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SECTION : 5

PAUL ROBESON, SR.

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
FROM : W. P. Kelly, Assistant Commissioner  
Enforcement Division, Immigration and Naturalization Service  
SUBJECT: ERLANDE COODE ROBESON

56301/802 Inv.  
DATE: June 23, 1950

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On May 29, 1950, the Special Agent in Charge of your Los Angeles office advised the District Director of this Service at that City that the above-named subject, who is the wife of Paul Robeson, had experienced difficulty in securing a renewal of her passport to go to England, and from there to Russia, and other iron-curtain countries.

In view of the background of this subject, this Service would appreciate being advised by your Bureau whether the subject is a United States citizen by birth or naturalization, in which latter event, the subject would be within the investigatory jurisdiction of this Service for possible cancellation proceedings.

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W P Kelly

J. Edgar Hoover

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The Commissioner  
Immigration and Naturalization Service  
Attention: H. F. Kelly, Assistant Commissioner,  
Enforcement Division  
Director, FBI

July 14, 1950

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Your file 56301/602 Inv.

Reference is made to your memorandum dated June 23, 1950,  
requesting information regarding the above-captioned individual's  
place of birth.

Records of the Bureau of Vital Statistics, Washington, D. C.,  
reflect that the subject was born on December 15, 1895, in Washington,  
D. C., and is a native-born citizen.

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REPORT MADE AT <b>NEW YORK</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>JUN 11 1950</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>7/13, 15, 19/50</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>[REDACTED]</b> <span style="float: right;">b7c</span>
TITLE <b>PAUL ROBESON, was.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY-C</b>

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**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** "Daily Worker" of 12/23/49 reported that ROBESON was one of Negro leaders who cabled greetings to Premier STALIN. "Daily Worker" of 2/15/50 reported ALP sponsored "Rally for FEPC" on 2/13/50 at which ROBESON was one of the speakers. [REDACTED] reported on [REDACTED] that PAUL ROBESON attended the State Convention of the Progressive Party of Maryland at Baltimore, Maryland, at which time he criticized the Truman Doctrine, the Taft-Hartley Law, the U.S. foreign policy, and the Maryland Ober Law. On [REDACTED] advised that ROBESON spoke at a meeting sponsored by the Harlem Trade Union Council. On [REDACTED] advised that PAUL ROBESON was a concealed member of the Communist Party. [REDACTED] advised on [REDACTED] that PAUL ROBESON spoke at a meeting sponsored by the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee. On 5/1/50 PAUL ROBESON was observed by agents to have participated in the New York May Day Parade, at which time he delivered a speech at Union Square. Speech set out. On [REDACTED] advised that ROBESON spoke at a meeting sponsored by the Jewish People's Fraternal Order in Los Angeles, Cal. Speech set out.

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DETAILS: The "Daily Worker", an East Coast Communist newspaper, issue of December 23, 1949, page 2, column 5, contained an article entitled "Negro Leaders Greeting Stalin." This article reflected that "a group of Negro leaders today cabled greetings to Premier STALIN."

The message was as follows:

"Greetings on your seventieth anniversary and our wishes for your continued good health and successful service to the peoples of the Soviet Union. We Negro Americans from different parts of the country are of many different political beliefs and affiliations. We are alike, however, in hailing and uprooting national discrimination and national oppression from your land of many peoples.

"We unite also in the hope that our country and yours may soon again enter upon the path of friendly cooperation for the mutual strengthening of their economies and preservation of the peace of the world."

The above article reflected that PAUL ROBESON was one of the signers of the above message.

On [REDACTED] Confidential Informant [REDACTED], of known reliability, advised that PAUL ROBESON sang at the Academy of Music, Brooklyn, New York on January 25, 1950. According to the informant, the program had been sponsored by the Brooklyn Theater Arts Committee, which in turn had been sponsored by the American Labor Party. The informant also advised that the Brooklyn Theater Arts Committee specializes in presenting favorite Communist Party artists and entertainers to the public. *NYs info under.* 671

Concerning the American Labor Party, it is to be noted that the Special Committee on Un-American Activities, report of March 29, 1944, page 78, identified the American Labor Party as follows:

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"For years, the Communists have put forth the greatest efforts to capture the entire American Labor Party throughout New York State. They succeeded in capturing the Manhattan and Brooklyn sections of the American Labor Party, but outside of New York City they have been unable to win control."

The "Daily Worker" issue of February 10, 1950, page 5, column 1, reported that the American Labor Party would sponsor a "Rally for F.E.P.C." at the Manhattan Center, 34 Street and Eighth Avenue, New York City. The article reflected that PAUL ROBESON would be one of the speakers at the meeting.

It is to be noted that the "Daily Worker" and "The Worker" are East Coast Communist newspapers.

"The Worker" issue of February 12, 1950, section 1, page 8, column 4, reported that the Progressive Party was making plans for the National Convention to be held in Chicago from February 24 to 26, 1950. This article reflected that PAUL ROBESON would "play a leading part in the convention."

On [REDACTED] Confidential Informant [REDACTED] of known reliability, advised that the Progressive Party, at its Chicago convention, planned to set up a new draft program designed to show to the public that "the Progressive Party is not a radical party, and not connected with the Communist Party."

According to the Informant, the new plan of the Progressive Party would be made public at the convention. Informant reported that the program of the Progressive Party would deal with the following:

"1. Communists would be welcome as active members in the Progressive Party, but would not be permitted to hold positions of leadership.

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"2. A public denial will be issued that the Progressive Party is Communist-dominated.

"3. A coalition of all left-of-center forces and those who placed human rights first.

"4. In an attempt to move the Progressive Party in the right direction an invitation will be extended to all true liberals who have shunned the Party because of its Communist tinge.

"5. The Progressive Party shall not align itself with either the Republican or Democratic Parties.

"6. The differences between the Communist Party and the Progressive Party are not so sharp that a little flexibility on the part of the Communist Party cannot settle the issues, but on the other hand if the Communist Party chooses to fight the adoption of the program, and attempt to split the Progressive Party, then the Progressive Party would take the stand that a united front with the Communist Party is impossible."

The Communist Party has been declared by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

The "Daily Worker" issue of February 15, 1950, page 8, column 2, reported that the American Labor Party sponsored a "Rally for REPC." on February 13, 1950 at the Manhattan Center. According to the article PAUL ROBESON was one of the speakers at this rally and was reported to have said that "Full rights for many people are on the order of the day, and we'll keep on fighting and dying for them until democracy is a reality in this country."

The "Daily Worker" issue of February 17, 1950, page 5, column 1, contained an article entitled "Robeson Blasts against African workers." In this article it was reported that "Paul Robeson, Chairman of the Council on African Affairs yesterday denounced the terror against African Workers in Liberia and South Africa."

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The article further reflected that ROBESON charged "that the suppression of African revolts—shows the kind of enforcement of exploitation by armed might which the rulers of Africa are employing in order to keep that continent safe for American and European investments."

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

Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, advised that on February 19, 1950 he attended the State Convention of the Progressive Party of Maryland which had been held at the Odd Fellows Hall, Mc Cullough and Lanville Streets, Baltimore, Maryland.

According to the informant, PAUL ROBESON attended this meeting and delivered a speech to the members attending this convention. The informant stated that ROBESON, in his speech, "demanded full citizenship privileges for all Negro and Jewish people in the United States; that he pointed out how both races are not accepted in America and he was dedicating his whole life openly to the cause of oppressed people."

The informant said that ROBESON also criticized the Republican and Democratic Parties, the Truman Doctrine, the Taft-Hartley Law, the United States foreign policy and the Maryland Ober Law.

According to the informant, ROBESON also urged the people "to fight for the eleven Communist Party leaders because the Communist Party fights for some of the same rights that the Progressive Party does."

The "Daily Worker" issue of February 27, 1950, page 1, column 1, reported that the Progressive Party ended its Second Annual Convention in Chicago on February 26, 1950. The article reflected that PAUL ROBESON had been named as Co-Chairman of the Progressive Party at this convention.

The "Daily Worker" issue of March 12, 1950, section 1, page 3, column 1, reported that PAUL ROBESON was a sponsor of the May Day Committee. In this article it was reported that the May Day Committee was to be in charge of the plans for the May Day celebration to be held on May 1, 1950.

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The United May Day Committee has been declared by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

The New York "Journal American" issue of March 13, 1950 reported that "PAUL ROBESON, pro-Communist Negro singer, has been taken off Mrs. ELEANORE ROOSEVELT'S television program next Sunday, it was announced today by CHARLES R. DENNY, Executive Vice President of NBC. ROBESON'S removal followed hundreds of complaints from Negro leaders and spokesmen for veterans organizations."

The above article reported that ROBESON was to have been a guest on Mrs. ROOSEVELT'S program on March 19, 1950 and was to have participated in a discussion on "the position of the Negro in American Political life."

The "Daily Worker" issue of March 17, 1950, page 8, column 2, reported that "PAUL ROBESON told a cheering audience of fifteen thousand last night in the South Side Negro Community in Chicago that 'I won't be silenced' despite being banned from Mrs. ELEANOR ROOSEVELT'S NBC television show."

The "Daily Worker" issue of March 17, 1950, page 7, column 1, contained an article entitled "Pickets Blast NBC Video Censorship of Robinson." This article reported that the Harlem Trade Union Council sponsored a picket demonstration on March 16, 1950 before the main entrance of Radio City. The article further reported that the demonstration was in protest "against the banning of PAUL ROBESON from a scheduled appearance on Mrs. ELEANOR ROOSEVELT'S Sunday television program."

Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, in [redacted] advised that the Harlem Trade Union Council is a Communist Party front organization and that its officers are members of the Communist Party. b7D

The "Amsterdam News" issue of March 18, 1950, page 6, column 2, contained an article entitled "ROBESON Concert to Raise Funds for Peekskill Suit." In this article it was reflected that "PAUL ROBESON will sing at a concert to raise funds for the financing of the two million dollar

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"suit by victims of the mob violence at Peekskill last summer against New York State, Westchester and Peekskill officials."

It was announced that the concert had been entitled "Shoulder-to-Shoulder" and would be held on March 28 at the Manhattan Center.

On [REDACTED] Confidential Informant [REDACTED] advised that on March 23 he had attended a meeting sponsored by the Harlem Trade Union Council at the Golden Gate Ball Room, 142 Street and Lenox Avenue, New York City. The informant stated that the meeting was called "Labor Salutes the Negro People Rally." According to the informant, ROBESON had been a speaker at the rally and, according to the informant, ROBESON, in his speech, called for the liberation of the eleven convicted Communists and asked for full support of the Harlem Trade Union Council and its fight for a place in labor for Negro people. b7D

The New York "Daily Mirror" issue of March 24, 1950 reported that "Federal Judge CONGER yesterday restrained PAUL ROBESON, the Civil Rights Congress, and others from proceeding with their \$2,000,000 damage suit against Westchester officials until the Grand Jury there has completed its investigation of the riots near Peekskill last summer."

"The jurist refused to interfere with the Grand Jury's inquiry into the riots which developed when ROBESON tried to sing at a leftist-sponsored rally."

The Civil Rights Congress has been declared by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

On [REDACTED] Confidential Informant [REDACTED] of known reliability, advised that he attended the "PAUL ROBESON concert for the victims of Peekskill," which had been held at the Manhattan Center, 34th Street and Eighth Avenue, New York City on this date. The informant stated that the concert has been sponsored by the Westchester Peekskill Committee. b7D

According to the informant, the meeting had protested the action of Federal Judge CONGER in New York, who had ordered another delay in

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the Peekskill \$2,000,000 Federal damage suit by ROBESON and twenty-seven others against Westchester County and New York State officials. According to the informant, ROBESON did not make a speech at this rally but sang many folk songs for the audience.

In April 1950 Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that the Westchester Peekskill Committee was a Communist Party front organization.

On April 4, 1950 Confidential Informant T-6, of known reliability, advised that PAUL ROBESON was a concealed member of the Communist Party

On April 12, 1950 Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that he had attended a "Freedom Rally" sponsored by the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee at the Manhattan Center on this date.

According to the informant PAUL ROBESON had been one of the speakers at this rally and, in his speech, had said that "The U.S. judiciary and other powers are trying to bring back world Fascism."

The informant stated that ROBESON, in his speech, also made the following comments:

"He was in Europe one year ago, he saw the Marshall Plan going from worse to worse. The people of Europe will not allow fascism to put its foot back there. The US can not trifle with the people, they did not trifle with the miners and would not have trifled with iron and steel if not for some stool pigeons, but they will not trifle with the negro people, there are 15 million of them in this country and they might not be willing to die so easily, they might prove unhealthy. They want to take over Africa but they are afraid, it might also prove unhealthy. The US has brought freedom to miners in Chile as the freedom loving man from Chile, now visiting us tell us. In Africa there are 8 million negroes against 2 million whites and 8 millions throwing rocks to 2 millions can get awful rough. First 10, 11 and 25, and they are talking of jailing thousands of americans. Denis will be jailed like the many others. We americans should feel ashamed to stand by doing nothing. I work hard, but I still feel ashamed, I can not do more. Where are the million voters we got a couple of years ago. Where are the thousands voters we got last year? We are loosing millions of followers, they are afraid to defend the 25, then just remember the history

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"of the negro people in the US. But remember, be very careful of the negro people; they might not want to die easy. AS FOR ME, I WILL SEE I DIE IN ALABAMA, GEORGIA OR MISSISSIPPI BEFORE I AM SENT TO DIE OVERSEAS. I WILL STAND SIDE BY SIDE WITH THE COMMUNISTS OF THIS USA. ACHESON CAN HAVE FRANCO AND THE REST OF CRUSATE ARISTOCRACIES. I WILL TAKE THE 500 MILLION CHINESE, THE 400 MILLION RUSSIANS and the other MILLIONS OF POLES, CZECHS ETC. I WILL TAKE MY CHANCE. WE ARE THE MANY LED BY THE COLORED PEOPLE AND THE JEWISH PEOPLE AGAINST THE FEW."

It is to be noted that the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee has been declared by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

The "Daily Worker" issue of April 16, 1950, page 5, column 5, reported that "PAUL ROBESON will sing at the celebration of the 28th anniversary of the 'Morning Freiheit' which will be held Saturday night at Carnegie Hall."

The "Morning Freiheit" is one of the many papers either owned or sponsored by the Communist Party, according to an article by WILLIAM Z. FOSTER, Chairman of the Communist Party, USA in "The Worker" issue of January 9, 1944, page 3.

It is to be noted that "The Worker" is the Sunday edition of the "Daily Worker."

The "Daily Worker" issue of April 18, 1950, page 8, column 3, reported that PAUL ROBESON was a sponsor of the "Welcome Home Reception for MIKE GOLD" to be held on April 20, 1950 at the Hotel Manhattan Towers, Broadway and 76 Street, New York City.

Concerning MIKE GOLD, it is to be noted that Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, advised that MIKE GOLD was a member of the 8th A.D. Club of the Communist Party. 67D

The "Daily Worker" issue of June 6, 1945 reflected that MIKE GOLD was an editorial writer for the "Daily Worker."

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On June 25, 1945 Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that MIKE GOLD was a member of the Communist Political Association holding membership book number 28344. b7E

The Communist Political Association has been cited by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

The "Daily Worker" issue of April 23, 1950, page 8, column 3, reported that PAUL ROBESON would attend the 20th anniversary celebration of the Jewish People's Fraternal Order, International Workers Order, at Madison Square Garden, New York City, on May 20, 1950.

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

On May 1, 1950 SA [redacted] and SA [redacted] reviewed the activities of the May Day celebration at Union Square, New York City. The agents prepared a summary of the speeches made by the principal speakers. The following is the text of the speech made by PAUL ROBESON: b7C

"Friends—we are all proud to be here today—to be part of this demonstration for peace, and for a peoples' world. We know that.... the understanding that this America must be a different land. This America must be one which stands...The Communist Party will fight for the privilege. Here in America, but throughout the world....and this day is an American day—this is an international day—it means that we look for a changing world. We are a part of that. We artists, we scientists, we workers, we Negroes. We are committed to build a new world, and we must take our common strength...who wait for us to come and help us in our struggle for peace....."

On May 6, 1950 Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, advised that he had attended a meeting sponsored by the Jewish People's Fraternal Order of the International Workers Order at the Embassy Auditorium in Los Angeles, California on this date. b7D

According to the informant, the following is the speech made by ROBESON at this meeting:

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"I just want to say before I go that I was happy when I came in, and it's wonderful to know and to experience this kind of spirit and courage in Los Angeles. I've been going across-the-country,--as you know, we hear a lot of nonsense, about fear et cetera, but I've seen the people from below, among the Negro people, among the Jewish people, among the foreign born, among the workers who are saying that we are going to have peace in our time, we're gonna have a decent world for our children whoever they may be, whether they be black or white. I've seen those kind of people and they aren't frightened, they aren't stepping back any more than you are stepping back here tonight, and I wanta thank you for this feeling of courage that you give to me, and I am sure to those others who come into your midst. It's nice, going about this America, fighting as the song said, for our kind of America, not a reactionary America but an America of the people - that kind of an America that I said before that I love to the depth of my being, but the other America, the fascist America, I will fight against it with every fiber.....

"Though I would tell you of the strength that I find going about this America of ours and to remind you that all around the world today the people are on the march. We are winning this struggle and nothing can set the world back but upon our shoulders in this great land is a very very deep responsibility, a responsibility to live up to what we must in our times, and it isn't easy. It means working everyday, broadening this base among millions and millions of Americans who wait to hear our message, having the courage to stand and fight and never give ground. That is our responsibility which we must carry on to our children yet unborn. I am sure that those responsibilities we shall accept. That battle we can win and I wanta thank you for being part of that vanguard in this great historic time."

The "Daily Worker" issue of May 28, 1950, page 1, column 1, contained a picture which reflected PAUL ROBESON picketing the White House in Washington, D.C. This picture reflected that ROBESON was carrying a sign which called for "enact FEPC, anti-lynch law, abolish Poll Tax, amend Taft-Hartley and housing."

The above article reflected that the picket line had been sponsored by the Progressive Party, of which ROBESON is Co-chairman.

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At New York City

Will follow and report pertinent excerpts from subject's speeches.

Will follow and report general Communist Party activities of the subject.

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The Confidential Informants mentioned in the report of  
SA MELVIN A. THOMPSON dated at New York JUN 11 1950 are as follows:

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- T-1 ONI, New York City
  - T-2 [redacted] contacted by SA [redacted]
  - T-3 [redacted] Baltimore letter to New York dated  
3/23/50 re "PAUL ROBESON - SECURITY MATTER-C"
  - T-4 Former [redacted] who reported to SA [redacted]  
and the writer
  - T-5 [redacted] contacted by SA [redacted]
  - T-6 [redacted] who requested his identity be kept  
confidential, contacted by SA [redacted]
  - T-7 [redacted] contacted by SA [redacted] and  
SA [redacted]
  - T-8 [redacted] Los Angeles letter to Bureau 5/9/50  
re "PAUL ROBESON - SECURITY MATTER-C"
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REFERENCE: Report of SA [redacted] New York, 1/9/50

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
New York 7, New York**

July 19, 1950

Director, FBI

RE: PAUL ROBESON  
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*Correction made  
7/28/50*

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated June 11, 1950 entitled "PAUL ROBESON, was:- Internal Security-C"

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It is noted that this report was inadvertently dated June 11, 1950 whereas the correct date should be July 11, 1950. The New York copies of this report have been corrected.

Very truly yours,

*Edward Scheidt*

EDWARD SCHEIDT

Special Agent in Charge

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DESCRIBED AS EMANATING FROM STATE DEPARTMENT. QUOTE PAUL ROBESON THE  
SINGER WILL PROBABLY ATTEMPT TO LEAVE THE UNITED STATES FOR ITALY  
IMMEDIATELY AND THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE HAS REQUESTED THAT STOP  
NOTICES BE ISSUED AT ALL PORTS, ROBESON WILL PROBABLY TRY TO LEAVE VIA  
NEW YORK. PICK UP PASSPORT NUMBER FIVE EIGHT EIGHT NAUGHT THREE  
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*FBI Mr. Rosen*  
*for my*  
*W.R.G.*

July 31, 1950

BY - Mr. Nicholson

FD - Mrs. Shipley

Case of Paul Robeson,

*Baumgardner*  
*J.H.K.*

There is attached a copy of telegram, number 332, from our Ambassador at Rome, dated July 21, 1950, regarding the proposed travel of Paul Robeson to Rome as a guest of the National Committee of Peace Partisans.

It would be appreciated if you would inform the FBI that Robeson's passport is still valid on its face, that the Department endeavored to take up the passport but that Robeson refused to surrender it upon the advice of Nathan Witt, who is now acting as his Counsel in the matter. The Bureau of Customs and the Immigration and Naturalization Service have been asked to prevent if possible the departure of Robeson from this country and to take up his passport if opportunity offers.

This Department would appreciate receiving any information which the FBI may have concerning the possible travel arrangements of Paul Robeson. It is believed that it would also serve a useful purpose if the FBI would instruct its field offices to notify the appropriate field offices of the Customs Service and the Immigration and Naturalization Service if any information should be received that the departure of Robeson at a certain port is imminent.

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*See memo to*  
*from Montgomery*  
*Aug 3, 1950*  
*stating that U.S. Office*  
*telephonically advised*  
*to permit concerning travel*  
*plans of Robeson*

Attachment:  
Copy of telegram,  
Copy of this memorandum,  
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TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, New Haven

SUBJECT: ESIANDA GOODE ROBESON, aka  
SECURITY MATTER (C)  
Bufile 100-12304

DATE: July 31, 1950

PAUL ROBESON  
SECURITY MATTER (C)

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For the information of the Bureau and the New York Office and for possible referral by the Bureau of certain of this info to U.S. Naval authorities, there is being set forth below certain info which was voluntarily furnished to a Special Agent of this office by [REDACTED]

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Memo to Director:

July 31, 1950

Re: ESIANDA GOODE ROBESON, aka  
SECURITY MATTER (C)

PAUL ROBESON  
SECURITY MATTER (C)

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: August 8, 1950

FROM : SAC, New Haven

SUBJECT: ESLANDA GOODE ROBESON, aka Mrs. Paul Leo  
Robeson, Essie Robeson, Mrs. Paul Leroy Robeson  
SECURITY MATTER - C  
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*Handwritten:* 7-18-50 R.A.G. I.R. 2 5-1 29-1

X 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 ESLANDA GOODE ROBESON

ALIASES Mrs. PAUL LEO ROBESON, ESSIE ROBESON, Mrs. PAUL LEROY ROBESON

RACE NEGRO SEX FEMALE NATIVE BORN X NATURALIZED        ALIEN       

COMMUNIST X SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY        INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST LEAGUE       

MISCELLANEOUS (Specify)       

TAB FOR DETCOM        TAB FOR COMSAB       

DATE OF BIRTH December 15, 1896 PLACE OF BIRTH Washington, D. C.

RESIDENCE ADDRESS "The Beeches", 1221 Enfield Street, Enfield, Connecticut

BUSINESS ADDRESS (Show name of employing concern and address)       

NATURE OF INDUSTRY OR BUSINESS (Specify from Strategic and Vital Industry List)

*Handwritten:* NONE

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TO : Director, FBI  
 FROM : SAC, New York  
 SUBJECT: RE: PAUL ROBESON  
 INTERNAL SECURITY - C  
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DATE: August 8, 1950

[REDACTED] has been interviewed during the past few months concerning the concealed Communists whom he knew. The person named above as the subject of this case, was one of these individuals [REDACTED] described as a concealed Communist. [REDACTED] describes a concealed Communist as one who does not hold himself out as a Communist and who would deny membership in the Party.

[REDACTED] advised SA [REDACTED] on June 23, 1950 of all he knew concerning the subject, that he felt was pertinent, and he dictated this information to a stenographer of this office, who was present during the interview.

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  - c. Relate all occasions when he met or heard of individual as Communist.
3. Documents
  - a. Did individual ever write anything that might be considered Communist literature.
    1. For "Daily Worker", "New Masses", "Political Affairs", any any front publications or other publications.

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Letter to Director

4 Fronts

Was individual active in front organizations.

- a. Which organizations
- b. How active was individual

5. Espionage

Was individual ever involved in secret work;

What work;

Who knew it;

Did individual ever do any special work for party.

6. Is individual still active or sympathetic toward Party.

7. Can you recall any trips abroad particularly to Russia and the approximate date of the trips? Can you recall the nature of the trips.

8. Did you ever hear that he had attended any of the training schools in Russia?

9. Did this subject appear to have entree to the Russian Consulate or did he receive special consideration and attention from known Russian Agents or Communist Officials in U.S.?

10. Is the subject working for the U.S. Government or is he affiliated in any way in Confidential Government work at this time?

11. Did this individual have military training, Abraham Lincoln Brigade, U.S. Army, other service?

12. Was this individual employed in vital industry?

13. Do you know any other members of his family who are Communists?

14. Do you know of any other activity on the part of the individual which would indicate that the individual is a concealed Communist?

Additional questions were asked as a result of his answers to the above questions in order to fully develop his information.

Letter to Director

Attached is a blind memorandum dictated by [REDACTED] and containing all the pertinent information concerning the subject which [REDACTED] could presently recollect.

The original of each memo has been reviewed by [REDACTED] and he has made any necessary corrections and he has signed the original. The signed original of each memo is being retained in the confidential informant file of [REDACTED]

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For the information of the Bureau the subject is one of the 400 concealed Communists [REDACTED] stated he knew. The names of these concealed Communists were sent to the Bureau in the case captioned "Communist Party, USA, Internal Security - C".

PAUL ROBESON

Negro singer whose son was educated in Soviet Russia.

From the late 1930's on I was advised officially that PAUL ROBESON was a member of the Communist Party. This advice came to me first from those entrusted with negro work, namely, JAMES FORD and WILLIAM L. PATTERSON, and arose from the necessity of my knowing ROBESON's standing, particularly [REDACTED] ←

About [REDACTED] however, I met ROBESON on several occasions as a member of the Communist Party. One notable instance of this was a large meeting in the home of [REDACTED] where ROBESON acted as master of ceremonies. This meeting was exclusively for Party leaders and was attended by such men as EARL BROWDER, JACK STACHEL, ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG, and others. All through the period of my [REDACTED] b7C  
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I was advised officially by [REDACTED] that ROBESON was a leading member of the Communist Party. ←

ROBESON has been a member of a number of Communist fronts and has also been relied upon to begin drives that the Party wanted to have opened whereby the negroes might be incited to indignation. Further, ROBESON has been a stimulant for large financial drives for the Party.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: August 8, 1950

FROM : SAC, New Haven

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SUBJECT: ESLANDA GOODE ROBESON, aka Mrs. Paul  
Leo Robeson, Essie Robeson, Mrs. Paul Leroy Robeson  
SECURITY MATTER - C  
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The captioned individual is the wife of PAUL ROBESON, the noted concert singer. She resides at 1221 Enfield St., Enfield, Connecticut. Information available to this office reflects that her husband, PAUL ROBESON, is not frequently at home in Connecticut.

A closed file is presently maintained on the captioned individual. The last report submitted by this office was the closing report of SA [REDACTED] made at New Haven, Connecticut, 12/28/49, with New Haven as origin. This report reflected activity in the People's Party of Connecticut but no activity in the CP of Connecticut. The People's Party, according to [REDACTED] has been and continues to be infiltrated and dominated by the CP of Connecticut. b7c b1

The People's Party of Connecticut on 8/5/50 had a convention at which time ESLANDA ROBESON was selected as candidate for Congresswoman at Large in the next election.

[REDACTED] b1

Unless some reason exists to the contrary it is believed that an SI Card should be maintained on the captioned Subject. Therefore, Form FD-122 is being transmitted herewith. The case in the New Haven Office is being reopened so that a current report may be submitted and the New York Office is requested to furnish the New Haven Office with any info contained in its files concerning Subject which may be of interest to this office.

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Director, FBI

July 31, 1950

SAC, New Haven

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SECURITY MATTER (C)  
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Memo to Directors:

July 31, 1950

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SECURITY MATTER (C)

PAUL ROBESON  
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TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, New York

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SECURITY MATTER - CDATE: August 8, 1950  
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4 Fronts

Was individual active in front organizations.

- a. What organizations
- b. How active was individual

5. Espionage

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What work;

Who knew it;

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ESLANDA GOODE ROBESON

Wife of <sup>Mrs</sup> PAUL ROBESON.

[REDACTED] were to the effect that MRS. ROBESON was a devoted member of the Communist Party, as I knew her husband PAUL to be. [REDACTED]

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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

FROM : MR. C. A. MOYNIHAN

SUBJECT: PAUL ROBESON  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

DATE: August 3, 1950

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New York Office Night Supervisor [REDACTED]  
called at 11:27 P.M. stating as follows:

Associated Press and United Press called the New York Office, requesting verification of a news item in tomorrow morning's "New York Times" to the effect that the State Department has revoked Paul Robeson's passport and orders have been issued to the FBI to prevent Robeson from leaving the United States.

Special Agent [REDACTED] advises that the State Department has tried to get back the passport and that Robeson refuses to give it up on advice of counsel. As a result the State Department has requested that Customs and Immigration try to get hold of it. State has also requested that the Bureau furnish it with any information made available to the Bureau concerning Robeson's plans for leaving the U. S. *b7c*

Pursuant to Mr. Nichols' instructions, I advised [REDACTED] that AP and UP should be informed that the Bureau has received no instructions to prevent Robeson from leaving the U.S., that the Bureau has no jurisdiction in this matter, and that passport matters are in the jurisdiction of the State Department.

I also advised [REDACTED] that the New York Office should immediately furnish to the Bureau any information received concerning any possible plans of Robeson to leave the United States.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is suggested that this memorandum be forwarded to the Internal Security Section for information. *G. I. R. - 2*

CC: Mr. Nichols **RECORDED - 5**

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8-4-50

3:30 PM

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URGENT

PAUL ROBESON, IS DASH C. [REDACTED] ADVISED ON AUGUST THREE, FIFTY, THAT [REDACTED] WAS IN CONTACT WITH ONE [REDACTED] POSSIBLY [REDACTED] STATED THAT QUOTE OUR FRIENDS UNQUOTE THE STATE DEPARTMENT HAVE ASKED PAUL ROBESON TO GIVE UP HIS PASSPORT. [REDACTED] SAID THAT ROBESON WAS PLANNING TO GO TO EUROPE LATE THIS MONTH WHERE HE IS SCHEDULED TO ATTEND SOME MEETINGS AND MAKE SPEECHES. [REDACTED] ADVISED THAT THESE APPEARANCES WERE TO BE IN WESTERN EUROPE AND SCANDINAVIA AND THIS WAS PUBLICIZED AND THEY PAREN STATE DEPARTMENT PAREN KNEW ABOUT IT. [REDACTED] SAID IT WAS JUST A ROUTINE VISIT FROM THE QUOTE FLAT FEET UNQUOTE AND THEY ASKED FOR THE PASSPORT. [REDACTED] ADVISED [REDACTED] THAT QUOTE WE UNQUOTE DECIDED NOT TO GIVE IT PAREN THE PASSPORT PAREN TO THEM. [REDACTED] THEN STATED [REDACTED] HAD WRITTEN A LETTER AS ROBESONS COUNSEL TO SECRETARY ACHESON ASKING WHAT THIS IS ALL ABOUT. HE SAID [REDACTED] HAD WRITTEN THIS LETTER A FEW DAYS, WOULD WAIT A FEW MORE DAYS BEFORE THE NEXT STEP. THE INFORMANT ADVISED [REDACTED] STATED THE NEXT STEP THEY DISCUSSED IS WHETHER SOMEONE LIKE [REDACTED] SHOULD GO OVER LIKE [REDACTED] DID QUOTE IN THE OTHER SITUATION UNQUOTE PAREN BELIEVED TO BE REFERRING TO [REDACTED] DIFFICULTIES WITH HIS PASSPORT PAREN AND SEE WHAT HE CAN GET. [REDACTED] ADVISED THAT THEY ALSO

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CC: New York

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DISCUSSED THE POSSIBILITY OF ROBESON, [REDACTED] AND ONE OR TWO OTHERS COMING DOWN FROM NY AND ASKING FOR A CONFERENCE WITH ACHESON AND PROBABLY GETTING IT WITH SHIPLEY OR SOMEONE ELSE. THE INFORMANT ADVISED [REDACTED] STATED THEY ARE WORKING AGAINST TIME BECAUSE ROBESON'S FIRST DATE OVER THERE IS AUGUST TWENTY AND HE MUST BOOK PASSAGE WITHOUT DELAY. [REDACTED] THEN WANTED TO KNOW WHAT OFFICERS MADE THE DEMAND. [REDACTED] STATED THAT THEY WERE QUOTE TWO FLAT FEET UNQUOTE FROM THE INTERNAL SECURITY DIVISION OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT UNQUOTE. [REDACTED] EXPLAINED THAT THEY SAID THEY WERE JUST

b7c AGENTS OF THE INTERNAL SECURITY DIVISION WHO HAD BEEN DIRECTED BY WASHINGTON AND THEY ADVISED THAT THEY WERE FINISHED AND WOULD REPORT BACK TO WASHINGTON AND THEN THE NEXT MOVE IS UP TO WASHINGTON. [REDACTED] AGREED THAT THE BEST WAY TO HANDLE THE SITUATION IS FOR A GROUP OR DELEGATION INCLUDING ROBESON TO COME DOWN AND SEE SOMEONE IN THE STATE DEPARTMENT ABOUT IT AND THAT WAY OF DOING IT WILL QUOTE GIVE US A BETTER BASIS OF BREAKING IT AND GETTING PUBLICITY UNQUOTE. [REDACTED] ADVISED [REDACTED] THAT HE MAY PROPOSE [REDACTED] BE PRESENT WHEN THEY DO DECIDE TO COME DOWN SO [REDACTED] CAN FOLLOW UP ON IT IF ANYTHING HAPPENS. [REDACTED] AGREED TO THIS.

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*Belmont*

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BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

Date: August 9, 1950  
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To: Mr. Jack D. Neal  
Associate Chief, Division of Security  
Department of State  
515 22nd Street, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

AFTER RECEIVING AGENCIES  
AND FIELD OFFICES  
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From: John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Subject: PAUL ROBESON  
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Information was recently received indicating that Paul Robeson and his attorney, Nathan Witt, are considering a trip to Washington with a delegation to request a conference with Secretary of State Dean Acheson in an effort to have Robeson's passport reinstated. No date was reported to have been set for this delegation's arrival in Washington.

Robeson reportedly desires to leave the United States the latter part of August, 1950, for Western Europe and the Scandinavian countries.

The above is for your confidential information and should not be disseminated outside of your Department.

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Wichita Falls, Texas Aug-5-1950-

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover - Washington - W.C.  
PAUL ROBESON

Dear Mr Hoover: Our local paper - write  
an article on - Paul Robeson - it says his  
passport has been cancelled by the State  
Department - The man in the street all  
over the U. S. A. is cursing the State Department.  
Why should the State Department have  
issued this Negro - a Passport -  
This Negro's actions - and talks are well  
known all over America -

The State Department acts is the cause  
of the War in Korea RECORDED - 57 100-12304-213  
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Truman can't carry this off brand - ~~in~~ with him  
in the election - in Nov. wait until Mr Pow Whites  
get to vote. Keep on the trail of this Negro Robeson  
he is dangerous - Mr Hoover I listened to  
the King of Spain yesterday - The Pres. of U. S.



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Wichita Falls, Texas

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Paul Roberson - represent - the  
Colored Black & Yellow - races -  
He likes to have his picture taken with  
a lot of White - Left wingers -  
I know the Negro - this Negro wants to  
breed out the Negro in to a white  
race - It is now married a white girl.  
I have great faith in you - you are doing  
all you can - but at one time I thought  
they - the Finck Communist in the State  
Department worked through you out  
So you recall a statement at a Press conference  
by the President - yes you remember  
remember.

we must change the U. S. Kick out the Red  
Fire - 50% of the State Department.

Let Roberson he will commit some act that  
will enable you to arrest him. Yours sincerely



August 17, 1950

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[REDACTED]  
Wichita Falls, Texas

Dear [REDACTED]

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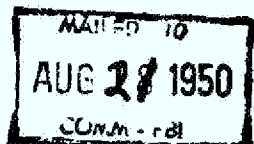
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Your letter dated August 5, 1950, has been received in the absence of Mr. Hoover from Washington, and I am taking the liberty of acknowledging it. You may be sure that Mr. Hoover will appreciate having the benefit of your observations.

Sincerely yours,

Helen W. Gandy  
Secretary

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NOTE: Recent press statement reflected that the passport of Paul Robeson was canceled by the U. S. State Department. In view of the general tenor of the correspondent's communication and its political implications an "in-absence" reply is deemed appropriate.

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*Office Memorandum* • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI  
FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field  
SUBJECT: PAUL ROBESON  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

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DATE: September 8, 1950

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Enclosed herewith to the Bureau is a copy of a memorandum which was furnished to Special Agent [REDACTED] by Confidential Informant [REDACTED] of the Department of State, whose identity is known to the Bureau. - b7c

No copy of this memorandum was available for retention by the Washington Field Office and no dissemination of it was made by the Washington Field Office. For your information. Please furnish copy to New York Office.

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DIRECTOR, FBI

PAUL ROBESON  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

For your information there is attached hereto a photostatic copy of a memorandum from the Washington Field Office dated September 8, 1950, together with a photostatic copy of the enclosure furnished to the Washington Field Office by confidential informant [redacted]. The enclosure reflects information concerning Paul Robeson and certain attorneys who called at the Department of State on August 23, 1950, relative to the cancellation of Robeson's passport. b7D

In the event any of the information reflected by the attached enclosure should be used in subsequent communications it should be carefully paraphrased in order not to disclose the source.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: <sup>①</sup>ESLANDA GOODE ROBESON, aka.  
<sup>①</sup>SECURITY MATTER - C  
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DATE: September 29, 1950

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Re New Haven letter to Director, 8/8/50.

The "New York Times" of September 10th, 1949, identified Mrs. PAUL ROBESON as a speaker at the American Continental Congress for Peace, held in Mexico City September 5th to 10th, 1949.

[redacted] who is regarded to be of known reliability, advised that in his opinion the American Continental Congress for Peace was a follow-up on similar congresses held in Poland, France and New York, and was part of the world-wide Communist inspired "peace propaganda campaign."

On January 23, 1950, Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that ESLANDA G. ROBESON was listed as a member of the Executive Committee of the African Aid Committee. The informant stated that the African Aid Committee is located at the headquarters of the Council on African Affairs at 23 West 26th Street, New York City, New York, and is believed to be a committee formed from the membership of the Council on African Affairs. It should be noted that the Council on African Affairs has been declared by the Attorney General to be within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised on February 18, 1950, that Mrs. PAUL ROBESON was one of the speakers at a meeting of the Committee for a Democratic Far Eastern Policy, which was held at the City Centre Casino, New York City, New York, on February 18, 1950. Mrs. ROBESON commented on her trip to China and of the reception she received. She said that the Chinese people thought that their greatest achievement under the revolution was land reform.

[redacted] has been interviewed during the past few months concerning concealed Communists whom he knew. ESLANDA GOODE ROBESON has been described by [redacted] as a concealed Communist. [redacted] describes a concealed Communist as one who does not hold himself out as a Communist and who would deny membership in the Party. [redacted] was interviewed on June 29, 1950, by SA [redacted] concerning the subject. He stated that [redacted]

cc: New Haven (100-8032)  
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Letter to Director  
NY 100-56680

[REDACTED] 'rs. ROBESON was a devoted member of the  
Communist Party as he knew her husband, PAUL, to be. [REDACTED]

Since the individuals such as the subject of this case are  
according to [REDACTED] concealed Communists, and since they are in most  
instances persons of some prominence, it is suggested that if the in-  
formation is reported, then [REDACTED] should be given a temporary  
confidential informant symbol. RUC.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM : SAC, NEW HAVEN  
SUBJECT: ESLANDA GOODE ROBESON, was  
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DATE: 10/13/50

Re copy NY letter to Bureau dated August 8, 1950, captioned as above, which was transmitted to this office apparently by the Bureau, which consisted of three pages and which indicated that there was attached thereto a blind memorandum dictated by [REDACTED] containing all the pertinent investigation concerning the subject [REDACTED] could presently recollect.

The blind memorandum was not received with referenced letter. It is, therefore, requested that the Bureau furnish a copy of the blind memorandum to this office.

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cc: New York (100-56680)

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SAC, New Haven

October 31, 1950

Director, FBI

ESLANDA GOODE ROBESON, was.  
SECURITY MATTER - C  
(Your File 100-8032)

Reurmemorandum of October 13, 1950.

Attached hereto is a copy of a blind memorandum which was dictated by [REDACTED] concerning his recollection of the Communist Party membership of the subject.

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ESLANDA GOODE ROBESON

Wife of PAUL ROBESON.

Official reports [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] were to the effect that MRS. ROBESON was a devoted member of the Communist Party, as I knew her husband PAUL to be. These reports, [REDACTED] (who spoke of her frequently in both personal and official statements) and from [REDACTED]

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DIRECTOR AND SAC NEW YORK CITY

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PAUL ROBESON DASH INTERNAL SECURITY DASH C. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ADVISES THAT SUBJECT- S WIFE, ESLANDA ROBESON, MAILED

[REDACTED] A PASSPORT TO SUBJECT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SHE GAVE NO OTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING THE PASSPORT WITH THE EXCEPTION THAT SHE WANTED TO GET IT TO NEW YORK AS FAST AS POSSIBLE. THE ABOVE FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES.

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EX-7

cc Mr. Belmont

SAC, New York

November 9, 1950

Director, FBI

PAUL ROBESON  
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The September 1950 issue of the "Summary of Trends and Developments," which is issued by the National Americanism Commission of the American Legion, contains this statement on page 32:

"Pravda for July 6 made a bad break by quoting its New York Tass agency as reporting a Harlem 'Keep Hands Off Korea' demonstration thunderously greeting 'Benjamin Davis and Paul Robeson, members of the National Communist Party of the U.S.A.' Robeson has never admitted C. P. membership and has always evaded the question."

For your information, the Bureau has had a translation made of the Pravda article, a copy of which is attached. It would appear from the translation that the American Legion magazine is incorrect.

The above is for your information.

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TRANSLATION FROM RUSSIAN

From "Pravda" July 6, 1950, No. 187  
(11699), Page 6, column 3.

Headline: KEEP HANDS OFF KOREA!

New York, July 5 (1950). —

In the U. S. A. the movement of the broad strata of the people against American aggression in Korea has grown. According to a report of the newspaper "Daily Worker", a protest meeting was held in Harlem against the armed intervention in Korea under the slogan "Keep Hands Off Korea!" The meeting was organized by the Council on African Affairs, Trade-Union Council of Harlem, Committee for the Fight for a Democratic Policy in the Far East and Provisional Harlem Committee for the Fight for Peace and Freedom. The participants of the meeting gave a wild ovation to the member of the National Committee of the Communist Party of the U. S. A. BENJAMIN XAVIER and PAUL ROBESON.

(Examiner's comment: It appears from the Russian text that the Russian word for "member" refers to XAVIER only. "Robeson" is the dative sing. of the Russian word "chlen", member).

ROBESON stated: "The negroes know what happens in Korea because the same thing happens to our people in Africa ... The imperialists desire that our sons and daughters shall die for their enormous profits." BENJAMIN XAVIER declared: "We want peace and freedom and are ready to fight for it, whether in Mississippi or in Korea."

The participants of the meeting adopted a resolution in which it was said: "We demand the removal of the American forces from Korea. We demand that the Korean people decide their own fate."

The New York Committee of the Trade-Union Conference in Defense of Peace which is presently conducting a campaign for the collection of 1 1/2 million signatures declared that from the moment of military operations in Korea the collection of signatures has progressed at a quicker tempo. As the president of this committee, SCHWARTZ, declared, the collectors of the signatures have stated that the rank-and-file Americans do not regard the war in Korea as a war of the American people.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: November 27, 1950

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: PAUL ROBESON;  
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The New York "Daily News" issue of November 27, 1950 contained a column by ED SULLIVAN entitled "Little Old New York". In this column it was reported that "Cunard listed PAUL ROBESON in A.5 on the Media. Was he aboard when the ship sailed?"

Mr. CLARE, an agent of the State Department, General Post Office Building, New York City, advised that PAUL ROBESON did not sail on the Media. He stated his office had checked the passenger list of the Media and that the only ROBESON listed was one PETER ROBESON, born in Canada and residing in England. CLARE further advised that Custom officials had been alerted to watch for PAUL ROBESON and that they reported PAUL ROBESON did not sail on the Media.

CLARE stated he had called the passport division, State Department, Washington, D.C. and was informed that under no condition would PAUL ROBESON be issued a passport.

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**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Subject returned Jan. 1950 from her travels in China and Russia

Subject was candidate for US Representative-at-Large from Conn. for Peoples Party in Nov. 1950 elections. Informant claims this Party entirely Communist inspired and dominated. In May 1950 Subject spoke before students of the U. of Conn. under auspices of Young Progressives of America. [redacted] has advised that Subject was a devoted member of CP. Is also subscriber to Worker and Daily Worker. She continues to reside 1221 Enfield St., Enfield, Conn. and is unemployed but travels and makes 12/19 speeches frequently. 05-0-11-11

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## Travels

The November 10, 1949 edition of the Hartford Courant, a daily newspaper published at Hartford, Connecticut, advised that the Subject and Mrs. MURIEL GRAPER departed the United States on November 9, 1949 for Amsterdam enroute to Moscow, Russia, as delegates of the Congress of American Women to the annual Council meeting of the Women's International Democratic Federation, and Mrs. ROBESON indicated that she would go from Moscow to Peiping, China, to attend the First Conference of Asian

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Women scheduled for the first week in December 1949.

The International Democratic Women's Federation has been cited by the California Committee on Un-American Activities as a "Red International" organization formed in 1944 in Paris at an International Congress of Women "at the call of International Communist forces". The American affiliate is known as the Congress of American Women. The Congress of American Women has been cited by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

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b7D [redacted] advised in February 1950 that [redacted] received a postal card from the Subject which was dated December 21, 1949 mailed from Shanghai, China, and was a scene of Peking, China.

On March 4, 1950 [redacted] stated that the Subject had discussed her trip to Russia and to China with her and that the Subject has stated that it took her sixteen days by train from Russia to China and also that she had been to Siberia "where it was so cold the bones in her face almost froze".

[redacted] advised [redacted] received a postcard January 8, 1950 from Moscow, Russia, in which the Subject stated she had already been to China. This informant also advised that on the night of January 26, 1950 [redacted] saw lights in the Subject's home, the Beeches, Enfield, Connecticut, and assumed that the Subject had returned from her trip.

An article appearing in the May 15, 1950 edition of the Hartford Courant states that the Subject would speak at the Arsenal School in Hartford on that date under the sponsorship of the Peoples Party of Connecticut and her talk would be about her recent trip to China and Europe.

[redacted] has advised that the Peoples Party of Connecticut is entirely dominated and inspired by the Communist Party.

The Communist Party has been declared by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

On March 28, 1950, [redacted] advised that the Subject in company with Mr. WILLIAM F. KERNER of 2114 Baker Street, San Francisco, called at his office and had a talk with [redacted]. Mr. KERNER stated that he represented the Democratic Committee for Far Eastern Policy.

The California Committee on Un-American Activities has stated that the Communist Party line shifted after V-J Day and Communist fronts started pressure on the administration in reference to its foreign policy in China in order to clear the way for Soviet expansion. A "new front" in this field is the Committee for a Democratic Far Eastern Policy.

The following is quoted from a memorandum prepared by [redacted] concerning his interview with the Subject:

"Mrs. Robeson told me she had been in Peiping late December and early January, where she had attended a meeting of a conference of some 500 women, called by the Chinese Communists. Women representatives from

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all parts of the world attended this meeting, although the greater number were Chinese. She mentioned that Chou en-lai had addressed them for over five hours at one session and had told them of the Government's plans, etc.

"Mrs. ROBESON had reached China, coming from Russia via the Trans-Siberia Railway and, before going home, had travelled by rail to Nanking and Shanghai, and then returned the same route - Trans-Siberian Railway - through Russia.

"She had heard that I had advocated recognition of the Chinese Communists; and urged that I head a delegation of American businessmen, to go to China and discuss the matter of recognition with the heads of the Chinese Government, who, she assured me, really want trade channels between the United States and China opened up; and who, she assured me, want recognition to facilitate trade development - the Communists would welcome investment of private capital, etc.

"I said, in the light of what had happened since last September - the Communists' treatment of Consul General Ward and others, culminating in the demand made at Peiping to surrender part of our Consul General's compound - it seemed evident that the Communists did not want U.S. recognition. I could not understand, if they did want it, why they took the action they did, because they must have known such action would only intensify the feeling against recognition in Congress and with the American public.

"Mrs. Robeson seemed to agree that was so; but still felt the Communists want U.S. recognition.

"I emphasized I was not for recognition so much from a business angle as I was from my wish to keep Americans in China, whether they were businessmen, medical missionaries, teachers, or what not, if only to offset Moscow influence and teaching.

"Then followed a general discussion on the Moscow type of government. I emphasized Russia's arbitrary actions in the United Nations - use of veto, extravagant, insulting statements - had, I thought, done more to turn American public feeling against Russia than anything else. Her unwillingness to let her nationals travel freely abroad, as well as restrictions she placed on Americans entering Russia, made it difficult for the peoples of the two countries to understand each other. From all accounts, Russia allowed her citizens to hear or read only what the

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"Politburo wanted them to hear and read. Foreign correspondents were allowed little freedom.

"Mrs. Robeson said, twenty years ago, Russia encouraged American travel to Russia through the INTOURIST Bureau etc.; but, when she found so many Americans not reporting the truth, she had to clamp down the lid.

"Mrs. Robeson seemed to think that Marshall Plan aid furnished western European countries carried restrictions - mentioned U. S. propaganda in Italy before the elections there two years ago, Italy didn't get American aid unless she voted right etc.

While Mrs. Robeson volunteered the statement she is not a Communist, she defended Moscow policies - no discrimination against negroes etc. while here in the U.S., especially in the south, plenty of discrimination.

"I mentioned refusal of Chinese Communists to permit foreign correspondents to file dispatches; again countered by the statement that, if only correspondents told the truth, there would be no restrictions.

"However, she seemed certain that if I wanted to go to China with a group of American businessmen to learn the truth, it could be arranged; asked when I wanted to go, to which I replied 'Summer would be the best time - but don't take that as a commitment!'

"Mrs. Robeson is a rather pleasing and attractive person, a persuasive person, apparently part white. She feels she can understand the Chinese Communists; they have been exploited just as the negroes have been exploited; and the fact that no race discrimination is practiced in Russia is one thing which appeals to her most.

"March 29, 1950

"Thinking of our talk overnight, I am pretty well convinced that Mrs. Robeson, even if not a Communist, certainly is a prty-line follower. She plays up all the good points of Communism and refuses to see what she must know are the bad points.

"Apparently unwilling to concede that the standards of living and democracy in this country are, relatively speaking, further advanced in the U.S. than in other countries she has visited."

Speeches and Miscellaneous Activities

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The September 10 edition of the New York Times identified Mrs. PAUL ROBESON as a speaker at the American Continental Congress for Peace held in Moscow September 5-10, 1949.

[REDACTED] advised that in his opinion the American Continental Congress for Peace was a follow-up of similar Congresses held in Poland, France, and New York and was part of the world-wide Communist inspired "peace propaganda campaign".

[REDACTED] advised on [REDACTED] that Mrs. PAUL ROBESON was one of the speakers at a meeting of [REDACTED] which was held at New York on [REDACTED]. The informant advised that Mrs. ROBESON commented on her trip to China and the reception she received. She said that the Chinese people thought that their greatest achievement under the revolution was land reform.

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The August 7, 1950 edition of the Hartford Courant states that Mrs. PAUL ROBESON

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at a nominating convention of the Peoples Party of Connecticut in New Haven held on August 6, 1950 stated that the United Nations is an instrument of war and praised Soviet delegate JAKOB MALIK for trying to bring peace to the world. "We must applaud Malik for so diligently pursuing the cause of international peace, and for being so calm and statesmanlike in the UN deliberations. "He is a wonderful man". "We as the peace party in this country cannot support UN action in Korea. We condemn it."

This article stated that she criticized U.S. delegate to the U.N., WARREN AUSTIN, describing him as a "spoiled brat and a puppet of Wall Street."

The September 28, 1950 issue of the Daily Worker stated that the Subject was to be the featured speaker at a conference on the Unified Action of Negro and White Progressives to be held in Boston the following Sunday and that the conference was sponsored by the Progressive Party of Massachusetts. Mrs. ROBESON was to talk on the struggle of the Negro people in the worldwide movement for peace.

The Daily Worker is an East Coast Communist newspaper.

#### Peoples Party Activity

The June 18, 1950 issue of the Worker contained a news item captioned, "Peoples Party Maps State Peace Campaign". This article goes on to state, "Resolving to develop a concrete campaign around Peace as the paramount issue in the coming election campaign, Peoples Party of Conn. delegates at their third convention pledged to secure 50,000 signatures on the World Peace Appeal by Oct. 1. "10,000 signatures were personally guaranteed by the 118 delegates present. "Under local issues, the platform calls for the reorganization and modernization of the state government, including provisions for referendum and recall, a revision of election laws to allow freer access on the ballot by any party, the elimination of difficulties of ballot-splitting, and replacing of the convention-caucus system by direct primaries. "Other issues stressed were expansion of unemployment compensation, effective rent control, repeal of Taft-Hartley, revision of workmen's compensation laws to include all illness which keeps workers from bringing home pay, a Connecticut River Authority, a State farmer's market, the repeal of the State Sales tax and adoption of a graduated income tax." The convention ended with a testimonial dinner for Mrs. Eslanda Robeson, Rev. Dudley Burr and Prof. Thomas X Emerson.

The August 7, 1950 issue of the New Haven Register said, "Mrs. PAUL ROBESON, wife of the Negro baritone, was nominated by the Peoples Party of Connecticut as its candidate for U. S. Representative-at-Large at a convention yesterday at the Towne House".

The October 13, 1950 issue of the Hartford Courant contained an article reflecting that Mrs. PAUL ROBESON, nominee for U. S. Representative-at-Large in Connecticut, addressed a Peoples Party rally at the West Middle School

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in Hartford on October 12, 1950, and she stated, "I can't see how we can exist without peace. "War anywhere is war everywhere. "Unless we vote for peace we may even have war here. "A vote for either the Republican or Democratic Parties is not going to give us peace. "They are working very hard for war".

[redacted] advised that he attended a Peoples Party meeting on [redacted] held at [redacted]. This informant stated that the Rev. DUDLEY BURR was Chairman and after the opening remarks he introduced Mrs. ROBESON, who stated that "she has never changed her mind and never will but will continue to fight for the better way of living". A discussion was then held on the Mundt-McCarran Bill and it was urged that members should send telegrams not to the President but to their Congressmen asking them to vote against it.

[redacted] advised that on [redacted] he attended a Peoples Party meeting at [redacted] at which most of the nominees for the Peoples Party slate were in attendance. Mrs. ROBESON spoke saying that the "biggest mistake we make is under-estimating ourselves. "The Republican and Democratic Parties are not. "The Democratic Party has brought a Negro in from out of state to say they have a Negro fighting for them." She stated that she was going to remind them that she has lived here for ten years and she was not brought in from another state. She said that because many people did not see her they think she is in Russia. This informant stated that many members of the Communist Party in Hartford and New Haven were in attendance at this meeting.

The October 25, 1950 issue of the Bridgeport Telegram states that Dr. ESLANDA G. ROBESON would speak that night at a Peoples Party rally at the Barnum Hotel in Bridgeport and that in a radio broadcast over Station WNAB at 7:45 P.M., preceding the rally she would discuss the status of the Negro in Bridgeport particularly with respect to living and working conditions.

[redacted] advised that the Subject spoke of her political campaign and "how she had tried to get experience from the other parties but has found out that they have nothing to offer and that we can learn nothing from them". This was at a Peoples Party meeting held at the Hotel Barnum, Bridgeport, Connecticut, October 25, 1950.

Young Progressives of America

The May 15, 1950 edition of the Connecticut Campus, official newspaper of the University of Connecticut, at Storrs, Connecticut, contained an article which reflected that the Subject on May 13, 1950 addressed a group of students at the University of Connecticut under the auspices of the Young Progressives of America. In this address she stated, "I think anyone who thinks McCarthy is

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behaving like a dignified senator representing the American citizen should is nuts. "I think McCarthy situation is typical of a certain type of politician and press that will make headlines for their own reasons". "The American press is pretty biased and one reason that I have no respect for the press is that it does not give dignified expression for the Negro. "They do more saying of what they want to believe than reporting honest news". Mrs. ROBESON electrified the audience by declaring that 2/3 of the population of the earth is "colored". She stated that "the Negro is going to treat you, the minority, as we wish you had treated us". Denying that she is a Communist, she said, "We have the finest Constitution ever thought of but it would be wonderful if it were implemented". When criticized for making it appear that nothing is good in this country, Mrs. ROBESON said it seemed unnecessary to add another voice to those already doing so much yelling. Mrs. ROBESON attacked western colonialism, Truman's Fourth Point, the North Atlantic Pact, and the Marshall Plan. Although stating that the Russian standard of living is low in comparison with the average mean of American living, the Russians are pleased since it is higher than before and constantly rising. She stated food and rent prices are cheap though clothes are scarce.

In response to a question about Russia and church relations, Mrs. ROBESON stated that Russia had a policy of taking away the big business from the church and leaving religion, saying that she had visited many churches during her travels in Russia and she found them crowded much more so than in 1939.

This article states that the audience at the University of Connecticut was very hostile and she stated that the United States is spending so much money on war preparations that it does not have money to spend on schools and other necessary things. At this point a student counter-attacked by asking how she explained the present expansion of the University of Connecticut's buildings. The article stated that although she said she was glad to hear such construction was going on she had no explanations. This article continues by stating that most of the questions put forward by the students and faculty were attacking the stand by Mrs. ROBESON and the action taken by the Russians and their satellite states.

██████ has advised that the Young Progressives of America is an organization completely dominated and inspired by the Communist Party.

African Aid Committee

On ████████ ████████ advised that the Subject was listed as a member of the Executive Committee of the African Aid Committee. The informant stated that this committee is located at the headquarters of the Council on African affairs at 23 West 26th Street, New York City, and is believed to be a committee formed from the membership of the Council on African Affairs. The Council on African Affairs has been declared by the Attorney General to be within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

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Communist Party Membership

[REDACTED] has advised that [REDACTED] were to the effect that the Subject was a devoted member of the Communist Party. [REDACTED]

This informant further stated that he knows the Subject's husband, PAUL ROBESON, also to be a devoted member of the Communist Party. This informant further stated that the Subject is a "concealed Communist" by which he meant that she is one who does not hold to be a Communist member and who would deny membership in the Party.

Contacts with Communist Party Officials

ELLA REEVE BLOOR has been designated by [REDACTED] as the oldest living charter member of the Communist Party in the United States.

Daily Worker and Worker Subscriptions

On [REDACTED] [REDACTED] advised that on April 22, 1950 the Subject became a subscriber to the Sunday Worker and on [REDACTED] [REDACTED] advised that on May 17, 1950 the Subject became a subscriber to the Daily Worker, and her subscriptions were to be sent to "The Beeches", Enfield, Connecticut.

Residence and Employment

The Subject continues to reside in a large house at 1221 Enfield Street, Enfield, Connecticut, owned by her husband and herself in a place known as "The Beeches". This house is presently for sale and according to an article appearing in the Hartford Courant on September 21, 1950 the Subject stated that she and her husband planned to build a six room house in South Norwalk, Connecticut, to be near New York City.

An article appearing in the Norwalk Hour dated September 22, 1950 states that PAUL ROBESON has recently made a down payment on a lot in the Village Creek Development at Hayes Hill in Norwalk, Connecticut, which had been verified by ROGER WILCOX, Sales Manager for the Village Creek Corporation.

The Subject does not have any permanent employment but spends a great deal of her time traveling and making speeches.

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One copy of this report is being designated for the New York Office in view of the fact that Subject's husband, PAUL ROBESON, resides in New York City and in view of the fact that New York Office has in the past received one copy of each report in instant case.

On August 8, 1950 the New Haven Office recommended that an SI Card be prepared on the Subject and this was approved by the Bureau.

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# Robeson and Glenn Davis I Don't Buy. 23

By ROBERT C. RUARK

NEW YORK, Jan. 10—There are some allied topics here, which I would like to lump, loosely, under a general heading. One touches that bulky artist, Paul Robeson, the avowed Communist-loving patriot who falsely claims spokesmanship for his race.

Another skips lightly over a nice and competent kid, Whitey Ford, the ex-Yankee pitcher, and still another fastens onto the junior cause celebre, Alfred Bergdoll, and finally we could touch mildly on a professional football player, ex-Lieut. Glenn Davis. Somewhere, deep in the heap, we got a healthy moral.

In the modern emergency Mr. Robeson is as worthy of international as any Jap who got penned away in the last war, since by his own lusty baritone he is an enemy of his own country and a passionate espouser of those people who are now declared enemies. Mr. Robeson is pressing a suit against the State Department, naming Dean Acheson as the chieftain, to restore his passport so that he may travel abroad and, doubtless, continue to malign the land of his birth.

Mr. Robeson has done nothing for his country but attempt to tear it down, yet he goes to the court to have his passport restored so that he may rend America further abroad, where the ear is more sympathetic than here at home. His home.

MR. WHITEY FORD is a nice kid from these parts, who broke into the Yankees this year, pitched them to a pennant with nine straight, as I recall, and clinched the Series for the Yanks with a beautiful effort, which would guarantee him anything from half-million to a million bucks for the next 10 to 15 years. Whitey got drafted, and very possibly has down his entire baseball career.

Mr. Alfred Bergdoll is the son

of our best-known draft skipper from World War I. He has papa's prejudices against serving his country in time of need. He is ideologically opposed to war. Who isn't?

Mr. Alfred Bergdoll draws five years for draft evasion, for which sentence, hurrah for Judge Sylvester Ryan, who said quietly, "You have made yourself the object of scorn and contempt."

WE come now to ex-Lieut. Glenn Davis, "Mr. Outside," the toast of that fabulous West Point team that got its tax-paid education and considerable of its grid-iron experience during a war—the last one. Mr. Davis worked for the Army for a couple of years of the recent post-war, to pay off Uncle Sam, quit his commission and is now playing professional football as anti-climax to his romance with Elizabeth Taylor.

Several of Mr. Davis' former teammates are dead, as result of fulfillment of duty in the current little squabble in Korea. It must seem a touch odd, to Mr. Davis, who beat one war as an athlete, and seems likely to beat another as an athlete. And he's a professional fighter, too, by education and training.

I buy Mr. Whitey Ford, a fuzz-faced kid, who went when he was called and didn't holler. I also buy Judge Ryan, who tucked away the Bergdoll brat, as an illustrative nuisance.

But I leave Mr. Robeson, the unwilling American, and Mr. Davis, the unwilling professional warrior, to the archives. Maybe the archives will know what to do with them.

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For your information there is attached a photostatic copy of a news article from the Cleveland Press, Cleveland, Ohio, dated December 11, 1950, relating to Paul Robeson being in Cleveland in connection with an organization known as "Freedom Associates."

Attachment *J.C.*

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## SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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██████ advised ROBESON wrote article for "Thunder", pro-Communist newspaper in British Guiana. ██████ advised ROBESON spoke at 20th anniversary of Jewish People's Fraternal Order. "Daily Worker", 5/31/50, reported ROBESON to attend meeting of World Partisans for Peace in London. "New York World Telegram and Sun", 6/9/50, reported ROBESON spoke at meeting sponsored by Peace Information Center. ██████ furnished copy of pamphlet, "Forge Negro-Labor Unity for Peace and Jobs", published by Harlem Trade Union Council. Pamphlet contained text of ROBESON's speech made in Chicago at National Labor Conference for Negro Rights. Portions of speech set out.

██████ advised ROBESON is concealed Communist. "Daily Worker", 6/30/50, reported ROBESON spoke at meeting sponsored by Civil Rights Congress. ██████ stated ROBESON spoke at Harlem Street rally sponsored by Harlem Section of CP. "New York Daily News", 8/4/50, reported ROBESON's passport cancelled. ██████ advised ROBESON spoke at street rally sponsored by Harlem Trade Union Council in Harlem. ██████ stated ROBESON spoke at banquet given by American-Slav Congress. Also that ROBESON spoke at American Labor Party election rally in Madison Square Garden. "Daily Worker",

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11/20/50, reported ROBESON spoke at peace meeting at Riverside Plaza Hotel, sponsored by National Council of American-Soviet Friendship. "Daily Worker", 11/24/50, reported ROBESON named to New World Peace Council by Peace Council in Warsaw. "Daily Worker", 11/27/50, reported ROBESON spoke at Labor Youth League Convention. "Daily Worker", 12/20/50, reported ROBESON filed suit against Secretary of State ACHESON.

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DETAILS: On May 2, 1950 Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, advised that PAUL ROBESON had written an article entitled, "What Has Russia Done for Negroes," which appeared in the March, 1950 issue of "Thunder". According to the informant, "Thunder" is a pro-Communist newspaper published in British Guiana. b7D

The following are some of the statements contained in the above issue:

"I speak as an American negro whose life is dedicated, first and foremost, to winning full freedom, and nothing less than full freedom, for the negro people here in America.

"Now, some honest and sincere people say to me, 'Yes, Paul, we agree with you on everything you say about Jimcrow and persecution. We're with you 100 percent on these things. But what has Russia done for us negroes?' To me - a negro and an American - the answer is very simple and very clear:

"I say the Soviet Union's very existence, its example before the world of abolishing all discrimination based on colour or nationality, its fight in every arena of world conflict for genuine democracy and for peace, this has given us negroes the chance of achieving our complete liberation within our own time, within this generation.

"I happened to have the honour of being present a few months ago at the great celebration of the anniversary of the great

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poet Alexander Pushkin, whose great grandfather was an Abyssinian brought to Russia by Emperor Peter the Great.

"There are Negroes in the Soviet Union, several hundreds of them, whose ancestors were brought over from Africa as slaves. Today these descendants of slaves govern a Soviet village of Abkhazia in the Georgian Republic. And there are many millions of brown and swarthy people, too, who in America would be called negroes. But whether one is a renowned poet or a peasant farmer--black, brown, yellow or white--Christian, Jew or atheist, he enjoys the same human rights."

On [redacted] Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, advised [redacted] the 20th anniversary celebration of the Jewish People's Fraternal Order of the International Workers Order, held at Madison Square Garden, New York City, on May 20th. According to [redacted] PAUL ROBESON was the guest of honor at this celebration and delivered a speech. In his speech ROBESON told the audience, "I have gone up and down the land singing for the JPFO. In the battlefields of Spain I saw many Jewish youths fighting for freedom. We shall not let Fascism rise in Germany again."

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

The "Daily Worker" issue of May 31, 1950, page 2, column 3, reported that PAUL ROBESON had left for London to attend "a meeting today of leaders of the World Partisans for Peace." The article reflected that the meeting would discuss the world peace campaign and would plan preparations for the Second World Peace Congress to be held in Genoa in October.

The "Daily Worker" is an east coast daily Communist newspaper.

On [redacted] Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, advised that the World Partisans for Peace were a group of individuals who preached the theme of hatred against the United States and in effect called for world revolution by force.

The New York "Daily News" issue of June 2, 1950 reported that PAUL ROBESON "attacked G. John Rogge, former U. S.

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Assistant Attorney General, as a paid lobbyist for Marshall Tito's Yugoslavia. The clash occurred after Rogge, a vice president of the World Peace Committee, offered a resolution to the committee's executive committee here asking that the Yugoslav Peace Committee be readmitted. It was expelled last year, 13 months after Tito broke with Moscow."

The New York "World Telegram and Sun" issue of June 9, 1950 reported that PAUL ROBESON spoke at a "Unite for Peace" rally sponsored by the Peace Information Center at Manhattan Center, New York City, on June 8, 1950. In his speech ROBESON urged the people at the rally "to demand the outlawing of atomic weapons and give notice to the government here that we will fight for peace."

The "Worker" issue of February 11, 1951, page 3, column 2, contains an article reflecting that the Peace Information Center and its officers were indicted on February 9, 1951 by a Federal grand jury in Washington, D.C., for failure to register as agents of a foreign principal.

The "Worker" is the Sunday edition of the "Daily Worker".

In [redacted] Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, advised that the Communist Party, U.S.A., helped organize the Peace Information Center.

The New York edition of the "Pittsburgh Courier" issue of June 10, 1950 reported that PAUL ROBESON "flew into London from New York on Monday to take part in a Communist organized peace rally in London's Inn Fields."

The "Daily Worker" issue of June 12, 1950, page 2, column 1, reported that on June 10, 1950, PAUL ROBESON spoke at the National Labor Conference for Negro Rights which was held in Chicago on June 10 and 11, 1950.

On [redacted] Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, advised that the National Labor Conference for Negro Rights was organized by the Communist Party, U.S.A.

On [redacted] Confidential Informant [redacted] furnished a copy of a pamphlet entitled, "Forge Negro-Labor

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Unity for Peace and Jobs." This pamphlet contained the text of the speech made by ROBESON at the National Labor Conference for Negro Rights and was published by the Harlem Trade Union Council.

On [REDACTED] Confidential Informant [REDACTED] of known reliability, advised that the Harlem Trade Union Council is a Communist Party front organization and was organized at the direct orders of the Communist Party, U.S.A.

The following are excerpts from the speech made by ROBESON at the meeting of the National Labor Conference for Negro Rights held in Chicago:

"And so, even today, as this National Labor Conference for Negro Rights charts the course ahead for the whole Negro people and their sincere allies, it sounds a warning to American bigotry and reaction. For if fifteen million Negroes, led by their staunchest sons and daughters of labor, and joined by the white working class, say that there shall be no more Jim Crow in America, then there shall be no more Jim Crow!

"If fifteen million Negroes say, and mean it, no more anti-Semitism, then there shall be no more anti-Semitism!

"If fifteen million Negroes, inspired by their true leaders in the labor movement, demand an end to the persecution of the foreign-born, then the persecution of the foreign-born will end!

"If fifteen million Negroes in one voice demand an end to the jailing of the leaders of American progressive thought and culture and the leaders of the American working class, then their voice will be strong enough to empty the prisons of the victims of America's cold war.

"If fifteen million Negroes are for peace, then there will be peace!

"And behind these fifteen million are 180 million of our African brothers and sisters, 60 million of our kindred in the West Indies and Latin America--for whom, as for us, war and the Point Four program would mean a new imperialist slavery.

"In every subject land, in every dependent area, the hundreds of millions who strive for freedom have set their eyes

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upon a new star that rises in the East--they have chosen as the model for their conduct the brave people and stalwart leaders of the new People's Republic of China. And they say to our atom-toting politicians, 'Send your guns and tanks and planes to our oppressors, if you will! We will take them away from them and put them to our own use! We will be free in spite of you, if not with you help!'"

"Your tasks, then, are clear. The Negro trade unionists must increasingly exert their influence in every aspect of the life of the Negro community. No church, no fraternal, civic or social organization in our communities must be permitted to continue without the benefit of the knowledge and experience which you have gained through your struggles in the great American labor movement. You are called upon to provide the spirit, the determination, the organizational skill, the firm steel of unyielding militancy to the age-old strivings of the Negro people for equality and freedom.

"On the shoulders of the Negro trade unionists there is the tremendous responsibility to rally the power of the whole trade-union movement, white and black, to the battle for the liberation of our people, the future of our women and children. Anyone who fails in this does the Negro people a great disservice.

"And to the white trade unionists present-- a special challenge. You must fight in the ranks of labor for the full equality of your Negro brothers; for their right to work at any job; to receive equal pay for equal work; for an end to Jim Crow unions; for real fair employment practices within the unions as well as in all other phases of the national life; for the elimination of the rot of white supremacy notions which the employers use to poison the minds of the white workers in order to pit them against their staunchest allies, the Negro people-- in short, for the unbreakable unity of the working people, black and white, without which there can be no free trade unions, no real prosperity, no constitutional rights, no peace for anybody, whatever the color of his skin. To accept Negro leadership of men and women and youth; to accept the fact that the Negro workers have become a part of the vanguard of the whole American working class. To fail the Negro people is to fail the whole American people."

The "Worker", Harlem edition, issue of June 18, 1950, section 1, page 1, column 3, contained a photograph of PAUL ROBESON signing a peace petition in Philadelphia. The caption underneath the picture reported that his signing took

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place last week. It was further reported that this was among the first public acts of ROBESON on his return from London where he had attended an Executive Committee meeting of the World Peace Congress.

Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, advised that in his opinion the World Peace Congress held in Paris, France, April 20-25, 1949, was a follow-up on smaller Congresses held in Wroclaw, Poland, and New York, New York, and that these Congresses were part of a world-wide Communist-inspired peace propaganda campaign.

On [redacted] Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, advised that PAUL ROBESON is a concealed Communist. Informant said he learned from [redacted] that PAUL ROBESON was a leading member of the Communist Party.

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The "Daily Worker" issue of June 30, 1950, page 3, column 4, reported that the Civil Rights Congress sponsored a meeting at Madison Square Garden, New York City, on June 28. The article reflected that PAUL ROBESON had been a speaker at the meeting.

On [redacted] Confidential Informant [redacted] furnished a copy of the speech made by ROBESON at the above Civil Rights Congress meeting. In his speech ROBESON charged that, "Every means of communication, every organ of prestige, beginning with the President himself has been telling us these last two days that the future welfare of the American people is somehow tied to the fate of a corrupt clique of politicians south of the 38th parallel in Korea--"

"But we have come together to say that the American people will not be stampeded; that the efforts to fan the cold war into a flaming inferno of world-wide destruction are doomed to failure...."

"Today above all it means hands off Korea."

"For American intervention in Korea is the culmination of a wicked and shameful policy which our government

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has ruthlessly pursued with respect to the colonial peoples of the world...

"I have said before and say it again that the place for the Negro people to fight for their freedom is here at home--in Georgia, Mississippi, Alabama and Texas--in the Chicago ghetto and right here in New York's Stuyvesant Town."

The Civil Rights Congress has been declared by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

On [REDACTED] Confidential Informant [REDACTED] advised that the Harlem Section of the Communist Party held a street rally at 126th Street and Lenox Avenue, New York City. Informant said that PAUL ROBESON was the main speaker at the street rally.

According to the informant, ROBESON charged that the war in Korea was caused by wall Street and that wall Street planned to grab the resources of all small nations. b7C b7D

The New York edition of the "Pittsburgh Courier" issue of July 8, 1950 reported that the Civil Rights Congress sponsored a rally at Madison Square Garden on June 30, 1950. The article reflected that PAUL ROBESON was one of the speakers at the rally and that in his speech ROBESON stated, "Unless American intervention in Korea and the rest of Asia is stopped, Africa will be next in line."

On [REDACTED] Confidential Informant [REDACTED] furnished a copy of a news release from the Council on African Affairs dated June 29, 1950 and entitled, "Robeson Denounces Korean Intervention at Rally of 18,000 at New York for Civil Rights and Peace."

The statement reported that the Civil Rights Congress had sponsored a rally on June 28 at Madison Square Garden and that "Paul Robeson, Chairman of the Council on African Affairs, had been a speaker at the rally" and that in his speech ROBESON warned "that unless American intervention in Korea and the rest of Asia was stopped Africa would be next in line."

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

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The New York "Daily News" issue of August 4, 1950 contained an article entitled, "Rule Robeson Passport NG". The article reported that the State Department had cancelled ROBESON's passport to prevent his leaving the country. It was reported that the State Department stamped ROBESON's passport record "null and void" a week ago after he had refused to surrender it at the request of the State Department. This action was reportedly taken because the State Department does not consider ROBESON's travel abroad "in the interest of the United States."

The New York "Amsterdam News" issue of September 9, 1950, page 2, column 1, reported that at a press conference held on September 8 by the Council on African Affairs, PAUL ROBESON said, "Negroes are not easy about being asked to shoot down their brothers in other parts of the world."

On January 2, 1951 Confidential Informant [REDACTED] advised that PAUL ROBESON is the Chairman of the Council on African Affairs. b7c  
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On [REDACTED] Confidential Informant [REDACTED] of known reliability, advised he attended a street meeting on that date at 116th Street and St. Nicholas Avenue, New York City, which had been sponsored by the Harlem Trade Union Council. According to the informant, PAUL ROBESON had been a speaker at the rally and in his speech ROBESON charged, "Capitalistic Imperialism is trying to impose on free people in Korea". Then he made a comparison between the U.S. Civil War between the North and the South, with that of Korea:

"There is no difference between this two wars. The fight in Korea is between free people who wishes to continue be free and those who trys to enslave them. -Yes, and the same double-crossers are noticed in Korea, like those double-crossers we had in the South of the United States: Men who for money and power are always ready to enslave his brothers.

"United States have no business to interfere there, and it is up to us negroes to tell Truman and his gang that we want no war, but peace.

"They do not like for me and others to speak. Sure, they are afraid that we will finally obtain the unity and raising of fifteen million negroes in the defense of our rights as American citizens.

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"They are afraid of us, because they know how many more millions of negroes are in Africa, South America and other parts of the world. They are afraid that some day, we will be so tired of being abused, that we will raise against those who abuses us.

"They are the war mongers, who try to enslave people by force so they can continue exploiting them for the enrichment of Imperialistic Capitalism.

"No, we negroes want no war. We want Peace and Human Rights."

On [REDACTED] Confidential Informant [REDACTED] furnished a copy of a "statement by Nathan Witt, counsel to Paul Robeson, concerning the invalidation of Mr. Robeson's passport."

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The statement charged the State Department neglected to inform ROBESON why it cancelled his passport and that he, WITT, had addressed a letter to Secretary ACHESON asking for an explanation. The statement reflected that the letter was not answered and that a wire would be sent to Mr. ACHESON asking for a conference.

Informant also furnished a copy of a news release from the Council on African Affairs dated August 4, 1950. The news release was a "statement to the Council on African Affairs concerning the invalidation of the passport of Paul Robeson." The Council charged that the invalidation of ROBESON's passport "is another blatant example of the Administration's efforts to silence the demand of Negro Americans for their full rights as citizens. We are confident that American Negroes and all fighters for human rights throughout the world will denounce the banning of Paul Robeson from travelling abroad not only in defense of his personal rights as an American citizen but also in defense of the universal freedom of art and for the sake of the democratic rights of all people against police state tyranny."

On August 28, 1950 LEE PRESSMAN testified before the House Un-American Activities Committee that he and NATHAN WITT had been members of the Communist Party in 1934 and 1935 in Washington, D.C.

The "Daily Worker" issue of October 4, 1950, page 4, column 4, contained an article entitled, "Robeson Urges

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Thousands Register at Jeff School." The article reported that ROBESON stated, "There never was a time when the masses of our people needed more to know the answers to the great social questions of our age than during this period of rapid social change." The article further reported that ROBESON "yesterday expressed the hope that the remaining ten days of the fall registration period will see many thousands enrolling for courses at the Jefferson School."

The article also reported that in a statement issued by the officials of the Jefferson School, ROBESON was quoted as saying, "Among my many activities during the past few years, I have always cherished highly my association with this magnificent institution."

The Jefferson School of Social Science has been declared by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

On [REDACTED] Confidential Informant [REDACTED] advised he attended a banquet for the American Slav Congress Conference for Peace, which was held on that date at the Hotel Capitol, New York City. Informant stated PAUL ROBESON was a speaker at the banquet. b7D

In his speech ROBESON stated, "I remember when I was in Poland and Soviet Russia and the other democratic countries and I'm going back to Bulgaria, Poland and the Soviet Union. I have gone to the State Department with my lawyer and I am suing the State Department to get my passport back. You people stood firm in your countries until you got your freedom. I came from people who were brought here in chains but you came from countries of freedom. Here they try to confuse people of Slavic descent as they have confused the Negro people. We must resist the power of government against civil liberties and against our Communist Party."

The American Slav Congress has been declared by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

On [REDACTED] Confidential Informant [REDACTED] advised that the American Labor Party held a mass meeting on October 5 at the Golden Gate Ballroom, 142nd Street and Lenox Avenue, New York City. Informant stated that PAUL ROBESON attended the meeting and sang several songs. b7D

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The American Labor Party has been cited as a Communist front by the House Committee on Un-American Activities, March 29, 1944.

The "Daily Worker" issue of October 23, 1950, page 3, column 3, reported that the Harlem Trade Union Council held a conference on October 21 at 1-3 West 125th Street, New York City, at which was mapped "an immediate battle for job training and jobs for Negroes in all industries."

The above article reflected that PAUL ROBESON had been a speaker at the rally. ROBESON told the people at the conference, "I'm going to be an organizer from now on." He said his full major effort would be "helping the Harlem Trade Union Council, continuing his leadership of the Council on African Affairs, building freedom and fighting for peace."

On [REDACTED] Confidential Informant [REDACTED] advised he attended an American Labor Party meeting at Madison Square Garden on that date. Informant stated the rally was an election campaign rally and that PAUL ROBESON spoke at this meeting. Informant furnished a copy of a release issued by the American Labor Party which was the text of ROBESON's speech.

ROBESON's speech was in behalf of American Labor Party Candidates and in his speech ROBESON said, "We the anti-Fascist forces of America, the working masses, the Negro people, the brave Jewish people, the foreign born progressives, professionals and small businessmen who know that the future depends on our unity -- We will continue to raise our voices together for peace, for friendship with the Soviet Union and the Socialist quarter of the world, for colonial liberation, for the repeal of the McCarran monstrosity, for full equality for the Negro people, for the kind of America of which our forefathers dreamed and for which they fought and died."

On [REDACTED] Confidential Informant [REDACTED] advised he attended an American Labor Party sponsored concert given by PAUL ROBESON at the Audubon Ballroom, 166th Street and Broadway, New York City. Informant stated pictures of ROBESON were sold at the rally to raise funds for the American Labor Party.

On [REDACTED] Confidential Informant [REDACTED] advised that PAUL ROBESON gave a song recital on October 26 at the Audubon Ballroom.

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According to the informant, the proceeds of this recital went to the American Labor Party and its election campaign.

The "Daily Worker" issue of October 31, 1950, page 4, column 5, contained an article entitled, "Harlem Hears Robeson, Marcantonio on Gilbert Case." The article reported that PAUL ROBESON and Representative VITO MARCANTONIO on October 28 "appealed to an audience of 1,000 at the corner of Lenox Avenue and 126th Street in behalf of Lieutenant LEON A. GILBERT, Jr., young Negro officer condemned to death by Jim Crow court martial in Korea." The article reflected that the meeting was sponsored by the Civil Rights Congress, the Harlem Trade Union Council and the Tenants Council.

It is to be noted that Lieutenant LEON A. GILBERT, a Negro officer of the 24th Infantry Regiment in Korea, was sentenced by a court martial on September 6, 1950 to death for failure to carry out an order. Lieutenant GILBERT was reportedly sentenced for refusing to advance with his command in violation of Article of War 75. This act took place on July 31, 1950.

The New York Tenants Council was described by Confidential Informant [redacted] on October 11, 1950 as being a Communist controlled organization.

The "Daily Worker" issue of November 3, 1950, page 5, column 3, contained a reprint of a letter from the New York Civil Rights Congress wherein PAUL ROBESON was listed as a National Vice-Chairman of the Civil Rights Congress. b7c b7d

On [redacted] Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, advised [redacted] a farewell reception to the delegates to the World Peace Congress to be held in Sheffield, England. The reception was held at the Hotel Riverside Plaza, New York City, on November 10.

According to the informant, PAUL ROBESON was a speaker at the reception. ROBESON told the meeting that the people, including the Negro people, are awakening and are ready to struggle for peace. He spoke of the great world movement for peace and of the struggle for peace by the Soviet Union and the Socialist democracies of the Eastern European bloc and of the struggle of the colonial people all over the globe. ROBESON said, "Their march towards peace cannot and will not be stopped by all the money of Wall Street."

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ROBESON further stated, "We Negroes refuse to die in the big money interest in Korea, in China, in Africa and all over the world but we are ready to die in the struggle for peace and human dignity."

The "Daily Worker" issue of November 14, 1950, page 4, column 2, reported that PAUL ROBESON would be among the featured speakers at the American-Soviet Friendship rally on November 16 at Riverside Plaza.

The article reported that the meeting would commemorate the 33rd anniversary of the founding of the first Socialist state and 17 years of American diplomatic relations with it. The National Council of American-Soviet Friendship has been declared by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

The New York "Amsterdam News" issue of November 18, 1950, page 4, column 3, contained a photograph of PAUL ROBESON shaking hands with "Soviet Foreign Commissar Andrei Vishinsky." The caption under the picture reflected that they met at the annual celebration of the "Great October Revolution" in the Soviet Embassy in Washington, D.C.

The "Daily Worker" issue of November 20, 1950, page 12, column 3, contained an article entitled, "Soviet Amity Rally Backs World Peace Congress."

This article reported the rally was sponsored by the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship and was held November 16 at the Riverside Plaza Hotel.

The article further reported that "the theme of the meeting commemorating the 33rd anniversary of the Russian Revolution" was peace based on American-Soviet cooperation.

The article reported that PAUL ROBESON was one of the speakers at the meeting and that in his speech ROBESON declared that "hundreds of millions have set their eyes on new stars rising in the east. They have chosen as their models of conduct and aspiration the brave people and stalwart leaders of the USSR, People's China, North Korean Republic and the People's Democracies of Eastern Europe."

The article also reflected that the meeting took the following actions:

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"1. Condemned the unjust war of U. S. imperialism against the Korean people.

"2. Called for immediate admission of the People's Republic of China to the United Nations.

"3. Urged acceptance by the U.S. Government of a four-power conference to resolve outstanding problems peacefully.

"4. Urged support for the Second World Peace Congress now meeting in Warsaw.

"5. Demanded repeal of the McCarran police-state law."

On [redacted] Confidential Informant [redacted] advised [redacted] meeting of the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship on November 16 at the Riverside Plaza Hotel.

Informant stated that PAUL ROBESON was one of the speakers at the meeting and that ROBESON asked the people to donate funds for the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship in order that it could carry on its work for peace and American-Soviet Friendship. b7c b7d

The "Daily Worker" issue of November 24, 1950, page 1, column 1, contained an article entitled, "Warsaw Parley Makes World Plea for Peace", written by JOSEPH STAROBIN. In this article it was reported that a number of Americans were named to the new World Peace Council and among these names was that of PAUL ROBESON.

On [redacted] Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, advised that JOSEPH STAROBIN is a member of the Communist Party, U.S.A.

The "Daily Worker" of January 11, 1950, page 2, column 1, reported that JOSEPH STAROBIN was expecting a post as member of the Public Affairs Department of the Communist Party, U.S.A. and would be Secretary of the "Party's Peace Committee."

The "Daily Worker" issue of November 24, 1950, page 4, column 4, reported that "Robeson and Picasso Share Peace Award." The article reflected that PAUL ROBESON and PABLO PICASSO "were honored today at the closing session of the World Peace Congress, with the International Peace Prize 95

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awarded by the Congress. They will share in the peace prize of \$14,300. Both were honored in the Arts Section of the prizes, Robeson for his freedom songs and Picasso for his Dove Peace emblem."

The "Daily Worker" issue of November 27, 1950, page 2, column 3, reported that PAUL ROBESON was one of the speakers at the Labor Youth League Convention which was held at St. Nicholas' Arena, New York City, on November 24. In his speech ROBESON said, "I am proud to be with you, the organization to which my son and daughter belong."

ROBESON further stated, that "peace can be won and fascism can be defeated by the united will of the young people."

The Labor Youth League has been declared by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

The "Daily Worker" issue of December 13, 1950, page 5, column 1, contained an article, entitled, "3,500 Jam Golden Gate to Hear Report of World Peace Congress." The article reflected that on December 11 a meeting was held at the Golden Gate Ballroom, New York City, to honor the 63 American delegates to the Second World Peace Congress which was held in Warsaw, Poland. The delegates reported on the peace points discussed at the Warsaw Congress and the following points were outlined at this meeting:

- "1. Immediate removal of all foreign troops from Korea.
- "2. Immediate withdrawal of armed forces around Taiwan.
- "3. Immediate withdrawal of foreign troops from Indo-China.
- "4. Immediate seating of the Chinese People's Republic in the UN.

The above article also reported that PAUL ROBESON was in attendance at this meeting and sang several songs.

The "Daily Worker" issue of December 20, 1950, page 1, column 2, reported that PAUL ROBESON on December 19

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filed suit against Secretary of State DEAN ACHESON to prevent cancellation of his passport. The article reflected that papers filed for ROBESON in Federal District Court described him as one who "has deservedly won for himself respect and recognition throughout the world, not only as one of the great living Americans but also as one of the world's leading personalities."

The New York "Herald Tribune" issue of December 20, 1950 reported "Robeson Sues Acheson Over Passport Ban." The article reflected that PAUL ROBESON "filed suit against Secretary of State DEAN ACHESON today in an effort to prevent cancellation of his passport which he said he needed for a European concert tour."

The article also reported that ROBESON was planning a European tour for singing and lecturing which would take him to England, France, Italy, Scandinavia and Czechoslovakia. The article further reflected that "on several previous occasions he has gone abroad to attend Communist-front rallies at which he has spoken against the United States."

The New York "Daily News" issue of December 21, 1950 reported that the American Labor Party sponsored a "peace award festivities" for PAUL ROBESON on December 20 at Hunts Point Palace, 953 Southern Boulevard, Bronx, New York.

The article reported a meeting had been originally scheduled for the Concourse Plaza Hotel but had been cancelled by the hotel "on grounds it might cause rioting such as occurred in Peekskill last summer."

It was reported that ROBESON was supposed to receive a plaque which had been awarded him by the Second World Peace Congress in Warsaw. However, the plaque did not arrive from Paris but ROBESON will "share \$14,300 with painter Pablo Picasso."

The New York "World Telegram and Sun" issue of December 21, 1950 described the above missing plaque as being "a bronze plaque designed by Pablo Picasso, featuring a dove of peace."

The article reported that in acknowledging the award ROBESON termed himself "the people's artist dedicated to the struggle for peace."

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On January 10, 1951 Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, advised that the "Cleveland Press" issue of December 11, 1950 reported that "Paul Robeson, left wing concert singer, has been in Cleveland nearly a week in connection with an organization known as Freedom Associates." The article reported that the files revealed that "one of the reasons for Robeson's presence was to start distribution of a monthly publication called 'Freedom', put out by Freedom Associates, 53 West 125th Street, New York City."

According to Confidential Informant [redacted] the editorial board of the Negro publication "Freedom" is composed of Communist Party members, Communist sympathizers and members of Communist Party front organizations.

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Will follow and report general Communist Party  
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The Confidential Informants mentioned in the report of SA [REDACTED], dated MAR 7 1951, at New York, are identified as follows:

- T-1 Report dated 5/2/50 from District Intelligence, 10th N.D.
- T-2 [REDACTED] who reported to SA [REDACTED]
- T-3 [REDACTED] and who requested his name be kept confidential. Contacted by SAS [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]
- T-4 Confidential Source [REDACTED] *7c* *b1*
- T-5 *b7c* [REDACTED] who reported to SA [REDACTED]
- T-6 [REDACTED] who reported to SA [REDACTED]
- T-7 *b7c* *b7D* [REDACTED] who requested his name be kept confidential. Contacted by SA [REDACTED]
- T-8 [REDACTED] who reported to SA [REDACTED]
- T-9 *b7c* [REDACTED] who reported to SA [REDACTED]
- T-10 [REDACTED] who reported to SA [REDACTED]
- T-11 Bureau letter to New York dated 1/10/51 re "PAUL ROBESON, was.; SECURITY MATTER-C."

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 3-23-51

FROM : SAC, NEW HAVEN

SUBJECT: ESLANDA GOODE ROBESON  
SM(C) Bufile 100-12304

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*Mrs. Paul Robeson*

Captioned subject is a Security Index subject in the New Haven Office. She is the wife of PAUL ROBESON, noted negro singer.

Reference is made to SAC Letter No. 23, Series 1951, dated 3-3-51, Section (C) entitled, "Security Index - Special Section".

Subject has been active in the Peoples Party of Conn., which Party according to reliable informants, is infiltrated and dominated by the CP, and she has been an apologist for Russia.

It is believed that in view of her race the Bureau may desire to designate her as a "prominent individual"; however, it is suggested that the Bureau may desire to give her whatever designation her husband, PAUL ROBESON may have as a Security Index subject in the New York Office.

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Reurlet dated March 23, 1951.

For your information, the security index card maintained by the New York Office for Paul Robeson, subject's husband, is in the Regular Section of the Security Index.

There appears to be no logical reason at this time for transferring the security index cards of either Paul or Eslanda Robeson to the "Prominent Persons Section" of the Index.

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