

# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM : SAC, BOSTON (100-29596)

DATE: August 13, 1954

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SUBJECT: RUDOLPH CARNAP, wa.  
Rudolf Carnap  
SECURITY MATTER - C  
OO: Newark

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Re: Newark letter to Director dated June 15, 1954 captioned as above, and report of SA [redacted] dated April 29, 1954, at Boston, Massachusetts, entitled "Dr. PHILLIP GEORGE FRANK, Security Matter - C"; Newark File 100-39046.

The file of Dr. PHILLIP GEORGE FRANK at Boston was reviewed as requested in the above-referenced letter, and the information located, which may possibly be of value to the Newark Division in its investigation concerning the above-captioned subject, is as follows:

The report of SE [redacted] dated June 23, 1953, at Washington, D.C., entitled, "Changed: Dr. PHILLIP G. FRANK, wa., Security Matter - C", Washington Field Office File 100-26310, reflects that the Central Office, INS, Alien Registration File No. A-4097137, relating to PHILLIP FRANK, was reviewed by SE [redacted] on June 16, 1953. This record shows that an Alien Questionnaire was executed on October 11, 1954 by [redacted] Special Study Group, Columbia University, Division of War Research, 50th floor, 350 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

In connection with the proposed employment of PHILLIP G. FRANK as a member of the Scientific Staff to do work on classified research for the Office of Scientific Research and Development, this questionnaire reflects that PHILLIP FRANK had set out as a reference one [redacted] University of Chicago, Professor, known for ten years".

Inasmuch as CARNAP is also employed at the University of Chicago, it is suggested that consideration be given to interviewing [redacted] for any information he may have concerning the subject.

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In Washington Field Office letter to the Director, dated October 2, 1953, captioned, "Dr. PHILLIP G. FRANK, Security Matter - C", Washington Field Office advised that the following individuals had been interviewed concerning Dr. FRANK, and could furnish no information concerning him. However, these sources are being set out in view of their Czechoslovakian background.

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[REDACTED] U. S. Department of State.

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It is noted that [REDACTED] in the 1930's.

An Indianapolis letter to the Director, dated January 15, 1954, captioned "Dr. PHILLIP G. FRANK, Security Matter - C", Indianapolis File 100-10600, reflected that [REDACTED] who resides at [REDACTED] was interviewed by SA [REDACTED] on December 17, 1953 regarding Dr. FRANK.

[REDACTED] furnished information concerning FRANK, and stated he had first become acquainted with FRANK in about 1924 at the University of Prague. He further advised that there is another former professor in the German section at the University of Prague in the United States at the present time whose last name is CARNAP.

He stated that Professor CARNAP had left the University of Prague about the same time as Dr. FRANK, approximately 1938, and he thought that Professor CARNAP and Dr. FRANK had carried on a correspondence and might still do so.

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Since it is not apparent whether [redacted] was queried regarding any possible Communist connections of CARNAP, it is suggested that consideration be given to requesting authority to re-interview [redacted] for any additional information he may have concerning the subject.

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Concerning FRANK and CARNAP, [redacted] stated he first met FRANK during the 1930's when FRANK was a teacher at the Universities of Prague and Vienna.

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The two met and exchanged professional ideas at several European conferences of scholars prior to World War II. FRANK was then an exponent of Logical Empiricism, a philosophical movement which attracted many supporters whose complexion ranged from extreme left to extreme right.

Professor (FNU) ROUGIER, a French exponent, is now identified in France with rightist political views.

Professor (FNU) CARNAP, also French, now at the University of Chicago, is reported to have influenced Neo-Thomism and other French Catholic philosophical doctrines toward Logical Empiricism.

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It is suggested that the Newark Division consider requesting that [REDACTED] be requested to recontact [REDACTED] for any further information he may have concerning CARNAP as well as any information he may be able to elicit from [REDACTED] - RUC

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Reference is made to Bureau letter to Newark dated April 7, 1954 in the case entitled, "Dr. PHILIPP GEORGE FRANK, SM-C", which directed that a security type investigation should be initiated for subject CARNAP in view of his continued support of programs sponsored by the COMMUNIST PARTY (CP), and Communist front groups. This letter directed that in view of subject CARNAP's association with the Institute for Advanced Study, this investigation must be conducted in accordance with current Bureau instructions as set forth in Section 87C, relating to investigations at institutions of learning.

Newark letter to the Bureau dated June 15, 1954 provided a summary of all information available in the files of the Institute for Advanced Study at Princeton, New Jersey concerning subject CARNAP. Continued investigation around that place has revealed that subject CARNAP was seriously ill most of the period that he resided at Princeton, N. J., and on August 31, 1954 when he was removed to Los Angeles, California, where he expects to be associated with the University of California. He has specialized in the past both in Mathematics and Philosophy.

The Los Angeles Office is requested to verify the arrival of subject CARNAP at the University of California. When he left Princeton, N. J., he stated he had no specific address to which mail could be forwarded at Los Angeles, California other than the University of California there.

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For the information of the Los Angeles Office subject CARNAP was born May 18, 1891 at Wuppertal, Germany;

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received his Ph. D. Degree at the University of Jena, Germany in 1921, was employed as Professor of Mental Philosophy at the German University of Prague, Czechoslovakia from 1931 to 1935, and from 1936 to the present has been engaged as Professor of Philosophy at the University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois; From 1942 to 1944 he conducted research under a grant provided by the Rockefeller Foundation but the locality in which this research was conducted is not known. In September 1952, while still a member of the faculty of the University of Chicago, he came to the Institute of Advanced Study, Princeton, N. J. to conduct independent research in Mathematics for two academic years.

In view of the subject CARNAP's illness for the two years, while he resided at Princeton, N. J., few people there became closely associated with him. Several who were possibly fairly well acquainted with him have been absent during the summer vacation and the Newark Office will attempt to interview them and promptly submit a report as soon as they arrive back at Princeton, N. J.

Inasmuch as the Newark Office initiated this inquiry at the directions of the Bureau in referenced letter, entitled "Dr. PHILIPP GEORGE FRANK, SM-C", and Chicago letter to the Bureau dated April 12, 1954, indicates that the Chicago Office has a file on the subject (Chicago file 100-28662), the Chicago Office is requested to advise Newark of the status of this case, and the present office of origin.

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TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, New York (100-120512)

SUBJECT: RUDOLPH CARNAP, wa:  
Rudolf Carnap  
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DATE: SEP 16 1954

Re Newark letter to Bureau, 6/15/54, captioned as above.

The files of the NYO contain the following information pertaining to RUDOLPH or RUDOLF CARNAP:

On 3/30/53, [redacted] Brooklyn, NY, submitted to SA [redacted] letter addressed [redacted] in German language and signed by one [redacted] on the letterhead of the Austro-American Council, 13 West 106th Street, NY, NY, dated 5/5/48. The name, "Professor RUDOLPH CARNAP," appears with numerous other names under the caption, "Endorsers-- Partial List," (original maintained in NY 65-15162-1B151).

On 3/28/49, [redacted] made available to SA [redacted] and original and photostatic copy of the Final Program of the Cultural and Scientific Conference for World Peace, dated 3/25-27/49, and sponsored by the National Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions (NCASP). The name, "Professor RUDOLF CARNAP," appears on the last page of the above program with numerous others under the caption, "Sponsors Cultural and Scientific Conference for World Peace," (original maintained in NY 100-93553-139, p. 6)

On 4/19/50, [redacted] made available to SA [redacted] an original and a photostat of an invitation for dinner in honor of Doctor HAROLD SHAPLEY to be held 4/28/50 at the Hotel Capitol in NYC by the NCASP. The name, "RUDOLF CARNAP," appears on the above invitation with numerous other names under the caption, "Dinner Committee," (original maintained in NY 100-93553-1B192).

On 8/11/50, [redacted] furnished SA [redacted] with a News Release, dated 8/3/50, issued by the NCASP. This News Release was issued on the letterhead of the above organization and reads as follows in part:

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"Professor HENRY PRATT FAIRCHILD, Secretary of the National Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions, today announced that more than one hundred leading cultural, educational and scientific professionals had signed a joint statement warning that the Korean hostilities might lead to a third world war . . . . ." The name, "RUDOLF CARNAP," appears at the end of this statement with numerous other names under the caption, "Partial List of Signers--August 3, 1950."

The "Daily Worker" issue of 8/7/50, page 8, column 4, contains an article captioned, "One Hundred Notables Urge Talks by U.S. and USSR on Korean War."

This article states that "more than one hundred cultural leaders . . . . . have issued a statement calling for negotiations between the U.S. and the USSR on the Korean crisis, was announced Friday by Professor HENRY PRATT FAIRCHILD, Secretary of the National Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions . . . . ." Listed as one of the signers was the name, "RUDOLF CARNAP."

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On 5/11/53, [redacted] made available to SA [redacted] a letter captioned, "National Conference to Defend the Bill of Rights, December 2 and 3, 1950, Pythian Plaza, New York City," on the letterhead of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, dated 11/15/50, and signed by Reverend JOHN W. DARR, JR.

Said letter discussed the detention of forty-eight known citizens. The name, "Professor RUDOLPH CARNAP," appears on the letterhead with numerous others as one of the sponsors.

The "Daily Worker" issue of 5/3/51, page 9, column 1, contains an article captioned, "Notables Bid Truman Take



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"Court Action to Save Willie Mc Gee."

This article reflects that "President Truman was asked yesterday by 91 Americans in the fields of art, science and literature to invoke the Federal Civil Rights Act to halt the execution of the Mississippi Negro rape frame-up victim, Willie Mc Gee . . . ." Listed as one of the signers of the letter to the President was the name, "Professor RUDOLPH CARNAP."

"The Worker" in its issue of 7/22/51, page 7, column 4, contained an article captioned, "Free Speech Rally Wednesday at Carnegie Hall."

This article reflects that "a meeting for free speech will be held at Carnegie Wednesday . . . the rally seeks to alert the public to the dangers of the Supreme Court decision to uphold the Smith Act and to the undermining of the right to counsel and bail . . . the Carnegie Hall rally follows a recent advertisement sponsored by the National Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions presenting the dissenting opinion of Supreme Court Justice Black. It was signed by thirty distinguished leaders."

Included on the list of signers was the name, "Professor RUDOLPH CARNAP."

The "Daily Worker" in its issue of 3/25/52, page 2, column 1, contains an article captioned, "Two Thousand in Sciences and Arts Ask for a Big Five No-War Pact."

This article states that "two thousand persons in the cultural and professional fields have already signed

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an appeal for peace addressed to the President and to Congress. Professor HENRY PRATT FAIRCHILD announced the preliminary report." Listed as one of the signers of the appeal was the name, "Professor RUDOLPH CARNAP."

The "Daily Worker" in its issue of 1/14/53 contains an article captioned, "Cry of 'Save Rosenbergs' Sweeps World Art, Science, Literary Circles."

This article reflects that "the cry 'Save Rosenbergs' is sweeping the world, and the writers, artists, musicians, scientists, and educators of every country are among those urging Presidential clemency for the young couple charged with conspiracy to commit espionage, but actually framed as atom spies. The following is a partial list of the notables who have raised their voices against the death penalty of the innocent pair. . . ." Included on this list was the name, "RUDOLF CARNAP."

The "Daily Worker" in its issue of 7/27/53, page 8, column 4, contains an article captioned, "Urge Eisenhower Spur Action on Mc Carran-Walter Immigration Act."

This article states that "initiators and sponsors of the National Committee to repeal the Mc Carran Act made public yesterday an open letter to President Eisenhower asking him to urge Congress to repeal or thoroughly revise the Mc Carran-Walter Immigration Act." Among the signers of the open letter was "Professor RUDOLPH CARNAP, Princeton, New Jersey." RUC