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DATE: 10/3/50

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Executive Secretary - East Bay Chapter - CRC, 1740 University, Berkeley, Calif.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: November 2, 1950

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Add: JESSICA FREEMAN MITFORD *03* *Master name ok*

RACE \_\_\_\_\_ SEX \_\_\_\_\_ NATIVE BORN \_\_\_\_\_ NATURALIZED \_\_\_\_\_ ALIEN \_\_\_\_\_

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **SAN FRANCISCO**

FILE NO. **100-21480**

REPORT MADE AT <b>SAN FRANCISCO</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>3/12/51</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>2/21, 27, 28; 3/1/51</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>WH:NPB</b>
TITLE <b>CHANGED</b> <b>JESSICA LUCY TREUHAF, nee Jessica Lucy Freeman-Mitford, was, Jessica Lucy Romilly, Mrs. Esmond Romilly, Decca Treuhaf, Mrs. Robert E. Treuhaf</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - C</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:		<p>ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE <b>12/10/99</b> BY <b>60267/MS/KJG/435739</b></p> <p>TREUHAF resides at 730 - 59th Street, Oakland, California, and is employed as Executive Secretary of the Civil Rights Congress (CRC). She has attended numerous meetings of the CRC during the latter half of 1950. Her Communist Party membership has been reportedly transferred from the defunct 16th A.D. Club, CP of Alameda County, to the BEN DAVIS Club, CP Alameda County, which club has been termed one of the most "explosive" clubs in the Alameda County Communist Party because of the importance of several of that club's members in affairs of the Communist Party. She was present at a meeting of Alameda County CP functionaries in June 1950, as well as at the 1950 West Oakland Convention of the Communist Party of Alameda County, at which convention she gave a report to the delegates on the activities of the CRC, and was elected to serve as a delegate to the Alameda County CP Convention. In 1944, TREUHAF is reported to have been a salaried employee of the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee. In 1950, she is reported to have attended a picnic held for the benefit of the Daily Peoples World and to have participated in a drive sponsored by the IPP to obtain signatures for the so-called Stockholm Peace Petition, and may be</p>	
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identical with a Mrs. B. TREUHAF, who was a subscriber to the USSR Information Bulletin during that year.

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DETAILS:

The title of this report is being changed to replace JESSICA ROMILLY with JESSICA LUCY ROMILLY in order to reflect her full name at that time, and to add the name Mrs. ESMOND ROMILLY, by which name she would have been known during her marriage to ESMOND ROMILLY.

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AT OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA

Residence and Employment

The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company Street Address Directory dated February 1951 reflected that JESSICA TREUHAF, resided at 730 - 59th Street, Oakland, California.

On February 21, 1951, [redacted] of known reliability, advised that TREUHAF continues to be employed as Executive Secretary of the East Bay Chapter of the Civil Rights Congress.

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

On August 24, 1950, [redacted] of known reliability, advised that DECCA TREUHAF could be contacted any afternoon at 1740 University Avenue, Berkeley, California, headquarters of the East Bay Chapter of the Civil Rights Congress.

Communist Party Activity

On July 10, 1950, [redacted] of known reliability, stated that [redacted] the Communist Party functionaries [redacted] 1740 University Avenue, Berkeley. [redacted] stated that TREUHAF attended this meeting.

On June 23, 1950, Special Agent [redacted] observed DECCA TREUHAF enter 1740 University Avenue where the meeting, described in the preceding paragraph, was being held.

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On September 11, 1950, [redacted] of known reliability, stated that a meeting of the West Oakland Section Council and Committee, Communist Party, Alameda County, was held on August 29, 1950, at the home of [redacted]

[redacted] According to [redacted] at this meeting it was decided to reassign Communist Party members of the defunct 16th A.D. Club to other clubs. [redacted] said that DECCA TREUHART was assigned to the BEN DAVIS Club, Communist Party, Alameda County, and added that the BEN DAVIS Club was stocked with top Communist Party personnel including [redacted]

[redacted] Communist Party Committee, and [redacted] a long-time Communist Party member, making this club one of the most "explosive clubs" [redacted]

On December 7, 1950, [redacted] said that a meeting of the West Oakland Section Council and Committee, Communist Party, Alameda County, was held on November 16, 1950, at [redacted] According to [redacted] this meeting was held for the purpose of drawing up a schedule to be followed at the proposed West Oakland Convention on the first week-end in December 1950.

[redacted] stated that TREUHART was present at the above meeting and was selected to give a report on the Civil Rights Congress at the proposed convention.

On December 13, 1950, [redacted] said that the West Oakland Convention of the Communist Party of Alameda County was held December 9, 1950, at [redacted]

[redacted] TREUHART was present at this meeting and made a report on the activities of the Civil Rights Congress. [redacted] said that TREUHART talked of bigger projects for the Civil Rights Congress during the coming year, and complained that in the past the Communist Party had not cooperated with the CRC to the fullest extent, and called upon the Communist Party to furnish the top leadership in CRC activities.

[redacted] also said TREUHART was present at the convention as a representative of the BEN DAVIS Club, Communist Party of Alameda County, and was elected to serve as

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a delegate to the Alameda County Communist Party Convention.

On October 5, 1950, [redacted] furnished a list of names, including the subject's, whom [redacted] considered to be dangerous to the national security in the event of an emergency. According to [redacted] this list was based on the individual's adherence to the ideals of Marxism and their belief that the Communist system of Socialism is the system of government which will inevitably embrace the world. They have, through their actions, speech and general attitudes, led [redacted] to believe that no sacrifice is too great to make to help the forward march toward Socialism.

On October 25, 1950, [redacted] of known reliability, stated that he considered DECCA TREUHART to be one of the group of Communist Party members in Alameda County whom [redacted] considered to be most dangerous to the national security of the United States for reasons of influence within the Communist Party and fanaticism to that cause.

On January 8, 1951, [redacted] of known reliability, stated that [redacted] planned to arrange meetings with DECCA TREUHART on a regular basis. [redacted] was unable to furnish any specific information concerning the nature of the proposed meetings, but furnished information which indicated it was concerned with the business of the Civil Rights Congress.

[redacted] of known reliability, has advised that [redacted] is the State Literature Director for the Communist Party, State of California.

#### Civil Rights Congress Activities

The Civil Rights Congress has been previously defined in this report.

On August 24, 1950, [redacted] advised that in August 1950 TREUHART was making plans to reorganize the Berkeley Chapter of the Civil Rights Congress which had previously been absorbed into the Oakland Chapter of the CRC. According to [redacted] TREUHART felt that residents of Berkeley had lost interest in the CRC since they did not have a chapter in their own town.

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Set out below in column form is a list of CRC meetings at which the subject has been reported to have been in attendance. This information was received from various sources, as indicated, all of which are of known reliability.

Date of Meeting	Date Info Furnished	Source	CRC Chapter Holding Meeting	Place of Meeting
	8/24/50		East Bay Chapter	McClymonds High School, Myrtle and 14th, Oakland
	9/5/50		East Bay	" "
	11/50		Special Meeting sponsored by East Bay Chapter	Carpenter's Hall, Oakland
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	11/18/50			
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	12/2/50		Social Event, East Bay Chapter	
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Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee

The Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee has been declared by the Attorney General to be within the purview of Executive Order 9835 as a Communist group.

On August 23, 1950, [redacted] of known reliability, furnished information which reflected that during the period January 1, 1944 and March 15, 1944, DECCA TREUHART was a salaried employee of the JAFRC as City Secretary, San Francisco, California.

Daily Peoples World Activities

[redacted] of known reliability, has advised that the Daily Peoples World is a West Coast publication under the control of the Communist Party.

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On August 5, 1950, [redacted] advised that the subject attended a picnic held on July 23, 1950, at Elmhurst Gardens, Oakland, California, which was held for the benefit of the Daily Peoples World.

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Independent Progressive Party Activities

[redacted] of known reliability, has advised that OLETA O'CONNOR YATES, Chairman of the Communist Party in San Francisco County, California, addressed the Press School of the Communist Party at the California Labor School, 240 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, California, on February 22, 1948. [redacted] reported that YATES stated that the Communists could not relax merely because they had secured enough signatures to get the IPP on the ballot in California, but that they must work all the harder because the Communists are the core of the Third Party. It is built around Communists, and Communists must be in every IPP meeting, every conference and all unions and organizations of any kind.

On September 11, 1950, [redacted] stated that the subject participated in a so-called peace mobilization sponsored by the IPP by soliciting signatures to the Stockholm Peace Petition. According to [redacted] these signatures were solicited in the section of Oakland, California, known as West Oakland.

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[redacted] stated that regardless of what organization officially sponsors an activity of this type, whether it be the IPP, the CRC, or any other front group, the leaders, who decide the policy and give the organization this drive, are always members of the Communist Party.

Miscellaneous

In October 1950, [redacted] of known reliability, advised that Mrs. B. TREUHART, 675 Jean Street, Oakland, California, was a subscriber to the publication, USSR

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Information Bulletin, for an undesignated period prior to January 1951.

Mrs. B. TREUHART may be identical with the subject in that her husband's name is <sup>MR.</sup> ROBERT TREUHART, and until recently, they resided at 675 Jean Street, Oakland, California.

ROBERT TREUHART

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THE SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE

At San Francisco, California

Will continue to follow and report the Communist Party and related activities of the subject.

# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: March 12, 1951

FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO

SUBJECT: JESSICA LUCY TREUHART, nee Jessica Lucy Freeman-Mitford, was., Jessica Lucy Romilly, Mrs. Esmond Romilly, Decca Treuhart, Mrs. Robert E. Treuhart

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ALIASES ADD - JESSICA LUCY ROMILLY, Mrs. ESMOND ROMILLY

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Executive Secretary - Civil Rights Congress, 700 21st Street, Oakland,  
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[REDACTED] WAS. IS-C. SMITH ACT. BUFILE ONE NAUGHT

NAUGHT DASH FOUR NINE SIX SEVEN FIVE. DAILY SUMMARY. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ADVISED AUGUST TWENTY SEVENTH LAST THAT DECCA TREUHAF,

CP MEMBER, [REDACTED] ON AUGUST NINETEEN LAST TREUHAF MET

WITH [REDACTED] AT EAST BAY CRC OFFICE, SEVEN HUNDRED TWENTY

FIRST ST., OAKLAND, CALIF. INFORMANT DID NOT KNOW IF ANYONE ELSE

PRESENT AT CRC HEADQUARTERS AT THAT TIME. MAIL COVERS BEING PLACED

ON DECCA TREUHAF AND HUSBAND AND SPOT CHECK WILL BE MADE AT CRC

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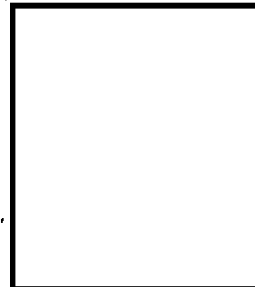
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IS DISTRIBUTING A NIMEOGRAPHED HANDBILL ENTITLED "RECORDS FOR  
WRECKERS" CALLING ATTENTION TO THE FACT THAT MRS. DECCA TREUHART,  
DIRECTOR OF THE EAST BAY CRC, MUST APPEAR BEFORE THE BURNS CALIFORNIA  
LEGISLATIVE UN AMERICAN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE ON SEPTEMBER ELEVEN. THE  
HANDBILL URGES A MASS PICKET LINE IN FRONT OF THE CITY HALL, CIVILXXX  
CIVIC CENTER, SF, ON SEPTEMBER ELEVEN, AND ALSO A CAMPAIGN TO WRITE  
TO STATE SENATOR HUGH BURNS, SACRAMENTO, TO PROTEST "THE SMEAR  
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TITLE

JESSICA LUCY TREUHAF, was.

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

The subject, commonly known as DECCA TREUHAF, resides at 730 59th Street, Oakland, Calif., and is employed as Executive Secretary of the Civil Rights Congress (CRC) with headquarters at 700 21st Street, Oakland. She was present at both sessions of the East Bay Regional Convention of the Communist Party and rendered a report on the CRC to the second session of this convention. In March, 1951, she is reported to have appeared on the speakers program with MICKEY LIMA, Organizer, Communist Party East Bay Region California and [redacted] Communist Party, Los Angeles County, at an open meeting in Oakland, California.

TREUHAF is assigned as a Communist Party member to Squad No. 1, Communist Party, West Oakland Section in the East Bay region. In May, 1951, she was reported present at a meeting addressed by PETTIS BERRY, National Chairman, Negro Commission, Communist Party - USA. In June, 1951, she was present at a meeting addressed by PAUL ROBESON and at another meeting in that month appeared as a speaker on a program which included OLETA O'CONNOR YATES, State Committee-woman, Communist Party California. She has been present at numerous meetings of the CRC during the period of this report. In March, 1951, TREUHAF was a member of a four woman

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delegation which made a trip to Jackson, Mississippi, in a vain effort to free WILLIE MCGEE, convicted Negro rapist, who had been sentenced to death.

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DETAILS:

AT OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA

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RESIDENCE AND EMPLOYMENT

[redacted] of known reliability, advised on September 5, 1951, that DECCA TREUHART resides at 730 59th Street, Oakland, California, and is employed as Executive Secretary of the East Bay Chapter of the CRC with headquarters at 700 21st Street, Oakland, California. The CRC has been declared by the Attorney General to be within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

COMMUNIST PARTY AND RELATED ACTIVITIES

On April 30, 1951, [redacted] of unknown reliability, a former member of the Communist Party, advised that in 1943 and 1944 DECCA TREUHART and her husband, Attorney ROBERT TREUHART, were present at several Communist Party meetings in San Francisco which were composed principally of lawyers and those connected with the legal profession.

On January 24, 1951, [redacted] of known reliability, advised that the Communist Party Regional Convention (Alameda and Contra Costa Counties) would be held in two sessions on January 27, 28, 1951.

[redacted] said that the first session of the above convention was held at 3138 Grove Street, Berkeley, California, on January 27, 1951. According to [redacted] TREUHART was in attendance at the first session as a delegate from the West Oakland Section, Communist Party, East Bay Region. The convention was addressed by WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, Chairman, District #13, Communist Party, USA.

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DECCA TREUHART was observed to leave 3138 Grove Street, Berkeley, site of the above convention by Special Agents [redacted]  
[redacted]

[redacted] advised that the second session of the Communist Party Regional Convention mentioned above, was held on January 28, 1951, at 2002 San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito, California. According to [redacted] DECCA TREUHART was also present at the second session and read a report on the past work and future aspirations of the CRC. She claimed the CRC had grown to 500 members.

TREUHART was observed to enter 2002 San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito on the date of the above convention by Special Agents [redacted]  
[redacted] She was observed to leave the above meeting place by Special Agents [redacted]

According to [redacted] of known reliability, the Communist Party sponsored a public meeting at Norway Hall, 2839 Piedmont Avenue, Oakland, on March 4, 1951.

On March 4, 1951, [redacted] of known reliability, made available the following information concerning the above public meeting.

The meeting was opened by MICKEY LIMA, Organizer, Communist Party East Bay Region, acting as chairman. He stated the meeting was under the auspices of the Communist Party and given in connection with Negro History Week.

The following is a partial report of statements made by LIMA:

"The present policy of the bi-partisan government of the United States dictated by Wall Street monopolists is a policy of aggression. A policy designed and aimed at enslaving the people and robbing them for the benefit of these same trusts. It is a policy of aggression and war. It is criminal to follow a policy of aggression against the independence of nations big and small. We do not believe the United States is in danger of

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being attacked in any quarter or by any force and that the danger that arises among any people and throughout the world arises only because of the expansionist, imperialist, aggressive practices of Wall Street. We are against all war measures that cut the living standards of the American people, that deny the constitution and the rights that are guaranteed by it and we are against the militarization of our youth."

LIMA then introduced DECCA TREUHART as Executive Director of the CRC in the East Bay.

Next to be introduced by LIMA was [redacted] LIMA said [redacted] of the Communist Party of Los Angeles County.

According to [redacted] in his address [redacted] made the following statements:

"Today people are learning that the struggle for liberation from American imperialism is not confined to all the oppressed people of the Negro nation of America but the struggle for liberation from American imperialism goes on throughout the world. If any white person is going to give more than lip service to the struggle for Negro rights he must either be a Communist or a Communist sympathizer or else he must have had some contact with the Communists in the past."

On May 4, 1951, [redacted] advised that at a meeting of the West Oakland Section Communist Party, East Bay Region, held April 7, 1951, at [redacted] a decision was reached to reorganize the section into squads. According to [redacted] DECCA TREUHART was assigned to Squad #1 under the direction of [redacted]

Also on May 4, 1951, [redacted] said that a celebration in honor of PETTIS PERRY, National Chairman of the Negro Commission, Communist Party, USA, was held on April 21, 1951, at the home of [redacted] According to [redacted] PETTIS PERRY was the featured speaker and most of those in attendance were members of the Communist Party. [redacted] said that DECCA TREUHART attended this celebration.

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On June 7, 1951, [ ] stated that DECCA TREUHAFT was in attendance at a meeting sponsored by the CRC held in honor of PAUL ROBESON at Masonic Hall, 30 and Myrtle Streets, Oakland, on May 13, 1951. This meeting launched a drive for membership in the Negro Labor Council which [ ] states was dominated to a great extent by the Communist Party. Set out below is a portion of a speech made by PAUL ROBESON at this meeting as reported by [ ]

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"He commented on the statement he made that Negroes would never fight against the Soviet Union. He said that statement was based upon his belief and not on any facts. He said that Negroes are asking themselves this question: Why should I fight against the Koreans, Chinese or any other Power? Can a Negro truthfully say that he is fighting for the preservation of freedom and democracy? You cannot give another that which you, yourself, do not possess. What does the Negro have at stake in this war? It is about time more Negroes started asking themselves this question. Why should I fight the Chinese people? Their problems are similar to ours (the Negroes in the United States. They are fighting for their liberation from foreign control. Here, we are fighting for our liberation. The two of us can best realize our objectives by localizing our actions. We cannot win freedom for the Negro people by fighting the Chinese in China. Our fight is here, not there. Our enemies are not the Chinese, but the ruthless characters in the South, such as RANKIN and WRIGHT and Company. I believe before long the Negro people will realize who their real enemies are and when they do they will refuse enmass to be sent overseas to fight and kill innocent people. I (PAUL ROBESON) am not going to fight an Imperialist war, nor is my son going to fight."

#### CIVIL RIGHTS CONGRESS (CRC) ACTIVITIES

On June 1, 1951, [ ] of known reliability, said that a regular meeting of the Oakland branch of the CRC was held on May 10, 1951, at McClymonas High School, Oakland, which was attended by DECCA TREUHAFT and at which a speech was given by one [ ]. According to [ ] at the conclusion of the meeting [ ] stated: "We will fight for Freedom of Speech; do away with JIM CROW fair employment. We won't stop until we have got what we want and what we are fighting for; do away with Big Business and establish a government for the people."

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[ ] has been identified by [ ] as a member of the Communist Party.

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On June 30, 1951, [ ] furnished a flyer announcing that a mass protest meeting sponsored by the CRC would be held on June 29, 1951, at Norway Hall, Oakland. This flyer indicated that OLETA O'CONNOR YATES, State Committeewoman, Communist Party of California, would speak on the subject "Say No to Fascism in America". Mrs. DECCA TREUHART, Executive Secretary of the East Bay CRC was also listed as a speaker.

On June 30, 1951, [ ] said that the above described meeting was held as scheduled and that DECCA TREUHART was in attendance.

According to [ ] OLETA O'CONNOR YATES, in her speech stated in part..."we are for the Eleven men with all our might; and don't worry, the Party will build an organization....No law on earth, no one is going to stop us no matter what they do. We are here to stay and by the end of 1952 we will have an organization that none can touch because the Party has big plans ahead." [ ] stated that YATES further said "We are not going to stop until we get what we are working for, a progressive government, with a solid foundation. The U.S.A. is trying to demand one thing...we are going to demand what we want and are going to get it. The price will not be cheap but we are willing to pay."

On July 2, 1951, [ ] of known reliability, also stated that TREUHART was present at the above meeting which was addressed by OLETA O'CONNOR YATES, State Committeewoman, Communist Party California.

Set out below in column form is information concerning the subject's attendance at various meetings of the CRC. All sources listed are of known reliability.

Date of Meeting	Date Information Furnished	Source of Information	Place of Meeting	Nature of Meeting
[ ]	2/14/51	[ ]	McClymonds High School, Oakland	Oakland Branch Meeting
[ ]	2/2/51	[ ]	"	East Bay Chapter CRC

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Date of Meeting	Date Information Furnished	Source of Information	Place of meeting	Nature of Meeting
	2/4/51			
	2/4/51		McClymonds High School, Oakland	Oakland Branch Meeting
	2/4/51		"	"
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	3/2/51		McClymonds High School, Oakland	Oakland Branch Meeting
	3/1/51		"	"
	3/1/51		Longfellow Grammar School, Oakland	Herbert Aptheker Lecture. Sponsored by CRC
	3/1/51		McClymonds High School, Oakland	East Bay Chapter CRC
	3/2/51			
	4/1/51		CRC Headquarters 700 21st St., Oakland	
	4/2/51		McClymonds High School, Oakland	Oakland Branch Meeting
	4/2/51		"	East Bay Chapter CRC

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Date of Meeting	Date Information Furnished	Source of Information	Place of Meeting	Nature of Meeting
	4/18/51		McClymonds High School, Oakland	East Bay Chapter CRC
	5/1/51		[REDACTED]	Mass meeting sponsored by CRC
	5/1/51		Macedonia Baptist Church, San Francisco	Mass meeting sponsored by CRC
	5/51		Masonic Hall 1209 Georgia St., Vallejo, Calif.	Vallejo, Calif. Branch CRC
	6/1/51		McClymonds High School, Oakland	Speech by [REDACTED] sponsored by CRC
	6/1/51		"	Open Meeting East Bay Chapter CRC

MISCELLANEOUS

[REDACTED] of known reliability, has advised that WILLIE McGEE was a Negro youth held in jail in Jackson, Mississippi, awaiting execution after being convicted of the crime of rape.

On March 1, 1951, [REDACTED] of known reliability, stated that DECCA TREUHART was one member of a four woman delegation from the East Bay Area which would visit Jackson, Mississippi, to participate in a demonstration in behalf of WILLIE McGEE.

The Daily People's World issue April 6, 1951, carried an article reflecting that DECCA TREUHART, Director of the Local CRC, Mrs. EVELYN FRIEDEN, member of the ILWU, Mrs. BILLIE WACHTER, housewife and Mrs.

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LOUISE HOPSON, member of the Labor Youth League had returned to their homes in the bay area after making a trip to Mississippi in behalf of WILLIE McGEE.

On May 3, 1951, [redacted] of known reliability, stated that on April 18, 1951, the CRC held a public meeting at the Sherman School, San Diego, California, for the purpose of raising money and gaining public support for WILLIE McGEE. Mrs. WILLIE McGEE was to have been the main speaker at the meeting but was unable to appear because of illness. According to [redacted] DECCA TREUHART of Oakland, California, appeared on the program as a substitute speaker.

On May 5, 1951, [redacted] stated that the Oakland branch of the CRC would hold a caravan and a mass meeting on behalf of WILLIE McGEE on that date with the caravan starting from DeFremery Park, Oakland and proceeding to the Alameda County Courthouse where the mass meeting would be held.

On May 5, 1951, Special Agents [redacted] [redacted] observed TREUHART participating in the above mass meeting.

On June 1, 1951, [redacted] advised that DECCA TREUHART attended a mass memorial meeting sponsored by the CRC in Oakland, California, in honor of WILLIE McGEE, convicted Negro rapist who was executed in Mississippi on May 8, 1951.

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<b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b>  <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 20%;"> <p><i>me</i></p> <p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">Deleted Copy Sent Bureau by Letter Dated 5-22-52 Per FOIPA Request</p> </div> <div style="width: 75%;"> <p>TREUHART resides at 730-59th Street, Oakland, California and is employed as Director of the East Bay Chapter of the Civil Rights Congress (CRC). As such she continues to be extremely active in affairs of the CRC. She reportedly appeared on the speakers' platform when WILLIAM PATTERSON, national functionary of the CRC stated in part, "I hate the United States Government and all it stands for." She participated in a picket line in San Francisco advocating lower bail for fifteen arrested CP leaders in LA. In July, 1951 she made an appeal for loans to the CRC to establish a "Bail Trust Fund." Since August, 1951 TREUHART has appeared on the same speakers' platform with such Communist Party functionaries as OLETA O'CONNOR YATES, [redacted] and MICKEY LIMA. As Director of the CRC she has recently been active organizing guards and patrols and obtaining favorable publicity for one [redacted] Negro veteran who moved into an all-white neighborhood and whose occupancy was strongly resented by the neighbors. In November, 1951 TREUHART acted as chairman and keynote speaker of the third annual conference of the East Bay Chapter of the CRC.</p> </div> <div style="width: 5%;"> <p>b6</p> <p>b7C</p> </div> </div>			
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I. BACKGROUND

A. CRIMINAL RECORD:

Records of the Oakland Police Department, Oakland, California, reviewed on March 3, 1952 by SE [REDACTED] failed to locate a criminal record for TREUHART.

B. EMPLOYMENT:

On April 23, 1952 [REDACTED] of known reliability, advised that TREUHART was employed as Director of the East Bay Chapter of the Civil Rights Congress (CRC), with Headquarters at 700-21st Street, Oakland.

The CRC has been declared by the Attorney General to be within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

C. RESIDENCE:

The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company Street Address Directory dated April, 1952 reflected that DECCA TREUHART resided at 730-59th Street, Oakland.

II. CONNECTIONS WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY OR OTHER  
REVOLUTIONARY GROUPS:

A. HISTORY OF ACTIVITY IN, ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS OF, AND  
POSITIONS HELD IN, THE SUBVERSIVE MOVEMENT WITH WHICH  
THE SUBJECT IS IDENTIFIED:

The "Daily People's World" issue of August 25, 1950, page 2, column 3-5 carried articles identifying TREUHART as Director of the East Bay Chapter of the CRC.

The "Daily People's World" issue of September 6, 1951, page 8, column 1 and 2 carried an article which set out the following information:

The Burn's un-American Committee (California State Legislature) moved today to grab some of the witch hunting headlines that have recently been almost the exclusive property of Federal agencies.

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The State Legislative Group formerly headed by Senator JACK B. TENNEY served a subpoena on DECCA TREUHART, Director of the East Bay Civil Rights Congress ordering her to appear at San Francisco City Hall on September 11, 1951. The article quoted TREUHART in her testimony as follows:

"It is quite understandable with Progressives being arrested throughout the United States and its territories under the notorious Smith Act and with mounting Government inspired violence against the Negro people that the next organization slated for destruction would be the Civil Rights Congress.

"It is little wonder that the vicious forces behind the Burn's Committee regard CRC as a threat to their program of Fascism and war, but all their attempts to smash the people's organization are doomed to failure.

"CRC members and their progressive friends will demonstrate their determination to fight by packing the Patterson mass meeting at the Oakland Auditorium on the night of September 13."

The "Daily People's World" issue of September 17, 1951, page 3, column 4, carried the following article:

Oakland  
September 16

"More than 400 persons gave WILLIAM L. PATTERSON, National head of the Civil Rights Congress, a standing ovation following his speech here Thursday night.

PATTERSON's talk climaxed a program which included Dr. HOLLAND ROBERTS, Director of the California Labor School and Mrs. DECCA TREUHART, East Bay CRC Director. Both appeared before the State Senate un-American Committee last week and are now facing possible 'contempt' citations because they stood on their constitutional rights and refused to answer some of the committee's questions."

The California Labor School mentioned above has been declared by the Attorney General to be within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

On September 6, 1951, [redacted] of known reliability, identified DECCA TREUHART as a member of the Ben Davis Club, COMMUNIST PARTY, Alameda County in 1947.

On September 14, 1951, [redacted] of known reliability, said TREUHART appeared as a speaker at a mass meeting of the CRC held September 13, 1951 at Oakland Auditorium, Oakland. According to [redacted] WILLIAM PATTERSON, national functionary of the CRC was the featured speaker and made the following statements:

"If there are any FBI agents in the audience and I am sure there are, I say this for their benefit. I hate the United States Government and all it stands for. I know that I and others will be arrested. We may be arrested by two's, by three's or in groups of twelve or more, but when we are incarcerated, there will be more here to take our seats."

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On September 20, 1951 [redacted] of known reliability, furnished two photographs of the subject when she appeared in a picket line in front of the U. S. Post Office, San Francisco, California on that date. [redacted] learned that the picket occurred during the noon recess of the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals, which was hearing appeals by defense attorneys in connection with lower bail for fifteen Communist Party leaders who were incarcerated in Los Angeles for violation of Smith Act.

On July 5, 1951 [redacted] of known reliability, said that TREUHART was present at a meeting of the CRC held to promote aid for the fifteen arrested Smith Act subjects in Los Angeles, at Norway Hall, Oakland, on June 29, 1951. According to [redacted] TREUHART addressed this meeting stating that the CRC was in need of loans to establish funds for a "Bail Trust Fund." TREUHART said the fund was set up to bail progressive leaders out of jail and was under the trusteeship of the law firm of TREUHART and EDISES, CRC Attorneys, and that the money could be drawn out whenever the lender desired to do so.

On October 8, 1951 [redacted] said that TREUHART attended a meeting sponsored by the CRC at Oakland Auditorium on September 13, 1951. According to [redacted] WILLIAM PATTERSON, a national functionary of the CRC, was the featured speaker at this meeting.

On January 3, 1952 [redacted] said that TREUHART was present at a meeting of the Negro Labor Council (NLC) on December 6, 1951 at 7th and Center Streets, Oakland.

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[redacted] has advised that the NLC in the East Bay Area was completely Communist dominated and controlled.

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On August 17, 1951 [redacted] of known reliability, stated that TREUHART appeared as a speaker at a CRC meeting at Norway Hall, Oakland, on June 29, 1951. According to [redacted] the theme of the meeting was to protest the Smith Act convictions of top Communist Party leaders. [redacted] said that OLETA O'CONNOR YATES was the principal speaker at this meeting.

[redacted] of known reliability, has identified OLETA O'CONNOR YATES as Organizational Secretary, COMMUNIST PARTY, State of California.

On November 1, 1951, [redacted] of known reliability, advised that TREUHART attended an [redacted] of the East Bay Chapter of the CRC on October 30, 1951 at CRC Headquarters, Oakland. [redacted] indicated that TREUHART completely dominates this type of meeting through criticism, compliments and suggestions.

On January 16, 1952, [redacted] said TREUHART was present at [redacted] of the East Bay Chapter of CRC on January 4, 1952 at an un-stated place.

On December 3, 1951, [redacted] of known reliability, reported TREUHART participated in a picket line in front of the U. S. Post Office, San Francisco, California on September 20, 1951. [redacted] said the picket line was sponsored by the COMMUNIST PARTY in protest of high bail for the twelve arrested Communist Party leaders.

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On December 26, 1951, [redacted] of known reliability, reported that on December 22, 1951 DECCA TREUHART had a "welcome-home party" at her residence in honor of MICKEL LIMA. [redacted] advised that LIMA is a Communist Party functionary who was released on bail after being held in jail in Los Angeles for violation of the Smith Act.

On January 3, 1952, [redacted] of known reliability, said that TREUHART was engaged in organizing a committee to be known as the Newson Defense Committee. [redacted] stated the committee would be for the purpose of assisting in the defense of [redacted] whose case was of great interest to the CRC. [redacted] said that TREUHART did not propose to serve on the committee as she wished to include many prominent local persons who might refuse to serve if they knew the CRC was promoting such a committee.

On January 8, 1952, [redacted] of known reliability, stated that TREUHART was employed at that time in organizing a picket line for the purpose of protesting the appearance of certain individuals in a parade dressed in Confederate Army Uniforms. TREUHART claimed the uniforms were insulting to the Negro race.

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On February 6, 1952, [redacted] of known reliability, furnished information reflecting that in addition to her duties as Director of East Bay Chapter, CRC, TREUHART had been nominated and elected as a member at large of the Executive Board of the Oakland Branch, CRC. [redacted] said that TREUHART was elected to this post at a meeting of the Oakland Branch at CRC, McClymonds High School on January 3, 1952.

[redacted] also advised that during the period August 23, 1951 to March 5, 1952 TREUHART was in attendance at numerous membership and Executive Board meetings of the Oakland Branch of the CRC.



On July 8, 1951 [ ] of known reliability, reported that TREUHAFI was present at a meeting held in Norway Hall in Oakland on June 29, 1951. According to [ ] the principal speaker at this meeting was OLETA O'CONNOR YATES, a California State Communist Party functionary.

On November 6, 1951 [ ] said that TREUHAFI acted as chairman of an East Bay Chapter, CRC, forum held on October 9, 1951 at 1819-10th Street, Berkeley.

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On March 4, 1952 [ ] reported that on January 10, 1952 TREUHAFI led a delegation from the CRC which attended a meeting of the Oakland, California City Council for the purpose of persuading the council to adopt a resolution protesting the bombing murders of Mr. and Mrs. HARRY MOORE in Mims, Florida.

[ ] said the mission was unsuccessful in that when it came time for the discussion the city council quickly passed a motion for adjournment and left the council chambers at which time the lights were extinguished and the CRC delegation forced to disband.

On March 6, 1952 [ ] advised that a dangerous situation had developed at the home of [ ]

[ ] said that a large crowd of neighbors had gathered in front of the [ ] residence on the evening of March 5, 1952 and had threatened the [ ] family because of their having moved into a previously all-white neighborhood. [ ] advised that the [ ] family were Negroes. [ ] also reported that DECCA TREUHAFI through the CRC was organizing patrols to guard the [ ] family on a twenty-four hour basis for the following few days.

[ ] has advised that the CRC used such incidents as the [ ] incident to promote racial intolerance and to gain publicity for the CRC.

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During March and April, 1952 [ ] furnished information reflecting that TREUHAFI as Director of the East Bay Chapter, CRC, was very active in assisting the [ ] family mentioned above by organizing guards and patrols and obtaining publicity for the [ ] family. She was reported by [ ] to be especially critical of efforts of the proper police authorities to maintain order in the [ ] neighborhood.

III. ALL OTHER ACTIVITIES OF THE SUBJECT INDICATING FURTHERANCE OF THE PROGRAM OF THE SUBVERSIVE ORGANIZATION WITH WHICH SHE IS ASSOCIATED:

A. SPEECHES:

On November 5, 1951 [ ] advised that TREUHAFI was the principal speaker at a membership meeting of the Oakland Branch, CRC, held on October 2, 1951 at McClymonds High School, Oakland. [ ] said that in her speech TREUHAFI made an appeal for new members in the CRC.

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On March 5, 1952 [ ] furnished a copy of a CRC report on the Third Annual Conference of the East Bay Chapter, CRC, captioned "A Fighting Program For Civil Rights." The report was published by the East Bay CRC, 700-21st Street, Oakland, California.

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This report reflected that the conference was held on November 24, 1951, was attended by more than sixty delegates and claimed to be a tremendous success both organizationally and socially.

The report set out that DECCA TREUHART, Director, East Bay Chapter, CRC, chaired the conference and acted as keynote speaker devoting her speech largely to outlining the background and history of the CRC from its original organization to its present day activities.

On December 3, 1951 [ ] of known reliability, said that TREUHART appeared as a speaker at a CRC conference held on November 24, 1951 at Norway Hall, Oakland.

On December 4, 1951 [ ] reported that TREUHART appeared as a speaker on a program sponsored by the CRC on November 24, 1951 at Norway Hall.

The "Daily People's World" issue of January 31, 1951, page 6, column 3-5 carried the following article which is quoted in part:

"Resolutions calling on the government to drop Contempt of Congress charges against WILLIAM PATTERSON, national Civil Rights Congress leader and editor or 'We Charge Genocide' were unanimously adopted by mass meetings in Seattle and Portland over the weekend.

"At both meetings DECCA TREUHART, Oakland, California CRC leader who led a delegation of women to Mississippi on behalf of WILLIE MCGEE, received a standing ovation. Mrs. TREUHART said the delegation went into the South to 'challenge the 'rape myth' and to expose those white supremacists who hide their crimes behind the skirts of white women.'

"Applause greeted Mrs. TREUHART again when she said that history will record 'WILLIAM PATTERSON as man of the year for 1951.'"

On March 26, 1952 [ ] of known reliability, furnished information concerning a meeting held by the California Emergency Defense Committee (CEDC) at Shriners Temple, 7th and Henry Streets, Oakland on March 8, 1952. [ ] reported the meeting was called by the East Bay Division of the CEDC whose purpose was the defense of the fifteen Communists on trial in Los Angeles for violation of the Smith Act. [ ] stated that [ ] and MICKEY LIMA, two of the fifteen Communists on trial at Los Angeles were featured speakers on the program. DECCA TREUHART

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also appeared as a speaker according to [redacted] her speech consisting principally of a summary of CRC activities on behalf of [redacted] a Negro veteran who had purchased a home in an all-white neighborhood in Rollingwood, Contra Costa County, California.

[redacted] has advised that the CEDC in the East Bay Area is dominated and controlled by Communist Party members.

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6/29/51	7/18/51	SA [redacted] [redacted] by written report	100-11889I-422A (26)
10/9/51	11/6/51	SA [redacted] [redacted] by written report	100-11889I-422A (39)
1/10/52	3/4/52	SA [redacted] [redacted] by written report	100-11889I-496A (10)
3/5/52	3/6/52	SA [redacted] [redacted] orally	100-21480-1076
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THE SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE:

At San Francisco, California, will continue to follow and report the Communist activities of the subject.

REFERENCE: Report of SA [REDACTED] dated 9/21/51 at San Francisco.

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TO : Director, FBI (77-27703)

FROM : SAC, San Francisco (100-21480)

SUBJECT: JESSICA LUCY TREUHART, was.  
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It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above-captioned individual.

X The Security Index Card on the captioned individual should be changed as follows: (Specify change only)

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ALIASES \_\_\_\_\_

NATIVE BORN \_\_\_\_\_ NATURALIZED \_\_\_\_\_ ALIEN \_\_\_\_\_

COMMUNIST \_\_\_\_\_ SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY \_\_\_\_\_ INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST LEAGUE \_\_\_\_\_

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) \_\_\_\_\_

Director, East Bay Chapter, Civil Rights Congress, \_\_\_\_\_

700-21st Street, Oakland, California \_\_\_\_\_

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

None \_\_\_\_\_

RESIDENCE ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (AMSD)

FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-22324)

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

DATE: 6/12/52

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JESSICA LUCY TREUHART, was., Jessica Lucy Romilly,  
Decca Treuhart, Jessica Freeman Mitford,  
Mrs. Esmond Romilly, Mrs. Robert E. Treuhart  
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ROBERT EDWARD TREUHART  
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All the above four subjects are long time and very active members  
of the Communist Party in Alameda County, California. [REDACTED]

JESSICA LUCY TREUHART is Director of the East Bay Chapter of the  
Civil Rights Congress in Oakland, California. ROBERT EDWARD TREUHART is  
an attorney that handles Communist Party litigation in the San Francisco  
Bay area.

[REDACTED] both informants of known reliability,  
have advised during the last month that the above four subjects expect  
to travel to Mexico City during this summer on vacation. [REDACTED] on  
June 3, 1952 advised that [REDACTED] was making arrangements for her child-  
ren to be cared for during a three week period beginning about June 20, 1952.

In all probability, these subjects will contact other Communist  
Party members in Mexico. This information is being submitted to the Bur-  
eau in order that it may be transmitted to the Legal Attache in Mexico  
City for information.

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ENCL: 4 photos (to be forwarded to Mexico City)  
cc: [REDACTED]  
SF 100-21480 (JESSICA LUCY TREUHART)  
SF 100-24784 (ROBERT EDWARD TREUHART)

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Letter to Director, FBI

San Francisco, California

June 12, 1952

The exact itinerary of the subjects is unknown. It is known that the TREUHAFTS recently purchased a new DeSoto automobile and have commented that the trip will be made in this car. Descriptive data concerning the car is not currently known, but will be made available if it is determined.

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The subject's are described as follows:

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Name:

Race:

Sex:

Date of Birth:

Height:

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Build:

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Eyes:

Scars:

Name:

Race:

Sex:

Birth:

Height:

Weight:

Build:

Hair:

Eyes:

Complex:

Peculiarities:

Negro

Female

JESSICA LUCH TREUHAF

White

Female

9/11/17, Morton Marsh, England

5' 5"

120 lbs.

Slender

Dark Brown

Brown (wears glasses)

Fair

Negro

Male

ROBERT EDWARD TREUHAF

White

Male

8/8/12, New York, New York

5' 9"

145 lbs.

Average

Brown

Brown

Ruddy

Has epileptic fits

Enclosed herewith is one photo of each of the four subjects.

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[REDACTED] WAS., IS DASH C, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WAS., IS DASH C, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] JESSICA LUCY

TREUHAF, WAS., IS DASH C, BUFILE SEVENTY SEVEN DASH TWO SEVEN SEVEN  
NAUGHT THREE. ROBERT EDWARD TREUHAF, SMADASH C. REMYLET JUNE TWELVE  
FIFTY TWO. [REDACTED] ADVISED THIS DATE  
ABOVE SUBJECTS EXPECT TO LEAVE OAKLAND JUNE TWENTY ONE, NEXT, PRESUM-  
ABLY FOR MEXICO CITY ON VACATION. SUBJECTS EXPECTED TO DRIVE FIFTY  
TWO DE SOTO HARDTOP CONVERTIBLE, TWO TONE GRAY, DARK GRAY TOP AND  
LIGHT GRAY BODY. CAR CURRENTLY HAS CALIF. TEMPORARY LICENSE T DASH  
N DASH THREE SEVEN THREE SIX SIX EIGHT, REGISTERED TO LAW FIRM OF  
EDISES AND TREUHAF, OAKLAND, CALIF. PHOTOS AND DESCRIPTIONS FURNI-  
SHED IN REFLET.

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travel in a 1952 DeSoto hard-top convertible with dark gray top and light gray body. This automobile carries temporary California license No. T-N-373668 and is registered to the law firm of Edises and Treuhaft, Oakland, California.

You are requested to furnish the Bureau with any information you receive through your sources concerning the activities of the captioned subjects while they are in Mexico.

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