

NY 100-98810

ADMINISTRATIVE (cont'd.)

Security Informant [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Washington,
D.C., who furnished a quantity
of documents to the Bureau.

Security Informant [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
of Columbia University.

REFERENCE

Bureau letter, 1/18/51

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-76201)

FROM : SAC, New York (100-98810)

SUBJECT: ROBERT STAUGHTON LYND;
S.M. - C

DATE: 2/9/53

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

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ON 5/29/17

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MISCELLANEOUS (Specify) _____

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

DATE OF BIRTH _____ PLACE OF BIRTH _____

BUSINESS ADDRESS (Show name of employing concern and address) _____

Professor of Sociology

Columbia University, New York, New York

NATURE OF INDUSTRY OR BUSINESS (Specify from Vital Facility List) _____

RESIDENCE ADDRESS _____

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TO : Director, FBI (100-76201)
FROM : SAC, New York (100-98310)
SUBJECT: ROBERT STAUGHTON LYND
SM-C

DATE: 11/2/53

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COMMUNIST _____ SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY _____ INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST LEAGUE _____

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DATE OF BIRTH _____ PLACE OF BIRTH _____

BUSINESS ADDRESS (Show name of employing concern and address) _____
Professor of Sociology, Room 422, Fayerweather Hall,
Columbia University, New York, New York

NATURE OF INDUSTRY OR BUSINESS (Specify from Vital Facility List) _____

RESIDENCE ADDRESS Apt. 8-D, 75 Central Park West, New York, New York

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

John
TO : Director, FBI (100-76201)
FROM : SAC, New York (100-98810)
SUBJECT: ROBERT STAUGHTON-LYND
 SM-C

DATE: 8/30/55

ReSAClet, #55-30, 4/12/55.

SUCCINCT RESUME OF CASE

*Memo I
Dy 9-7-55*

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All informants contained herein have furnished reliable information in the past unless otherwise indicated.

1. The subject was a member of, sponsored, or supported a great number of front groups prior to 1952, of which the following are included:

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C. C. Thompson
9-25-55 - [unclear]*

- American-Russian Institute, 1948 [redacted]
- American Committee for Yugoslav Relief, Inc., 1947 [redacted]
- American Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born, 1941 [redacted]
- American Committee for Friendship with the Soviet Union, 1940, ("Daily Worker")
- American Committee for Democracy and Intellectual Freedom (HCUA)
- American Investors Union, Inc., 1943 (ONI)
- Bill of Rights Conference, 1949, ("Daily Worker")
- National Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions, 1949, [redacted]
- Federation of Architects, Engineers, Chemists and Technicians (HCUA)
- National Council of American-Soviet Friendship, 1943 (ONI, NY)
- American Civil Liberties Union, 1949 (ACLU letterhead)
- National Youth Assembly Against Universal Military Training, 1948, [redacted]
- New York Conference for Inalienable Rights, 1940, ("Daily Worker")
- Russian War Relief, Inc., 1941 (HCUA)

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Letter to Director
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Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade, 1940 (FCUA)
American Friends for Spanish Democracy, 1938 ("Daily Worker")
American Labor Party, 1944 ("Daily Worker")
American Youth for Democracy, 1947 (MID)
Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Group, 1949 ("Daily Worker").

2. LOUIS F. RUDENZ, 6/23/50, advised that the subject is an author who, with his wife, wrote the famous book, "Middletown", a survey of Muncie, Indiana. The subject was connected with Columbia University. The subject has always tried to pose as a "HAROLD IASKI radical", and RUDENZ had learned that the subject was "closely connected with the Communist Party". EUGENE DENNIS and JACK STACHEL, members of the National Board of the CP in the 1940's, instructed that the subject be considered as a Communist.

3. [REDACTED] advised, 1/26/50, that the Socialist Workers Party (SWP) of NYC had for sale, a speech made by the subject before the UAW Educational Conference in Milwaukee.

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RECOMMENDATION

Remove from the Security Index.

Subject has a long record of front activity prior to 1952, however, it is noted he often merely signed letters or allowed his name to be used by these groups. He has no CP activity since 1950.

DETCOM TABBING

1. Not presently tabbed.
2. Not applicable.
3. Recommended removal from SI.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-76201)

DATE: 10/1/56

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FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-98810)

SUBJECT: ROBERT STAUGHTON LYND
SM-C

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Rebulet to NY, 1/18/51. RENYlet to the Bureau, 8/28/56 and rebulet to NY, 9/11/56, both captioned "AMERICAN RUSSIAN INSTITUTE FOR CULTURAL RELATIONS WITH THE SOVIET UNION; IS-C."

The report of SA [redacted] 1/17/42, at NY, captioned "AMERICAN RUSSIAN INSTITUTE FOR CULTURAL RELATIONS WITH THE SOVIET UNION; IS-C" set out a list of names which was described as a current and past membership list of that organization. Subsequently, this list was determined to be a mailing list instead of a membership list and amended pages were submitted to the report of SA [redacted]

Rebulet, 9/11/56, directed that the indices of the NY Division be reviewed and corrective action taken where the information set out did not coincide with the information in the amended pages of the report of SA [redacted]

Rebulet in captioned matter transmitted to NY a summary of information in the Bureau's files which on page 76 set out information from the report of SA [redacted]. Inasmuch as this summary of information was prepared before the amended pages were submitted to the report of SA [redacted] page 76 of the summary of information is being flagged to direct attention to the amended pages of SA [redacted] report. It is suggested that the Bureau make a similar appropriate notation in its files.

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in file
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-76201)

DATE: 4/27/59

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FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-98810)

SUBJECT: ROBERT STAUGHTON LYNE
SM-C; ~~SM~~

This case was reopened by the NYO under the Communist Index Program.

On 4/23/59 [redacted] 75 Central Park West, NYC, advised that the subject still resides at that residence and is still teaching at the Columbia University, NYC.

In view of the subject's employment as faculty member at Columbia University, Bureau authority to conduct additional investigation is requested.

In the event the NYO deems it necessary to interview the subject, Bureau authority will be requested prior to such interview.

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CN 329,175

2-Bureau (100-76201) (RM)
1-New York (100-98810)

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Let to NY
5-6-59
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SAC, New York (100-98810)

May 6, 1959

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Director, FBI (100-76201) - //

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ROBERT STAUGHTON LYNE
SECURITY MATTER - C

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Reurlet 4-27-59.

Bureau authority is granted to conduct an investigation of subject in accordance with current Bureau instructions. Since subject is employed in the teaching field at Columbia University, your investigation should be conducted in a most discreet manner and Bureau instructions must be carefully followed.

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Subject included in Communist Index (CI) of New York Office and New York requested authority to conduct investigation under CI Program. Subject deleted from the Security Index 9-9-55. He resides at 75 Central Park West, New York City, and has been member of faculty, Columbia University for a number of years. He has been member of and has sponsored or supported a great number of communist front organizations and has served in leadership capacity in several. He was ~~vice chairman~~ of the American Labor Party 1944 and was affiliated with National Council of American Soviet Friendship from 1944 to 1949. He was member of Board of Directors of the American Russian Institute 1944, 1945, 1946 and 1948.



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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-76201)

DATE: 6/29/59

FROM : SAC, New York (100-98810)

SEE PERMANENT TOP
SERIAL FOR UNIT

SUBJECT: ROBERT STAUGHTON LYND
SECURITY MATTER - C

Re NYlet to Bureau dated 4/27/59 and Urlet dated 5/6/59.

This case was reopened by the NYO under the Communist Index Program.

On 4/23/59 [redacted] 75 Central Park West, NYC, advised that the subject still resides at that address and still teaches at the Columbia University.

The following informants were contacted and advised that they could furnish no information concerning the subject.

| Informants | Date Contacted | Contacted By |
|------------|----------------|---------------|
| [redacted] | 5/5/59 | SA [redacted] |
| [redacted] | 5/5/59 | SA [redacted] |
| [redacted] | 5/6/59 | SA [redacted] |
| [redacted] | 5/11/59 | SA [redacted] |
| [redacted] | 5/11/59 | SA [redacted] |
| [redacted] | 5/4/59 | SA [redacted] |
| [redacted] | 5/4/59 | SA [redacted] |
| [redacted] | 5/5/59 | SA [redacted] |
| [redacted] | 5/5/59 | SA [redacted] |

The files of the NYO reflect no additional pertinent information identifiable with the subject.

A review of the subject's file reflects no CP activity since 1950.

In view of the apparent lack of activity on the part of the subject and of his prominent position, no request to interview the subject is being made to preclude any possible embarrassment to the Bureau.

Therefore no further investigation is being made and this case is being considered closed by the NYO.

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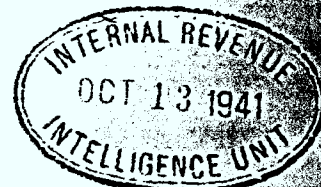
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October 11, 1941



Mr. Elmer L. Irey,
Chief, Intelligence Unit,
Bureau of Internal Revenue,
Washington, D. C.

Attention: Mr. W. H. Woolf,
Assistant Chief.

In re: Robert Staughton Lynd
75 Central Park West
New York, New York
Consultant
Exc. 8564

Dear Mr. Irey:

It is requested that a complete investigation be made of
the above-named employee of the Office for Emergency Management
and constituent agencies.

The application form filled out by the employee is attached.

Sincerely yours,

Dallas Dort,
Director, Division of
Central Administrative Services.

(Signed) Geo. J. Gould

By: Geo. J. Gould

*Mr. and
2-20-42
FWD*

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Enclosure.

cc-Civil Service Commission
Personnel Officer, CEM

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*Mr. Gould
10-13-41*

OFFICE FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

APPLICATION AND PERSONAL HISTORY STATEMENT

Return this form to the Office for Emergency Management, Personnel Office, Washington, D. C.

1. TYPE OF POSITION DESIRED:

A. *Consultant*

B.

C.

Consultant

8. DATE OF BIRTH

Month *9* Day *26* Year *1892*

2. Date

9/12/41

4. MR. MISS MRS.

LAST NAME

LYND

FIRST NAME

Robert

MIDDLE NAME

Freighton

TELEPHONE NUMBER

Business *Univ. 4-3200*
Home *Trojan 7-2-42*

Street address

75 Central Park West

City and State

New York, N. Y.

5. LEGAL VOTING RESIDENCE

State

Congressional District

County

Same

City or Town

6. PERSONAL DESCRIPTION

Sex

Male Female

Height *5-10* Weight *170*

Marital Status

Single
Married
Widow(er)
Divorced
Separated

Race

White Colored Other (specify)

7. IF YOU HAVE ESTABLISHED VETERAN PREFERENCE WITH THE U. S. CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION, CHECK THE KIND--

5-point Wife of disabled veteran
Disability Widow of veteran

8. WILL YOU ACCEPT TEMPORARY EMPLOYMENT?

Yes No
1 month
3 months
6 months

9. WHAT IS THE LOWEST STARTING SALARY YOU WOULD ACCEPT?

\$ *per month*

10. LIST ALL FEDERAL, STATE, OR OTHER MERIT SYSTEM EXAMINATIONS YOU HAVE TAKEN

Title of Examination Condition of Conducting Date %

11. DO YOU HAVE ELIGIBILITY FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE FEDERAL COMPETITIVE CLASSIFIED SERVICE--

Yes No
By transfer?
By reinstatement?
From a register of eligibles?
From the emergency replacement list?

12. NAME AND LOCATION OF SCHOOLS ATTENDED:

High *Princeton Univ*
Business or Trade

13. EDUCATION

| Kind | Years Completed |
|--------------------|-----------------|
| Grammar school | |
| Junior high school | |
| High school | |
| Business school | |
| College | |
| Postgraduate | |

14. GIVE DETAILS OF YOUR COLLEGE EDUCATION, BOTH UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE

| Name and Location of College | Dates Attended (month and year) | | Semester Hours Credit Received | Major Subject | Degree | Date of Degree |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------|----|--------------------------------|---------------|--------|----------------|
| | From | To | | | | |
| <i>Princeton Univ</i> | <i>A.B.</i> | | | | | <i>1915</i> |
| <i>Columbia Univ</i> | <i>Ph.D.</i> | | | | | <i>1918</i> |

15. LIST ALL COLLEGE SUBJECTS IN WHICH YOU HAVE HAD TEN OR MORE SEMESTER HOURS. INDICATE NUMBER OF CREDITS.

| Subject | Hours Credit |
|---------|--------------|
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16. LIST COLLEGIATE FELLOWSHIPS, SCHOLARSHIPS, SCHOLASTIC HONORS, AND SIGNIFICANT COLLEGE ACTIVITIES.

17. STATE ANY OTHER EDUCATION YOU HAVE HAD, SUCH AS CORRESPONDENCE COURSES.

18. LIST PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES IN WHICH YOU HOLD MEMBERSHIP.

Am. Ec. Ass'n
" Statist. "
" Sociological Society
" Ass'n Advanc'd Science

19. SPECIALIZED SKILLS.

| | | |
|--------------------------|-------------|-------------------|
| Stenographic: | | Words per Minute: |
| Dictation | | |
| Typing | | |
| OFFICE MACHINES OPERATED | | |
| Skillfully | Fairly well | |

20. IF YOU ARE A MEMBER OF THE BAR, A C. P. A., OR IF YOU ARE LICENSED TO PRACTICE SOME OTHER PROFESSION, GIVE PROFESSION AND WHEN AND WHERE ADMITTED TO PRACTICE.

21. KNOWLEDGE OF FOREIGN LANGUAGES.

| | | | | | |
|------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| | Read | Speak | | Read | Speak |
| Spanish | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Other: | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| French | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <i>French</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Portuguese | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

22. (a) ARE YOU HOLDING ANY POSITION OR OFFICE UNDER THE UNITED STATES OR UNDER ANY STATE, TERRITORY, COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY? No
 (Yes or No)

(b) IF SO, STATE THE PLACE, POSITION, AND SALARY

23. ARE THERE ANY UNSATISFIED JUDGMENTS ON RECORD AGAINST YOU? YES NO IF "YES," STATE PARTICULARS.

24. HAVE YOU EVER BEEN ARRESTED, INDICTED, OR CONVICTED FOR ANY VIOLATION OF LAW OTHER THAN A MINOR TRAFFIC VIOLATION? YES NO IF "YES," STATE NAME OF COURT, NATURE OF OFFENSE, AND DISPOSITION OF YOUR CASE.

25. DESCRIBE ANY PHYSICAL DEFECT OR DISABILITY YOU MAY HAVE.

26. HOW MANY WORKING DAYS HAVE YOU LOST IN THE PAST TEN YEARS BECAUSE OF ILLNESS? 2 or 3 DAYS. STATE NATURE OF ILLNESS.
common colds

27. HOW MANY DAYS NOTICE WOULD YOU REQUIRE BEFORE YOU COULD ACCEPT APPOINTMENT?

28. STATES AND CITIES IN WHICH YOU PREFER TO WORK—
 a. *New York* c.
 b. *Washington* d.
 Will you accept a position requiring constant frequent travel? Yes No

29. ARE ANY MEMBERS OF YOUR FAMILY OR RELATIVES (EITHER BLOOD OR BY MARRIAGE) IN ANY PART OF THE SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES (EXECUTIVE, JUDICIAL, LEGISLATIVE, MILITARY, OR NAVAL)? ANSWER "YES" OR "NO" no IF SO, FILL IN THE FOLLOWING BLANKS STATING, UNDER "RELATIONSHIP," WHETHER THE CONNECTION IS BY BLOOD OR MARRIAGE. IF ADDITIONAL SPACE IS NECESSARY, ATTACH A SHEET.

| Name | Post-office address (Give street number, if any) | Position and department or office in which employed | Relationship | Marital status |
|------|--|---|--------------|----------------|
| | | Position | | |
| | | Department or office | | |
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| | | Department or office | | |
| | | Position | | |
| | | Department or office | | |

30. GIVE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF THREE PERSONS WHO HAVE KNOWLEDGE OF YOUR EXPERIENCE AND ABILITY.

| Full Name | Full Address | Occupation |
|-------------------------------------|--|------------------|
| <i>Professor Frank Fackenthal</i> | <i>Columbia Univ NYC</i> | <i>Professor</i> |
| <i>Dr. Robert T. Crane</i> | <i>Secy, Social Science Research Council 230 Park Ave, NYC</i> | <i>Secretary</i> |
| <i>Professor Wesley C. Mitchell</i> | <i>Columbia Univ NYC</i> | <i>Professor</i> |

31. EXPERIENCE

In the following spaces, give a complete record of all employment you have had, including Government employment and military and naval service, accounting for all periods of unemployment. Begin with your present or most recent position and work back.

| DATES OF EMPLOYMENT (Month and year) | | NAME AND ADDRESS OF FIRM OR EMPLOYER | ANNUAL SALARY IN EACH POSITION | TITLE, DUTIES, AND REASON FOR LEAVING (Give last efficiency rating in Government service, if any) |
|---|------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|
| 1 | To | NAME | FINAL \$ | |
| | FROM | ADDRESS | STARTING \$ | |
| | | IMMEDIATE SUPERVISOR | | |
| 2 | To | NAME | FINAL \$ | |
| | FROM | ADDRESS | STARTING \$ | |
| | | IMMEDIATE SUPERVISOR | | |
| 3 | To | NAME | FINAL \$ | |
| | FROM | ADDRESS | STARTING \$ | |
| | | IMMEDIATE SUPERVISOR | | |
| 4 | To | NAME | FINAL \$ | (Prior to this in publishing business.) |
| | FROM | ADDRESS | STARTING \$ | |
| | | IMMEDIATE SUPERVISOR | | |
| 5 | To | NAME | FINAL \$ | Directing & writing up small city study, published as "Middletown". |
| | FROM | ADDRESS | STARTING \$ | |
| | | IMMEDIATE SUPERVISOR | | |
| 6 | To | NAME | FINAL \$ | Left when Fund decided to close out its Ed'l Research program. |
| | FROM | ADDRESS | STARTING \$ | |
| | | IMMEDIATE SUPERVISOR | | |
| 7 | To | NAME | FINAL \$ | Was Permanent Secy. Left to accept Professorship in Graduate School at Columbia Univ. |
| | FROM | ADDRESS | STARTING \$ | |
| | | IMMEDIATE SUPERVISOR | | |
| 8 | To | NAME | FINAL \$ | Full Professor, Graduate Faculty of Political Science Dept of Sociology (*plus 450 am. community pay't by Univ.) |
| | FROM | ADDRESS | STARTING \$ | |
| | | IMMEDIATE SUPERVISOR | | |

(If more space is required, continue entries on a separate sheet arranged as above, and attach to application.)

32. HAVE YOU EVER BEEN DISMISSED FOR CAUSE OR FORCED TO RESIGN FROM ANY EMPLOYMENT?
 YES NO
 If answer is "Yes," describe circumstances fully on separate sheet and attach to this form.

33. MAY WE WRITE TO YOU PRESENT EMPLOYER?
 YES NO

34. CITIZENSHIP AND PLACE OF BIRTH.

| | CITIZENSHIP | PLACE OF BIRTH | | | IF FOREIGN BORN, DATE OF NATURALIZATION | |
|-----------------------------|-------------|------------------|--------|--------------|---|-----|
| | | STATE OR COUNTRY | COUNTY | CITY OR TOWN | MONTH | DAY |
| Applicant | U.S. | Indiana | Floyd | New Albany | 9 | 26 |
| Applicant's Husband or Wife | U.S. | Ill. | | La Grange | 3 | 17 |
| Applicant's Father | U.S. | Ill. | | Cincinnati | 10 | 30 |
| Applicant's Mother | U.S. | Indiana | Floyd | New Albany | 7 | 17 |

35. IF, IN YOUR OPINION, YOU HAVE HAD SPECIAL TRAINING OR EXPERIENCE WHICH QUALIFIES YOU FOR THE PARTICULAR WORK YOU WISH TO DO, MAKE A DETAILED STATEMENT IN SPACE BELOW, NUMBERING EACH STATEMENT TO CORRESPOND WITH THE RECORD UNDER QUESTION No. 31.

8. I have been teaching & directing research on consumer problems ever since I have been at Columbia Univ. - giving the oral exams on consumption for the Economics for Ph.D's

8. Wrote the section on "The People as Consumers" in "Recent Social Trends", as well as other papers in journals, etc.

8. Member Consumers Advisory Board,

36. IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, NOTIFY--

| | | | |
|--------------|--------------------|----------------|----------------------|
| Name | Helen Merrill Lynd | Street address | 75 Central Park West |
| Relationship | Wife | Telephone | TRial 7-2242 |
| | | City and State | New York, N.Y. |

I CERTIFY that the foregoing statements are true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. (Any false statement is cause for rejection of the application or dismissal after appointment.)
 (The Office for Emergency Management reserves the right to investigate all statements made in this application. Copies of publications or other data may be submitted with this application to support your candidacy.)

(Signature) *Helen Merrill Lynd*
 (Sign one given name, and the initial or initials, if you have any, on 1 year)

6/7/42

February 21, 1942

15837-1
Special Agent in Charge
New York, New York

Re: Robert Staughton Lynd
Office for Emergency Management
Special Inquiry

Dear Sir:

Please conduct an investigation regarding this applicant in strict compliance with the instructions contained in Bureau Bulletin No. 62, Second Series, 1941 dated November 29, 1941 and Bureau teletype dated December 10, 1941. The Bureau is the office of origin. Reports of the complete investigation must be submitted not later than March 23, 1942.

Applicant: Robert Staughton Lynd
Address: 78 Central Park, West, New York, New York
Position: Consultant
Marital Status: Married
Birth Date: September 26, 1892
Place where born: New Albany, Indiana

NEW YORK

Prevent Frank Fackenthal, Columbia University, New York, New York.
Dr. Robert T. Crane, Secretary, Social Science Research Council, 230 Park Avenue, New York, New York.
Professor Wesley C. Mitchell, Columbia University, New York, New York.

Applicant attended Columbia University, New York, New York, dates not given, received a Ph. D. Degree.

Applicant was employed by Institute of Social and Religious Research, (no longer in operation), probably New York, New York, under Galen M. Fisher from 1922 to 1926, salary \$4500.00; Commonwealth Fund, Assistant and Director of Editorial Research, probably New York, New York, under Dr. Max Farrand, from September, 1926 to September, 1927, salary \$5000.00; Social Science Research Council, 230 Park Avenue, New York, New York, as secretary from November, 1927 to July, 1931, salary \$10,000.00; Columbia University, New York, New York, as full professor from July, 1931 to probably September, 1941, salary \$9000.00.

Applicant attended Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey, dates not given, received an A. B. Degree.

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
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FEB 21 1942 P.M.
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEB 23 1942

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SAC, New York
Re: Robert Staughton Lynd

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WASHINGTON

Check Dies Committee indices.

Determine current address of applicant from George J. Gould, Chief, Investigations Office, Office for Emergency Management, 1409 L Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., for neighborhood, credit and criminal record check.

For the information of the New York, Newark and Washington Field Divisions and their guidance in conducting the requested investigation of Robert Staughton Lynd, a memorandum is attached, setting out information contained in the files of this Bureau.

The derogatory information contained therein, should be included in the applicant report submitted by the New York Office.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

cc - Newark
Washington (3)

Attachment

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Glavin _____
Mr. Ladd _____
Mr. Nichols _____
Mr. Tracy _____
Mr. Rosen _____
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MEMORANDUM

February 21, 1942

RE: ROBERT STAUGHTON LYND
75 Central Park West
New York, New York

Robert Staughton Lynd, 75 Central Park West, New York, New York, was born September 26, 1892, in New Albany, Indiana. Mr. Lynd's father and mother were born October 30, 1869, Cincinnati, Ohio and September 17, 1870, New Albany, Indiana, respectively. He received an A.B. Degree from Princeton University and a Ph.D. from Columbia University. From 1923 to 1926, he was employed by the Institute of Social and Religious Research (no longer in operation), under Mr. G. M. Fisher, directing and writing up a study of the small city, published as "Middletown". From 1926 through 1927, he was employed as an Associate Director of Educational Research for the Commonwealth Fund, under Dr. Max Farrand. From 1927 through 1931, he was employed at the Social Service Research Council, 290 Park Avenue, New York, New York. From 1931 to the present time, he has been employed by Columbia University, New York City, as a Professor in the Graduate School of Political Science in the Department of Sociology, where he has been teaching and directing research on consumer problems. He was a member of the Consumer's Advisory Board of the N.R.A. Mr. Lynd is married, the name of his wife being Mrs. Helen Harrell Lynd. She was born March 17, 1896 at La Grange, Illinois. He is presently employed as a consultant by the Office for Emergency Management, Washington, D. C.

Mr. Robert S. Lynd, Professor of Sociology, Columbia University, was a signer of an open letter dated February 22, 1937, addressed to "American Liberals", persons approached to join the "American Committee for the Defense of Leon Trotsky". This letter asked these individuals if they wanted to ally themselves with a group which has supported the Progressive Movement undertaken by the Soviet Union under the five-year plan, and the "Soviet Foreign Policy of Peace and International Understanding", and other achievements respected by Liberals throughout the world. (61-7559-1260X)

In 1938, Robert S. Lynd, Professor of Sociology, Columbia University, was listed as a member of the Board of Directors and the Advisory Board of the Institute for Propaganda Analysis, Incorporated, 132 Morningside Drive, New York City." (61-7559-2285).

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On February 16, 1938, Robert S. Lynd, Professor, Columbia University, was listed as an officer of the "American Council on Public Affairs", 20 Vesey Street, Room 1010, New York City.

(61-7559-2365)

On March 4, 1938, Professor Robert Lynd, Columbia University, was a signer of a letter, published in the Daily Worker to Borough President Stanley M. Isaacs, complimenting him for his "courageous action" in standing by his appointment of S. W. Gerson, formerly a Daily Worker reporter to a post on his staff. This letter further indorsed Mr. Isaacs's action in refusing to dismiss Gerson from the public service, merely because of his membership in a political party. (61-7559-2248 X 20)

In 1940, Robert S. Lynd was one of 62 signers of a pamphlet entitled, "In Defense of the Bill of Rights". This pamphlet protested the fact that serious efforts are being made by the United States Government to silence and suppress the Communist Party.

(100-7029720) pg. 4

In this same year, a leaflet entitled, "In Defense of Civil Rights," was distributed around the campus of the University of Washington, devoted to the Defense of the Communist Party and to condemning the Government for indicting Earl Browder and Sam Darcy. One of the signers of this pamphlet was Robert S. Lynd, Columbia University. (61-7559-7314 pg. 4)

The name of Dr. Robert S. Lynd, Professor of Sociology, Columbia University, appeared in the October 7, 1940 issue of the Communist paper, Daily Worker, as one of the eight Columbia University Professors who challenged President Butler of that University's "Support War or Get Out Edict". (61-7558-A)

Robert S. Lynd, is a member of the Executive Committee of the "Portland Oregon Emergency Council for Democratic Rights". On December 4, 1940, this organization protested by a published letter when Harold Spring, a well known Communist, was arrested by the Portland, Oregon Police Department. (100-41598-1 pg. 2)

On December 6, 1940, Professor Robert S. Lynd, was listed as a sponsor of the meeting of the "American Committee for Friendship with the Soviet Union", with headquarters at Room 1, 75 Fifth Avenue, New York City. (61-7559-Section 239-11051)

The December 23, 1940, issue of the Daily Worker listed Professor Robert S. Lynd, Columbia University as a member of the Board of the "American Committee for Democracy and Intellectual Freedom". Daily Worker December 23, 1940

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In February 1941, Dr. and Mrs. Robert Lynd, 45 Central Park West, New York City, were listed as members of the "New York Conference for Inalienable Rights". (100-10117 3 pg. 48)

In March 1941, from a reliable confidential source, it was learned that Robert Lynd, was connected with the "Twentieth Century Fund". He was a signer of the "Golden Book", prepared by the Communist Party, containing eulogies to the Soviet Union on its 20th Anniversary in 1937. He was a sponsor of the Consumers' Union and a supporter of S. W. Gerson. (100-14354-2 pg. 2)

In this same year, Professor Robert Lynd of New York City, was listed as a sponsor of the "National Conference on Constitutional Liberties in America". (100-1170-110-3)

Robert Staughton Lynd was listed as a sponsor of the "Michigan Committee for Academic Freedom". (100-52-85-2)

A reliable, confidential source, who is well acquainted with Robert Staughton Lynd, considers him as being "leftist" in his views and would definitely label him as a "fellow traveler". (100-706 384 9)

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| TITLE ROBERT STUAGHTON LYND also known as ROBERT BROWNING LYND | | CHARACTER OF CASE OFFICE FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SPECIAL INQUIRY | |

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

LYND born September 1893 in New Albany, Indiana. Attended Princeton University from September 1910 to June 1914. Received AB Degree in English, with honors. No disciplinary action or derogatory information in school record. Professor described him as intelligent, took advantage of opportunities, and a hard worker. Was said to have written several radical articles after graduation. Many students said to have considered LYND as being "Leftist" in his views. LYND wrote criticism of Princeton in that no negroes were admitted to the school, there was a barrier between students and faculty, and Princeton students were "snobbish". No credit or criminal record in Princeton.

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REFERENCE: Bureau letter dated February 21, 1942. Bureau file 77-15837.

DETAILS: [REDACTED] Registrars Office, Nassau Hall, Princeton University, Princeton, N. J. produced the records which reflects the following information concerning ROBERT BROWNING LYND.

He was born in September, 1893 in New Albany, Indiana. His father was a cashier in the Citizens National Bank, Louisville, Ky. The applicant attended the Male High School, Louisville, Kentucky, and in September, 1910, he enrolled at Princeton University, majoring in English. The average of all grades while in instant school was 2.3 with the average grade being 2.5. The record revealed that the applicant graduated with Honors receiving an AB degree in English on June 16, 1914. There was no disciplinary action or derogatory information concerning the applicant while in instant school according to the scholastic record.

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Inasmuch as LYND lived in the University Dormitory in 1910 to 1914, no neighborhood investigation could be conducted.

CHARLES W. KENNEDY, 304A Nassau Hall, Princeton University, Princeton, N. J., furnished the following information to the writer concerning ROBERT LYND.

LYND attended several of his English classes in 1913 and 1914. At that time LYND appeared to be a very intelligent young man and was above the average student in his class. LYND was very sincere in his work, and was different from most students in that he made the most of his opportunities while in college, whereas most students seemed to merely drift the best they could. Mr. KENNEDY heard that LYND wrote several rather radical articles after graduation but he could give no details as to their contents or names. Mr. KENNEDY stated that it had been such a long time since he had seen LYND, he could not give any further information concerning him. He had not heard of any of LYND'S activities since leaving school other than the books mentioned above.

[REDACTED] of Princeton University, Princeton, N. J. furnished the following information to the writer concerning ROBERT LYND.

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LYND had given a series of lectures to the Princeton Undergraduate school. The lectures had to do with social problems, and the main thought behind the lectures was that the many problems of society should be considered by the government who in turn should govern the people along lines to remedy their problems. [REDACTED] stated that inasmuch as Princeton was considered rather conservative, the lectures were frowned on by many of the students who believed LYND to be "Leftist" in his views. [REDACTED] added that LYND had written several books dealing with social problems. The books were: MIDDLETOWN, MIDDLETOWN IN TRANSITION, and KNOWLEDGE FOR WHAT. The MIDDLETOWN series had to do with the social problems of the citizens in the small town of Muncie, Indiana. [REDACTED] further advised the writer that he did not know LYND personally and could give no information as to his background or loyalty.

[REDACTED] Alumni Secretary's Office, Nassau Hall, Princeton University, Princeton, N. J. produced LYND'S alumni record which reflected the following information. When asked by the student paper at Princeton University to comment on his four years at Princeton, Mr. LYND replied that he was surprised that Princeton did not admit negroes to the University. He further stated that the barrier between the students and

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the faculty was very great. He would be in favor of the students calling the professors by their first name. He also stated that the students of Princeton were snobbish to a certain degree in comparison with other schools.

Chief of Police, E. W. MAHAN, Princeton, N. J. Police Department, advised the writer that he had no traffic violation or criminal record on LYND in his files.

(6/7/4) [REDACTED] Atlantic Credit and Adjustment Bureau, 141 East Front Street, Trenton, N. J., advised the writer that she had no credit record on LYND in her files.

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Applicant residing New York City. Dies Committee records contain numerous references to applicant.

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REFERENCE: Bureau letter to New York dated February 21, 1942, (Bureau file #77-15837.)

DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

[REDACTED] in the Office of the Chief of the Investigative Unit, Office for Emergency Management, advised that applicant was not residing in Washington and his present address is 75 Central Park West, New York City.

The files of the Dies Committee were checked by Special Agent [REDACTED] and disclosed the following information concerning the applicant:

"Professor ROBERT S. LYND (Sympathizer) 1940 Teacher at Columbia University - Member of Committee for Academic Freedom. Daily Worker 10-16-40 p. 5c8.

"LYND, ROBERT News Chronicle - Contributor; praises "Revolt on the Clyde," by WILLIAM GALLACHER - Daily Worker July 28, 1936, p. 5.

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"LYND, ROBERT (continued)
National Emergency Conference
Member, Provisional Sponsoring Committee
(Letterhead May 19, 1939)

"Frontier Films
Member, Advisory Board (undated letterhead)

"American League Against War and Fascism
Signer of Statement against FRANCO Spies
Daily Worker, May 11, 1937, p. 1

"American Civil Liberties Union
Signer of letters supporting GERSON
Daily Worker, 3/4/38 p. 1

"Am. Com. for Democracy and Intellectual Freedom
Executive Committee
Signer of letter of protest to NICHOLAS MURRAY BUTLER
Daily Worker, Oct. 12, 1940, p. 4

"LYND, ROBERT S.
Am. Com. for Dem. & Intellectual Freedom
Took stand against Columbia University's
President, NICHOLAS M. BUTLER, on his views
(New Masses, Oct. 15, 1940, p. 17)

"Am. Com. for Dem. & Intellectual Freedom
Signer of petition to discontinue DIES Committee
(Mimeographed sheet attached to letterhead Jan. 17, 1940)

"Am. Com. for Dem. & Intellectual Freedom
Sponsor of Citizens Rally, 4/13/40.
(Leaflet, Citizens Rally, Carnegie Hall, N.Y. City
3/13/40, sponsored by American Committee)

"Am. Com. for Dem. & Int. Freedom
Signer of appeal on behalf of anti-fascist refugees
trapped in France, sent to CORDELL HULL
(Daily Worker, July 22, 1940, p. 1 c5)

"Am. Com. for Dem. & Int. Freedom
Member, New York Committee
(letterhead December 1, 1929)

"Am. Com. for Dem. & Int. Freedom
Signer of Open Letter to NICHOLAS MURRAY BUTLER
denouncing "pro-war" stand.
Daily Worker, Oct. 7, 1940, p. 13

"LYND, ROBERT S. (continued)
American Committee for Protection to Foreign Born
Sponsor
Program Fifth National Conference
Atlantic City, N. J. March 29-30, 1941.

"American Council on Public Affairs
Member, Advisory Board
(Booklet, Five Years of HITLER, back cover)

"American Friends of Spanish Democracy
Signer of letter to President
Daily Worker, 2/7/38 p. 4

"American Friends of Spanish Democracy
Signer of petition to lift arms embargo
Daily Worker, 4/8/38 p. 4

"BOAZ letter on FRANCO in reply to SEDGWICK
Signer
Daily Worker, 3/8/38 p. 2

"Committee for Boycott against Japanese Aggression
Signer of appeal
Daily Worker, 2/25/38 p. 4

"Conference on Constitutional Liberties in America
Sponsor
(Program Leaflet, Call to a Conference on
Constitutional Liberties in America, July 7, 1940, p. 4)

"Consumers Union
Sponsor (Undated circular)

"Consumers Union
Wrote supporting CU's boycott of Nazi goods
(Consumers Union Reports, Dec. 1938, p. 15)

"Consumers Union of U. S.
Sponsor
(New Masses, 3/2/37, p. 28)

"Council for Pan American Democracy
Signer of Open Letter to the President of Brazil
to save LUIZ CARLOS PRESTES
(New Masses, 12/3/40, p. 28)