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ENCLOSURES TO BUREAU:

Two copies of an advertisement in the form of a handout issued by the National Coordinating Committee Friends of Rhodesian Independence.

ADMINISTRATIVE DATA:

WFO indices do not contain any identifiable record on [REDACTED] the National Coordinating Committee Friends of Rhodesian Independence. (FRI).

APPROVED <i>[Signature]</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW	
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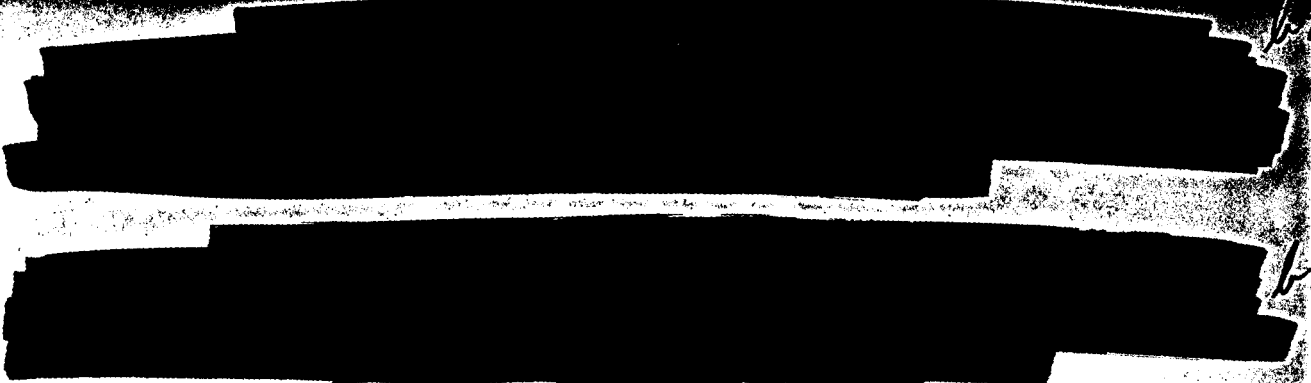
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The Bureau may desire to furnish both a copy of this report together with one copy of the two identical enclosures to the Registration Section, Internal Security Division, U.S. Department of Justice (USDJ), so that the latter office may make a determination as to whether or not captioned organization should be registered under the provisions of the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938 as amended.

Information copies of this report are being furnished the Buffalo, Little Rock, Milwaukee, New Orleans, Oklahoma City, and Savannah Offices since advertisements appeared in newspapers within the territorial limits of these offices concerning the FRI with the exception of the Buffalo Office; information copy being furnished the Buffalo Office since the President of FRI is listed in the advertisements of FRI as TAYLOR CALDWELL of Buffalo, New York.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Copy to:

Report of: SA [REDACTED] *h/c*

Office: Washington, D. C.

Date: MAY 10 1966

Field Office File #: 105-71618

Bureau File #:

Title: NATIONAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE
FRIENDS OF RHODESIAN INDEPENDENCE

Character: [REDACTED] (c) *h/c*
REGISTRATION ACT - RHODESIA

Synopsis: [REDACTED] *h/c*
[REDACTED] *h-7D*

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DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.: *3/13/79*
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On March 7, 1966, [REDACTED] telephonically
[REDACTED] contacted the Washington Field Office of the FBI and
advised [REDACTED] that
recently he had received at his home address in the mail,
an unsolicited letter from an organization calling
itself the National Coordinating Committee Friends of
Rhodesian Independence (FRI). He stated the organization
listed its address as 132 - 3rd Street, S.E., Washington,
D. C. (WDC), and added that the letter from this organization
appeared to him to be an attempted campaign to improve the
political image of the Rhodesians. He added that because of
the contents of the letter he thought the FBI might like to
look it over and because of this he was mailing the letter to
the Washington Field Office of the FBI. *h-7D*

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The letter referred to by [REDACTED] was received from him in the mail on March 9, 1966. It consisted of an advertisement the size of a newspaper page concerning information about the current political situation in Rhodesia. It also set out the National Coordinating Committee Friends of Rhodesian Independence goals as follows:

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1. To inform both Congress and the public about Rhodesia;
2. To promote peace and friendship with Rhodesia by the removal of arbitrary and illegal trade sanctions;
3. To urge diplomatic recognition of the Ian Smith government;
4. To encourage American participation in the economic growth of Rhodesia, to the benefit of both Nations;
5. To encourage the timeless and universal principles of our Declaration of Independence and Constitution.

The advertisement solicited the support of any individuals agreeing with the principles of the organization requesting that they send their donations to the FRI at 132 - 3rd Street, S.E., WDC.

This same advertisement lists the president of the organization as TAYLOR-CALDWELL, Buffalo, New York, and it also contained a list of co-chairmen of the organization and some members of the organization.

On March 24, 1966, [REDACTED] Registration Section, Internal Security Division, United States Department of Justice (USDJ), advised Special Agent [REDACTED] her files do not contain any record on the National Coordinating Committee Friends of Rhodesian Independence.

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- York who is a well-known woman writer is also interested in Rhodesia and feels that Rhodesia should be recognized by the United States Government as an independent state and has lent TAYLOR CALDWELL of Buffalo, New

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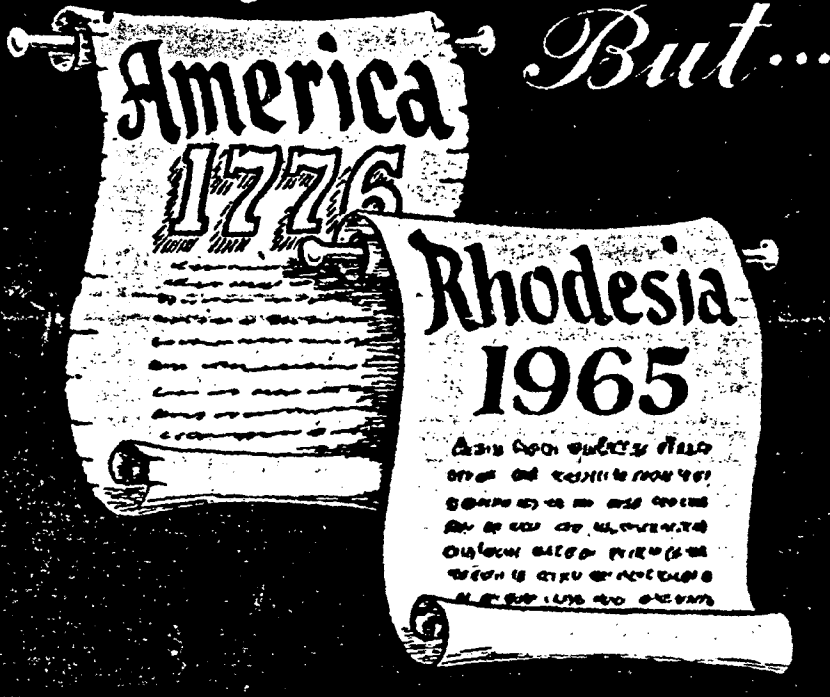
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her name to the cause and operates as president of the organi-
zation. [REDACTED] that
all the other members and co-chairmen merely lend their names
to the cause since they feel strongly about it.

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We hold these truths to be self evident...



If Washington they again to the univ laration of I world that has tu unique document?

The real question however is clever propaganda distortion these sentiments? For those A this Committee is betting that NO!

Daily, the Rhodesian govern "outlaw" or "unconstitutional has been completely self-gove British colony in the world! In ber independence anytime sh

Now, socialist Prime Ministe that promise, in spite of the their lives for Britain in her pendence Britain has granted colonies, such as Nigeria, G desia's legal status in the fam as ours was in 1776!

THE RHODESIAN EXPER For the truth is that the Rho lels our own history: pioneer out of a hostile wilderness, th their mother country, and as that it not pass judgment be And the fact is that Rhodesia entire precarious position in desia falls both South Afri likely follow, leaving the en anti-Western hands.

DECOLONIZATION But, you ask, if Rhodesia is s

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TEST YOURSELF ON RHODESIA

Questions:

1. Africans can't vote in Rhodesia: True or False?
2. Rhodesian blacks live in fear of the white police: True or False?
3. White Rhodesians stole the ancestral lands of the black natives: True or False?
4. If Rhodesia remains independent, it will cause a war in Africa: True or False?
5. America has a moral obligation to support the British sanctions against Rhodesia: True or False?
6. Segregation is the law in Rhodesia: True or False?
7. Rhodesia refuses to join the United Nations and help support it: True or False?
8. Christianity would be aided in Africa by the overthrow of the Rhodesian government: True or False?
9. Naturalists and animal lovers should welcome a "return to nature" in Rhodesia: True or False?
10. Education is for "whites only" in Rhodesia: True or False?

Answers:

1. False. Regardless of race, all Rhodesians must meet

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Afro-Asian world. If Rho-
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This has been the real tragedy of the Congo, Algeria, and
Vietnam; tragedies that have benefited only the communists,
who have made this false decolonization doctrine the corner-
stone of their present policy of subversive "national libera-
tion" wars of conquest! In these unhappy countries most
Americans had difficulty in seeing the parallel with their own
colonial past; in Rhodesia they can!

WHILE OUR BOYS BLEED AND DIE

In the last quarter of 1965 alone, 35 British ships unloaded
badly needed supplies in North Vietnamese harbors. Why—
while our boys bleed and die in Vietnam and while the British
deliver war supplies to *our* enemies in North Vietnam and
Cuba—why should we go along with Britain's trade embargo
against peaceful and anti-communist Rhodesia?

Prime Minister Ian Smith of Rhodesia has recently offered
the United States tangible help, in the form of military units
he can ill afford to spare in the present crisis, in our war
against communism in Vietnam. This Committee can only
pass Mr. Smith's timely question about Britain on to you: "*Is
it not significant that the socialist regime in Britain has balked
at the idea of committing troops to fight our common enemy
in Vietnam?*"

And our government is not, by any means, playing a strictly
secondary role under Britain in the Rhodesia affair. Thus far
the financially hard-pressed British have lost millions because
of their sanctions policy; *were it not for American financial
underpinning, Prime Minister Wilson's personal vendetta
against the Ian Smith government would soon collapse.*

In order to inform our fellow citizens and to coordinate the

come. Those who don't qualify, including many whites, may vote on the "B" List, which has lower requirements and elects 23% of the legislature.

2. False. Most of the Rhodesian police and army are black.
3. False. When the whites arrived, they found less than 400,000 Africans, most of whom had arrived only 30 years before. Most of the land was uninhabited. The blacks retained their tribal lands, and unlike our Indians, still have them.
4. False. Stability and jobs for Africans means peace and order — not war and chaos — in Africa.
5. False. The British are supplying the Viet Cong, Castro's Cuba, Red China and Russia. Rhodesia has offered to help us in Viet Nam. If there is a moral obligation, it is our obligation to remember our own history and our own Declaration of Independence.
6. False. Segregation of public facilities, busses, parks, hotels, etc., is forbidden by law.
7. False. Rhodesia has been kept out of the United Nations by the communist and Afro-Asian blocs.
8. False. The lessons of the Congo, Kenya, Ghana and now Nigeria show us that premature African rule leads to persecution of Christians of both races and a return to paganism . . . even cannibalism.
9. False. The failure of law and order that comes with the end of responsible government in Africa has brought the danger of extinction to nearly 200 kinds of animals within ten years in all the black-ruled nations to the north of Rhodesia.
10. False. Rhodesia has a higher proportion of African children in school than any other nation except South Africa.

to merit this abuse? The anti-policy of "decolonization" and dear to certain influential politicians Rhodesia's independence for the

This clique, which has shameless violation of national independence, are aware that both public and officials on to the fact that their pet bridge between ourselves and every communist-oriented, native whether he has the support of chaotic failure. As Mr. Ralph from Rhodesia:

"There is general agreement by spokesmen and objective foreigners for immediate equalization of the and unrepresentative group of African extremists of bordering to indirectly by international Com pare the situation in the Congo nations of Africa—with that of startling."

Thus by "decolonization" these nation ridding itself of abusive as the United States did in 1776 zation by giving political conditions." And not after due time, of responsible self-government, the consequences.

National Coordinating Committee, Friends of Rhodesian Independence (FRI):

PRESIDENT: TAYLOR CALDWELL, BUFFALO, N. Y.

CO-CHAIRMEN: ROBERT L. WYCKOFF, M.D., Friends of Rhodesian Independence, GARDEN GROVE, CALIF.; JOHN, M.D., Friends of Rhodesia, NEW YORK, N. Y.; FRANK C. ADAMS, JR., N. H. Committee for Rhodesian Independence, PITTSFIELD, N. H.; J. EVETTS HALEY, Friends of Rhodesia, CANYON, TEXAS; J. W. MONER, Friends of Rhodesian Independence, LOS ANGELES, CALIF.; IAN K. MACDOUGAL, Friends of Rhodesian Independence, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.; SAMUEL G. DICKSON, Fair Play for Rhodesia Committee, ATHENS, GA.

MEMBERS: STANLEY M. ANDREWS, Washington, D. C.; AUSTIN J. APP, PH.D., Philadelphia, Pa.; J.S.D., PH.D., Memphis, Tenn.; BRYTON BARRON, Springfield, Va.; ADM. PARK H. BRADY, RET., Washington, D. C.; MARY D. CAIN, Summit, Miss.; MRS. F. R. CARLTON, Dallas, Tex.; CONRAD CHAPMAN, Boston, Mass.; M. COOKE, RET., Sonoma, Calif.; LUCILLE CARDIN CRAIN, New York, N. Y.; COL. CURTIS B. DALY, Philadelphia, Pa.; MARY BARCLAY ERB, Washington, D. C.; D. BRUCE EVANS, Washington, D. C.; HON. LOUIS J. GARDNER, Calif.; LAVONNE D. FURR, Houston, Texas; DEVIN GARRITY, New York, N. Y.; HON. GEORGE G. GARDNER, Md.; RICHARD L. HIRSHBERG, Washington, D. C.; ROBERT P. JONAS, Oyster Bay, N. Y.; MARK J. KATZ, N. J.; ROBERT KUTTNER, PH.D., Omaha, Neb.; VERNON LINDERMAN, Bakersfield, Calif.; W. D. MANNING, W. BRILEY MORRISON, Front Royal, Va.; R. P. OLIVER, PH.D., Urbana, Ill.; HON. JOHN SCHMITZ, Wash. D. C.

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people do not mean a civilized control by its mother country, They mean *destroying civili-* ol, literally, "back to the In- when the natives are capable but right now, regardless of

many local committees, being formed on the critical public issue, a group of concerned Americans have formed the NATIONAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE OF FRIENDS OF RHODESIAN INDEPENDENCE. The Committee's goals are:

1. To inform both Congress and the public about Rhodesia;
2. To promote peace and friendship with Rhodesia by the removal of arbitrary and illegal trade sanctions;
3. To urge diplomatic recognition of the Ian Smith government;
4. To encourage American participation in the economic growth of Rhodesia, to the benefit of both Nations;
5. To encourage the timeless and universal principles of our Declaration of Independence and Constitution.

If you believe as we do, that the peoples of Rhodesia have earned and deserve their independence, then set everything else aside and write or wire your congressman and senators and the President. ASK THEM if the above facts add up to making an enemy of this friendly little country, TELL THEM to follow the lead of such courageous congressmen as H. R. Gross, Richard L. Roudebush and John Ashbrook. Then, send whatever contribution you can afford to this Committee for placing this advertisement in key newspapers which have not carried it. Each contributor who desires will receive an Independence Kit containing a "support Rhodesia" bumper strip, copies of this ad and other useful items to aid your individual efforts. Please use the handy coupon below.

VE, CALIF.; ROBERT Support of Rhode- AYMOND H. WAG- of Rhodesian Inde- NS, GA.

a.; ALFRED AVINS, Washington, D. C.; ass.; ADM. CHARLES RET., Philadelphia FRANCIS, San Mateo, OLDSBOROUGH, Balti- I. JONES, Princeton, ONE, Dothan, Ala.; Santa Ana, Calif.;

To: NATIONAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE, FRIENDS OF RHODESIAN INDEPENDENCE (FRI) 132 Third Street, S.E., Washington, D. C. 20003

Please be assured of my support for Rhodesian Independence.

I want to help by the enclosed contribution of \$.....

- Please send me a "SUPPORT RHODESIA" bumper strip.
- Please send me the Independence Kit, including a "SUPPORT RHODESIA" bumper strip, copies of this advertisement and information which will be helpful to me in reaching others with the truth about Rhodesia, or in organizing a local committee.

Name

Address

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 4/3/48

Hem
FROM : SAC, Buffalo

SUBJECT: MARCUS REBACK
Status Examiner
U. S. Immigration & Naturalization Service
Department of Justice
Buffalo, New York
LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated March 27, 1948, instructing that a preliminary inquiry be conducted concerning the above named individual. Referenced letter states that the Bureau files contain an undated list captioned "Communist Political Association Members of the Niagara Frontier and State," and that the name, MARCUS REBACK, Eggertsville, New York, appears on this list.

This office is not in possession of such a list and a check of the indices fails to indicate that the employee is a member of the Communist Political Association of the Niagara Frontier and State.

A check of the current telephone directory and the city directories for the years 1940, 1941, 1942, 1943, and 1946, reflect that employee is the only MARCUS REBACK in Eggertsville, New York, thereby making it possible by supposition to believe that the employee is identical with the MARCUS REBACK mentioned on the referred to list.

The employee is the husband of a famous authoress whose pen name is TAYLOR CALDWELL. TAYLOR CALDWELL has written the following novels:

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| "Dynasty of Death" | 1938 |
| "Eagles Gather" | 1940 |
| "The Earth is the Lord's" | 1941 |
| "Time No Longer" | 1941 |
| (This novel written under the nom de plume of MAX REINER.) | |
| "Strong City" | 1942 |
| "The Arm and the Darkness" | 1943 |
| "The Turnbills" | 1943 |
| "The Final Hour" | 1944 |
| "The Wide House" | 1945 |
| "This Side of Innocence" | 1946 |
| "There was a Time" | 1947 |

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"Who's Who", 1948 and 1949, states that TAYLOR CALDWELL was born in Prestwick, England, September 7, 1900, of Scotch ancestry. She married WILLIAM F. COMBS on May 27, 1919, and divorced him in 1931, having a daughter, MARY MARGARET, by COMBS. She married MARCUS REBACK on May 12, 1931, and has one daughter, ANNE, by this marriage. Mrs. REBACK worked for the Immigration and Naturalization Service from 1924 to 1931 at Buffalo, New York.

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Director, FBI
Re: MARCUS REBACK, etc.
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The Buffalo Office has had the following experiences with the employee and his wife, TAYLOR CALDWELL:

In August, 1940, TAYLOR CALDWELL became quite involved with a neighbor, one CHESTER BROST, over the alleged placing of swastikas painted on signs on BROST's lawn. As a result of this incident she wrote a letter to the Director in which she accused the Buffalo Office of "amused indifference and apparent lethargy." Bureau file 100-836 sets forth this letter, plus a subsequent interview with Miss CALDWELL.


In October, 1941, this office came into possession of a letter to Mrs. JANET T. C. REBACK, dated October 17, 1941, on the letterhead of SCHOELLKOPF, HUTTON & POMEROY, Investment Securities, 70 Niagara Street, Buffalo, New York. This letter was a statement of sales of "blocked" German Reichsmarks against payment of U. S. funds. This letter was evidently a statement made by the brokers to Mrs. CALDWELL at her request.

In February, 1941, Mrs. REBACK advised the Buffalo Office that she had heard a rumor, which was supposedly current in New York City, to the effect that she had received 60,000 Marks from the German Government. At this time she admitted receiving 60,000 Marks and 125,000 Marks from the German Government as royalties for a book she wrote which was published and sold in Germany.

In June, 1941, Mrs. REBACK in the role of a complainant stated that she was the recipient of a postcard from the CHRISTIAN MOTHERS' CLUB OF AMERICA, branding her a "depraved" person because of her views on the European situation. At this time she branded this club as an active bund organization.

In February, 1942, the employee as a complainant contacted the Buffalo Office regarding a call received by his wife to "warn your friends and then get out. There is going to be an air raid."

In August of 1942, Mrs. REBACK as a complainant advised the Buffalo Office that one HANS PAUR had contacted her the latter part of 1941 for a supply of her books so he could have them translated and forwarded to Germany. He indicated he could do so via South America.

In September, 1943, Mrs. REBACK as a complainant advised that her daughter had told her that a teacher in Public School 13 had remarked, "The United States

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must handle Russia with kid gloves" and "Russia is very soon to negotiate a separate peace with Germany." Mrs. REBACK stated she objected to this type of instruction in a public school.

In September, 1947, Mrs. REBACK advised that she suspected an individual who was a visitor at her home of misrepresenting her nationality and falsifying her status.

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The following Confidential Informants, all of known reliability, were unable to supply information relative to any possible un-American activities on the part of the employee or his wife:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] that employee is not known as a member of the Communist Party, and that he could not identify the employee with the Communist Party in any way.

The records of the Identification Division of the Buffalo Police Department and the Erie County Sheriff's Office fail to reflect any information pertaining to the loyalty of the employee or his wife.

In view of the information set forth herein, it is believed that a full field investigation of the employee would be unnecessary inasmuch as the sympathies of the employee and his wife appear to be more pro-Fascist than pro-Communist; and it is further believed that the Buffalo Office or the Bureau would possess considerable information regarding the employee and his wife, because of her prominence in the literary world, if they were pro-Communist.

Director, FBI

4/3/48

Re: MARCUS REBACK, etc.

LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

If a full field investigation is to be conducted, it is suggested that the Bureau supply the Buffalo Office with information regarding the manner in which the undated list referred to herein was obtained, where obtained, and the approximate date the list was obtained. The Bureau is also requested to supply any additional information with respect to the employee's wife, TAYLOR CALDWELL, which would be of assistance in conducting a full field investigation, with respect to her status as a writer and any possible Communistic leanings which may be contained in her writings. It is believed that there is an unsubstantiated rumor to the effect that TAYLOR CALDWELL received commendation from ADOLF HITLER regarding the contents of one of her novels. The Bureau, in the event a full field investigation is instigated, is requested to supply the Buffalo Office with any information regarding such possible commendation.

Unless advised to the contrary by the Bureau, this case is being considered as Referred Upon Completion to the Office of Origin.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: July 6, 1951

FROM : SAC, BUFFALO

SUBJECT: MARCUS REBACK *M. Reback*
 Status Examiner
 U. S. Immigration & Naturalization Service
 Department of Justice
 Buffalo, New York
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Remylet April 3, 1948.

On July 4, 1951, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] telephonically advised that while he and his wife were attending the Century Theater in Buffalo on the evening of July 3, 1951, they viewed a showing of an advertising film entitled "The Fifth Freedom." This film depicted the freedom of choice. It portrayed factory workers in their free exercise of choice and culminated with a scene showing factory workers cooperating in the defense effort. In the background a popular brand of cigarettes was shown.

[REDACTED] stated that in his opinion the film was of a propaganda nature designed to combine commercial advertising with the American way of life. However, he advised that one individual sitting behind him repeatedly made sarcastic and derisive comments in undertones audible to [REDACTED] concerning the picture which [REDACTED] thought might be indicative of un-American sympathies. The most pungent remark [REDACTED] could recall was "This will all be changed some day" made in a female voice at the conclusion of the film. [REDACTED] said that the woman seemed to be talking rather freely and that her escort, apparently her husband, made repeated efforts to restrain her. The quoted comment was upsetting to [REDACTED] to the extent that they are of the opinion that the person making the comment might be potentially dangerous in the event of hostilities.

[REDACTED] related that the couple was followed by [REDACTED] and himself to the former's automobile which was described as a recent model Mercury Sedan bearing New York State registration No. 5B-63-19. No descriptions of the unknown couple was available, except that the man spoke with a foreign accent and was middle-aged.

Through the Buffalo Police Department, it was ascertained that the given registration number is issued to REBACK and REBACK, 34 Audley End, Eggertsville, N. Y. for a 1950 Lincoln Sedan. The Buffalo City Directory for 1950 lists MARCUS REBACK, an examiner for the I & NS, as a resident of Eggertsville, N. Y. His wife is listed as JANET M. REBACK. The Telephone Directory lists MARCUS REBACK at 34 Audley End, Eggertsville, N. Y.

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The woman who made the allegedly un-American statement is possibly JANET M. REBACK, aka TAYLOR CALDWELL, the well known authoress concerning whom the Bureau has received considerable correspondence in the past.

No investigation concerning this matter is being made UACB.

#4, Director, 11/8/40
Re: Janet Taylor Caldwell

[REDACTED]

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Very truly yours,

H. T. O'Connor

H. T. O'CONNOR
Special Agent in Charge

HTO:MS
Enc.

ADDENDUM: There is also forwarded herewith a copy of a memorandum submitted subsequent to the dictation of this letter, by Special Agent (A) [REDACTED] dated November 8, 1940, which contains additional information, clearly establishing the background for complainant's letter to the Bureau and definitely proving her allegations to be without foundation.

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H.T.O.

Detroit, Michigan
August 21, 1940

Janet Taylor Caldwell

Special Agent in Charge
Buffalo, New York

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith a copy of a letter received by the Dodge Motor Car Company, Detroit, Michigan, which copy was handed to me by [redacted] for the Chrysler Corporation. The Chrysler Corporation, through [redacted] has, as you know, been exceptionally cooperative in plant protection matters in this area.

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This letter is from Mrs. M. REBACK, whose pen name is JANET TAYLOR CALDWELL, in Buffalo. It relates the actions of an individual named BROST who apparently resides next door to Mrs. REBACK. In view of the apparently flagrant pro-Nazi activities of BROST, it is believed that investigation will be desired by you into his background and activities.

REBACK

Possibly this matter has already been reported to you, inasmuch as Mrs. REBACK states her husband is some kind of a Department of Justice official.

If you have already conducted an investigation regarding this man and have any information of value, it is requested that same be forwarded to this office for its information. Any information gathered by you in the future would also be helpful, and it is requested that same be forwarded.

Very truly yours,

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John S. Bugas
Special Agent in Charge

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October 28, 1940

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Special Agent in Charge
Buffalo, New York

Dear Sir:

There are transmitted herewith copies of a letter dated October 4, 1940, addressed to the Bureau by Miss Janet Taylor Caldwell, 129 Greenaway Road, Eggertsville, New York, and copies of the Bureau's reply thereto.

You are instructed to have an Agent assigned to your office interview Miss Caldwell in the immediate future so that the complete details of the matter reported by her may be obtained.

You are also instructed to advise the Bureau fully concerning all previous contacts which Miss Caldwell has had with your office, particularly the occasion referred to in her letter. I wish to be advised as to the identity of the individual who handled the telephone call from Miss Caldwell and the complete details of this conversation.

This matter should receive your immediate attention, and the Bureau should be promptly advised in the premises.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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