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has written a book en	titled Daughter	s and Rebels," v	which was published
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assigned to her by her publisher) suggested This would be a good time to lay that 'ghost' once and for all and nail it down. Why don't you explain you were a Communist when you were very young and youthful?" TREUHAFT related that she stated, "It wasn't a youthful fling because I was a Communist until a short time ago and I would probably join in a minute again if there was anything doing." TREUHAFT related that was just what was trying to steer the conversation away from that subject, but was sort of interested and they talked about it for a while. TREUHAFT related that not a word of it appeared in the interview and that she, was very friendly.

JESSICA LUCY TREUHAFT (Bufile 77-27703) is the author of a recent best seller entitled "Daughters and Rebels, published by HOUGHTON MIFFLIN CO., Boston and North, and has received considerable publicity in regard to this book in both "Life" and "Time" magazines. TREUHAFT resigned from the CP in mid-1958, but has remained friendly to Party leaders in Northern California.

The enclosed memorandum has been classified CONFIDENTIAL inasmuch as it contains information which could reasonably result in identification of a confidential informant of continuing . value and compromise effectiveness thereof.



In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

San Francisco, California July 27, 1960

COMMUNIST PARTY REACTION TO REPORT ON STWEENT IMMONSTRATIONS

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Information has been received from a source which has furnished reliable information in the past that JESSICA LUCY TREUMART, authoress of the recent best soller "Daughters and Rebels," has received an assignment from "Harper's Magazine" to write an article on the student demonstration at the House Committee on Un-American Affairs (NCSA) Hearings in San Francisco, May 12-14, 1960.

TREUEAFT stated that she is interviewing as many people as she can, such as student leaders and professors on the University of California campus and other college campuses in the San Francisco Bay area.

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FROM

JESSICA LUCY TREUHAFT

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The case on the above-captioned individual has been reviewed by the Department and the subject's name approved for inclusion in the Security Index.

The memorandum showing departmental approval dated August 5, 1960, is located in Bureau file 100-398030 Serial 2707.

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Memorandum Baumgardner to Belmont RE: HOUSE COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES (HCUA) HEARINGS SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA MAY 12-14, 1960

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"Harper's Magazine" is on the "Not to Contact" list. The late Bernard DeVoto, an outspoken Bureau critic, was a regular contributor to this magazine, and the March, 1954, issue of "Harper's Magazine" contained Alan Barth's vicious article (4) entitled "How Good Is an FBI Report?"

OBSERVATIONS:

1. In view of Jessica Treuhaft's CP background and her solicitation of assistance from ______it can be expected that she will viciously attack the Director's public statement of 7/18/60 that the communists were primarily responsible for the agitation and violence during the San Francisco HCUA hearings.

2. It is believed that the Bureau, through the use of mass media, should take steps to make Jessica Treuhaft's CP back-up

RECOMMENDATION:

If you approve, the attached memorandum which contains public source material relating to the CP background of Jessica Treuhaft should be forwarded to Assistant Director DeLoach so that he may give consideration to making this material available to sources in the mass media field in the event that her article is published in "Harper's Magazine."

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at the University of California Campus and other colleges in the
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San Francisco Bay Area, in connection with this assignment.
has reported that TREUHAFT has solicited the
assistance of and consulted with him on frequent
occasions in connection with the writing of this article. This
source has reported that TREUHAFT has actually written an article
which has been forwarded to the publishers and refused and returned
for correction. It is believed that this particular article may
refer to this assignment.
This report reflects that TREUHAFT was involved indirectly
with minting the manife of model disturbance of Mantgamerry
with rioting, the result of racial disturbances at Montgomery,
Alabama on May 20-21, 1961. Investigation at Montgomery. Alabama
indicates that TREUHAFT probably drove the automobile of
to the First Baptist Church, Montgomery, Alabama on
the night of May 21, 1961, and was evidently in the church at the
time of a serious riot which occurred at that location. An auto-
mobile was observed being overturned and burned by a mob incensed
by rumors concerning the "Freedom Riders" that evening.
San Francisco newspapers have indicated that because of
TREUHAFT'S proximity to this moting, she has received an additional
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major local San Francisco and East Bay papers. She has appeared
as a guest, on two occasions, on a local television program since
herereturn from Montgomery, Alabama.

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The "Pictorial Living", magazine section of the "San Francisco Examiner" issue of February 19, 1961, features TREUHAFT on the cover and the feature article of the magazine concerns her. This article also indicates she has written an article concerning the "High Cost of Dying" and that she is writing an article for "Harper's Magazine", on the University of California students with particular reference to "recent undergraduate uprisings."

In August 1960, reported that TREUHAFT was making a recording for Radio Station KPFA and she indicated It was being made especially for the Canadian Broadcasting System.

The above information does not refer to subversive activity, however, has been set forth to indicate Subject's activities, which are of interest.

On March 28, 1961, reported that a table had been set up in front of the Consumers Co-operative of Berkeley, University Avenue, Berkeley, California, for the purpose of handing out material concerning the Peace March Plan for the Easter Peace March on April 1, 1961. This source reported DECCA TREUHAFT as being present at this table. Source further indicated a petition was at this table-calling for the abolition of nuclear testing.

Inasmuch as this activity is not being investigated by this office, this information is reported administratively.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION



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Report of:

Field Office File No.: 100-21480

Bureau File No.:

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JESSICA LUCY TREUHAFT

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TREUHAFT resides at 6411 Regent Street, Oakland, California, and is a housewife and a self-employed writer. In 7/60, Subject was reported to have left CP within the last two years. TREUHAFT present at party to welcome MICKEY LIMA, Chairman, CP, Northern District of California, home from trip to Moscow. Continued contacts with personnel and activities in behalf of the PW by Subject reported. TREUHAFT scheduled speaker at session of National Lawyers Guild Convention, San Francisco, California in 7/60. Local newspapers reported in 2/61, that TREUHAFT was hostess to ANN BRADEN, Staff Member, Southern Conference Educational Fund. During 5/61, TREUHAFT reportedly trapped overnight/ by race rioting in a church in Montgomery, Alabama while gathering material for a magazine article.

DETAILS

BACKGROUND

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DECCA TREUHAFT was present at a party held at the residence of MICKEY LIMA, 6115 Dover Street, Oakland, California on February 4, 1961. This affair was a welcome home party for LIMA, who had recently returned from a trip to the Soviet Union, Germany, Italy and other European countries. At this meeting, LIMA spoke in general about the successes and advancements being made in the socialist countries.

Source: on 2/7/61 on 2/20/61

MICKEY LIMA is Chairman of the CP, Northern District of California.

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The "San Francisco Examiner", San Francisco, California daily newspaper of November 21, 1960, page 11, contains an article captioned "'MICKEY' LIMA Area Red Chief at Moscow Meet." This article states as follows:

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"ALBERT JASON 'MICKEY' LIMA, Communist Party Chief in Northern California, is in Moscow attending the 'Red Summit' conference with party members from 46 other nations it was learned last night.

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"LIMA, who lives in Oakland, left this country early this month to attend the ultra-secret meeting.

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"Ostensibly the executives of international communism arrived in Moscow two weeks ago to celebrate the 43rd Anniversary of the Bolshevik Revolution.

"It is believed, however, that the purpose of the meeting, presided over by Premier KHRUSHCHEV, (a) is to resolve the power struggle between Soviet Russia and Communist China."

Sources familiar with various phases of CP activity in the East Bay Area (Alameda and Contra Costa Counties, California), contacted in July 1961, have furnished no additional activity on the part of TREUHAFT.

PEOPLE'S WORLD (PW)

The 'People's World"is a west coast communist newspaper published in San Francisco, California.

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,	She stated that this type of leadership was provided the world	
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**	The PW issue of December 3, 1960, page 7, columns 3 and 4,	•
٠.	contains a book review on "Portrait of Max - An Intimate Memoir,	
•	of Sir Max Beerbohm" by S. N. BEHRMAN. This review contains	
	the printed name of DECCA TREUHAFT as writer.	
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NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD (NLG) (SEE APPENDIX PAGE)

The final program of the National Convention for 1960 of the NLG, held in San Francisco, California on July 28-31, 1960, at the Jack Tar Hotel, notes that on July 29, 1960, Mrs. ROBERT TREUHAFT was to be the speaker at the conference of Guild Lawyer's wives on the subject "How Helpful Can A Lawyer's Wife Be!"

The "San Francisco Examiner" issue of July 30, 1960, Section 1, Page 16, reflects that JESSICA MITFORD ROMILLY TREUHAFT spoke before the above group as announced.

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TREUHAFT was present with her husband, ROBERT TREUHAFT, at the NLG 1960 Convention Banquet held on July 30, 1960, at the Jack Tar Hotel, Van Ness and Geary Streets, San Francisco, California.

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MISCELLANEOUS

The "San Francisco Examiner" issue of February 21, 1961, Section Two, Page 2, contains an article entitled "A New Kind of Seuthern Rebel", which pertains to Mrs. ANN BRADEN. This article indicates Mrs. BRADEN and her husband CARL were indicted in their home town, Louisville, Kentucky, in 1954, on the charge of sedition because they bought a house on behalf of a Negro in a white district. CARL BRADEN was convicted and sentenced to 15 years in prison, however, the case was dismissed by an appeal court. This article indicates that both BRADEN and her husband are on the staff of the Southern Conference Educational Fund, which works for integration in the South. It is noted in this article that Mrs. BRADEN was the house guest of Mrs. ROBERT TREUHAFT (Writer JESSICA MITFORD), 6411 Regent Street, Oakland, California.

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The "San Francisco Chronicle", a San Francisco daily newspaper, issue of February 22, 1961, contains similar information to that set forth above and states that Mrs. BRADEN is visiting locally "to enlist both moral and financial support for the fund." This article also indicates she is a house guest of Mrs. ROBERT (JESSICA MITFORD) TREUHAFT. (SEE APPENDIX PAGE)

The "Oakland Tribune", an Oakland, California daily publication, issue of May 25, 1961, contains an article entitled "Oakland Author Trapped In Riot." This article states that Mrs. DECCA TREUHAFT visiting friends in Montgomery, Alabama while gathering material for a magazine article, attended a meeting in the First Baptist Church and begame one of 1500 persons trapped there overnight during a racial riot.

The above information also reported by Columnist DICK NOLAN of the "San Francisco Examiner" on May 28, 1961, who stated that she was in Montgomery, Alabama researching racial problems for a forthcoming book when trouble flared and "This won her a quick assignment to do a thing about it for a national magazine."

HERB CAEN, Columnist, "San Francisco Chronicle", issue of May 25, 1961, reported Author JESSICA MITFORD TREUHAFT had joined the "Freedom Riders" in Alabama and had to take refuge in a church to escape the rath of "Ku Kluxers." CAEN further quoted TREUHAFT "'And only a howling mob, she adds, could keep me in church for 12 hours!"

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NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD SAN FRANCISCO CHAPTER

A source advised on May 1, 1961, that the San Francisco Chapter of the National Lawyers Guild, which is affiliated with the National Lawyers Guild and follows its policies and directives, was organized in the summer of 1937, and is currently active in San Francisco, California.

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The Special Committee on Un-American Activities in House Report No. 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee dated March 29, 1944, page 149, cited the National Lawyers Guild as a Communist front.

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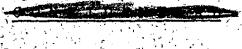
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

San Francisco, California

In Reply, Please Refer to File No. SF 100-21480

July 28, 1961

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Title

JESSICA LUCY TREUHAFT

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Reference

Report of SA dated 7/28/61, at San Francisco.

All sources (except any listed below) used in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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He San Francisco letter to Bureau dated 2/19/59, with enclosed letterhead moso.

On July 27, 1961, Passport Agency, United States Department & State, 375 O'Farrell Ferest, San Francisco, California, advised this office that applications for passport renewal had been. filed by ROBERT MOVARD TREVELYT and his wife JESSICA LUCY TREMATT, for purposed travel abroad in September, 1961.

A check with San Francisco security sources, meighborhood sources, and with BOAC and travel agencies femorely used by the TREURAFT's have failed be furnish any mation as of this time, concerning purposed travel by erector beneaves.

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San Francisco, California

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JESSICA LUCY TREUHAFT, aka Jessica Lucy Romilly, Decca Treuhaft, Jessica Freeman-Mitford, Mrs. Robert Edward Treuhaft, Mrs. Esmond Romilly, Jessica Mitford

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JESSICA LUCY TREUHAFT was issued passport number
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The records of the Passport Agency, United States Department of State, San Francisco, California, reviewed July 27, 1961, reflect that application for passport renewal, dated July 17, 1961, was filed by JESSICA LUCY TREUHAFT requesting her passport be mailed to 6411 Regent Street, Oakland, California. The application reflects she planned to leave from New York on approximately September 10, 1961, for the purpose of visiting her family in England and France. She indicated she plans to travel by BOAC and expects to travel by air both ways.

JESSICA LUCY TREUHAFT is a housewife and a selfemployed writer residing at 6411 Regent Street, Oakland, California. She is married to ROBERT FOWARD TRUTHAFT and has two children,

A source advised that JESSICA LUCY TREUHAFT was in Mexico City, Mexico, arriving late June or early July 1958, on a vacation trip and rented an apartment in Mexico City. Principal contacts of TREUHAFT while in Mexico City were persons who were leaders and members of the American Communist Group in Mexico, a group which is a loose association of a predominately social nature of past or present members of the

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Communist Party, USA, and their friends and associates who share a common sympathy for Communism and the Soviet Union.

A second source advised in November, 1958, that DECCA TREUHAFT was active in fund raising matters in connection with the Amnesty Campaign in the San Francisco area for HENRY WINSTON and GILBERT GREEN.

HENRY WINSTON and GILBERT GREEN were convicted in United States District Court, 7th District of New York, New York City on October 14, 1949 for conspiracy to violate the Smith Act of 1940. WINSTON and GREEN failed to surrender for imprisonment after conviction and were subsequently given an additional three year sentence for contempt.

A third source advised in July, 1960; that according to MICKEY LIMA, Chairman, Communist Party, USA, Northern District of California, DECCA TREUHAFT left the Communist Party within the last year or two.

In February, 1961, a fourth source advised that DECCA TRECHAFT was present at a party held at the residence of MICKEY IMA, 6115 Dover Street, Oakland, California on February 1, 1961. This affair was a welcome home party for LIMA, who had recently returned from a trip to the Soviet Union, Germany, Italy and other European countries. At this meeting, LIMA spoke in general about the successes and advancements being made in the socialist countries.

The "San Francisco Examiner", San Francisco, California daily newspaper of November 21, 1960, page 11, contains an article captioned "MICKEY! LIMA Area Red Chief at Moscow Meet." This article states as follows:

"ALBERT JASON 'MICKEY'LIMA, Communist Party Chief in Northern California, is in Moscow attending the 'Red Summit' conference with party members from 46 other nations it was learned last night.

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"LIMA, who lives in Oakland, left this country early this month to attend the ultra-secret meeting.

"Ostensibly, the executives of international communism arrived in Moscow two weeks ago to celebrate the 43rd Anniversary of the Bolshevik Revolution.

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"It is believed, however, that the purpose of the meeting, presided over by Premier KHRUSHCHEV, is to resolve the power struggle between Soviet Russia and Communist China."

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The "San Francisco Examiner" issue of July 30, 1960, reflects that JESSICA MITFORD ROMILLY TREUHAFT spoke at the conference of Guild Lawyers Wives on July 29, 1960; at the National Convention for 1960 of the National Lawyers Guild held in San Francisco at the Jack Tar Hotel, San Francisco, California July 28, through 31, 1960. (See Appendix.)

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In addition to the above, various sources have advised that TREUHAFT has supported the activities of the "People's World" by her attendance at and through the use of her home for benefits for the "People's World". TREUHAFT has also written articles published under her name in this publication, and maintains close contact with members of the staff of the "People's World.

The "People's World" is a West Coast Communist, newspaper published at San Francisco, California.

The "Oakland Tribune", an Oakland, California daily newspaper issue of May 25, 1960, reveals that Mrs. ROBERT E. TREUHAFT of Oakland, is the author of a book, an autobiography entitled "Daughters and Rebels", which will be published June 9, 1960, by Houghton-Mifflin Company of Boston.

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Reviews of the above book, which is authored under the name of JESSICA MITFORD, have appeared in many local. Nathonal newspapers and publications, including the "San Francisco Examiner", "San Francisco Chronicle", the "People's World", the "New York Times", and "Time" and "Life" magazines.

LUCY TREUHAFT, author of a recent best seller had received an assignment from "Harpers magazine to write an article on the student demonstration at the House Committee on un-American Activities in San Francisco, May 12 to 14, 1960. TREUHAFT indicated that she is interviewing as many people as she can, such as student leaders and professors on the University of California campus and other college campuses in the San Francisco Bay Area. This source further stated that TREUHAFT has solicited the assistance of the "People's World" newspaper in preparation of this article.

The "Oakland Tribune", issue of May 25, 1961, contains an article entitled "Oakland author trapped in riot." This article stated that Mrs. DECCA TREUHAFT visiting friends in Montgomery, Alabama, while gathering material for a magazine article, attended a meeting in the First Baptist Church and became one of 1500 persons trapped there over night during a racial riot.

The above information was also reported by a columnist for the "San Francisco Examiner" on May 28, 1961, stated she was in Montgomery, Alabama, researching racial problems for a forthcoming book when trouble flaired, and "This won her a quick assignment to do a thing about it for a national magazine".





NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD SAN FRANCISCO CHAPTER

A source advised on May 1, 1961, that the San Francisco Chapter of the National Lawyers Guild, which is affiliated with the National Lawyers Guild and follows its policies and directives, was organized in the summer of 1937, and is currently active in San Francisco, California.

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ROBERT EDWARD TREUHAPT, aka

JESSICA LUCY TREUHAFT, aka

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Re San Francisco letter to Bureau dated 8/30/61.

Continued investigation by the San Francisco Office reflects that the TREGNAFTS remain at their residence 6411 Regent Street, Oakland, California.

IEEEICA TREUHAFT was observed by an Agent of this office on October 18, 1961, and she was also observed to the company of her husband the previous week.

Continued contact with neighborhood sources and security informants, has failed to reveal any information concerning travel plans of either Subject. Continues contact with BCAC, In Francisco, the air lines with which the TREUHAFTS stated they intended to travel has failed to reflect any reservations or inquiry by the TREUHAFTS.

It, therefore, appears that the TREUHAPTs* travel plans, if such were actually made, have either been changed or cancelled. Accordingly, this matter is being closed at this time in the San Francisco. Sources above have been alerted and in the event information concerning travel plans comes to attention, the Bureau will be notified by letterhead memorandum.

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Re Bureau 0-7 form 9/13/61, transmitting letterhead memorandum dated 8/30/61 at San Francisco.

Pertinent background information concerning subjects was made available to

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No information has been received indicating that subjects have come to the attention of those agencies, but they are alert to our interest and will furnish this office with any pertinent information developed in the future.

The matter is being placed in an RUC status until such time as information relating to subjects is received from French authorities.

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Enclosed herewith are 12 copies of letterhead memorandum on captioned Subjects reflecting travel to Europe and possible travel to Asia on the part of ROBERT E. TREUHAFT.

The enclosed letterhead memorandum is classified confidential because data reported by the first source therein sould reasonably result in the identification of an informant of continuing value and compromise future effectiveness thereof.

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Pretext inquiry referred to in the letterhead memorandum on 7/9/62 was by SA to the law office of ROBERT RIMARD TREUHAM attempting to contact him on a personal matter.

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THE WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE:

AT WASHINGTON, D.C.

It is requested that a check of the records of the Passport Division, U.S. Department of State, be made and photographs of Subjects obtained. San Francisco is in possession of all apparent information in connection with passport renewals filed by Subjects on 7/17/61. ROBERT E. TREUHAFT has passport #1269760 and JESSICA LUCY TREUHAFT has passport #126677. Any information in Subjects passport files subsequent to renewal application is requested.



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UNDED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION San Francisco, California July 10, 1962



ROBERT E. TREUHAFT;
JESSICA LUCY TREUHAFT, aka.
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Jessica Freeman-Mitford,
Mrs. Robert Edward Treuhaft,
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Reference is made to letterhead memorandum dated August 30, 1961 at San Francisco.

A source advised that BOB TREUHAFT from Northern California is going to the World Congress for General Disarmament and Peace, Moscow, Russia, July 9 - 14, 1962.

Pretext inquiry by a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on July 9, 1962 ascertained that ROBERT TREUHAFT and his wife are presently on a trip through Europe. Mr. TREUHAFT is expected to return to his office in the firm of Edises, Treuhaft, Grossman and Grogan, 1440 Broadway, Oakland, California, about mid-September, 1962.

A second source advised on July 9, 1962 that ROBERT TREUHAFT and his wife, #ESSICA, have recently departed from their residence, 6411 Regent Street, Oakland, California, for a stay of approximately two and one-half months in Europe. The TREUHAFTs intend to visit Mrs. TREUHAFT's mother, who is seriously ill, and while gone plan to work on Mrs. TREUHAFT's new book.

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RE: ROBERT E. TREUHAFT;
JESSICA LUCY TREUHAFT

The "San Francisco Chronicle", a San Francisco, California, daily newspaper, issue of December 21, 1961, page 17, in an article by columnist HERB CAEN, states that Lawyer BOB TREUHAFT has taken temporary leave of his practice to help his wife, DECCA MITFORD, complete her book on the U.S. funeral industry - "The American Way of Death."

The "San Francisco Examiner", a San Francisco, California, daily newspaper, issue of December 3, 1961, American Weekly Section, indicates that JESSICA MITFORD TREUHAFT had published an autobiography "Daughters and Rebels" and had started another book tentatively entitled "The American Way of Death, or, St. Peter, Whats the Point."

The last known address in the United Kingdom of Mrs. TREUHAFT's mother, The Lady Redesdale, which was as of May, 1959, is Inch Kenneth, Isle of Mull, Braburn, Oban.

Sources referred to above have furnished reliable information in the past.

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records of the Passport Division, Department of State, to obtain photographs and any information which may be subsequent to renewal of passport.

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AT SAN FRANCISCO. CALIFORNIA

Will report any Information of pertinence from records of the Passport Office, Department of State.

Will report Subject's return to Oakland, California, from his current trip abroad.

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One copy of this report is designated for INS, San Francisco, inasmuch as Subject is a naturalized citizen and is under investigation by that service.

Eretext inquiry on 7/9/62, was by SA to the law office of ROBERT EDWARD TREUHAFT, Subject's husband.

New York airtel to Bureau captioned, "World Congress for General Disarmament and Peace, Moscow, Russia, July 9 to 14, 1962, IS - C." with enclosure contains information received from

Among those listed is "BOB TREUHAFT -- is a writer, as is also his wife. He was in C.P., and now is friendly. He has a limited view of the World Peace Council -- but can be helpful."

The caution accompanying the above information states that by its nature, it tends to identify the source and should not be incorporated or even paraphrased in an investigative report. For this reason, this information is reported administratively.

It is not known to this office whether Subject intends to accompany her husband to Moscow, Russia, to the above conference.

By letter dated 3/27/62, Legat, Bonn, furnished information to the Bureau, which was forwarded to San Francisco, received from the U.S. Army, Operations and Research Detachment, Frankfurt/Main, Germany.

Information from this source consists of a subscribed and sweet Affidavit of Support, dated 2/15/62, in behalf of to the Foreign Service of b6 the United States of America.

In this affidavit, ROBERT E. TREUHAFT, with the concurrence of his wife JESSICA L. TREUHAFT. makes the affidavit in support of the application of permission to immigrate to this country. The arridavit states that he has an income within the last three years of \$11,000 to \$14,000 per year, and his wife has an independent income as an author. He further indicated that they had \$20,000 in savings accounts and an equal amount in investments, plus an equity of \$7,000 in his home. The affidavit states that he and his wife knew the applicant before her departure from the United States and are willing and able to guarantee she does not become a public charge. They stated they have the highest regard for her character, integrity, and competence.

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Because of the personal nature of this information, as well as the source from which it was obtained, this information is reported administratively so as not to disclose the source.

On 11/4/61, Subject appeared as a speaker before the Berkeley Democratic Women's Forum at the Northbrae Community Church, Berkeley, California.

Information was also received from on 9/14/61, that Subject was to be a speaker before a college on 11/16/61, and the Southern California English Association on 11/18/61.

The Los Angeles Office subsequently determined that Subject was a speaker at the Immaculate Heart College, 2021 North Western Avenue, Los Angeles, California, in November, 1961.

In addition to Subject's public appearance as reported above, she has received publicity in "The Democrat," 7th Congressional District California Newspaper, the Berkeley Daily Gazette, the Oakland Tribune, the San Francisco Examiner, and the San Francisco Chronicle, all daily newspapers in the San Francisco Bay area. In addition, Subject has been twice featured in articles in a publication called "Tocsin," which is an anti-communist weekly, published at Berkeley. Both articles have identified her either as a communist or communist sympathizer.

The above is reported administratively to show the publicity received by Subject through her activities as an author.

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6. Subject is employed in a key facility and b7D is charged with security responsibility. Interested
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Subject previously interviewed (dates) X Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason) she is an author who has received a great deal of publicity within the past 2 years through press, radio, TV, and public appearances. She is a very outspoken individual and predictly known to be a CP member and a "Liberal." It is felt that either she or her husband may use an interview in an effort to create embarrassment to the Bureau.
This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card. This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason)
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION



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Synopsis:

JESSICA LUCY TREUHAFT, who writes under the name JESSICA MITFORD, resides at 6411 Regent Street, Oakland, California, and is a self-employed author. Subject and husband currently reported traveling in Europe until approximately September, 1962. Subject identified as a CP member prior to 1956, and also during 1958. In July, 1961, Subject reported Coordinator of a Northern California Working Committee for the Southern Educational Conference Fund. Subject active in attendance at East Bay Community Forum (EBCF) affairs and in November, 1961, took the part of an attorney defending CP in skit presented by EBCF. Subject also reported to participate in activities of the PW andB Bay Area Council of Sobell Committees. Association with entified CP members, reported.

DETAILS:

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RESIDENCE AND EMPLOYMENT

Subject resides at 6411 Regent Street, Oakland, California. She is a writer, working from her residence.

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The San Francisco Chronicle, a San Francisco, for California, daily newspaper, issue of December 21, 1961, page 17, in an article by columnist HERB CAEN, states that Lawyer BOB TREUHAFT has taken temporary leave of his practices. to help his wife Decca Mitford complete her book on the U.S. Funeral Industry--The American Way of Death.

The San Francisco Examiner, a San Francisco, California, daily newspaper, issue of December 3, 1961, American Weekly Section, indicates that JESSICA MITFORD TREUHAFT had published an autobiography, "Daughters and Rebels," and had started another book tentatively entitled, "The American Way of Death," or "St. Peter, What's the Point."

B. PASSPORT INFORMATION

JESSICA LUCY TREUHAFT was issued Passport Number 1288677 by the Passport Office, Department of State, on February 5, 1959, based on application dated January 28, 1959.

The records of the Passport Agency, U.S. Department of State, San Francisco, California, reviewed July 27, 1961, reflect that Application for Passport Renewal, dated July 17, 1961, was filed by JESSICA LUCY TREUHAFT requesting her passport be mailed to 6411 Regent Street, Oakland, Califonia.

ROBERTY TREUHAFT and his wife are presently on a trip through Europe.

Pretext inquiry by a Special Agent of the FBI, on 7/962.

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ROBERT TREUHAFT and his wife JESSICA have recently departed from their residence, 6411 Regent Street, Oakland, for a stay of approximately two and one half months in Europe. The TREUHAFTS intend to visit Mrs. TREUHAFT's mother, who is seriously ill, and while gone, plan to work on Mrs. TRUEHAFT's new book.

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II. COMMUNIST PARTY (CP) AND RELATED ACTIVITIES

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She said that one of the persons known to her to have been a member of the CP during the course of her membership in that organization was the following:

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The Oakland Tribune, issue of October 30, 1961, article captioned, "Houlihan Challenges Peace March," states that Mayor JOHN C. HOULIHAN stated that he would refuse to meet with participants in a "peace action march" slated to visit City Hall. The article quotes Houlihan as follows:

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"Part of this program, as reported in the press, consists of panel discussions in which Jessica Mitford and Mike Tigar are to be participants," Houlihan noted.

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"Jessica Mitford is, in reality, Decca Treuhaft, identified as a member of the communist party and not on record as ever having denied such membership," he said."

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Sources familiar with various phases of CP and related activities in the East Bay region, (Alameda and Contra Costa Counties, California) contacted in July, 1962, have furnished no information indicating CP activities on the part of the Subject.

B. SOUTHERN CONFERENCE EDUCATIONAL FUND - SEE APPENDIX

A source advised that the minutess of the meeting of the

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during February, 1901. She reported that during her
visit, a working committee was established in Northern

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California with Mrs. DECCA TREUHAFT as Coordinator.

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C. EAST BAY COMMUNITY FORUM (EBCF) - SEE APPENDIX

On June 10, 1961, a buffet dinner honoring ()
BERTRAM EDISES, sponsored by the Teachers Defense
Committee (TDC) of the EPCF was held in the Hotel Claremont,
Berkeley, California. JESSICA TREUHAFT was present at
this dinner and seated at the head table.

TREUHAFT was also listed on the program as U

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Dr. JACK PATTEN, in testimony before hearings of the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA), San Francisco, California, on June 19, 1957, identified BERTRAM EDISES as a person known to him as a CP member prior to 1948.

The "San Francisco Chronicle," a San Francisco, California, daily newspaper, issue of June 19,1957, Page 10, reflects

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> that BERTRAM EDISES was subpoened on the previous day to appear as a witness before hearings of the HCUA then in session in San Francisco. The article indicated EDISES would refuse to answer any questions put to him concerning either his awn affairs or those of his clients.

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BERTRAM EDISES appeared in response to a subpoena as a witness in hearings before the HCUA, House of Representatives 86th Congress, on May 14, 1961, at San Francisco, California. EDISES, an uncooperative witness, was ordered removed from the hearing room by the Committee Chairman as a result of his testimony. At these hearings EDISES appeared as counsel for at least six witnesses subpoenaed before the Committee.

On November 17, 1961, a meeting of the EBCF was held at the Whittier School, Milvia Street, Berkeley, California.

At this meeting, Subject participated in a skit presented on the Mc Carran Act and portrayed the position of an attorney defending the CP. Subject's husband, ROBERT TREUHAFT, portrayed the Solicitor General for the Government.

Following the skit, MICKIE LIMA, Chairman of the CP, Northern District of California, spoke stating that the CP would not register nor reveal memberships under the Mc Carran Act.

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D. "PEOPLE'S WORLD" (PW)

The PW is a West Coast communist newspaper, published in San Francisco, California.

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On July 6, 1961, a showing of films to benefit the PW was held at 2126 Emerson Street, Berkeley, California.

Subject was present to see the film, "The Harvester," depicting deplorable conditions of farm laborers, and "Butte," a film depicting equally deplorable conditions of mine workers in Butte, Montana.

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E. SOBELL COMMITTEE - SEE APPENDIX

The name and address ROBERT and DECCA TREUHAFT, 574-61st Street, Oakland, appeared on "A Petition in Behalf of MORTON SOBELL," which was forwarded and received by the President of the United States. This petition, which is addressed, "Mr. President," states in part:

"...I join with my fellow Americans in asking you to return Morton Sobell to his wife and children through Executive Pardon or commutation, or by instructing the Attorney General to recommend a new trial."

This petition requests its return and contributions to Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, 940 Broadway, New York 10, New York. The petition indicates a contribution of \$2.00 for the TREUHAFTS.

Internal Security Division, Department of Justice, Washington, D.C., in November, 1961.

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On March 23, 1962, the Sobell Committee sponsored a picket line in front of the International House, University of California, carrying slogans asking the President of the United States, who was speaking at that time at the University of California Charter Day Ceremonies, to release MORTON SOBELL from prison.

In this picket line of the Bay Area Sobell Committee, marched arm in arm with HELEN SOBELL, MORTON SOBELL's wife. DECCA and BOB TREUHAFT were observed in this picket line.

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An announcement was received from the Bay Area Council of Sobell Committees concerning a March 24, 1962, reception of the Sobell Committee to hear a report by HELEN SOBELL on her recent trip to Europe for international support for the fight to free her husband from prison.

Among sponsors of this meeting listedswas Miss JESSICA MITFORD, Author.

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Subject was present at a meeting sponsored by the Sobell Committee, held on March 24, 1962, at the Sir Francis Drake Hotel, San Francisco, California.

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At this meeting, gave a report on a meeting of the CP State Legislative Commission, composed of persons from both the Northern and Southern Districts of the CP.

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BAY AREA COUNCIL OF SOBELL COMMITTEES aka Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL, Northern California Council of SOBELL Committees

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A source advised on October 31, 1955, that the Bay Area Council of Sobell Committees (BASCSC) was formed on October 17, 1955, in San Francisco, California, as the local affiliate of the National Sobell Committee, to carry out the policies of the National Committee to obtain the freedom of MORTON SOBELL.

On April 10, 1962, a second source advised that the BACSC has its headquarters at 345 Franklin Street, San Francisco, California, and is continuing to function and plan future Sobell affairs.

On December 18, 1959, a third source advised that a member of the Warehouse Club. Communist Party (CP)

East Bay Region, Oakland, California, and for the BACSC, has stated that the CP is interested in controlling the BACSC so that the BACSC will continue to follow the line of the National Sobell Committee in attempting to obtain the freedom of MORTON SOBELL.

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COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL

"Following the execution of atomic spies Ethel and Julius Rosenberg in June, 1953, the 'Communist campaign assumed a different emphasis. Its major effort centered upon Morton Sobell, 'the Rosenbergs' codefendant. The National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case - a Communist front which had been conducting the campaign in the United States - was reconstituted as the National Rosenberg-Sobell Committee at a conference in Chicago in October, 1953, and 'then as the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case'..."

(Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications" dated December 1, 1961, issued by the House Committee on Un-American Activities, page 116.)

In September, 1954, the name "National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell" appeared on literature issued by the Committee. In March, 1955, the current name, "Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell," first appeared on literature issued by the Committee.

The Address Telephone Directory for the Borough of Manhattan, New York City, as published by the New York Telephone Company, on April 9, 1962, lists the "Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell" (CSJMS) as being located at 940 Broadway, New York, New York.

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EAST BAY COMMUNITY FORUM (EBCF)

A source advised on May 1, 1961, that the East Bay Community Forum (EBCF) is an active organization with head-
quarters at 2230 McGee Street. Berkelev. California.

There is no reported information concerning Communist Party (CP) or Socialist Workers Party (SWP) affiliation by anyone identifiable with

The CP and the SWP have been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

This source informed on February 4, 1960, that the EBCF grew out of efforts made by a number of people to form some sort of public protest to the House Committee on Un-American Activities investigation in the field of education in San Francisco during June, 1959.

A second source, on February 4, 1961, furnished a leaflet captioned "A Statement of Principles and Organization," issued by the EBCF, which contained the following quoted information:

"The East Bay Community Forum is born of the effective citizens' protest against the recent attempt of the House Committee on Un-American Activities to place local teachers on political trial. Its purpose is the defense of civil liberties for all in our community, state and nation.

"Since the end of World War II, we have been afflicted with an array of 'loyalty' oaths, 'security' screens, investigations of 'subversives,' and imprisonments for political 'contempt.' The liberty and equality guaranteed by the Bill of Rights has been diluted and compromised.

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"Because McCarthyism has now become institutionalized, with the effect of creating apathy, fear, and conformity, we believe that the dissemination of facts and open public discussion are urgently needed to help generate the necessary social and legislative action for the protection of the Bill of Rights.

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"The East Bay Community Forum seeks to augment, rather than replace, any existing organization in these general fields. It is the conviction of the Forum that the cause of liberty need no longer be merely a movement of resistance, but that it can become a channel for the expression of all those creative values which the present age of fear and conformity would eliminate from community life.

"Therefore, we welcome to our work all those who are concerned with this general question, and offer them the widest scope for their varied talents and personal interests. We function through active committees, rather than as a membership organization."

The first source informed on February 4, 1960, that
who was described by source as
the Northern California District CP, had commented that if people
knew he and the CP were behind the forum, the forum would not have
much chance for success.

The first source further informed on August 21, 1961, that the EBCF is currently inactive and becomes active only when certain issues arise.

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SOUTHERN CONFERENCE EDUCATIONAL FUND

An amendment to the charter of the Southern Conference for Human Welfare (SCHW), which has been cited by the House Committee on Un-American Activities as a communist front, changed the name of the organization to the Southern Conference Educational Fund, Incorporated, (SCEF) and listed its purpose as being to improve the educational and cultural standards of the Southern people in accordance with the highest American democratic institutions, traditions and ideals. The amendment was dated April 26, 1946.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JÜSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Renort of Special Agent dated and captioned as above, at

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All sources (except any listed below) used in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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