of Chicago letter of March 8, 1963, no additional pertinent information in this matter has been received and accordingly, it is felt this case should be considered RUC. However, Chicago will continue to follow this matter

*0-7 CHICAGO 4/20/63 - APPEARS INTENDED TITLE REFERENCE TO PAUL LEROY ROBESON, FATHER OF PAUL ROBESON, JR. - ALSO SHOULD BULBT REFERENCE BE 1/31/63. ADVISE BY RLS PROMPTLY*

- 2 - Bureau (RM)
- 1 - New York (100-95550) (RM)
- 2 - Chicago

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN OTHERWISE

RWH:Plb (5)

CLASS. & EXT. BY *SP-5 RLg/dw*  
REASON-FCIM II, 1-2.4.2  
DATE OF REVIEW *4-19-83*

REC-25 100-12304-674

12 APR 22 1963

EX-1161

688 SA 3 TR **CONFIDENTIAL**

NON INLETI CIA REC.D

**SUBV CONTROL**

54 APR 30 1963

**CONFIDENTIAL**

*13*

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

~~SECRET~~

DATE: 4/26/63

977  
1/19/63  
TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-12304)  
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-25857) (C)

SUBJECT: PAUL LEROY ROBESON  
SM - C  
(OO:NY)

W. H. ...  
G. ...  
H. ...

ReNYlet to Bureau dated 3/29/63 and WFOlet to Bureau 4/12/63. (u)

Review of passport files at Washington, DC on [redacted] and [redacted] reflects that both of these individuals are in possession of valid US passports. (u) England

[redacted] (u)  
Current review has been made of [redacted] NYO file, but no information has been received shedding any light upon [redacted]

This information is reflected in WFOlet to Bureau dated 4/12/63. (u)

[Large redacted block]

- 2 - Bureau (100-12304) (RM)
- 1 - Chicago (100-22692) (RM) (INFO)
- 1 - New York (100-137722)
- 1 - New York (100-119739)
- 1 - New York (100-25857)

CLASS. & EXT. BY 51-5 Rds/HW  
REASON-FCIM II, 1-2.4.2  
DATE OF REVIEW 4-26-83

VJA:mrk  
(6)

Classified by 2650 Ykd  
Exempt from GDS, Category 2  
Date of Declassification Indefinite

REC-19  
EX-112

10 APR 29 1963

SUBV. CONTROL

56 MAY 7 1963

JUN 3 1977

SECRET

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

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN OTHERWISE

b7c

b1

b7c



~~SECRET~~

NY 100-25857

It is noted from CGlet to Bureau dated 3/8/63 that [redacted] has been alerted to report any additional information in the above regard coming to his attention, if and when it is received.

[redacted] (S)

NYO is closing its file in this matter and it is suggested that Chicago do likewise until any additional information is received from [redacted] specifically, identifying the parties involved. (u)

The following confidential sources, NYO, were contacted negatively in this matter during March and April, 1963: (u)

[redacted] (C)  
[redacted] (u)

~~SECRET~~

~~SECRET~~



XXXXXX  
XXXXXX  
XXXXXX

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
FOIPA DELETED PAGE INFORMATION SHEET

2 Page(s) withheld entirely at this location in the file. One or more of the following statements, where indicated, explain this deletion.

Deleted under exemption(s) \_\_\_\_\_ with no segregable material available for release to you.

Information pertained only to a third party with no reference to you or the subject of your request.

Information pertained only to a third party. Your name is listed in the title only.

Document(s) originating with the following government agency(ies) Department of State, was/were forwarded to them for direct response to you.

\_\_\_\_\_ Page(s) referred for consultation to the following government agency(ies); \_\_\_\_\_ as the information originated with them. You will be advised of availability upon return of the material to the FBI.

\_\_\_\_\_ Page(s) withheld for the following reason(s):  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

For your information: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

The following number is to be used for reference regarding these pages:  
FBI Headquarters file 100-12304 - Not Recorded dated 5-4-63.

XXXXXX  
XXXXXX  
XXXXXX

XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX  
X DELETED PAGE(S) X  
X NO DUPLICATION FEE X  
X FOR THIS PAGE X  
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

XXXXXX  
XXXXXX  
XXXXXX

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
FOIPA DELETED PAGE INFORMATION SHEET

1 Page(s) withheld entirely at this location in the file. One or more of the following statements, where indicated, explain this deletion.

Deleted under exemption(s) (b)(1) with no segregable material available for release to you.

Information pertained only to a third party with no reference to you or the subject of your request.

Information pertained only to a third party. Your name is listed in the title only.

Document(s) originating with the following government agency(ies) \_\_\_\_\_, was/were forwarded to them for direct response to you.

\_\_\_\_\_ Page(s) referred for consultation to the following government agency(ies); \_\_\_\_\_ as the information originated with them. You will be advised of availability upon return of the material to the FBI.

\_\_\_\_\_ Page(s) withheld for the following reason(s):  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

For your information: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

The following number is to be used for reference regarding these pages:  
FBI Headquarters file 100-12304-676

XXXXXX  
XXXXXX  
XXXXXX

XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX  
X DELETED PAGE(S) X  
X NO DUPLICATION FEE X  
X FOR THIS PAGE X  
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX



THE FOREIGN SERVICE  
OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

American Embassy  
Paris 8, France

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
DATE 1-27-81 BY SP-5R/LW

Date: May 9, 1963  
To: Director, FBI (100-12304)  
From: Legat, Paris (100-715)(P)  
Subject: PAUL LEROY ROBESON  
IS - C

Set forth below is a text of an unclassified airgram dated May 4, 1963 to the Department of State, (information London), furnished the Paris Office on May 7, 1963 from the American Embassy, Paris, captioned "Whereabouts of Paul Robeson and His Present Attitude Toward USSR and Communism Disputed Between Le Figaro and L'Humanite."

"The present whereabouts of Paul Robeson, the American colored actor and singer, and his current attitude toward the Soviet Union and Communism were subjects of dispute between Le Figaro and L'Humanite on May 2 and 3.

"Le Figaro in an article by its authority on Communist affairs, who identifies himself with the sign XXX, reported on May 2 that Robeson had returned to the U.S. after having broken with the Soviet Union because of its cultural oppression of minorities. Mistakenly claiming that the American singer had resided in the USSR during the period 1948-1963 (in the earlier part of this period Robeson was unable to leave the U.S. because he had been denied a passport due to his identification with Communist causes), Le Figaro reported that Robeson 'had just returned to the United States completely disillusioned, aged, ruined and alone.' Le Figaro said the singer had explained his

- 4 - Bureau (1 - New York) (1 - Liaison)
- 1 - Legat, London (sent direct)
- 1 - Paris

LPK:ij

(6) Copy to...  
by routing slip for  
 info  action

177  
32 MAY 21

REC-69  
100-12304-677  
13 MAY 14 1963  
SUBV. CONTROL  
REC'D  
REC'D

Paris 100-715

action as stemming from his disillusionment in the Soviet claim that all minorities in the USSR lived without the 'least restrictions' placed upon them. He supposedly said that in fact in the Soviet Union one tells the minorities that 'their culture is inferior to the new culture inspired by the Soviet state,' that 'the only great writers' are Soviets, and that western art is 'decadent.' Robeson supposedly reported that he was disabused because in the USSR he had found 'another form of oppression all the more dangerous because it was exercised in the name of a pretended liberation.'

"On May 3 L'Humanite denied Le Figaro's story, claiming that it had gotten information from its London correspondent that Robeson was in fact undergoing medical treatment in a clinic near the British capital. The wife of Robeson was reported to have said that 'my husband has not broken and has no intention of breaking with Communism.' Associates of Robeson were quoted to have said that he has no intention to visit the U.S. They allegedly asserted that if he does make a trip he would sooner go to Moscow, but that his state of health prevents him from undertaking any voyages."

"COMMENT: The rapidity with which L'Humanite denied Le Figaro's XXX account is noteworthy. Actually L'Humanite rarely refutes the claims in articles by XXX. The haste with which L'Humanite responded suggests that this time it may feel itself certain of its facts."

[REDACTED]

67-17  
19

XXXXXX  
XXXXXX  
XXXXXX

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
FOIPA DELETED PAGE INFORMATION SHEET

1 Page(s) withheld entirely at this location in the file. One or more of the following statements, where indicated, explain this deletion.

Deleted under exemption(s) (b)(1) with no segregable material available for release to you.

Information pertained only to a third party with no reference to you or the subject of your request.

Information pertained only to a third party. Your name is listed in the title only.

Document(s) originating with the following government agency(ies) \_\_\_\_\_, was/were forwarded to them for direct response to you.

\_\_\_\_\_ Page(s) referred for consultation to the following government agency(ies); \_\_\_\_\_ as the information originated with them. You will be advised of availability upon return of the material to the FBI.

\_\_\_\_\_ Page(s) withheld for the following reason(s):  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

For your information: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

The following number is to be used for reference regarding these pages:  
FBI Headquarters File 100-12304 - 678

XXXXXX  
XXXXXX  
XXXXXX

XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX  
X DELETED PAGE(S) X  
X NO DUPLICATION FEE X  
X FOR THIS PAGE X  
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX





THE FOREIGN SERVICE  
OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
American Embassy  
Paris 8, France

*0-1 to lower status  
7/25/63 - B.R./JCC  
ans 7/29/67*

Date: June 7, 1963  
To: Director, FBI  
From: Legat, Paris (100-715) (RUC)  
Subject: PAUL LEROY ROBESON  
IS - C  
Bufile 100-12304  
ESLANDA ROBESON  
SM - C  
Bufile 100-399388

*p-1 7/30/63  
B.R. JCC  
ans 1/20*

*L*

Re London letter to Bureau 5/22/63.

In view of the information set forth in re London letter and that it is highly unlikely that the subjects will be visiting France in the near future no further action is being taken in this matter.

- 5 - Bureau (1 - Liaison)
  - 2 - Legat, London (100-1182)(100-1666)(sent direct)
  - 1 - Paris
- LPK:lj  
(8)

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
DATE 1-27-81 BY SP-5 Rlg/dw

*New York*  
Copy to \_\_\_\_\_  
by routing slip  
 info  action  
date \_\_\_\_\_  
by \_\_\_\_\_

REC-23 100-12304-679

JUN 14 1963

EX-120

SUBV. CONTROL  
*[Signature]*

JUN 19 10 41 AM '63  
54 JUN 21 1963

*cc destroyed 11/30/63 Com/BC*

UNRECORDED COPY FILED IN

*21*

XXXXXX  
XXXXXX  
XXXXXX

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
FOIPA DELETED PAGE INFORMATION SHEET

1 Page(s) withheld entirely at this location in the file. One or more of the following statements, where indicated, explain this deletion.

- Deleted under exemption(s) (b)(1) with no segregable material available for release to you.
- Information pertained only to a third party with no reference to you or the subject of your request.
- Information pertained only to a third party. Your name is listed in the title only.
- Document(s) originating with the following government agency(ies) \_\_\_\_\_, was/were forwarded to them for direct response to you.

\_\_\_\_\_ Page(s) referred for consultation to the following government agency(ies); \_\_\_\_\_ as the information originated with them. You will be advised of availability upon return of the material to the FBI.

\_\_\_\_\_ Page(s) withheld for the following reason(s):  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

For your information: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

The following number is to be used for reference regarding these pages:  
FBI Headquarters file 100-12304-680

XXXXXX  
XXXXXX  
XXXXXX

XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX  
X DELETED PAGE(S) X  
X NO DUPLICATION FEE X  
X FOR THIS PAGE X  
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

*JJ*  
FBI/DOJ

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

*ck*

TO : Director, FBI (100-12304)

DATE: 7-30-63

FROM : Legat, Bonn (105-720) (RUC)

SUBJECT: PAUL LEROY ROBESON  
IS - C

Re Bonnlet dated 2-20-63.

*MRS. PAUL LEROY ROBESON*

"Neues Deutschland," published in East Berlin, reported on 7-9-63, that Eslanda Robeson, the well-known freedom fighter and wife of the popular Negro singer, Paul Robeson, had been awarded the German Peace Medal by the Peace Council of the German Democratic Republic for her service to peace and international understanding. Mrs. Robeson expressed heartfelt thanks for this award and recognition.

*GSC*

2 Copies to NYO  
by routing slip for  
 info  action  
date 8/9/63  
by *W.H. [unclear]*

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
DATE 1-27-81 BY SP-5RL/dw

*P*

- 5 - Bureau
  - (1 - Liaison)
  - (2 - New York: 105-38595)

1 - Bonn

JCFM:kmm  
(6)

REC 7. 100-12304-681

AUG 2 1963

104  
62 AUG 12 1963

AUG 1 5 03 PM '63

DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES

~~SUBV CONTROL~~

23



XXXXXX  
XXXXXX  
XXXXXX

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
FOIPA DELETED PAGE INFORMATION SHEET

1 Page(s) withheld entirely at this location in the file. One or more of the following statements, where indicated, explain this deletion.

Deleted under exemption(s) (b)(1) with no segregable material available for release to you.

Information pertained only to a third party with no reference to you or the subject of your request.

Information pertained only to a third party. Your name is listed in the title only.

Document(s) originating with the following government agency(ies) \_\_\_\_\_, was/were forwarded to them for direct response to you.

\_\_\_\_\_ Page(s) referred for consultation to the following government agency(ies); \_\_\_\_\_ as the information originated with them. You will be advised of availability upon return of the material to the FBI.

\_\_\_\_\_ Page(s) withheld for the following reason(s):  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

For your information: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

The following number is to be used for reference regarding these pages:  
FBI Headquarters file 100-12304 - 682

XXXXXX  
XXXXXX  
XXXXXX

XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX  
X DELETED PAGE(S) X  
X NO DUPLICATION FEE X  
X FOR THIS PAGE X  
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

*CF 9/12*

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-12304)  
(100-399388)

DATE: 8/30/63

FROM : *J.T.M.* SAC, NEW YORK (100-25857)  
(100-56680)

SUBJECT: PAUL LEROY ROBESON aka  
IS-C  
(OO: NEW YORK)

ESLANDA ROBESON aka  
SM-C  
(OO: NEW YORK)

*MRS Paul Leroy Robeson*

Re Legat letter dated 5/22/63.

The NY Times, a daily NY newspaper, in an article published on 8/26/63, captioned "ROBESON TO REST IN EAST GERMANY" reflects that PAUL ROBESON with his wife and a friend, boarded a Polish airline flight today, and flew to East Berlin. The article recorded that HARRY FRANCIS, a friend of ROBESON, stated that ROBESON made the journey to the German Democratic Republic where he will have a general medical checkup followed by a holiday in one of East Germany's beautiful spas. The flight came after information had been reported by the "Sunday Telegraph" concerning an attempt which was to be made to "smuggle" the 65 year old singer to a Soviet-bloc capital "to keep him quiet" because he had "broken with Moscow". HARRY FRANCIS, who accompanied ROBESON to the London airport, where he boarded the plane for East Berlin, stated that reports of "smuggling" and ROBESON disillusion with Moscow, were "sheer nonsense".

The NY Post, a daily NY newspaper, dated 8/26/63, contains an article captioned "ROBESON IN E. BERLIN" which reflects that PAUL ROBESON was in East Berlin today for rest and medical treatment. The article mentioned that his agent HAROLD DAVISON said that charges that ROBESON was "smuggled" behind the Iron Curtain were ridiculous and that he will return in four or five weeks.

4- Bureau  
2- New York

FB:mvl  
(6)

REC-32

100-12304-683

SEP. 4 1963

Copy to Legats, London & Bonn  
by routing slip

info    
date 9/13/63  
by W.H.F./m

SEP 16 1963

SULV. CONTROL

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED

DATE 1-27-88 BY SP5 RJA/dw

106 Sect 10/23/63  
100-399388-297-888-AC  
UNRECORDED COPY FILED IN 100-399388-297-888-AC

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (Bufile- 100-12304 ) DATE: 10/7/63

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-56680)

SUBJECT: **ESLANDA CORDOZO ROBESON, aka**  
**SM - C**  
**(OO: NEW YORK)**

*unreadable Section*

Cards UTD  
Cards Sent 00  
*10/11/63*

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

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

Name	
Aliases	
<input type="checkbox"/> Native Born <input type="checkbox"/> Naturalized <input type="checkbox"/> Alien	
<input type="checkbox"/> Communist <input type="checkbox"/> Socialist Workers Party <input type="checkbox"/> Independent Socialist League	
<input type="checkbox"/> Miscellaneous (specify) _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Tab for Detcom	Race _____ Sex <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
Date of Birth _____	Place of Birth _____
Business Address (show name of employing concern and address) _____	
ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE <u>1-27-81</u> BY <u>SP-5R.Jg/HW</u>	
Key Facility Data	
Geographical Reference Number _____	Responsibility _____
Interested Agencies _____	<u>100-12304-</u>
Residence Address _____	
East Berlin, East Germany	

2-Bureau  
1-New York

REGISTERED MAIL (3) FB:cmc 37  
OCT 14 1963

SUB CONTROL  
*26*  
*Handwritten initials*

NOT RECORDED  
OCT 9 1963

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

*JFM*  
*10/7/63*

Director, FBI (Bufile- 100-12304

DATE: 10/7/63

Cards UTD  
Cards Sent 00

*10/11/63*

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-25857)

"UNAVAILABLE SECTION"

SUBJECT: PAUL LE ROY ROBESON aka  
SM-C  
(OO: NEW YORK)

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

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

Name	
Aliases	
<input type="checkbox"/> Native Born	<input type="checkbox"/> Naturalized
<input type="checkbox"/> Alien	
<input type="checkbox"/> Communist	<input type="checkbox"/> Socialist Workers Party
<input type="checkbox"/> Independent Socialist League	
<input type="checkbox"/> Miscellaneous (specify) <u>OUT OF THE COUNTRY</u>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Tab for Detcom	Race
Sex <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	
Date of Birth	Place of Birth
Business Address (show name of employing concern and address)	
ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 1-27-81 BY SP-5R-1g/dw	
Key Facility Data	
Geographical Reference Number	Responsibility
Interested Agencies	
Residence Address	
East Berlin, East Germany	

*100-12304-*  
NOT RECORDED  
11 OCT 9 1963

2-Bureau  
1-New York  
FB: jad  
OCT 14 1963

REGISTERED MAIL  
(3)

SUBV CONTROL

*27*  
*W. E. Brown*

XXXXXX  
XXXXXX  
XXXXXX

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
FOIPA DELETED PAGE INFORMATION SHEET

2 Page(s) withheld entirely at this location in the file. One or more of the following statements, where indicated, explain this deletion.

- Deleted under exemption(s) (b)(1) with no segregable material available for release to you.
- Information pertained only to a third party with no reference to you or the subject of your request.
- Information pertained only to a third party. Your name is listed in the title only.
- Document(s) originating with the following government agency(ies) \_\_\_\_\_, was/were forwarded to them for direct response to you.

\_\_\_\_\_ Page(s) referred for consultation to the following government agency(ies); \_\_\_\_\_ as the information originated with them. You will be advised of availability upon return of the material to the FBI.

\_\_\_\_\_ Page(s) withheld for the following reason(s):  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

For your information: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

The following number is to be used for reference regarding these pages:  
FBI Headquarters file 100-12304-684

XXXXXX  
XXXXXX  
XXXXXX

XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX  
X DELETED PAGE(S) X  
X NO DUPLICATION FEE X  
X FOR THIS PAGE X  
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

XXXXXX  
XXXXXX  
XXXXXX

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
FOIPA DELETED PAGE INFORMATION SHEET

\_\_\_\_\_ Page(s) withheld entirely at this location in the file. One or more of the following statements, where indicated, explain this deletion.

- Deleted under exemption(s) \_\_\_\_\_ with no segregable material available for release to you.
- Information pertained only to a third party with no reference to you or the subject of your request.
- Information pertained only to a third party. Your name is listed in the title only.
- Document(s) originating with the following government agency(ies) \_\_\_\_\_, was/were forwarded to them for direct response to you.

4 Page(s) referred for consultation to the following government agency(ies); Department of the Army as the information originated with them. You will be advised of availability upon return of the material to the FBI.

\_\_\_\_\_ Page(s) withheld for the following reason(s):  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

For your information: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

The following number is to be used for reference regarding these pages:  
FBI Headquarters file 100-12304-685

XXXXXX  
XXXXXX  
XXXXXX

XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX  
X DELETED PAGE(S) X  
X NO DUPLICATION FEE X  
X FOR THIS PAGE X  
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

29

XXXXXX  
XXXXXX  
XXXXXX

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
FOIPA DELETED PAGE INFORMATION SHEET

1 Page(s) withheld entirely at this location in the file. One or more of the following statements, where indicated, explain this deletion.

- Deleted under exemption(s) (b)(1) with no segregable material available for release to you.
- Information pertained only to a third party with no reference to you or the subject of your request.
- Information pertained only to a third party. Your name is listed in the title only.
- Document(s) originating with the following government agency(ies) \_\_\_\_\_, was/were forwarded to them for direct response to you.

\_\_\_\_\_ Page(s) referred for consultation to the following government agency(ies); \_\_\_\_\_ as the information originated with them. You will be advised of availability upon return of the material to the FBI.

\_\_\_\_\_ Page(s) withheld for the following reason(s):  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

For your information: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

The following number is to be used for reference regarding these pages:  
FBI Headquarters file 100-12304-686

XXXXXX  
XXXXXX  
XXXXXX

XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX  
X DELETED PAGE(S) X  
X NO DUPLICATION FEE X  
X FOR THIS PAGE X  
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

XXXXXX  
XXXXXX  
XXXXXX

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
FOIPA DELETED PAGE INFORMATION SHEET

\_\_\_\_\_ Page(s) withheld entirely at this location in the file. One or more of the following statements, where indicated, explain this deletion.

- Deleted under exemption(s) \_\_\_\_\_ with no segregable material available for release to you.
- Information pertained only to a third party with no reference to you or the subject of your request.
- Information pertained only to a third party. Your name is listed in the title only.
- Document(s) originating with the following government agency(ies) \_\_\_\_\_, was/were forwarded to them for direct response to you.

19 Page(s) referred for consultation to the following government agency(ies); Department of the Army as the information originated with them. You will be advised of availability upon return of the material to the FBI.

\_\_\_\_\_ Page(s) withheld for the following reason(s):  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

For your information: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

The following number is to be used for reference regarding these pages:  
FBI Headquarters file 100-12304-687

XXXXXX  
XXXXXX  
XXXXXX

XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX  
X DELETED PAGE(S) X  
X NO DUPLICATION FEE X  
X FOR THIS PAGE X  
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX



Date 12/19/63

To

100-12304-686

Director

FILE # .....

Att. ....

SAC .....

Title PAUL LEROY ROBESON  
ESLANDA ROBESON

ASAC .....

Supv. ....

Agent .....

SE .....

CC .....

Steno .....

Clerk .....

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
DATE 1-27-81 BY SP-5 Rds/dw

ACTION DESIRED

- Acknowledge
- Assign.....Reassign.....
- Bring file
- Call me
- Correct
- Deadline.....
- Deadline passed
- Delinquent
- Discontinue
- Expedite
- File
- For information
- Initial & return
- Leads need attention
- Return with explanation or notation as to action taken

- Open Case
- Prepare lead cards
- Prepare tickler
- Recharge serials
- Return assignment cards
- Return file
- Return serials
- Search and return
- See me
- Send Serials.....
- to .....
- Submit new charge-out
- Submit report by .....
- Type

*File*  
*Lab. on 12/22*  
*SECRET SECTION*  
*Copy file to turn*

Re Bureau routing slip 12/13/63.  
referring to Lonlet 11/29/63.

Enclosures to Bureau indicated in  
error. Please correct Bureau copies.

SAC..... *[Signature]*

See reverse side

Office..... London.....

XXXXXX  
XXXXXX  
XXXXXX

### FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION FOIPA DELETED PAGE INFORMATION SHEET

1 Page(s) withheld entirely at this location in the file. One or more of the following statements, where indicated, explain this deletion.

- Deleted under exemption(s) (b)(1) with no segregable material available for release to you.
- Information pertained only to a third party with no reference to you or the subject of your request.
- Information pertained only to a third party. Your name is listed in the title only.
- Document(s) originating with the following government agency(ies) \_\_\_\_\_, was/were forwarded to them for direct response to you.

\_\_\_\_\_ Page(s) referred for consultation to the following government agency(ies); \_\_\_\_\_ as the information originated with them. You will be advised of availability upon return of the material to the FBI.

\_\_\_\_\_ Page(s) withheld for the following reason(s):  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

For your information: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

The following number is to be used for reference regarding these pages:  
FBI Headquarters file 100-12304-688

XXXXXX  
XXXXXX  
XXXXXX

XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX  
X DELETED PAGE(S) X  
X NO DUPLICATION FEE X  
X FOR THIS PAGE X  
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

12/19/63

1 - Mr. Haack  
1 - Mr. Floyd

**Airtel**

**To: SACs, New York (Enclosures-2)  
Washington Field (Enclosures-2)**

**From: Director, FBI (100-12304)**

**PAUL LEROY ROBESON  
SECURITY MATTER - C**

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
DATE 11-22-82 BY [signature]

ft

According to an article in the 12/19/63 edition of the "Washington Post" under the date line "Berlin, December 18," Robeson and his wife, Eslanda, have left Germany en route to the United States for the Christmas holidays. In this connection there are enclosed for New York and Washington Field Office two copies of the above article.

New York immediately endeavor to determine details of subject's arrival in this country and ascertain the extent of his activities while in the United States, including the expected duration of his stay in this country. Washington Field Office check passport records for any additional details available concerning Robeson and his wife.

New York and Washington Field Office afford this matter immediate attention and furnish results to the Bureau suitable for dissemination. Keep the Bureau promptly advised of developments.

**NOTE:**

Subject, a well-known Negro singer, and his wife are on the Security Index. He resided in England for several years since 1958 before going to East Berlin several months ago. Prior to leaving this country he was actively engaged in communist activities in this country.

MAILED 4  
DEC 19 1963  
FBI

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
DATE 11-22-82 BY [signature]

ENCLOSURE

- Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- Belmont \_\_\_\_\_
- Mohr \_\_\_\_\_
- Casper \_\_\_\_\_
- Callahan \_\_\_\_\_
- Conrad \_\_\_\_\_
- DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_
- Evans \_\_\_\_\_
- Gale \_\_\_\_\_
- Rosen \_\_\_\_\_
- Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_
- Tavel \_\_\_\_\_
- Trotter \_\_\_\_\_
- Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_
- Holmes \_\_\_\_\_
- Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

WHF:cad  
(7)

REC 7

100-12304-689 1P

53 DEC 26 1963

10 DEC 20 1963

MAIL ROOM  TELETYPE UNIT

UHF  
34

- Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- Belmont \_\_\_\_\_
- Mohr \_\_\_\_\_
- Casper \_\_\_\_\_
- Callahan \_\_\_\_\_
- Conrad \_\_\_\_\_
- DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_
- Evans \_\_\_\_\_
- Gale \_\_\_\_\_
- Rosen \_\_\_\_\_
- Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_
- Tavel \_\_\_\_\_
- Trotter \_\_\_\_\_
- Tele Room \_\_\_\_\_
- Holmes \_\_\_\_\_
- Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

# Robeson, Abroad Since '58, and Wife Leave Berlin for Christmas in U.S.

BERLIN, Dec. 18 (AP) — American Negro singer Paul Robeson and his wife Eslanda are on their way back to the United States to spend Christmas with their family, the official East German news agency ADN reported today.

The agency said they left by air from the Schoenefeld Airport, outside East Berlin. His route was unspecified.

The Robesons were in Communist East Germany while Robeson was undergoing treatment in an East Berlin clinic, ADN said.

The agency described Robeson as "leading representative of the colored population of the U.S.A. fighting for their civil rights."

Robeson, 66, went to East Berlin at the end of August for medical treatment at the invitation of the East German Peace Council, ADN said, and improvement in his health has permitted him to leave.

Robeson, accused in 1947 by the House Committee on Un-American Activities of supporting Communist-front organizations, has been abroad since July 11, 1958. He made his home in England before going to East Berlin.

[Robeson has had an 8-year battle to get his passport. He was finally issued one after the Supreme Court ruled that the State Department lacked statutory authority to deny

him a passport for failure to sign a non-Communist affidavit. The law has since been amended to give the State Department that right.

[As an American citizen, Robeson will have no problem entering the United States, a State Department spokesman said.

[When the singer tries to leave, however, he will probably have to apply for a new passport, since his old one presumably has expired. He would then be required to certify in the passport application that he is not and has not been a member of the Communist Party for the preceding 12 months.]

- The Washington Post and Times Herald
- The Washington Daily News \_\_\_\_\_
- The Evening Star \_\_\_\_\_
- New York Herald Tribune \_\_\_\_\_
- New York Journal-American \_\_\_\_\_
- New York Mirror \_\_\_\_\_
- New York Daily News \_\_\_\_\_
- New York Post \_\_\_\_\_
- The New York Times \_\_\_\_\_
- The Worker \_\_\_\_\_
- The New Leader \_\_\_\_\_
- The Wall Street Journal \_\_\_\_\_
- The National Observer \_\_\_\_\_
- People's World \_\_\_\_\_
- Date 12/19/63

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
DATE 1-27-81 BY SP-5R13/dw

*supervisor*

*[Handwritten signature]*

100-12306-689

ENCLOSURE

*with NY (100-12306-689)  
WFO (100-12306-689)  
12/19/63  
WH FIC ad*

35



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

DEC 22 1963

TELETYPE

- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. Belmont
- Mr. Mohr
- Mr. Casper
- Mr. Callahan
- Mr. Conrad
- Mr. DeLoach
- Mr. Evans
- Mr. Gale
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Sullivan
- Mr. Tavel
- Mr. Trotter
- Tele. Room
- Miss Holmes
- Miss Gandy

DECODED COPY

DEFERRED 12-22-63 10-31 PM PW

TO DIRECTOR /100-12304/ --4--

FROM SAC, NEW YORK /100-25857/ 1P

PAUL LEROY ROBESON

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
DATE 1-27-81 BY SP-5R/S/AWT

SM-DASH-C. SECURITY MATTER - COMMUNIST  
Immigration and Naturalization Service,  
INS, NYC, JOHN F. KENNEDY AIRPORT, NYC,

ADVISED TODAY THAT PAUL ROBESON AND WIFE, ESLANDA ROBESON ARRIVED  
NYC VIA BOAC FLIGHT FIVE ZERO FIVE AT THREE FORTY PM THIS DATE.

DESTINATION GIVEN WAS ONE SIX JUMEL TERRACE, NEW YORK THIRTY TWO,  
NEW YORK. THIS IS FORMER RESIDENCE OF SUBJECT IN NYC. LHM FOLLOWS.

END AND ACK PLS

10-34 PM NY R 4 WA RDR

EX-105

22 DEC 24 1963

MR. BELMONT FOR THE DIRECTOR

MR. SULLIVAN

*Handwritten initials/signature*

*Large handwritten signature*

DEC 23 10 11 AM '63

DEC 22 11 22 AM '63

*L ST*

*b7c*

*Handwritten notes: CIVIL, 82 D, LRS, 127*

*Handwritten notes: 5-WHT, 100-12304*

FBI

Date: 12/18/63

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plain text or code)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Via AIRTEL REGISTERED MAIL  
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-12304)  
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-25857)  
SUBJECT: PAUL ROBESON  
IS - C

On [redacted] advised Supv. [redacted] NYO, [redacted] that PAUL ROBESON and ROBESON's wife were returning to the US, having left Germany this morning and stopped in London. [redacted] the ROBESONS are due in NY on Friday.

Although information has been received in the past that ROBESON is disenchanted with communism, the NYO, not being certain of his attitude, is not making any recommendation for an interview by newsmen upon his arrival back in the US.

CLASS. & EXT. BY SP-5 R/L/d w  
REASON-FCIM II, 1-2.4.2 2  
DATE OF REVIEW 12-18-83

*Person already known to  
is returning*

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN  
OTHERWISE

- 4 - BUREAU (100-12304) (RM)
- (1 - 100-3-104-34) (CPUSA-COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM)
- 1 - [redacted]
- 1 - NY 100-23825
- 1 - NY 100-129802 (CPUSA-COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM) (41)
- 1 - NY 100-25857 (412)

EJC:rvs  
(9)

*Airtel NY  
12/18/63  
WRF:ca d.*

C. C. Wick

59 DEC 30 1963

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

←  
b1  
b7C  
b7D  
←

←  
b7C  
b7D

100-3-104-34  
UNRECORDED COPY FILED

37

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

70  
12/31

REPORTING OFFICE <b>NEW YORK</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>NEW YORK</b>	DATE <b>12/19/63</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>11/1/63-12/12/63</b>
TITLE OR CASE <b>CHANGED</b> <b>ESLANDA GOODE ROBESON aka Eslanda Cardoza Goode, Eslanda Cardoza Robeson, Essie Robeson, Mrs. Paul Leo Robeson, Mrs Paul Leroy Robeson</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>[REDACTED]</b>	TYPED BY <b>far</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>SM - C</b>	

The title is marked "Changed" to reflect subject's true name as **ESLANDA GOODE ROBESON** which is the name she most commonly used based upon current file review. The current spelling of **CARDOZA** is set forth based on available records from subject's passport file and from subject's birth record as set forth in the report of SA **[REDACTED]** dated 6/26/52 at New Haven. The complete title is set forth in this report for current reference purposes.

### REFERENCE

Report of SA **[REDACTED]** dated 11/13/62 at New York.

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN  
OTHERWISE

### ADMINISTRATIVE

Five copies are designated for the Bureau for dissemination purposes.

APPROVED: *JFM*  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

COPIES MADE:  
5-Bureau (100-12304) (RM)  
3-New York (100-56680)

Classified by *2650*  
Exempt from GDS, Category *142*  
Date of Declassification Indefinite

DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW

100-12304-692 MCT-3

DEC 23 1963

CLASS. & EXT. BY *SP-5 R/d*  
REASON-FCIM II, 1-2.4.2  
DATE OF REVIEW *12-19-93*

DISSEMINATION RECORD OF ATTACHED REPORT			
AGENCY	REQUEST RECD.	DATE FWD.	HOW FWD.
<i>State CJA</i>		<i>1/6/64</i>	<i>66 JAN 5 1964</i>

**SECRET**

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES ADVISED BY ROUTING SLIP(S) OF DATE

ESS AUG 30 1973

*see subject*

*b7c (u)*

*Rec*

*38*

NY 100-56680

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~SECRET~~

No employment change is being made in subject's Security Index card from her customary occupation of writer, for the reason that the occupation shown herein namely roving correspondent for "New World Review" is not considered to be an exclusive employment. (u)

2/13/91

[REDACTED]

(S)

b1

[REDACTED]

(S)

[REDACTED]

COVER PAGE  
- B -

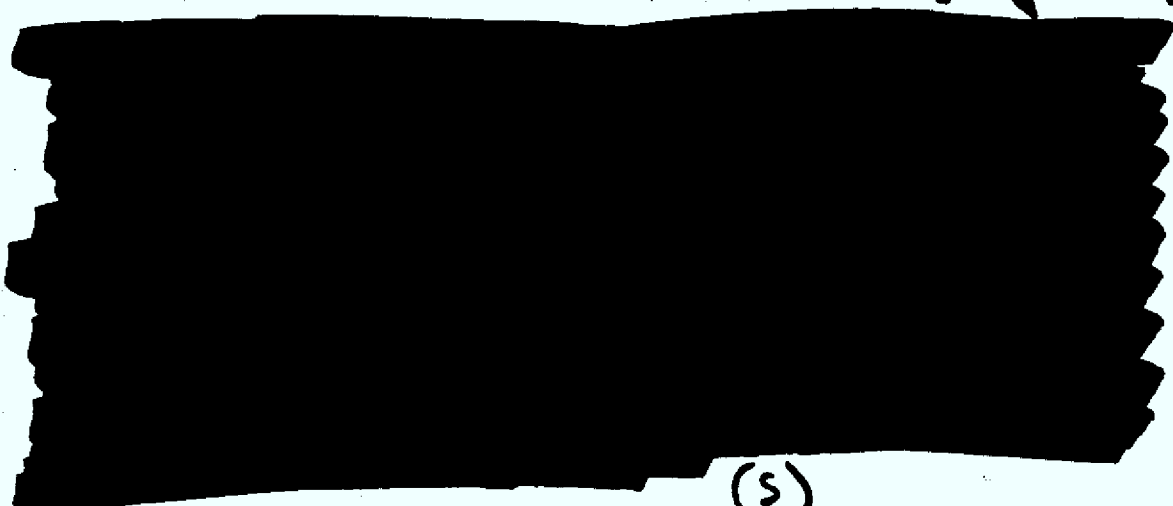
~~CONFIDENTIAL~~  
~~SECRET~~



NY 100-56680

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~SECRET~~

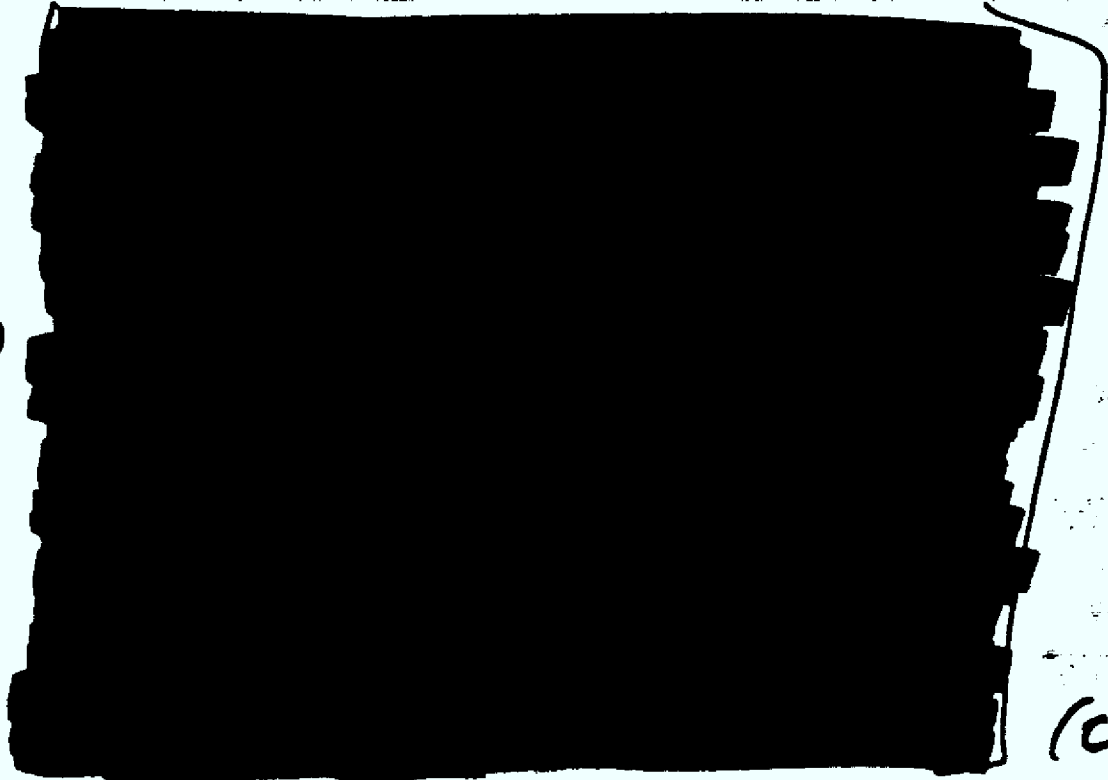


(S)

INFORMANTS

Identity of Source

File Number Where Located



(c)

b1

(c)

Security informants contacted negatively concerning subject in December 1963 are identified as follows:

COVER PAGE  
- C -

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~SECRET~~ 40

XXXXXX  
XXXXXX  
XXXXXX

### FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION FOIPA DELETED PAGE INFORMATION SHEET

1 Page(s) withheld entirely at this location in the file. One or more of the following statements, where indicated, explain this deletion.

Deleted under exemption(s) (b)(1) with no segregable material available for release to you.

Information pertained only to a third party with no reference to you or the subject of your request.

Information pertained only to a third party. Your name is listed in the title only.

Document(s) originating with the following government agency(ies) \_\_\_\_\_, was/were forwarded to them for direct response to you.

\_\_\_\_\_ Page(s) referred for consultation to the following government agency(ies); \_\_\_\_\_ as the information originated with them. You will be advised of availability upon return of the material to the FBI.

\_\_\_\_\_ Page(s) withheld for the following reason(s):  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

For your information: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

The following number is to be used for reference regarding these pages:  
FBI Headquarters file 100-12304-692 (page D)

XXXXXX  
XXXXXX  
XXXXXX

XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX  
X DELETED PAGE(S) X  
X NO DUPLICATION FEE X  
X FOR THIS PAGE X  
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

41

NY 100-56680

- ~~SECRET~~
1.  Subject's name is included in the Security Index.
  2.  The data appearing on the Security Index card are current.
  3.  Changes on the Security Index card are necessary and Form FD-122 has been submitted to the Bureau.
  4.  A suitable photograph  is  is not available. ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~
  5.  Subject is employed in a key facility and \_\_\_\_\_ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are \_\_\_\_\_
  6.  This report is classified Confidential because (state reason) \_\_\_\_\_ **b1**  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ (c)

7.  Subject previously interviewed (dates) \_\_\_\_\_.
- Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason) Resides abroad

8.  This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
9.  This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason) No evidence has been received indicating that subject has abandoned her CP sympathies or associates. In a recent newspaper article, subject denied that her husband PAUL ROBESON had broken with the CP and she identified herself with "Our Soviet and Socialist Friends". She traveled to East Berlin in August 1963 and continues to be identified with CP front groups.
10.  Subject's SI card  is  is not tabbed Detcom.  
 Subject's activities  do  do not warrant Detcom tabbing.

COVER PAGE  
- E\* -

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~SECRET~~

42

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Copy to:

Report of:  
Date:

[Redacted]

Office: New York, New York

b7c

Field Office File #:

100-56680

Bureau File #: 100-12304

Title:

ESLANDA GOODE ROBESON

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN  
OTHERWISE.

Character:

SECURITY MATTER - C

Synopsis:

[Redacted]

b1

Subject listed among Board of Directors, National Council of American Soviet Friendship as of April 1963. Subject included in staff of "New World Review", as a "roving correspondent" as of August 1963. On 7/9/63, subject reportedly was awarded the German Peace Medal by the Peace Council of the German Democratic Republic.

ASU

- C -

DETAILS

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

CLASS. & EXT. BY SP-5 R-J/HW  
REASON-FCIM II, 1-2.4.2 1-2  
DATE OF REVIEW 12-19-93

1-27-81

[Handwritten signature]

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN  
OTHERWISE

43

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

I BACKGROUND

A- Foreign Travel

[REDACTED]

(c)

[REDACTED]

b1  
b7  
I

The New York "Daily News" issue of August 30, 1963, page forty-four set forth comments of a newspaper reporter concerning the flight of PAUL ROBESON and ESLANDA ROBESON to East Germany in August 1963. The following is excerpted from the newspaper article:

"Despite subsequent reports from East Berlin, London newspapermen found the circumstances of his departure from London to be suspicious. They pointed out that his fiery 65-year-old wife joined with Red Poland's ambassador to England, Dr. Rodzinski, to smuggle Robeson from a London hospital for nervous diseases to a Polish Ilyushin plane that sped him across the Iron Curtain to East Berlin.

"If, as some of us suspect, Paul Robeson never again will emerge from behind the Iron Curtain, this is a description by veteran British newsman John Osman of Robeson aboard the Ilyushin plane. 'He sat like an effigy in his seat next to a plane window. In flight, I introduced myself to Mr. Robeson, who smiled charmingly and seemed about to talk to me. Angrily, his wife, who told me that she knew judo and would happily use it to keep people away from her "completely exhausted" husband, demanded I leave Paul and return to my own seat. Paul looked on stolidly, sat silently as his wife gave orders.' Osman had wangled passage aboard the plane. He saw that the Robesons were met at East Berlin's Schoenfeld Airport by uniformed officials and whisked away in a dark car."

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

44



NY 100-56680

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Referred to the Dept of the Army for their review and return to the FBI

B - Foreign Residence

[REDACTED]

(cc)

[REDACTED]

b1  
b7

C - Occupation

According to the August 1963 issue of "New World Review", ESLANDA ROBESON is a "roving correspondent" for this publication.

The "New World Review" is characterized in the appendix.

II AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY MOVEMENT

A - National Council of American-Soviet Friendship

The National Council of American-Soviet Friendship has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

A letter head of the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship (NCASF) [REDACTED] listed as among the Board of Directors of the NCASF the subject, ESLANDA GOODE ROBESON.

[REDACTED]

b7D

A rally of the NCASF was held on November 26, 1962 at Carnegie Hall, New York City attended by approximately fifteen hundred persons. During the program an announcement

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

45

NY 100-56680

was read that PAUL and ESLANDA ROBESON had sent greetings to the rally.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

[REDACTED]

b7D

The same information concerning sending of greetings to the NCASF rally was reported by [REDACTED] on [REDACTED]

B - "New World Review"

The August 1963 issue of the "New World Review" identified the staff of this publication and set forth the following pertaining to subject:

"ESLANDA ROBESON, our roving correspondent"

C - Miscellaneous

[REDACTED]

b1

(c)

[REDACTED]

b7D

"The Worker" an east coast Communist newspaper issue of November 26, 1961, page one, carried an article entitled, "Dr. W. E. B. DU BOIS joins the Communist Party. The article related that Dr. W. E. B. DU BOIS had joined the Communist Party, United States of America about November 1961.

[REDACTED]

b1

(c)

[REDACTED]

b7D

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

46

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

"The National Guardian", issue of June 6, 1963, page two carried an article datelined: London, England concerning PAUL ROBESON and signed by ESLANDA GOODE ROBESON. The following is excerpted from the article:

"Several people, among them some news reporters, have been inquiring about articles alleged to have been written by my husband, Paul Robeson. The articles appeared last January in an American newspaper. They are pure fabrication.

"He has not, 'changed his political views' in any way, as has been alleged in the articles. On the contrary, there has been no interruption of his warm friendship and close contact with our Soviet and socialist friends. That this friendship is mutual was shown recently on his 65th birthday, April 9, by the heart-warming avalanche of cables, telegrams, letters, cards, gifts and overseas telephone calls of congratulations and good wishes from friends, organizations, trade unions, artists, musicians, government leaders and civic leaders in the Soviet Union, the People's Republic of China, the German Democratic Republic, Czechoslovakia, Cuba and other socialist countries.

"The only people who sometimes wishfully think that he will change his mind are some Americans who are deeply sunk in their anti-communist hysteria."

"The National Guardian" is characterized in the appendix.

"Neues Deutschland", newspaper published in East Berlin, Germany reported on July 9, 1963 that ESLANDA ROBESON had been awarded the German Peace Medal by the Peace Council of the German Democratic Republic. Mrs. ROBESON allegedly expressed heart-felt thanks for this award and recognition.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

1.

APPENDIX

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

"NATIONAL GUARDIAN"

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of December 1, 1961, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the "National Guardian":

"National Guardian

- "1. 'established by the American Labor Party in 1947 as a "progressive" weekly \* \* \*. Although it denies having any affiliation with the Communist Party, it has manifested itself from the beginning as a virtual official propaganda arm of Soviet Russia.' (Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, Trial by Treason: The National Committee to Secure Justice for the ROSENBERGS and MORTON SOBELL, August 25, 1956, p. 12.)"

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

NY 100-56680

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

III MISCELLANEOUS

Security informants familiar generally with Communist Party activities in the Metropolitan area of New York City, advised in December 1963 that they had no additional information to furnish concerning ESLANDA ROBESON.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~



~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

1.

APPENDIX

"NEW WORLD REVIEW"

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of December 1, 1961, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the "New World Review":

" New World Review

- "1. 'Soviet Russia Today commenced as the official organ of Friends of the Soviet Union. \* \* \* It and its successor (New World Review) have a continuous record of over 22 years of uninterrupted publication and admittedly have operated in respondent's (the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship, Inc.) interest and are used as educational media by respondent.' Soviet Russia Today was 'succeeded in the early 1950's by New World Review.' Jessica Smith, a member of the Board of Directors of the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship, Inc., 'was also shown to be long-time member and functionary in the (Communist) Party, as well as in the Party-controlled Friends of the Soviet Union. She has been continuously the editor of Soviet Russia Today and its successor New World Review for years.'  
(Subversive Activities Control Board, Docket No. 104-53, Report and Order with respect to the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship, Inc., February 7, 1956, pp. 20 and 22.)
- "2. The Communist Party 'is regularly putting out' the New World Review, which is a 'monthly propaganda organ on the Soviet Union, Red China, and the Communist satellites, published in New York.'  
(Committee on Un-American Activities, Annual Report for 1958, House Report 187, March 9, 1959, p. 9.)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ 50

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

2.

APPENDIX

"NEW WORLD REVIEW" (CONT'D)

- "3. Cited as an organization specializing in pro-Soviet propaganda. It was formerly known as Soviet Russia Today. (Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 90.)"

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~