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Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are three copies of a self-explanatory letter dated 9/3/64, from TAYLOR CALDWELL, 34 Audley End, Buffale 26, New York; enclosed for the Jackson Office is one copy; and enclosed for the New York Office are two copies.

An information copy is being furnished to the Jackson Office in view of comment in the enclosed letter that subject represents one of the "Mississippi Martyrs."

receiving Offices, TAYLOR CALDWELL is the pen name of Mrs. MARCUS (JANET) REBACK, a world famous novelist, who has authored about twenty novels, some being "best sellers."

She has communicated with the Buffalo Office on a number of occasions in the past, concerning matters she believed to pertain to both Nazi and Communist activities. It is evident from her correspondence that she is an inveterate letter-writer and carries on extensive correspondence with persons all over the world. She frequently engages in literary battles with persons who oppose her private and public statements.

Miss CALDWELL is referred to from time to time in news articles an an outspoken foe of Communism. She was quoted in a local news article in February, 1959, as having said at a book review that there are more Communists in the United States than in the Soviet Union. She estimated that

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there were about one million CP members in Russia and that there was nearly double that number who are Communists or fellow travelers in the United States.

on another occasion, she wrote an article which appeared in the October, 1960, issue of "The American Mercury" which alleged that an unnamed American-born distinguished professor in one of the large universities was a Communist."

Despite Miss CALIMELL's prominent position in the literary world, it is apparent from her rather involved letters and from the above statements of Mr. REBACK that she is possessed of a vivid imagination which tends to exaggeration and is inclined to intermingle fiction and facts indiscriminately.

Nevertheless, in view of the serious nature of the allegation set forth in the enclosed letter, it was felt that efforts should be made to ascertain the specific basis, if any, of TAYLOR CALDWELL's statement that Mr. KUNTZLER has been identified numerous times as a Communist by people once Communists

Mr. REBACK was contacted telephonically at the TAYLOR CALDWELL residence by SA would obtain the photograph mentioned in the letter from Miss CALDWELL on the late afternoon of 9/11/64, at which time it was contemplated that Miss CALDWELL could also be questioned concerning specifics of the allegation.

Mr. REBACK and Miss CALDWELL (it is noted that Mr. REBACK always referred to his wife as "Miss CALDWELL") were interviewed at their residence, 34 Audley End, Buffalo 26, New York, on 9/11/64, by SA

Mrs. REBACK furnished to SA a group photograph depicting nine individuals standing side by side on what appears to be a porch fronting on a lake, an engraved

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inscription on the frame around the photograph reflecting it was taken at the Lake Tarlton Club by one JEFFREY SMITH, Photographer. Mr. REBACK gave the names of the individuals in the photograph as follows:

JACK COLDBERT Manager of the Lake Tarlton Club, Pike, New Hampshire

TAYLOR CALDWELL Mr. REBACK's wife

WILLIAM KUNTZLER, or possibly WILLIAM KUNSLER, an attorney from Port Chester, New York

DOLORES WHITE, a vocalist who has appeared many times at the Metropolitan

MORTIMER CAPLIN, former Commissioner of the Bureau of Internal Revenue

Rabbi KAUFMAN of New York City

LANDAU, a prominent flutist

CHAM-BEK-HUANG, an internationally known harmonica virtuoso and inventor of new type of harmonica

AL GRAHAM, musical director at Tarlton Club

Mrs. REBACK requested that the photograph be returned to her.

Although the photograph reflects subject KUNTZLER standing next to Miss CALDWELL; there is no indication of any kind of embrace.

Miss CALDWELL after furnishing the photograph proceeded to comment that KUNTZLER during his talk at lake Tarlton "openly threatened everybody."

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Mr. REBACK immediately interrupted her quite forcible, stating KUNTZLER did not threaten anybody, but merely predicted certain consequences which might follow if nothing significant was done to provide better housing and better educational facilities for the Negro population so as to raise the average Negro's level of living. Mr. REBACK said Miss CALUWELL became incensed when KUNTZLER commented that the Negro in the U.S. has a glorious ancestry, being descended directly from the Phonecians or Carthaginians or some such group, although it is a known fact that the American Negro is descended from West African tribes.

Mr. REBACK added that when KUNTZLER finished his address, Miss CALDWELL went up to KUNTZLER and told him, "I know all about you," but that she never did say what she knows about him nor did KUNTZLER attempt to find out.

Miss CALDWELL then stated, "Well, he certainly frightened everybody, and he's a trouble maker just like the Communists."

Mr. REBACK again interrupted to state that KUNTZLER had gone to some lengths in his talk to point out that he doubted there was any Communist connection with Negro demonstrations which had been occurring, and that the movement taking place was a social revolution from within the Negro race itself and ot atimulated by any group or organization.

Miss CALDWELL then added that KUNTZLER had talked like a Communist and that everybody thought so, to which Mr. REBACK commented, "You thought so."

Miss CALDWELL was then asked what information she had in her possession reflecting that KUNTZLER was a Communist and her only comment was that "everybody said he talked like a Communist." REBACK said, "You said he's a Communist."

He's no Communist."

At this point a girl about 25 years of age walked into the room whom TAYLOR CALDWELL introduced as "my daughter."

From this point on Mr. REBACK commenced to talk about the fine accommodations at the Lake Tarlton Club and the rather successful cultural program which is one of its features and whereby people prominent in various fields are

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invited there for a week's vacation during the course of which they lecture to the guesta. He stated that Miss CALDWELL and he had been there under such an arrangement.

Mr. REBACK and Miss CALDWELL quite obviously did not desire to continue with a discussion of KUNTZLER, and it appeared that Miss CALDWELL was somewhat provoked by Mr. REBACK's contradictions of her statements, so the interview terminated.

As SA was departing the CALDWELL residence, Miss CALDWELL handed him a sheet of paper stating this was another inflamatory item and that she did not want it returned. This paper was a reprint of an article captioned "Interracial Marriage" by Rev. PAUL G. HANSEN which appeared in the February, 1964, issue of "Arena" published by the Waltaer League, an organization of young people's societies of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod. This article generally deals with the legal and social obstacles to interracial marriage, means of overcoming these obstables, and a final comment that interracial marriage is not a problem but a challenge.

OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Bince the allegations set forth in the enclosed letter were not substantiated by interview with Miss CALDWELL, it is recommended no further action in addition to check of New York indices be taken and that no dissemination be made of this information.

If for any reason any dissemination is made of any information furnished by Miss CALDWELL, it should be covered by T-symbol; and her identity as the source should not be disclosed without her express permission.

Copies will be made of the photograph referred to above and will be retained in Buffelo file 62-1305, after which the original will be returned to Miss CALDWELL.

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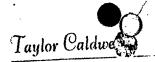
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New York is requested to check indices on subject and advise Buffalo as to whether the New York Office has any interest in subject in event any further communications are received concerning him from TAYLOR CALDWELL.



34 Audley End

Buffalo 2ft

September 3, 1964

Dear Sir:

Two weeks ago I was a guest-speaker at the Tarleton Club at Pike, New Hamspire. They have impartial speakers every day, to address the quests.

One of the speakers was the notorious New York City Communist, Kuntzler. (He is a lawyer and has been identified numerous times by people once Communists, as a Communist. No doubt even the local office of the FBI has a file on him. He now "represents" the open Communist parents. of one of the "Mississippi Martyrs" who were probably murdered - for propaganda reasons - by Communists, themselves. He knew a hell of a lot about those "Martyrs" which has not appeared in the newspapers!)

His topic was "racists and the Negro Revolution." He threatened his audience that if the American colored people "were not granted all their rights at once, and special privilege, "We'd seek carnage and murder and riot and bloodshed in every American city," - after the elections, of course. According to him, Americans were governed by Fascists and other "enemies of the people." Over and over, he repeated his threats of bloodshed and riot "after November." He had his audience dithering with terror. He also asserted that our colored Americans were descended "from a great and noble African civilization," which is a lie, of course. They are descended from the bush-and-jungle tribes called the Bantus and Kikuyus. Some resolute young men in the audience - including a Chinese musician from Free China, challenged him, and he repeated his threats against America. I also challenged him on the platform, told him I knew all about his background, and called him a liar. I challenged him to reveal his background - which he refused to do. However, I did.

A few minutes later he insisted on being photographed with me. I don't know why I permitted it. Anyway, I have his photograph, embracing me. You can have it, if you wish.

The next day I spoke against Communism to the same New Yorkers. I was violently hissed and booed! Except for about one-third of the audience. who angrily and furiously came to my assistance. I was derided as a Catholic, and shouted epithets against the Church came from most of the audience. Later some of them - the "liberals" - told me contemptuously that they were "glad" Mr. Kennedy had been murdered! (When I had mentioned his name during my speech I saw only mocking faces, except for a very few.)

Incidentally, the speech I gave was the exact one I had given in June at Marquette University in Milwaukee, after which I was given their McLilligott Medal "for public service and integrity. The Milwaukee audience was enthusiastic over my speech, and gave me an ovation.

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It is not requested that TAYLOR CALDWELL be recontacted concerning KUNSTLER but in the event she furnishes any additional information concerning him, it should be directed to this file.

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SUBJECT:

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TAYLOR CALDWELL Waka Mrs. Janet . C. Reback, Mrs. Marcus Reback

INFORMATION CONCERNING

Re Buffalo let to Bureau dated 7/23/62, captioned "AMERICAN NAZI PARTY, RACIAL MATTERS," Buffalo let to Bureau dated 8/15/63, captioned "MRS. JANET T. C. REBACK, aka, INFORMATION CONCERNING," Buffalo let to Bureau dated 12/18/63, captioned "TAYLOR CALDWELL, aka, INFORMATION and Buffalo let to Bureau dated 9/16/64, captioned_

All referenced communications deal with correspondence previously received at the Buffalo Office from TAYLOR CALDWELL, a world famous novelist, who resides at 34 Audley End, Buffalo (26), N. Y., and contain background data reflecting generally that she is an inveterate letter writer, is possessed of a vivid imagination which tends to exaggeration, and that she is inclined to intermingle fiction and facts indiscriminately.

It is noted particularly that in connection with the matter involving KUNSTLER, an interview was conducted at the GALDWELL residence on 9/11/64 with TAYLOR CALDWELL and her Musband, MARCUS REBACK, who is a local attorney and former Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) official. CALDWELL on this occasion stated that when KUNSTLER had spoken recently at a resort known as the Lake Tarlton Club, "he had talked like a communist and that everybody thought so." Mr. REBACK interrupted and stated, "You thought so."

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TAYLOR CALDWELL also stated that KUNSTLER in his talk "openly threatened everybody." Mr. REBACK at that point interrupted her quite forcibly, and stated KUNSTLER did not threaten anybody, but merely predicted certain consequences which might follow if nothing significant was done to provide better housing and education for the Negroes;

By letter dated 4/15/65, to the Buffalo FBI Office, CALDWELL advised that she had written a letter to one WILLIAM BRADFORD HUIE in Hartselle. Alabama (who is apparently a newspaperman and author), and she describes HUIE as a person "who is stirring up Negro riots and disorders in the South." CALDWELL attached a carbon copy of her letter to HUIE dated. 1/17/65. It is noted that in the letter to HUIE she tells him that she has been reading his articles in the "New York Herald-Tribune" with utter dismay, that she has been watching him progress from a conservative to a liberal over the past few years with considerable amazement, points out to him that the common sense and humor of the Negro in the South have vanished "through the offices of the white liberal b----, "and " concludes the letter to HUIE by asking him for an explanation of what has happened to him or she will "begin to think that not a son-of-a-b--- anywhere is to be trusted." The state of the s

In one portion of the letter to HUIE, CALDWELL comments about a recent article he had written about. "The Mississippi Martyrs," and she makes the comment that while one should not condone murder, it should be remembered that those martyrs were invading territory, with deliberate intent to stir up riots, chaos, and bloodshed, and that they had no right to be there except as tourists or visitors

CALDWELL, in her letter deted 4/15/65 to the Buffalo FBI Office, goes on to state that she had just returned from Florida where she was promoting her latest novel, "A Pillar of Iron" to be published 4/16/65. She states that during her sojourn in Florida, she met many people and that "among them was a lady named Mrs. Sachs, living at the Palm Beach Towers, a passionate devotee of Communism and Russia. (I believe her home is in New Jersey and her husband is alleged to be in the dress business, though he makes many trips abroad.) Naturally, as Mrs. Though he makes many trips abroad.) Naturally, as Mrs. Though he makes many trips abroad. Naturally, as Mrs. Though he makes many trips abroad. Naturally, as Mrs. Though he makes many trips abroad. Naturally, as Mrs. Though he makes many trips abroad. Naturally, as Mrs. Though he makes many trips abroad. Naturally, as Mrs. Though he makes many trips abroad. Naturally, as Mrs. Though he makes many trips abroad. Naturally, as Mrs. Though he makes many trips abroad. Naturally, as Mrs. Though he makes many trips abroad. Naturally, as Mrs. Though he makes many trips abroad. Naturally, as Mrs. Though he makes many trips abroad. Naturally, as Mrs. Though he makes many trips abroad. Naturally, as Mrs. Though he makes many trips abroad. Naturally, as Mrs. Though he makes many trips abroad of the dress business.

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"to Russia, whom she adores, she says. I felt like kicking her smartly and frequently, but that is not proper conduct for a lady novelist no matter how blood-thirsty she feels. But, as she was born in Russia, has relatives in Russia whom she visits regularly, and is highly received in Russia, I thought you ought to know about her.

Also in her letter to the Buffalo FBI Office, CALDWELL wrote as follows:

"But it is the Liberals I met in rich, Florida who really frightened me. Their hatred for and antagonism against Mr. Johnson sounded cominously like those against Mr. Kennedy before he was assassinated. They are 'outraged,' they told me, that Mr. Johnson had not sent Federal troops into Alabama, and that those troops had ... not murdered 'multitudes' of Alabamans, including Governor Wallace. They are 'furious' at his strong stance in Vietnam. When 'liberals' get 'outraged' and 'furious' a President is in danger. I hope Mr. Johnson is well protected. Moreover, when I mentioned Communism to the Libs they smiled contemptuously and asked me if I had ever visited Russia. Most of them had, I discovered.

It is interesting to note that in a letter written to the Buffalo FBI Office dated 12/18/64, TAYLOR CALDWELL stated in a rambling fashion touching on several unrelated matters, that in 1951 she had submitted a manuscript to "American Mercury" magazine, that the editor, WILLIAM BRADFORD HUIE, had then without her consent submitted it to Crown Publishers, as a result of which she lost her regular publisher, Scribners. She went on to comment that HUIE is now writing inflammatory books about the racists, and that she was contemplating writing him "a nice provocative letter."

It is also pointed out as set forth in re Buffalo let to Bureau dated 12/18/63, captioned "TAYLOR CALDWELL, aka," that on 12/18/63, a local radio station quoted an item from the "New York Times" wherein TAYLOR CALDWELL, famed author, stated she feared an attempt would be made on the life of President LYNDON B. JOHNSON. According to the broadcast, Miss CALDWELL had warned President JOHNSON of this possibility.



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Instant information is being furnished to the Bureau for information purposes only in view of TAYLOR CALDWELL's renown, and her proclivity for furnishing information to other Government agencies in addition to the FBI.

An information copy is furnished to Birmingham Office in view of comments made concerning WILLIAM BRADFORD HUIE, apparently now residing at Hartselle, Alabama.

Information copies are being furnished to Miami and Newark in view of comments made concerning a Mrs. SACHS, who is mentioned as residing at Palm Beach Towers, with her home believed to be in New Jersey, where her husband is alleged to be in the dress business.

on a previous occasion that information furnished by her be kept "entirely confidential" and consequently her identity as the source of any information furnished by her if disseminated should not be disclosed without her express permission.

Due to the non-specific nature of the information furnished in her letter dated 4/15/65, and the unreliability of information previously furnished by her, no dissemination and no further action appears warranted in connection with the matters set forth in her most recent correspondence. Receipt of her letter dated 4/15/65 has been acknowledged.

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Mr./Belg UNITED STATES GOFFRNMENT emorandum Mr. Callan Director: FBI 7 Buffalo (62-1305) Tele. Room Miss Holmes Miss Gandy SUBJECT: TAYLOR CALDWELL, akas Mrs. Janet T. C. Reback, Mrs. Marcus Reback INFORMATION CONCERNING Re Buffalo let, 4/30/65 As the Bureau is aware, the Buffalo Office periodically receives from TAYLOR CALDWELL, nationally famous novelast, who resides in Buffalo territory, letters which have disclosed that she is possessed of a vivid imagination which tends to exaggeration, and that she is inclined to intermingle fiction and facts indiscriminately. By letter received here October 22, 1965, Mrs. REBACK enclosed a clipping from a publication known as the "Arizona Republic," captioned "Stout's New Book Vilifies FBI." This clipping took REX STOUT to task for anti-FBI comments made in his latest book, "The Doorbell Rang." Mrs. REBACK's letter indicated that she has known STOUT well, and she describes him: as a "Leftist." In this letter Mrs. REBACK also enclosed a narrow mimeographed clipping which said, "But in the meantime, Russia will bomb heavily populated areas with ICBMs prior to invading the US in July 1966! The Soviets plan to liquidate the American population with mass extermination methods, one of which is to poison the water supply of all US cities. This will be the price of mass disloyalty to America and the Constitution! Mrs: REBACK alluded to this mimeographed clipping by stating that she would rather not disclose the name and address of the person who had sent it, and that the clipping might sound ridicplous on its face, but that there could be something to it, since The had received similar news early in 1963 that President KENNEDY would soon be murdered by the Comuunists, and that based upon that the little clipping had come from a long, long distance. REC-65 100-836

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