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August 25, 1976

Clarence M. Kelley, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Kelley,

What does the FBI have to say in its own
defense regarding this case? After all, the

National Council of Churches is a reputable
organization and this is a serious charge.

Furthermore the U.S. government has been sadly
remiss in treatment of the Indians, who inhabited
this continent before white man ever set foot
upon it.

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We shall be awaiting your answer so that we
can publicize it among our friends and local
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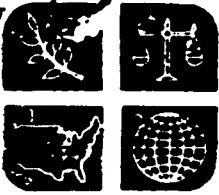
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DIVISION OF CHURCH AND SOCIETY**

FROM THE DESK OF

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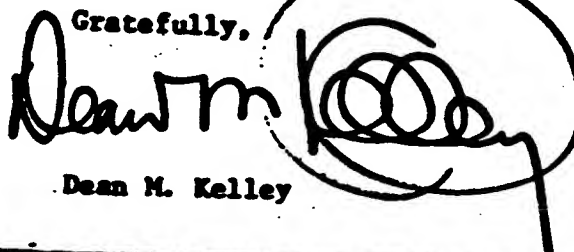
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Dear Friend,

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Prison was extremely difficult for Leonard. Not only was he moved 14 times in just four months, but solitary confinement damaged his health. Leonard lost more than 50 pounds during his confinement.

If he were a criminal I could not rightfully defend him --- even though he is my husband. But, his "crimes" were healing his people, protecting his family, and working to build his nation. For this, for these "crimes," he has received sentences totaling 26 years in prison!!!

Without the support of the National Council of Churches, there would be no hope at all. Please help them keep my husband from spending the rest of his life in prison.

There is even more here at stake than one man's freedom . . . and that is the future of my tribe . . . the future of my children's children. How can I possibly express to you in a brief letter the tragedies all Native Americans endure? The sorrow of senseless killings, sickness, unbelievable poverty, a scattered tribe . . . can you possibly understand our fate?

Please help today.



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September 22, 1976

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Dear [REDACTED]

I have received your letter of August 25th and apologize for the delay in responding to it; however, I was checking into allegations made in your enclosure from the National Council of Churches concerning Mr. Leonard Crow Dog. With regard to the commentary in the pamphlet, I would first say that in each of the instances mentioned Mr. Crow Dog was indicted on various charges by the appropriate authority and tried by a jury of his peers. I certainly do not feel the claims, as set out, are valid.

Mr. Crow Dog was sentenced on August 5, 1975, to terms of three years' and eight years' imprisonment for conviction on charges stemming from the assault, impeding and robbing of Postal Inspectors at Wounded Knee during the Indian takeover in 1973. Imprisonment was suspended and he was placed on probation for a term of five years, and on May 3, 1976, the conviction was upheld in the Court of Appeals. In June, 1976, he filed for reduction of sentence and this matter has not yet been resolved in the courts.

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In the third incident referred to in your letter...
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Attention Mr. John C. Gordon

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To my knowledge, the FBI has not engaged in any mistreatment or harassment of Indians. I have received many allegations of mistreatment; however, to date none have been found to have any basis in fact. The mere fact that allegations of mistreatment are aired in the news media or through pamphlets such as you enclosed does not in any way guarantee the accuracy or truth of such statements. The news media and well-meaning individuals or organizations have often been misled by those making self-serving statements, seeking to influence public opinion in their favor. On other occasions I have invited those making statements of mistreatment, harassment, etc., to contact the FBI and furnish full details of such mistreatment that allegedly has been directed against them. You may be sure that such an allegation, accompanied by factual data, would receive our full attention.

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Director

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. This response coordinated with General Crime Unit, General Investigative Division and Legal Counsel Division.

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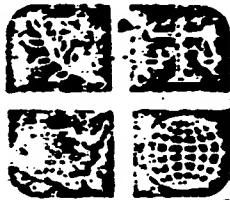
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475 Riverside Drive, New York, N.Y. 10027

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- 1 - Mr. Gordon

September 14, 1976

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- 1 - Mr. Mintz
(Route through for review)
- 1 - Mr. Blunt
- 1 - Mr. Moore
- 1 - Mr. J. M. Powers
(Route through for review)
- 1 - Mr. Malmfeldt

Your letter of August 23, 1976, with enclosure, has been received. The enclosure is being returned as you requested.

For your information, Mr. Leonard Crow Dog has been the subject of Federal prosecution in three actions:

1. Mr. Crow Dog was sentenced, on August 5, 1975, to a term of three years' imprisonment following his conviction on charges that he had violated Title 18, United States Code (USC), Sections 111 and 1114. On the same action, Mr. Crow Dog was sentenced to a term of imprisonment of eight years following his conviction on charges that he had violated Title 18, USC, Sections 1153 and 2112. The above terms of imprisonment were suspended and Mr. Crow Dog was placed on probation for a term of five years. On May 3, 1976, the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals upheld the verdict of conviction. On June 14, 1976, Mr. Crow Dog filed for reduction of sentence and this matter remains to be resolved in the courts. The records concerning Mr. Crow Dog's prosecution in these criminal proceedings are available in the United States District Court (USDC) records maintained in the Northern District of Iowa.

2. Mr. Crow Dog was indicted on charges that he had violated Title 18, USC, Section 1153 and South Dakota Criminal Law, Section 22-18-11. The indictment was dismissed by the USDC for the District of South Dakota on May 12, 1975. Additionally a superseding indictment alleging violation of the above-cited Statutes, was returned in another criminal proceeding on April 25, 1975. On March 1, 1976, Mr. Crow Dog was sentenced to five years' imprisonment following his conviction under this criminal action, which sentence was suspended and he was placed on probation for a period of five years. As of this date, Mr. Crow Dog has not filed an appeal in this criminal proceeding. The records concerning the above-cited Federal prosecutions are available to you in the court records for USDC for the District of South Dakota.

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- 1 - ASAC, Rapid City (Encs. 2 - copy of incoming and enc.)
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3. Mr. Crow Dog was tried in the USDC for the District of South Dakota on two counts of Assault With a Dangerous Weapon, Title 18, USC, Section 1153. On November 21, 1975, Mr. Crow Dog was found guilty on the above charge and was sentenced to five years' imprisonment. Imposition of this sentence under Count III of the above indictment was set aside and Mr. Crow Dog was placed on probation for a term of five years to commence upon his release from Federal custody in connection with his conviction under Count I of the above indictment. On December 9, 1975, Mr. Crow Dog appealed this conviction under this criminal proceeding and, to date, this appeal has not been ruled upon by the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals.

In connection with the above, records of the USDC and Circuit Court of Appeals are public documents which are available to any person for review. I wish that I could be more specific in responding to the allegations which have been made on behalf of Mr. Crow Dog. Federal officers are precluded from commenting directly on matters which are the subject of continuing litigation, but I would like to assure you that all actions taken by FBI Agents with respect to this Bureau's investigation and the United States Government's subsequent prosecution of Mr. Crow Dog were taken within the line of the FBI Agents' official duties and in a good faith effort to reasonably discharge their duties under law.

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Enclosure

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NOTE TO SAC, BUFFALO, AND ASAC, RAPID CITY: This pertains to the Crime on Indian Reservation cases and related matters involving Leonard Crow Dog, the traditional Sioux medicine man, in which Minneapolis-Rapid City is the Office of Origin. Enclosed are copies of a letter from [redacted] and a pamphlet from the National Council of Churches, Division of Church and Society, New York, New York, which [redacted] enclosed with his letter. Furnished Buffalo and Rapid City for information and record purposes.

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NOTE: [redacted] wrote a letter to the Bureau dated August 25, 1976, in which he enclosed a pamphlet from the National Council of Churches, Division of Church and Society, from the desk of Dean M. Kelley, Executive for Religious and Civil Liberty. Summarized, this pamphlet alleges Leonard Crow Dog was the subject of continual harassment and trumped-up charges by the Federal Government. Dean M. Kelley solicited financial support to obtain expert legal counsel which he stated Crow Dog needs to reverse his convictions. [redacted] brief letter stated, "If the enclosed is false, the National Council of Churches shall so be told and possibly exposed as liars. If it be true, do you have any rebuttal to what appears gross injustice?" Bufiles reflect we have had previous correspondence with [redacted] on other matters. This matter was coordinated by SA John C. Gordon, General Government Crimes Unit, with SA Robert C. Blunt, Legal Counsel Division, on September 3, 1976.

The Privacy Act Unit has reviewed this letter and believes the information being released is consistent with disclosures made in similar instances under the Privacy Act. It is also their view the information can be released to the requested based on Department of Justice regulations which relate to the collection, storage, and dissemination of criminal history record information.

This matter was discussed with Deputy Assistant Attorney General Mary C. Lawton, Office of Legal Counsel, who advised that it was her view that it would be better not to provide the specific criminal court case number, but as a policy matter, advise the requester by using terminology such as the information is available from public records maintained in the various U. S. District Courts.

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The Federal Bureau of
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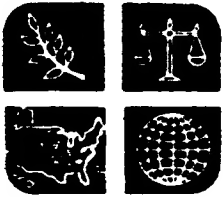
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There is a picture of this child on Mary's letter enclosed, and I am sure you will agree that this boy could hardly pose a threat to more than 100 armed agents!!!

The charge this time was "abetting an assault" and the all-white jury took just minutes to convict Crow Dog. Two concurrent five-year sentences were added to his prison term.

This was last November — and in January Crow Dog was once again dragged into court on another "assault" charge. This trial was even more ludicrous, as Crow Dog was charged with attacking with a toy tomahawk a man who had invaded Crow Dog's home and made passes at his wife. The man was wielding a sharp chain saw blade. Yet, in court, he was a picture of "civilization" in a suit and tie, and it was white vs. Indian on trial. The all-white jury quickly returned another guilty verdict. Again, 5 more years (this time reduced to probation).



From the time the Federal officers arrested him he was in prison until a generous friend in New York City put up \$25,000 collateral for his bail. Today he is free temporarily, but he is not free from the threat of years in prison, nor is he free from continual harassment and more trumped-up charges.

This is why your help is so urgently needed. Only with your financial support can Crow Dog obtain the expert legal counsel which he needs to reverse his convictions . . .

Only with your help can we free this Indian religious leader whose only "crime" is his pride in his heritage.

The National Council of Churches is asking you to join our efforts today, because the task is so great, the injustice so massive, that we simply cannot do it alone.

Crow Dog's freedom is important to every individual who cherishes the concepts of freedom and justice — but, there is more at stake than the individual here. In the enclosed note from Mary Crow Dog, she alludes to the real "crime" at issue — and that is Crow Dog's relationship to his people, his unifying role, his desire to keep his people together. This is what the government fears so much in Crow Dog.

So, please help us save this gifted and devoted man and return him to the Indian nation which needs him.

Please be generous.

Gratefully,

Dean M. Kelley

Dear Friend,

This is my son, Pedro, talking to his father, Leonard Crow Dog, in a Federal prison.

Prison was extremely difficult for Leonard. Not only was he moved 14 times in just four months, but solitary confinement damaged his health. Leonard lost more than 50 pounds during his confinement.

If he were a criminal I could not rightfully defend him — even though he is my husband. But, his "crimes" were healing his people, protecting his family, and working to build his nation. Leonard lost more than 50 pounds during his confinement. For this, for these "crimes," he has received sentences totaling 26 years in prison!!!

Without the support of the National Council of Churches, there would be no hope at all. Please help them keep my husband from spending the rest of his life in prison.

There is even more here at stake than one man's freedom . . . and that is the future of my tribe . . . the future of my children's children. How can I possibly express to you in a brief letter the tragedies all Native Americans endure? The sorrow of senseless killings, sickness, unbelievable poverty, a scattered tribe . . . can you possibly understand our fate?

Please help today.

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Dear [REDACTED]

I have received your letter of August 28th and apologize for the delay in responding to it; however, I was checking into allegations made in your enclosure from the National Council of Churches concerning Mr. Leonard Crow Dog. With regard to the commentary in the pamphlet, I would first say that in each of the instances mentioned Mr. Crow Dog was indicted on various charges by the appropriate authority and tried by a jury of his peers. I certainly do not feel the claims, as set out, are valid.

Mr. Crow Dog was sentenced on August 5, 1975, to terms of three years' and eight years' imprisonment for conviction on charges stemming from the assault, impeding and robbing of Postal Inspectors at Wounded Knee during the Indian takeover in 1973. Imprisonment was suspended and he was placed on probation for a term of five years, and on May 3, 1976, the conviction was upheld in the Court of Appeals. In June, 1976, he filed for reduction of sentence and this matter has not yet been resolved in the courts.

The second incident mentioned in the pamphlet relates to Mr. Crow Dog's conviction in November, 1975, on charges that two Indian males were held against their will at the residence of Mr. Crow Dog on the Rosebud Reservation and that these two Indian males were badly beaten by a large group of individuals for a two-hour period. One of those beaten was hospitalized with a broken back, broken jaw and related injuries. Again, Mr. Crow Dog was placed on probation for a term of five years and this conviction has been appealed by him and remains to be ruled upon by the Court of Appeals.

In the third incident referred to, Mr. Crow Dog

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was convicted and sentenced to five years' imprisonment on charges stemming from an assault on a male hitchhiker who was picked up in South Dakota and given a ride to the Crow Dog residence. While there, he was assaulted with a tomahawk and chain saw blade, suffering multiple fractures of his skull. As of this date, no appeal has been filed in this criminal proceeding.

To my knowledge, the FBI has not engaged in any mistreatment or harassment of Indians. I have received many allegations of mistreatment; however, to date none have been found to have any basis in fact. The mere fact that allegations of mistreatment are aired in the news media or through pamphlets such as you enclosed does not in any way guarantee the accuracy or truth of such statements. The news media and well-meaning individuals or organizations have often been misled by those making self-serving statements, seeking to influence public opinion in their favor. On other occasions I have invited those making statements of mistreatment, harassment, etc., to contact the FBI and furnish full details of such mistreatment that allegedly has been directed against them. You may be sure that such an allegation, accompanied by factual data, would receive our full attention.

Sincerely yours,

C. M. Kelley

Clarence M. Kelley
Director

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May 14, 1975

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Dear [Redacted]

In reply to your letter received on May 7th, we have no information we can furnish you concerning the National Council of Churches. I regret we cannot be of help in this instance.

Sincerely yours,

C. M. Kelley
Clarence M. Kelley
Director

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NOTE: Based on available information, correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. The National Council of Churches is well known to the Bureau.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

Dear Sirs; Recently I wrote to Billy Graham for information concerning the hierarchy of the National Council of Churches. The purpose of my inquiry is to check out statements made in a Kaneohe ^{yellow} ~~Honolulu~~ paper stating that considerable amounts of money is funneled to the Communist party from the National Council Churches and also that the hierarchy of the Council include members of the Communist Party. I personally support Billy Graham and also help to support my local United Methodist Church. Billy Graham is not connected to the Council of Churches but the Methodist church is. My support will cease immediately if the statements in the Kaneohe paper prove to be fact.

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Since the F. B. I. has conducted an investigation relative to this matter, ~~_____~~ suggested that I write ~~_____~~

direct to the F. B. I. ~~_____~~ will appreciate a reply to clear up ~~_____~~ personal matter.

Sincerely ~~_____~~

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March 29, 1974

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Dear [Redacted]

In response to the inquiry in your letter of March 25th, we do not have any material for distribution on the World Council of Churches or the National Council of Churches.

Sincerely yours,

C. M. Kelley

Clarence M. Kelley
Director

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington
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NATIONAL Council of Churches

Dear Sir:

I am doing a study of the
World & National Council of Churches.
The Billy Graham Assn. advised me
to write to you for any information
you may have of their organizations.
I would appreciate any information
you can give me.

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Sincerely

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March 7, 1974

The honorable Clarence M. Kelly, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
9th Str. and Pennsylvania Ave.
Washington, D.C. 20535

Dear Mr. Kelley:

Council of Churches

In the past two years, it has been brought to my attention that the National and World Councils of Churches have been endorsing and financing the actions of subversive anti-American groups (e.g. \$500,000 endorsements to communist activist James Foreman, et al). The information which I have received regarding these two organizations not only comes from reputable sources, but also aligns with the prophecy of the Holy Scripture.

In so alleging, I ask that the Federal Bureau of Investigation inquire into the illicit activities of the two Councils who are bent on the goal of subversion of the American system we have cherished for so long.

Your fellow Countryman,

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Dear [REDACTED]

In reply to your letter, with enclosure, received on August 6th, this Bureau does not have a list such as you desire. May I suggest that you write to the National Council of Churches, 475 Riverside Drive, New York, New York 10027, to obtain the information you are seeking.

Sincerely yours,

Clarence M. Kelley
Director

NOTE: Bufiles contain no identifiable information concerning correspondent. Her self-addressed, stamped envelope being utilized in reply.

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July 30, 1973

F.B.I. National Council of Churches
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sirs,

Will you please
furnish me with the list
of the different churches
who are members of the
National Council of Churches?

I have been told that
you have the list.

Thank you

Sincerely,

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Washington, D.C.

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November 30, 1972

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Dear [REDACTED]

In reply to your letter of November 22nd in which you inquired about the World Council of Churches, information in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I regret I cannot be of assistance in this instance and hope that you will not infer that we do or do not have material in our files relating to this organization.

Sincerely yours,
For the Acting Director

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W. Mark Felt
Acting Associate Director

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November 22, '72

Honorable J. Patrick Gray
Director Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Honorable Gentleman:

Will you please send us material on the
World Council of Churches and it's connection with Communism,
if there is any.

Thank you,



P.S. We thank God for your Department.

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Dear [Redacted]

In reply to your letter of March 27th concerning the National Council of Churches, information in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I hope that you will not infer that we do or do not have material in our files relating to this organization. I regret that I cannot be of assistance to you in this instance.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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March 27, 1972

Unamerican Activities Dept.
Washington, D.C. 20000

Dear Sirs:

We would like to have a copy of your report on
the National Council of Churches made by the
"Subversive Activities" group.

Yours truly,

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Dear [Redacted]

With respect to the comments in your letter received on March 28th, it is possible you have reference to my testimony before the House Subcommittee on Appropriations on March 6, 1961, in connection with the FBI's 1962 Appropriation request. An excerpt is enclosed, and I want to call your attention to the fact that I did not mention the National Council of Churches in my response to a question by Congressman Cederberg. I have not made any statement either criticizing or supporting the National Council of Churches and I hope you will not infer that we do or do not have information in our files relating to this organization.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosure
Excerpt from Director's Testimony, 3-6-61, before House Subcommittee on Appropriations

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Mr. CEDERBERG. Mr. Director, the hour is getting late and I do not desire to prolong your time before our committee, but I would like to say that I realize, of necessity, a good portion of your testimony must be off the record; but if the average American citizen could sit on this side of the table and listen to your explanation of the subversive threats to our society, I am sure we would not have so many naive people in high places today.

Mr. Director, I just wonder if you can give any explanation as to why so many organizations that are basically sound and dedicated to doing what is right—and I do not hesitate to name one of them, the National Council of Churches—why are some of the hierarchy of these organizations so naive to the threat posed by communism in this country?

Mr. HOOVER. Mr. Congressman, I think it is due to the fact they have not fully informed themselves as to what the facts are. Many people have the idea that communism is not a serious threat because the movement is numerically small in this country. Its numerical strength is one thing but we must judge it by its fanatical, dedicated, and disciplined membership. Most non-Communists are not disciplined, fanatical believers in the theory and practice of American democracy as are the Communists in communism. That is a reason why some of these people err in their thinking.

Such erroneous thinking often results in a great deal of harm, particularly in many organizations where the practice is followed of having the rank-and-file elect delegates to represent them at conventions without exhibiting a sufficient degree of alertness and interest to determine the beliefs of their chosen representatives. As a result, these representatives commit large groups of the rank-and-file to a course of action which in reality is contrary to their true feeling and beliefs. As I pointed out previously in my testimony, apathy also plays a strong part in creating a prevailing atmosphere of indifference to this threat.

(Discussion off the record.)

Mr. CEDERBERG. That is all I have. Thank you.

Mr. ROONEY. Thank you, Mr. Director and gentlemen, for a highly interesting and informative 8-hour session.

Excerpt from testimony of John Edgar Hoover, Federal Bureau of Investigation, before the House Subcommittee on Appropriations, March 6, 1961.

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 March 26 1972

J. Edgar Hoover
 Federal Bureau Of Investigation
 Washington D.C.

Re. National Council Of Churches

Mr. Hoover;

I am a member of the Disciples of Christ church
 And we are a member of the National Council of Churches. I have
 become very worried about this. I would like very much to get
 some more information about it.

In 1962 you made some statements about the NCC
 as to the Communist Party taking over the NCC. Is this still
 true? From all that I can find to read about this I understand
 you do not approve of this group is this so? I think you can
 understand my concern. If this is a Communist ~~front~~ front I
 think we should stop supporting it.

Please let me hear from you on this matter as soon
 as possible as this is a very grave matter.
 Thank You for your cooperation.

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Dear [Redacted]

I have received your letter of March 10th and appreciate your kind comments regarding my administration of this Bureau.

I can readily understand the concern which prompted you to write; however, in response to your request, information in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have any data in our files relating to the organizations or individuals you mentioned. I regret I cannot be of assistance to you in this instance.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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MARCH 10th, 1972

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Sir:

I am writing you in answer to a letter I received today from Rev. Billy Graham. I had written him about the World Council and Natl. Council of Churches, and he advised me, if I really wanted some documented, authentic information, to write you personally.

I have been, and still a Methodist practically all my life. My great grandparents, down to my grandchildren have been, and are Methodist. Of course you know we belong to both the World and National Council of churches.

I was in Calif. in January, and bought a book "Apostles Of Deceit" by Bundy. You have many wonderful statements, and "I believe every word you have said", but I would like to have a little more up to date information. From the rumors I hear we are involved in many communist fronts, including "Methodist Federation For Social Concern". Please tell me if this is true, and if you can enlighten me on any other activities of the United Methodist Church, I shall forever be grateful. What about our Rev. Dr Eugene L. Smith, Executive Sec. World Council of Churches. 475- Riverside Drive, New York, N.Y. 10027.

I am not asking all of these questions just thru curiosity, but it is because I am tremendously interested in my church, and frankly I hate to say this, but Im afraid our pastors have very little idea just what is going on.

I shall appreciate it very much if you will let me hear from you soon as possible, as we are having a General Conference next month, and if we are ever going to do anything, it must be done quickly, as this conference only meets every four years, and makes the laws for the whole church.

I have heard that you might retire this year, however, I sincerely hope that isnt true. We need MEN like you now more than we ever have. Thanking you in advance for your time, and kindness I am

Very truly yours

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Dear [REDACTED]

In reply to your letter of March 2nd, information in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I regret I cannot be of assistance in this instance and hope that you will not infer that we do or do not have material in our files relating to the National Council of Churches.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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NOTE: Bufiles contain no record identifiable with correspondent.

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March 2, 1972

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

My twenty year old daughter recently married a boy who is quite way out in some ways. He calls himself a conservative and claims to be very religious involved in certain Bible Study Groups, but attends no church. He was brought up in a church associated with the National Council of Churches but withdrew from it about four years ago.

Our family too, has been actively involved with a denomination all her life that is associated with National Council of Churches. He has given her such a difficult time about attending the church that she has finally withdrawn herself.

He claims the National Council of Churches is contrary to the Constitution of the U. S. and that it is communistic.

Would you please be so kind as to give me your opinion on this and furnish me with any information you have regarding the National Council of Churches. Naturally, as a mother, I have become quite concerned about this. *la*

Thank you for your time.

Yours very truly

[REDACTED]

I wrote Mr. Billy Graham regarding our problem as my son-in-law respects his opinions and he has referred us to you.

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of February 25th has been received and I am appreciative of your kind sentiments.

In reply to your inquiry about the National Council of Churches, information in FBI files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with the regulations of the Department of Justice. I regret I cannot be of assistance and hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have material in our files relating to this organization.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Bufiles show one prior letter to [REDACTED] dated [REDACTED]. He was furnished material on communism [REDACTED].

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February 25, 1972

The Hon. J. Edgar Hoover
Director, The F.B.I.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Is there any way you can prevail upon the Catholic bishops in our country to vote against joining the National Council of Churches, if it is really true that it is a Communistic organization? If the Church joins there will soon be no church for any religion.

Thank you and may God bless you for helping us all as you have in the past.

Yours truly

[Redacted Signature]

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February 14, 1972

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Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of February 7th, with enclosure, has been received and I am indeed appreciative of your kind comments concerning my administration of the FBI.

With regard to your inquiry, I have not made any statement either criticizing or supporting the Federal Council of Churches or the National Council of Churches. I have stated, however, that communists are engaged in a systematic program to infiltrate religious groups in our country. On the other hand, I have made it clear that the overwhelming majority of our clergymen are loyal citizens, devoted to working for the best interests of our Nation. We must face the challenge in the light of the facts that some clergymen have identified themselves with communist causes, but this is not a time for name calling, for unfounded accusations or publicity-seeking charges designed to confuse, divide and weaken.

With respect to the statement attributed to former Assistant to the Director Sullivan, a review of his manuscripts and transcripts fails to reflect any record of this specific statement.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Based on information available, correspondent not identifiable in Bufiles. Above coordinated with Domestic Intelligence Division and no record this specific statement in Sullivan's manuscripts or transcripts.

- Mr. Tolson _____
- Mr. Felt _____
- Mr. Rosen _____
- Mr. Mohr _____
- Mr. Bishop _____
- Mr. Miller, E.S. _____
- Mr. Callahan _____
- Mr. Casper _____
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- Mr. Gale _____
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Mr. J Edgar Hoover
 Director F.B.I
 Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Manfeldt
Manfeldt

I have enclosed an article concerning the National Council of Churches.

I requested this material from the Indiana Council of Churches.

Hate pamphlets concerning the National & World Council of Churches has been passed out by our independent church.

There are two sides to every story & I, as a private citizen, am trying to find out that other side.

In enclosed material you will see I have unlined a part which includes a statement by you. All I'm asking is that you confirm this statement. Did you in fact make this statement? And did in fact, Chief Inspector William C. Sullivan make the enclosed statement?

This is of utmost importance to me, & I would very much appreciate your answering with promptness.

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ack 2-14-72
 JCW: [signature]

8/11/72

I wish to extend to you my heart felt thank-
you for your dedicated service to the American
people throughout the years.

Thank-you for your service God-bless you.

Respectively,

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Mr. Edgar Hoover
 Director F. B. I.
 Washington, D. C.

FEB 16 1972

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF

Dear Sir (CHURCHES)

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people throughout the years.
Thank you for your service
God bless you.

Respectfully,


February 16, 1972

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Dear [Redacted]

Your letter, with enclosures, was received on February 11th and I thank you for furnishing your views. With respect to the National Council of Churches, information in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I regret I cannot be of assistance in this instance and hope that you will not infer that we do or do not have material in our files relating to this organization.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Nonrecord of [Redacted] Bufiles. Her enclosures concern a plan of union for the Church of Christ and other literature put out by the Methodist Church. No mention of the Bureau.

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Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
c/o The E. B. I.
Washington, D. C.

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Quiet Day January 1971
A call to prayer and self-denial
by Gene Harwell

booklet

Dear Mr. Hoover:

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n. J.

I regret having to bother you at this time; however I'm desperate and have no one to turn to. I am a methodist and have fought this "Cre Co" for six years now to no avail - There are nine different churches involved. They plan to unite them under the Order of Nation Council of Churches. Enclosed is some literature that is forced upon us and now they are planning on taking over all properties of these 9 different churches in every state in the union - for communism - They use the money we send in for our Sunday School Material & other material for Church Communistic Activity - now they are taking over all of Church owned property of the 9 different churches in U.S.A. Is be controlled by the (Communitic Controlled) National Council of Churches - which will destroy the Churcehs & our Nation as well, Please see that this does not happen. They are to have a convention in April in Atlanta, Ga. '72 for this purpose yet already they speak in termed of having already done so - according to the Jan. '72 issue of Christian Herald mag. they plan to "railroad" the issue through (1) 60% of 1972 delegates were not elected ("There is a move toward newness commented one delegate") (2) We have only 5% blacks in church membership yet 10% will be seated at conference! (3) One-half of the 86 overseas delegates are non-white. 4) There will be a great number of under 30 prophet women delegations - They are going with the "intent of controll" of vote so it seems to me I do not know just what I'm asking of you other than to prevent this from happening. How you can & by what authority I know not. These are the leaders - Dr. Charles C. Parlin, Dr. Lee F. Quttle & Bishop Yap Kim - Hao, Bishop W. Kenn@th Pope - also John Cardinal Carberry Most of these so Christian Herald Mag. quotes are Methodist - Maybe there are Communistic ties that would destroy their power & influence I do not want to hurt anyone - But this Giving America to Communism gags me I do not feel we have freedom of religion any more - Besause the material is gar - is garbage! - and when you give a tenth you know the money is used for Communistic Activities. - Black Panthers, S.D.S. etc It makes you ill, I just can not do it any more - I love my church & my country - and would give my all for either - But I can not give money when I know its used to destroy my church & my country - Please help me

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In every town there is a
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- 4 States in Nation
- 1 State each in West Coast, Kentucky, Alabama, New Orleans and Baton Rouge
- 6-Look Apartments in Nation
- Property for homes in Lake County
- Property is located for homes in Wisconsin and Massachusetts States

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Alexandria District	\$ 1,080.40
Baton Rouge District	12,587.12
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Shreveport District	1,422.48
Conference at Large	50.00
TOTAL	\$22,221.88

Multiply this by 9 don't forget the Baton Rouge home.
You get an idea of how much of U.S. is in our new Natchitoches District will be included next year!

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THE FUTURE DEPENDS ON YOU

IN A RECENT SURVEY BY THE BOARD, 12 MINISTERS HAVE REQUESTED HOMES WITHIN THE NEXT FIVE YEARS.

THE RETIRED MINISTERS HOMES BOARD, Inc. of the Louisiana Conference has a GOAL of \$48,000 each year. This will build two Retired Minister's Homes per year.

YOUR BOARD PLANS TO BUILD IN EVERY DISTRICT

WE HAVE 2 LOTS IN THE LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT

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REMEMBER US IN YOUR WILL MAKE GIFTS OF CASH OR LAND

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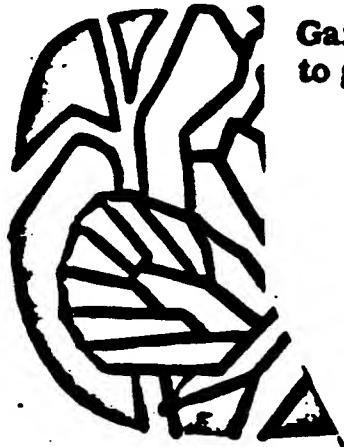
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Garbage with truths & half-truths
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and self-denial

Yes Lord?

Yes Lord!

a time for CELEBRATION
a service for DEDICATION

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Garbage with truths
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By Gene Maxwell

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Let us ~~it~~ our leaders
to glorify ~~the~~ name.
We ~~common~~ doctor, politician, star,
president, professor, clown,
to step down
and kneel with us.

Let us invite the injured people
to speak with us.

We ask all people living alone
the blacks and whites
who have no rights,
the unemployed and angry poor,
to tell the truth in love.

Let us ~~invite~~ those who love us
to ~~come~~ drink with us.

We invite our friends to know our joy,
those we love to know our Lord,
and those we long
to have beside us now,
to celebrate with us.

Let us extend an open invitation
to one and all
to join in one full circle of joy.
Join the circle, Lord,
and make our joy complete.²

From INTERROBANG by Norman C. Habel, pp. 98-99

SONG OF CELEBRATION FOR COMMUNITY—"Here We Are," by Ray Repp

CALL TO PRAYER—"Let Us Pray"

[see words and music, following]

Bow the head.
Fold in all thoughts.
Quiet the self.
Pray.

The station of prayer
is a posture of life folded
into serious contemplation
and unruffled obedience.
The very near word of God
turns life, momentarily, into obedience,
and at some time requires
that man and nature
stop
and obey
all demands.

The word of God revives
and comes like refreshment to him

and rests him,
lest he break before full bloom.

The brave and the boastful and the
vaunting
have need to be shy
and introspective
and attentive
as they wait to understand
the delicate,
sensitive,
glorious possibilities of the man
who when he stands before the word
stands in the word.

The word has to do with obedience
and demands
from within.⁴

From LEFT UP YOUR HEARTS by Herbert F. Brubaker, p. 8

SILENT MEDITATION [This should be a thoughtful period . . . long enough for one to
reflect honestly on the questions.]

Why do I sing praise to God?

Where is my God in the world today?

How do I express my thanks to God?

Does my life indicate his presence?

AN AFFIRMATION FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY OF FAITH [Leader and Congregation]

One by one our old heavens left us . . . places in hearts all we have left.
We cannot live forever outside each other who still dream of mansions. . . . if
you look back, you can almost see the wall of time. The moss on it is still
wet. You can smell it. Looking forward there are no walls . . . so get on your
mark, get ready, get set. . . .

To believe in God

is to know the world is round not flat and there is no edge of anything.
to believe in God

is to be a lily in a sun shower open wide to all the horizons of the sky at
once.

To believe in God

is to know purple jelly beans could hatch to yellow ostriches and tulip bulbs break into blooms big as moons.

To believe in God

is to build a bridge between yourself and everything worth being one with.

To believe in God

is to have somebody who knows you thru and thru and likes you still and all.

To believe in God

is to drink wine, it is to eat bread, not by yourself, but by some other magic.

To believe in God

is to have a Him to be in which is for everyone to have an us.

To believe in God

is to be able to die and not to be embarrassed.*

From TO BELIEVE IN GOD by Joseph Pinturo and Sister Cecilia

The Art of Celebration

Man's problems in this world derive at least partially from the simple fact that he is less than God. When he is born into this world he knows nothing, but even when he has gained in knowledge and wisdom to his ultimate capacity—man is still less than all-knowing and therefore in spite of all the light at his disposal, is still surrounded by a certain (frequently fearsome) darkness. When he is born into this world he is capable of little—indefensible, highly impregnable; but then when he has gained in power to his ultimate capacity—man is still less than all-powerful, still less than all-mighty; and therefore in spite of all his might, he is at some point a prey to a frustrating helplessness. . . . Frequently terrified by what he does not know, greatly frustrated by what he cannot accomplish, man has a desperate need of some assurance, however vague, that life is really worthwhile, has ultimate meaning. He needs a witness to the fact that there is a concerned wisdom and a caring power in the universe. If you will, he must be somehow assured that there is a living God—who knows his plight, who cares, and who is capable of overcoming—whom man can trust to see where man himself cannot see and whom man can trust to do what man himself cannot do. Without this witness, man is open to despair. Without this witness God is dead for most men. . . . Jesus Christ is for Christians that witness who came into this darkness as a light from the Father. . . . Jesus was a witness in this entire life of love and concern for his fellow man, and continued to be a witness even when it meant facing death, even when his refusal to renounce his life of concern threatened his own life. "Greater love than this no man has." But of course this could not be the end. . . .

Now we in our turn are witnesses. . . . We are to witness to the God-care for the world, primarily by our own lives of loving concern and doing. . . .*

From CELEBRATION by Father Rivera, pp. 29-30

*To what extent are we ready and willing to live out this witness in the world today?

Hymn 401

"Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies" (Epiphany Hymn);

or Hymn 470 or 246

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

[This hymn may be sung if the congregation is to break into smaller groups or individuals move apart to meditate or to discuss together the resources in PART II: "Yes, Lord? We Search for Meaning." The hymn may be eliminated if the entire group continues through the entire Quiet Day Service.]

FEAR

The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom should I fear?
The Lord is the refuge of my life;
of whom should I go in dread?

Psalms 27:1, NEB

-PRAYER

PRAYER

I walked the streets of the town I call my home
at midnight
My purse clutched in a nervous hand
My coat pulled tight against meafraid.

I stood among my peers and heard the accusations
hurled against those men whose marching feet became
the voices raised in protest against a vicious war.
Me? No, I had never joined in any march
Today I didn't even speak.

I sat in the small committee
The decisions here are hard
The folk back home will want to know just what I thought and did and why.
These here who sat beside me
what questions will they ask?
Whose approval must I have
before my voice is strong enough to answer, YES or NO?

I heard the hungry child beg bread and reached out my hand to give a loaf
but when the cry grew thunderous, as the voices of the thousands
joined the cry,
I felt myself draw back
The loaves I had could never be enough. How foolish to give it all away
Would there be anyone to give a loaf to me?

I heard him screaming out ... that he would take my place
For me to step aside ... to get out of the way.
What would I do? Without the place, where would I go?
Who would I be?

I failed today—lost—lonely—most surely an overwhelming sense of incapacity—
The main subject had been me
imprisoned in myself fear found it easy to determine each decision
I was called to make.

Jane Arterburn (Mrs. E. E.)

Voice 2

"My Lord,
I'm sure that You must realize by now
That You are asking me to do the
impossible.

At least, it's impossible for me.
I can't love other people all the time.
I have trouble loving myself sometimes.
Other people are different
Or disgusting
Or dull

Or dirty.
And I hate dirty people.
They make me sick.
There are some people
I don't even want to love
Or like
Or help
Or understand
Or go through the agony of forgiving.¹⁸

from ARE YOU JOKING, JEREMIAH? by Norman C. Habel, p. 203

*Teaching
of
Fear*

garbage

Voice 1 "I find myself
believing the bad things
about people who are different.
I listen to my feelings
instead of my brain,
to my fears instead
of my faith.
I can't seem to trust
people who don't think and live
the way I do.

I get scared,
the way I did when I was a kid.

My parents told me
there was nothing to fear,
but that made no difference.
I was scared.

I keep telling myself
I am more open-minded
than most people I know.
Surely I'm better than some people.
How can everyone be equally important
or valuable
or worthy of my concern? "

From INTERROBANG by Norman C. Nebel. p. 28

Voice 2

"I can't stand it any more! It's too much!
It's no kind of a life!
What about my job?
My family?
My peace?

My liberty?
And me?
Ah, Lord, I have lost everything; I don't
belong to myself any longer;
There's no more room for me at home." "

From PLAYERS by Michael Quast, p. 110

Voice 1-2

"In the same way," concluded Jesus, "None of you can be my disciple unless
he gives up everything he has." Luke 14:33, REV

III Yes Lord?—Accept me? Love me?

HYMN 274 "Master, Speak! Thy Servant Heareth" [verses 1 and 2]

LITANY FOR THE CENTERING MOMENT

Our Father, we come to Thee, seeking in quiet ways the courage to ease the tensions and break the discord in which, in one way or another, our lives are surrounded. . . .

This is what we seek, even as we worship Thee, O God, in spirit and in truth. . . .

To feel the fear of the panic-stricken in our world, to feel the hunger of the hungry, the loneliness of the lonely, the sickness of the sick, and to wish with all our hearts that we might live our lives dedicated to ends more worthy than those by which we have lived up to this waiting moment. . . .

We wait for the stirring of Thy spirit in our hearts. . . .

Without presuming to make suggestions to Thee about what Thou shouldst do with us, and for us, we hold still with all of our lives spread before us and before Thee, with the simple trust that Thou wilt bless us.

Bless us, our Father, with Thy Spirit, Thy Wholeness. . . .

My life as it is at its depths I give to Thee . . . to take [it] and to hold it until it takes on Thy character, Thy mind, Thy purposes.

If Thou wilt do this and if Thou wilt help me to do this, then I can be in myself what is truest and surest in me.

It is our trust that . . . Thou dost remain constant, even as we do not; that Thou dost remain true . . . that Thou dost remain kind and gracious . . . that Thy scrutiny and Thy judgment hold. . . . It is so good to have this kind of assurance and to know, . . . that we are not alone. . . .

Oh, that we may have the strength to see and the vision to comprehend.
...¹⁰

From THE CENTERING MOMENT by Howard Thurman. Copyright © 1969 by Howard Thurman. Abridged from pp. 25, 26, 71, 111, 112.

*A place to teach their doctrine
as well -*

CONSULTATION

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over Each church will be a new
center for spies to work out of
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CHAPTER VIII

Organizing for Mission

The Church and its Structure

- 1 The church is a community of faith and worship, living an ordered life of fellowship whose source and sustenance is the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ; a community of service whose field is the whole life of all men, since the redemptive work of God is for all men in their total being and relationships. It is an organism created by God which in order to further its mission utilizes various forms of organization.
- 2 The organizational structures of the united church shall reflect, in so far as can be, the church's continuity with the past—with the great company of faithful people who from apostolic times until now were witnesses to God's grace in Christ to all men. Thus, the united church accepts elements of polity previously identified as congregational, presbyterian, connec-tional, or episcopal, but it does not characterize its government by any one of these designations to the exclusion of the others. Because the church is commissioned by its Lord for mission in all the world, and wills to be faithful to its missionary task, its structures for carrying out the mis-sion shall provide freedom for response to the Spirit of God. Therefore, the structures are open to renewal under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.
- 3 The structures of the church shall be determined by what the church is in its given nature and by what it undertakes to do in obedience to Christ; in this sense, structures shall be functionally determined. Hence, such structures shall, from time to time, be established, changed or eliminated as needs arise or conditions of life require. These structures shall be open for experiment, exploration, testing, and evaluation, with maximum em-phasis upon local initiative and widespread participation.

A Resume of this Structure

- 4 As the uniting churches move from their current structural patterns to a new entity, several dilemmas are posed. In the search for an organiza-tional pattern that would encourage flexibility within an orderly frame-work, decisions have been made on where we should begin as a united church. These decisions have been influenced by an overall concern for an emphasis on inclusiveness and mission at each of the areas of the church's organizational life: parish, district, region, nation, and beyond.
- 5 (1) *The parish is a distinctive and fundamental focus of this Plan of*

- 118 Each regular meeting of the National Assembly shall elect one of its members to be moderator of the National Assembly from the adjournment of that meeting until the adjournment of the next ensuing regular meeting of the National Assembly and until his successor is elected and takes office. Every member of the National Assembly, including ordained ministers and laymen (except the presiding bishop and members of his staff, and staff members of the national agencies), shall be eligible for this office. The moderator of the National Assembly shall be the presiding officer of the National Assembly and of the General Council. He shall be eligible for only one term.
- 119 On matters of faith and order the members of the National Assembly shall vote separately as (a) bishops, (b) presbyters and deacons, and (c) laymen. Such a proposal may be enacted only upon the concurrence of these three groups each by a majority vote. Any particular matter shall be designated a "matter of faith and order" upon the request of a majority of any one of these three groups.
- 120 (4) The National Assembly shall elect a General Council consisting of not fewer than five bishops, ten other ordained clergy, and thirty lay representatives to advise the presiding bishop of the church and to carry out the work of the National Assembly between its meetings.
- 121 (5) The program of the church at the national level shall be conducted by the National Assembly and the regions. The National Assembly shall coordinate the program throughout the church.
- 122 (6) The National Assembly shall have power to
- 123 (a) create departments, agencies, and instrumentalities to perform needed functions at the national level, and elect the chief executives of each, on nomination through such processes as the National Assembly may develop.
- 124 (b) establish standards for the ordained ministry in consultation with the seminaries related to the united church and make provision for continuing theological education,
- 125 (c) elect a general council to carry out work for the Assembly between its meetings,
- 126 (d) own, operate, consolidate and strengthen, or dissolve (keeping in mind the compensatory principle) institutions of health, education, and welfare,
- 127 (e) organize, realign, and dissolve regions and national task groups after consultation with the regions and groups directly involved,
- 128 (f) adopt a budget for national work, setting fiscal standards and making provision for an equitable church-wide pension system,
- 129 (g) receive complaints and appeals from the regions and act with judicial authority,
- 130 (h) review and redirect the work of the regions and national task

- groups.
- 131 (7) The General Council shall conduct the business affairs of the National Assembly. The National Assembly shall be incorporated. The General Council shall also be the trustees or directors of the National Assembly Corporation. Title to all church property of the National Assembly shall be held in the name of the National Assembly Corporation but it shall be held for the benefit of the whole church.
- 132 (8) The presiding bishop of the church shall be elected by the National Assembly. The term of office shall be for four years and he shall be eligible for re-election for another term of four years. When the end of a term arrives or when a vacancy otherwise occurs in the office of presiding bishop of the church, the General Council shall elect a nominating committee. This committee shall propose to the National Assembly only one candidate, who must already be a bishop and who, unless the incumbent be nominated, must be of a racial background different from that of the bishop who last held the office. Nominations of other candidates meeting the same requirements may be made from the floor. When a nominee is elected by the National Assembly by a majority vote of the ordained ministers and of the lay delegates voting separately, a call shall be presented to him. If no nominee is elected, the National Assembly may authorize the nominating committee elected by the General Council to proceed to seek another nominee or it may discharge that committee and itself elect a new nominating committee.
- 133 (9) The National Assembly shall continuously review the functional relationship between its structures and its mission. It shall establish, change, or eliminate structures as needs arise or conditions of life require.
- 134 (10) The National Assembly shall conduct as much of its program as possible through ecumenical action.

Church Courts

- 135 (1) The district, the region, and the National Assembly shall each elect a court composed of five ordained ministers and ten lay members.
- 136 (2) The church court of the district shall have original jurisdiction of all matters pertaining to the district, any of its parishes or any ministers or lay members of said parishes.
- 137 (3) The church court of the region shall have only appellate jurisdiction of matters decided in church courts of its districts. Its decisions shall be final except in matters that involve interpretation of this Plan of Union or the constitution of the united church.
- 138 (4) The church court of the National Assembly shall have original and appellate jurisdiction of matters decided in a church court of the region that involve interpretation of this Plan of Union or the constitution of the united church. Its decisions shall be final.

received in a rite comparable to the rite of unification of the ministry.

- 9 f. The united church will welcome agreements with other churches in the world that would allow a reciprocal exchange and seating of delegates with or without vote in each other's highest legislative bodies.
- 10 g. The Church of Christ Uniting will continue the efforts already begun by the various uniting churches to strengthen fraternal understanding, theological dialogue, and cooperation in mission with the Roman Catholic Church, the Orthodox churches, and various other Christian churches with which full communion has not yet been established.

Relations with Conciliar Organizations

- 11 a. The united church reaffirms active membership in and support for the World Council of Churches and the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. as current manifestations of the conciliar movement at these levels. Wherever applicable, the united church also will have membership in and give support for state and local councils or conferences of churches. In its responsibilities outside the United States, it will seek fraternal relationships through appropriate ecumenical channels with such regional bodies as the East Asia Christian Conference, the All-Africa Council of Churches, the Conference of European Churches, and other emerging conciliar structures in other parts of the world.
- 12 b. The united church will continue the participation and support given to forms of conciliar ecumenism not mentioned above that have been part of the life and practice of any of the uniting churches. It will seek to encourage and to counsel new forms of conciliar expression.
- 13 c. The united church will continue the participation and support of various consortia and coalitions that have been part of the life and practice of any of the uniting churches, subject to later review and corporate judgment by the new church.

Relations with World Communions and Confessional Bodies

- 14 The united church will maintain the present relationships, especially eucharistic fellowship, with world communions and confessional associations with which the uniting churches have been related. This participation, however, will reflect our new unity, and our representation to such associations will include the fullness of our new fellowship rather than the limitations of former denominational patterns.

Relations with Jewish Communities

- 15 The united church gives thanks for its biblical roots in Israel and desires meaningful relationships with those who continue the heritage of Judaism in their faith and institutions. The united church will seek occa-

sions for theological dialogue, cooperation, and common action with the Jewish people.

Other Relations

- 16** Beyond the traditional household of God, the united church seeks to manifest openness toward all groups and communities committed to human good. This commitment requires of us constant efforts toward mutual understanding and a readiness to cooperate in undertakings for the humanizing of life for all peoples everywhere.
- 17** a. The united church will seek greater knowledge of other world religions. It will be open to dialogue with them and to the application of shared interests and concerns. Common action may be undertaken where compatible means and aims exist.
- 18** b. The united church will initiate opportunities for dialogue and action with representatives of political and economic movements of critical importance in the societies of men.
- 19** c. The united church will seek mutual knowledge and counsel with a variety of special disciplines important in the development of a human community that is to reflect the oneness of humanity. It will initiate and respond to approaches for dialogue, mutual correction, and common action with government agencies and permanent or ad hoc coalitions that give promise of movement toward goals compatible with those of the church.

Continuing Ecumenical Education, Reform, and Action

- 20** The united church is committed to its own constant reform and the establishment of internal structures to continue the ecumenical education, experience, and action of its members. Creative experiments in theological education, liturgy, discipline, and polity that will involve and include the wider Christian community of scholarship and experience will be pursued for the sake of a growing wholeness in the church of Jesus Christ.

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Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
c/o The F.B.I.
Washington, D.C.

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. Boardman	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Belmont	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Harbo	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Gurnea	
Mr. Hendon	
Mr. Pennington	
Mr. Quinn	
Mr. Nease	
Miss Gandy	

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I regret having to bother you
at this time; however I am desperate and have
no one to turn to. I am a Methodist and have
fought this "Cue Co" for six years now to no
avail - There are nine different churches in the
Maryland to unite them under the Order of
National Council of Churches - Enclosed is some
literature that is forced upon us and much
are planning on taking over all properties
of these 9 different churches in every state in
the union for Communism. They seek
the money we send in for our Sunday School
material & other material of church & Communist
activity - Now they are taking over all church
property of the 9 different churches in the

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is controlled by the Communist controlled
Nation Council of Churches - which will
destroy the Churches & our Nation as well.
Please see that this does not happen.
They are to have a convention in April
in Atlanta, Ga. '72 for this purpose yet
already they speak and threaten of having
already done so - according to the
Jan. 27 issue of Christian Herald say
they plan to "railroad" the issue through
(1) 60% of 1972 delegates were not elected (there is a
- more toward newness committed one delegate)
(2) We have only 5% blacks in church membership (10%
will be seated at conference!
(3) One-half of the 86 overseas delegates are non-white
(4) There will be a great number of under 30 people &
Women delegations - they are going with the
"intent of control" of vote so it seems to me.
I do not know just what I'm asking of you -
other than to prevent this from happening -

And you can't by what authority I know not
these are the leaders - Dr. Charles Parlin
Dr. Lee F. Zettle & Bishop Yag Tom - the
Bishop W. Kenneth Pope - and John Cardinal Barber
Most of these so Christian should say, quitter
are Methodist - Maybe there are Communists
that would destroy their power & influence -
I do not want to hurt anyone - But this
giving America to Communism gags me & I
don't feel we have freedom of religion any more.
Because the material is garbage - and when
you give a tenth you know the money is
used for Communist activities - Black
Panthers, S.D.S. etc. It makes you ill.
I just can't do it any more - I love
my church & my country - and would give
my all for either - But I can not give
money what I know is used to destroy my
church & my country - Please help me
Feb 5 - 1972
Gratefully

January 24, 1972

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Dear [Redacted]

In reply to your letter of January 17th, information in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I regret I cannot be of assistance in this instance and hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have material in our files relating to the organizations or publications you mentioned.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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- Mr. Mohr _____
- Mr. Bishop _____
- Mr. Miller, E.S. _____
- Mr. Callahan _____
- Mr. Casper _____
- Mr. Conrad _____
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Jan 17, 1972

J. Edgar Hoover
F.B.I.

Dear Sir:

Could you send me a list of Churches that belong or pay into the National Council of Churches or World Council of Churches? Also can you send me any information on these presses & publications listed below.

Thank you



(1) United Brethren Publications
32 East Franklin St.
Huntington, Ind 46750

(2) Baptist Publications
2500 West Second Ave.
Denver, Colo

(3) Scripture Press Publications
Wheaton, Ill. 60187

(4) Bible Publications
4032 Swiss Ave.
Dallas, Texas

(5) Sunday School Dept.
National Association of Free Will Baptist
Box 1088
1134 Murfreesboro Road
Nashville, Tennessee 37202

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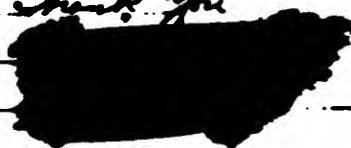
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④ Bibb Publications
9032 Jarvis Ave.
Dallas, Texas

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National Convention of the W.B.A.F.
Box 1088
1134 Massachusetts Road

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January 13, 1972

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Dear [Redacted]

In reply to your letter of January 7th in which you inquired about the National Council of Churches, information in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I regret I cannot be of assistance in this instance and hope that you will not infer that we do or do not have material in our files relating to this organization.

In response to your request, I am enclosing a copy of our current Uniform Crime Reports bulletin and its latest supplement.

It was indeed thoughtful of you to comment as you did concerning my direction of the FBI and your support means a great deal to me.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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12-29-71 UCR Release

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January 7, 1972

J. Edgar Hoover
 U. S. Department of Justice
 Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

First of all I want to say that we Americans, are proud of the fine work you do for our Country.

I have a question I would like you to answer for me. recently I was told that The National Council of Churches Orginazation, are Communist. is this true?

Please send me your latest crime report.

Thank You
 Sincerely,

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Dear [REDACTED]

In response to your inquiry of October 26th, information in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the World Council of Churches.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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Oct. 26, 1971

Dear Mr Hoover.

Do you have any information on the World Council of Churches?
I would appreciate any thing you could send. Our church is
a member and we are questioning our financial support.
Thank you.

Sincerely

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October 20, 1971

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Dear [REDACTED]

In reply to your letter of October 15th in which you inquired about the National Council of Churches, information in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I regret I cannot be of assistance in this instance and hope that you will not infer that we do or do not have material in our files relating to this organization.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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October 15, 1971

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

- We keep hearing and even seeing in print, most recently in Knight Templar magazine of August 1971, that the National Council of Churches is listed as a Communists Front organization.

I cannot believe that your office has the National Council of Churches listed as a Communists Front organization. If you do, will you please so inform me, if not, I would appreciate you saying so.

Knowing of your busy schedule, I would nevertheless appreciate any information you may be willing to give on this subject.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



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Dear [REDACTED]

In reply to your letter received on October 15th in which you inquired about the National Council of Churches and the World Council of Churches, information in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I regret I cannot be of assistance in this instance and hope you will not infer that we do or do not have material in our files relating to these organizations.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Sir:

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Washington D.C.*

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September 9, 1971

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Dear [Redacted]

In answer to your letter received on September 7th, information in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I regret I cannot be of assistance in this instance and hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have material in our files relating to the National Council of Churches.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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August 30, 1971

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C. 20000

Dear Mr. Hoover:

This letter is a request for information concerning the
National Council of Churches.

I am a Deacon in the [REDACTED]

It is the duty of the Board of Deacons to make up a
budget for the church each year. This we will start in October.

Our governing body of the Presbyterian Church U. S. is
the General Assembly. They asses each church so much per year
for Benevolences to such as Missions, Summer Camps, Schools,
and the National Council of Churches.

In a discussion with the minister of our church, I stated
that the governing body of the National Council of Churches
was either Communist or leaned toward the Communist Movement.
We agreed that we both had heard this but had never seen any
proof of it.

If it is possible, would you please send me any infor-
mation concerning this, so that I might present the proof
needed to our Board of Deacons. This way we might be able
to inform the Genral Assembly that we would not agree to
any money being sent from our church to the National Council
of Churches.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this request.

Respectfully,
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Dear [REDACTED]

In reply to your letter of August 28th in which you inquired about the National Council of Churches and the World Council of Churches, information in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I regret I cannot be of assistance in this instance and hope that you will not infer that we do or do not have material in our files relating to these organizations.

Your comments about my work are most encouraging and mean a great deal to me.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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8-28-71

Dear Mr. Hoover;

I am writing to get some information on the National Council of Churches.

I have literature to the effect that there is Communists in high places in the N.C.C. and the World Council of Churches and that they support the N.A.A.C.P. and that there was a number of ministers (if they were the work Minister is not what they were) names on a paper to release a prisoner under arrest by the Federal Government for something connected with Communists.

I don't know for sure how true this is but I believe in you and that you stand for justice, and I believe that the atheist have had to much to say about prayer in school and if it is true about the N.C.C. and the W.C.C. I would like for you to verify it because the Church members are ignorant to the fact and I believe this Country had better get back to God or the Communists are going to take over.

I would like to have any information that you can give me.

Yours Truly



P.S. I also have some papers that say the NCC and the WCC are backing a movement to oust you, I pray that you keep your job because I believe in the F.B.II and what you stand for.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
Attn Mr. Hoover
Washington, D.C.



- Mr. Felt _____
- Mr. Sullivan _____
- Mr. Mohr _____
- Mr. Bishop _____
- Mr. Brennan CD _____
- Mr. Callahan _____
- Mr. Casper _____
- Mr. Conrad _____
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- Mr. Gale _____
- Mr. Fender _____
- Mr. Rosen _____
- Mr. Tavel _____
- Mr. Walters _____
- Mr. Soyars _____
- Tele. Room _____
- Miss Holmes _____
- Miss Gandy _____

8-28-71

Dear Mr. Hoover;

National Council of Churches

I am writing to get some information on the National Council of Churches.

I have literature to the effect that there is Communists in high places in the N.C.C. and the World Council of Exp Churches and that they support the N.A.A.C.P. and that there was a number of ministers (if they were the word minister is not what they were) names on a paper to release a prisoner under arrest by the Federal Government for something connected with Communists.

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44-109/100-50869-1772

July 29, 1971

[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

In reply to your letter of July 25th, information in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I regret I cannot be of assistance in this instance and hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have material in our files relating to the National Council of Churches.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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JUL 29 1971

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. The National Council of Churches is well known to the Bureau.

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- Felt _____
- Sullivan _____
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July 25, 1971

The Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

I was recently told by a reputable citizen of this town that the National Council of Churches is listed as a subversive organization by the F.B.I.

Is this true, and, if so, on what grounds was this judgment made?

I would appreciate your immediate reply.

Sincerely yours,

[Redacted signature]

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EX-114

July 1, 1971

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Dear [REDACTED]

I received your letter on June 28th and can understand the concern which prompted you to write. I appreciate your interest in furnishing this information to me.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Bufiles disclose prior correspondence with [REDACTED] thanking her for her support, last outgoing 11-19-70. The National Council of Churches is well known to the Bureau. The Venezuelan Brigade mentioned in her letter is presently the subject of pending investigation.

- Tolson _____
- Sullivan _____
- Mohr _____
- Bishop _____
- Brennan, C.D. _____
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June 22, 1971

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The Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I think you should know that the National Council of Churches, through the U. N. Church Center are sending out literature about communist Cuba and even go so far as to say "if you would like to arrange a trip to Cuba to cut sugar cane, contact the name nearest to your city". There is a list of Vincermos who have already been to Cuba, with addresses and phone numbers.

This Cuba Pack was referred to in a Methodist publication at the end of an article very favorable to Cuba. It said if you wanted more information to send \$2.00 to the National Council of Churches and ask for the Cuba Pack. I had no idea it would be this kind of material, and had forgotten I had even asked for it, and do not remember now which publication I had read it in. When the package came the return address was the United Nations Church Center.

Needless to say, I was very shocked and feel that you should know about it.

Respectfully,

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July 2, 1971

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100-50869-1770



Dear [redacted]

Your letter of June 28th has been received. With regard to your inquiry, as I indicated in my letter to you of January 22, 1971, information in our files must be maintained as confidential pursuant to regulations of the Department of Justice. I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the organizations you mentioned.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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NOSE files reveal that correspondent wrote on 1/17/71 requesting a list of communist groups and requesting information on the National and World Council of Churches. By outgoing dated 1/22/71, he was advised of the confidential nature of our files and a copy of his letter was referred to the Internal Security Division of the Department. The Jenette Rankin Brigade is not identifiable in Bufiles.

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- Sullivan _____
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June 28, 1971

Director, F.B.I.
Department of Justice
Washington, D.C.

National Council of Churches

Dear Sir:


I am doing some research work on the World Council of Churches; and am unable to locate two addresses.

Would you be good enough to give me the addresses of:

The Jenette Rankin Brigade
World Council of Churches

I would greatly appreciate this information.

Very truly yours,

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June 8, 1971

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Dear [Redacted]

I have received the letter of June 1st from you and your husband and, with respect to your inquiry, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the National Council of Churches. I regret I cannot be of help to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

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NOTE: Bufiles contain no record of either correspondent. The National Council of Churches is sometimes known as the United Council of Churches and is well known to the Bureau.

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June 1-1971

Federal Bureau of Investigation:
Dept. of Federal Affairs
J. Edgar Hoover:
To whom it may concern:

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I am a member of the [redacted]
[redacted] We are members of the United Council of
Churches. M

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My question is one of importance to our class in
Sunday School.

→ We would like the names of those people in the United
National Church Council who are known to be of Communistic beliefs.

This is not worded well, I know, but if there are
such people in this council, we would like this information to bring
before our church board, as our church sands money into this fund.
If this is true that our money goes to the communist for support, we
want to know.

I hope this information can be released to us for
investigation by our church.

I wincerely hope to hear from you very promptly, as
this is a very serious matter.

We have heard many rumors on this fact, but no
concrete evidence or names of known Communists in the National
Council of Churches (Methodists)

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Please reply soon.

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June 1-1971

Federal Bureau of Investigation:

Dept. of Federal Affairs

J. Edgar Hoover,

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National Council of Churches (Methodists)

Please reply soon.

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TO : Mr. Bishop *EB*

DATE: 5-28-71

FROM : M. A. Jones *MAJ*

SUBJECT: REVEREND BLAHOVLAV HRUBY
 MANAGING EDITOR
 "RELIGION IN COMMUNIST DOMINATED AREAS"
 INFORMATION CONCERNING

Mr. Beaver

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On May 27, 1971, captioned individual, who is managing editor of "Religion in Communist Dominated Areas," which is published by the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A., personally appeared at FBI Headquarters in Washington, D. C., and spoke with SA [redacted] of the Crime Research Section.

He indicated that his publication was being discontinued on June 30, 1971, for financial reasons and the lack of interest of member churches of the National Council of Churches in the publication. He commented that he felt that the publication was very worthwhile and inquired as to whether Mr. Hoover might possibly, "off the record," solicit funds from some of his friends in order to permit his magazine to continue to exist. He was advised that this was just not possible and that Mr. Hoover has had a long-standing policy of not using his influence for any organization. As such, it would be totally beyond the jurisdiction of the FBI.

[redacted] He has made numerous unsuccessful attempts to see the Director in the past and has previously sought the Director's assistance and endorsement regarding his publication.

RECOMMENDATION

For record purposes.

- 1 - Mr. Mohr.
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Bishop
- 1 - C. D. Brennan

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May 14, 1971

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B. J. [unclear]

Dear [Redacted]

In reply to your letter of May 7th, I can assure you I have not made any statement either criticizing or supporting the National Council of Churches. Information in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and I am unable to be of further help to you in this instance.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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May 7, 1971



Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C. 20535

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Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Brennan	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
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Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Walters	_____
Mr. Soyars	_____
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Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

Dear Mr. Hoover:

A member of this congregation has been distributing "hate literature" in this community directed at the National Council of Churches in the U.S.A., of which our denomination is a member body.

Although this church member will not document his accusations, he is quoting you as stating that "the National Council of Churches is openly and consistently promoting Communism in the United States of America."

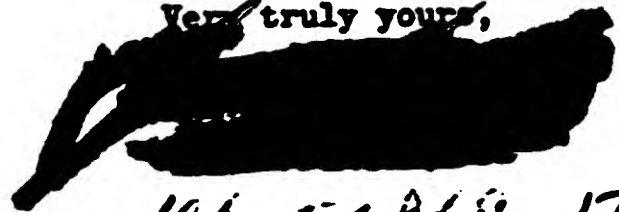
Mr. Hoover, will you be kind enough to either confirm or refute this quote? May I also ask, do you feel the National Council of Churches is subversive?

I'm in a position of having defended the NCC against such accusations, while at the same time not agreeing with all of its pronouncements. I hope I have not done this defending out of ignorance! If, however, there is good and sufficient reason to be wary of the NCC, please inform me as best you can, in order that I may stand corrected.

I would appreciate deeply your answering this letter personally over your signature. This may not seem too important to you, but it certainly is to me! The church member I have referred to states he will not accept any answer to any question unless it comes direct from the source quoted!

Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

Very truly yours,



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April 26, 1971

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Dear

In reply to your letter of April 19th, information in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the National Council of Churches or the World Council of Churches. I regret I cannot be of help to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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April 19, 1971

Dear Mr. Hoover:

A few lines to see if you will answer a question which has been troubling me quite a bit. I belong to the Methodist Church here in [redacted] and which is a member of the National Council of Churches and also the World Council of Churches. I have been told repeatedly that these two organizations are heavily infiltrated by Communist. This is important for me to know if you have record of such and would appreciate your answer at your earliest convenience. Thanking you in advance I remain

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April 19, 1971

Dear Mr. Hoover:

A few lines to see
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question which has been
troubling me just a bit.

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Church here in [redacted],
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member of the National Council
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WCP World Council of Churches.

I have been told repeatedly
recently that these two organizations
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for me to know if you
have read of such [redacted]
would appreciate your

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Answer of your earliest
concern. Thanking you in
advance I remain

Yours

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April 7, 1971

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Dear [Redacted]

I received your letter of March 31st and thank you for your comments concerning my administration of the FBI.

In response to your inquiry, information in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, neither makes evaluations nor draws conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual.

I have not made any statement either criticizing or supporting the National Council of Churches. I am unable to be of further help to you in this instance.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Mr. Sullivan	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Bishop	✓
Mr. Brennan, C.	✓
Mr. Callahan	✓
Mr. Casper	✓
Mr. Conrad	✓
Mr. Dalbey	✓
Mr. Felt	✓
Mr. Gale	✓
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Mr. Tavel	✓
Mr. Walters	✓
Mr. Soyars	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Miss Holmes	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

March 31, 1971

Director of FBI
Justice Dept.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

My compliments to you, Sir, on a fine job done in the FBI: I have appreciated your devotion and dedication for a long time.

Presently, I am promoting a church-wide study of the National Council of Churches in my local church - the [redacted]. Incidentally, I am the pastor, and a member of the Alabama-West Fla. Conference of the United Methodist Church. There is much confusion and discord arising out of the work of this organization's activities. Whether justified or not I can't totally say, but would like to have something positive to share with my people.

Is there any information or proof that the National Council of Churches or the World Council is promoting subversive organizations? Are there any members of these organizations that are known Communists? What is the status of the National Council of Churches with the FBI?

Any other information that you can supply would be greatly appreciated?

Sincerely Yours,

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March 15, 1971

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Dear [REDACTED]

In reply to your letter received on March 11th, I can assure you I have not made any statement either criticizing or supporting the National Council of Churches. Information in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and I am unable to be of further help to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: This is a confidential record identifiable with correspondent.

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J. Edgar Hoover
Director FBI
Washington DC

Dear Mr. Hoover

I have recently learned of some of the communist groups & causes which the National Council of Churches supports.

I understand you have made several statement about the NCC. Would you please inform me of your position and information available on the National Council of Churches and the World Council of Churches.

Sincerely



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J. Edgar Hoover
Director FBI
Washington DC

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Sincerely

March 5, 1971

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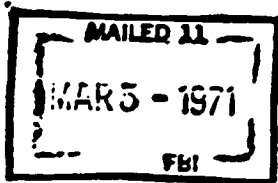
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Dear [REDACTED]

I am unable to be of assistance with respect to the inquiries in your letter of March 1st. Information in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sorry I cannot be of help to you.

I want to thank you for your kind remarks concerning our work and my associates share my appreciation for your support.

Sincerely yours,



J. Edgar Hoover

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March 1, 1971

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I would appreciate it very much if you could furnish me some information concerning the, National Council of Churches,. Do they have communist as delegates, or on any boards?

The same questions concerning the, World Council of Churches?

I am an Ordained Baptist Minister, Navy vet., also a York Rite Mason.

Thanks for the fine job you and your staff are doing. Keep up the good work.

Sincerely,

[Redacted signature]

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February 1, 1971

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Dear [Redacted]

In reply to your letter of January 26th, information contained in FBI files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. Please do not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the National Council of Churches.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles.

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Jan 26. 71

Dear Sir:

As a church Layman I am interested ~~to know~~ if you can furnish me with any information concerning the "National Council of Churches"? ~~Has~~ any of their past or present personnel ever been connected with any communist front organization? If not has this organization been exonerated completely concerning any connections with any subversive organizations?

Yours Truly



JB

*J. Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington D.C. 20512*

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Dear [REDACTED]

On January 11th I received your letter and its enclosure.

With respect to your requests, it is contrary to my long-standing policy to comment on material not prepared by personnel of this Bureau. Also, information in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and I am unable to be of help to you in this instance.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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Dear [REDACTED]

In reply to your letter received on January 4th, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. Please do not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the National Council of Churches. I regret I am unable to be of help in this instance.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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6 January 1971

Federal Bureau of Investigation
 Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Please give me your comments regarding attached article.
 Give me a firm answer, if possible, regarding the accusation
 that the National Council of Churches is a Communist front
 organization.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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ENCLOSURE

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ON NOVEMBER 20, 1960, in Cleveland, Ohio, one of the most powerful and diabolical political organizations in the United States was formed: THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES.

The NCC "speaks for" over 41,000,000 people, a membership which gives it tremendous political power. This political power may very well enable it to control our entire economy, as suggested by Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, General Secretary of NCC's Big Brother, The World Council of Churches. You may rest assured, if this happens, our country will become Marxist.

Not only have these misguided churchmen, traitors and communists plotted, as the case may be, been able to set the big lie over the basis of Christianity is Marxism, but they have been successful in turning many ill-informed Americans against our fundamentalist Christians and anti-Communists.

The "modernist" Ecumenists are promoting a new social order, man-made, man-planned and man-ruled by men who have denounced many of the Scriptures and by men who have renounced Christ by denying His divinity, His miracles, His resurrection, His saving power and His promise of eternal life.

"Bishop" Pike said: "I've jettisoned the Trinity, the Virgin Birth and the Incarnation." In His infinite wisdom, God recently jettisoned His Holy Land from the sight of Pike. And some well-meaning, non-Communist church leaders have

and its essence must be sought not in popular discontent, but in a diabolical conspiracy that sets the people to their own undoing."

Many "modernists" agreed that "World Opinion" demands that we deliver Christ, through the United Nations and the Supreme Court and in our schools and even our "Christian" Churches. (The United Nations does open some sessions with a prayer, of course. The prayer is addressed "to whom it may concern".)

According to "Christianity Today," (October 13, 1967), Western Reserve ecologist Jeffrey Hadden contacted 10,000 Protestant clergymen in the United States, asking them what they believed. Of the 10,000 inquiries, there were 7,441 replies. Tabulated results of the poll of 7,441 Protestant ministers is one of the most alarming surveys I have ever read.

The ministers were asked the question: "Do you believe in Jesus' physical resurrection from the grave in the same sense 'as you believe that Abraham Lincoln was assassinated'?" In other words, do you believe that Jesus' resurrection is a historical fact? Fifty-one percent of the Methodist ministers in the United States said they could not accept Jesus' resurrection from the grave to historical fact. Thirty percent of the Episcopal priests of America could not accept it, nor could 38% of the United Presbyterian pastors, 33% of the American Baptist preachers, 13% of the American Lutheran preachers, and 7% of the Missouri Synod Lutheran ministers.



Straight Talk

Article by -
- BY TOM ANDERSON
Southern Spring Publications
NASHVILLE, TENN.

played a major role in jettisoning Christianity from the church.

For instance, the hatred of Capitalism and the vision of World Communism was clearly expressed by Dr. Ivan Leo Holt, Bishop of the Methodist Church. His notorious words are: "If Protestantism should turn to a fuller gospel... it would mark the overthrow of the present capitalist system. There are those who feel that the profit motive is wrong and that there can never be happiness for mankind until the present economic system gives way to some cooperative scheme... it might mean revolution. There are those, who while opposed to the use of force in international relations, could not hesitate to use force in the overthrow of an economic system which they regard as un-Christian and vicious."

He's as subtle as a sinner with a 6-hour gun.

The first research director of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, Dr. J. E. Matthews, attended Union Theological Seminary and later Methodist's largest school, Boston University. Dr. Matthews was at first taken in by his leftist associates, but later saw the light and made amends. He testified that more than 8,000 clergymen and people affiliated with the clergy were deliberately helping the Communist cause. Most were not members but fellow travelers, front-men, who do most of the Communist dirty work.

Steve Webster said about 20 years ago: "The revolution through which we are now passing is not local but universal, it is not political but social. Success of the plan is enabled from SOVIET UNION PROPAGANDA, THE BROADCAST, THE PRESS, THE TV, THE RADIO AND THE MOVIES. THE PLAN IS TO TAKE OVER THE USA BY THE REAR END."

When asked if they believed in the virgin birth of Jesus Christ as a biological miracle, 66% of America's Methodist preachers said emphatically "no," as did 44% of the Episcopal priests, 46% of the Presbyterian ministers, 46% of the Baptist clergymen and 5% of the Lutheran ministers in the Missouri Synod, along with 15% of the American Lutheran ministers.

When asked if they believed in Satan and in the existence of demonic evil powers, 62% of the Methodist preachers said they did not believe in Satan or evil, as did 37% of the Episcopal priests, 47% of the Presbyterian clergy, 33% of the American Baptists, 14% of the American Lutherans and 6% of the Missouri Synod Lutherans.

Perhaps the most alarming result of this poll was this: When asked if they believed that the Bible is the inspired word of God, that is, if they personally accepted a nearly literal interpretation of the Bible, 62% of the Methodist preachers rejected the inspiration of the Bible, as did 66% of the Episcopal priests, 67% of the Presbyterian clergy and 57% of the American Lutheran clergy!

In sworn testimony concerning activities of the Communist Party in the field of religion, Manning Johnson, former member of the Communist Party, USA, stated: "The plan is to make ministers the mouth of a funnel through which thousands of potential clergymen would pass, carrying with them, in varying degrees, an ideology and ideas which would aid in controlling the anti-Communist projects. This project was neces-

ed beyond our Communist expectations." This great project, a Negro, died mysteriously a few years later.

J. Edgar Hoover has warned: "Many Communist fronts have operated under the guise of some church commission or religious body. IT IS URGENTLY TO SEE THE MONSTER ATTEMPTING BEING NOURISHED IN THE CHURCHES WHICH IT SEEMS TO DESTROY... Many ministers who cannot find in the Bible sufficient arguments for the cause of liberty and social justice, who has to borrow the doublethink of the Communists, is in the wrong profession and should be carefully watched by his official superiors and his congregation."

Of course, all clerics are not Communists, but all Communists are clerics. An apostate preacher is a dirt mate who teaches lies.

WHO BELONGS?

It is most important to understand that no individual church is directly a member of the National Council of Churches. The NCC is a grouping of denominations. If your local church is a member of any one of the denominations listed below, then you are appearing one of the most evil, pro-Communist, anti-American groups in America: African Methodist Episcopal Church; African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church; American Baptist Convention; Antiochian Orthodox Catholic Archdiocese of Toledo Department; Armenian Church of America (Including Diocese of Cal.); Christian Churches, International Convention; Christian Methodist Episcopal Church; Church of the Brethren; Church of the Holy Jerusalem; Ecumenists of the Russian Orthodox Church in North and South America; Friends United Meeting; Greek Archdiocese of North and South America; Hungarian Reformed Church in America; Lutheran Church in America; The Methodist Church in America; National Baptist Convention; National Baptist Convention of America, USA, Inc.; Philadelphia Yearly Meeting of the Religious Soc. of Friends; Polish National Catholic Church of America; Presbyterian Church in the United States; Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc.; Protestant Episcopal Church; Reformed Church in America; Russian Orthodox Episcopate of America; Russian Orthodox Greek Catholic Church of America; Serbian Eastern Orthodox Church; Seventh Day Baptist General Conference; Syrian Antiochian Orthodox Church; Syrian (Orthodox) Church of Antioch; Ukrainian Orthodox Church of America; United Church of Christ; United Presbyterian Church of the USA; United Methodist Church.

More than 20 additional denominations, which are not members of the National Council of Churches, are active participants in some of its units and programs. NCC costs millions of dollars worth of Bibles, pamphlets and "Bible Aid" literature every year to millions of innocent converts to Communism. Buying Christianity from NCC is the buying fair market from a dirt dealer.

Remember: Once the control gets its feet inside the tent, it is only a matter of time until your denomination is pushed in and you are on the road to a One-World "Marxist-Christian" Church!

Collectivism, whether secular or ecclesiastical, is the method of the suppression of individual liberty. Men of the cloth, the other men, are corrupted by too much power. If we have "One World", it will be a slow world. If we have One Church, the high priests will again "burn the witches" at the altar!

The NCC is an unnecessary evil: a gigantic concentration of ten-foot snakes with capital letters, administered by socialism, promoted by apostates and delinquents to merging the USA with the USSR.

[REDACTED]
December 28, 1970

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Some heated discussion arose recently at an Official Board Meeting of my church. I would like for my own peace of mind some official information on the following matter:

Mr. Tom Anderson, Southern Conservative Editor and Lecturer, Editor in Chief of Southern Farm Publications. Mr. Anderson has repeatedly attacked the organization and affiliates of the Methodist Church and the National Council of Churches. I would like to know if Mr. Anderson can document his accusations, or where I could find this information? I would also like to have some documented information concerning the National Council of Churches, its affiliates, and whether or not it has communist connections or engages in communist activities?

Thank you very much for your helpfulness and I shall eagerly look forward to hearing from you.

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Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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Washington, D. C.

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Our United Methodist Church is under attack because we belong to the National Council of Churches, which is claimed to be Communist. I am on a committee to investigate this charge and make a report to the district Jan. 16, 1971. I would appreciate any information you might have.

Yours truly,



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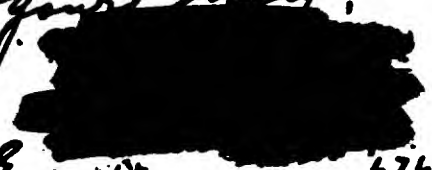
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December 16, 1970

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Dear [REDACTED]

I have received your letter of December 10th and appreciate your kind sentiment.

With respect to your inquiry, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. Please do not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the National Council of Churches or the United Church of Christ.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Dec 10, 1970

Dear Sir,

Greetings in Jesus Name.

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I firmly believe the hour is late and whatever can be done to awaken our people to the awfulness of this anti-Christ movement within our Churches must be done quickly - and as a man who has stood "four square" - I believe that before you ever consider retiring you should let our people know the facts!

Praying Gods richest blessings upon you and yours I shall be waiting to hear from you. -

Because of Calvary





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December 17, 1970

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Dear [REDACTED]

In reply to your letter received on December 14th, data in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. Please do not infer either that we do or do not have information in our files relating to the National Council of Churches or the World Council of Churches.

In view of the interest you expressed, I am enclosing literature dealing with the general topic of communism. If you have not already done so, you may also wish to read my books; "Masters of Deceit," "A Study of Communism" and "J. Edgar Hoover on Communism." Copies may be available at your local library.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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The Red University - Goal of Trotskyist Communism in the U. S.
An Analysis of the New Left: A Gospel of Nihilism
A Statement on Communism
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Dear Sirs,

I would appreciate a brochure of all your published pamphlets and books. I am particularly interested in any information along the line of communism and its relations to U.S. churches. If you have any literature dealing with this type of subversion and the WCC or NCC (National Council of Churches) I would appreciate it very much. Thank you



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

United States Department of Justice

Washington, D.C. 20535

*Subscribed
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EX-105

December 1, 1970

REC-51 100-50869-1758



Dear [redacted]

In reply to your letter of November 24th, I can assure you I have not made any statement either criticizing or supporting the National Council of Churches. Information in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and I am unable to be of further help to you in this instance.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Bufiles disclose one prior outgoing to correspondent, [redacted] in reply to his inquiry regarding individuals. We have maintained cordial relations with the American Baptist Convention.

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November 24, 1970
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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am sure that you are aware that persistent charges are being made against the National Council of Churches and some of the major denominations by groups like Dr. McIntyre, the Minute Men and other related groups.

Among the charges they make is that the FBI has branded the National Council of Churches and some of their recognized leaders as Communists, or involved in Communist front activities.

They also claim that the FBI has information that would substantiate their charge that they work closely with Communists to achieve their purposes.

How do I go about finding out what statements have been issued by the Federal Bureau of Investigation concerning the National Council of Churches and its recognized leaders over the past 30 years, that would in any sense link them up with Communists or with Communist causes? Or that Martin Luther King was a Communist?

These charges are very serious in nature and are causing churches to withhold funds through their denominations and the missionary cause represented by these denominations because of these accusations.

If they are not true, there ought to be a clear-cut statement to the effect that they are not true. If they are true, then the evidence ought to be produced.

I would appreciate any and all assistance that you can give me in this matter.

May I say that I will be very glad to have your office investigate me and The Ohio Baptist Convention, so that you can be assured of the validity of our concern and that the information we receive will be used for construc-

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tive purposes.

Ohio
The Ohio Baptist Convention is an affiliate organization of the American Baptist Convention, whose headquarters are in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania. Dr. Edwin Tuller is the General Secretary of the American Baptist Convention.

Thanking you for your help, I am

Sincerely yours,



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November 25, 1970

[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

In reply to your letter which was received on November 28th, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. Please do not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the National Council of Churches.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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November 18, 1970

Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Dept. of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

There is a restless feeling among many churchmen regarding the National Council of Churches in America. We pastors hear this organization described as ranging from "pink" to rank Communism itself. Publications come to my desk that decry the work and influence of this organization and brand it as being un-American. I believe that the Bureau would know and can help me, as a minister, in dealing with my local situation.

Please give me some help on the following:

1. Is the National Council of Churches a "Communist front organization?"
2. Are there known Communists in the organization?
3. Is the Council known to be supported by Communists?
4. Has the FBI information that lists this ecclesiastical body as being literally un-American?

Answers to these questions are not to be published, but simply used by myself personally, in counseling situations, and in dealing with officers of the church. Very likely these questions are not new ones to you, and therefore you may have printed materials which can provide the information that I need. At any rate, I would like to hear from you shortly.

Thank you for your helpfulness.

Yours sincerely,
[Redacted Signature]

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Dear [redacted]

In reply to your letter of November 15th, information in FBI files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the National Council of Churches. I regret I am unable to be of help in this instance.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director of Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Would you please send me any information that you have available about the National Council of Churches. I've been told that it is Communistic infiltrated. As an Independent Fundamental preacher, I want to present the people with all the facts.

Any information you could give me will be appreciated.

Sincerely,



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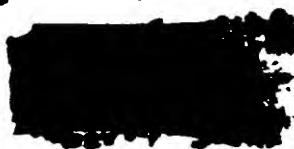
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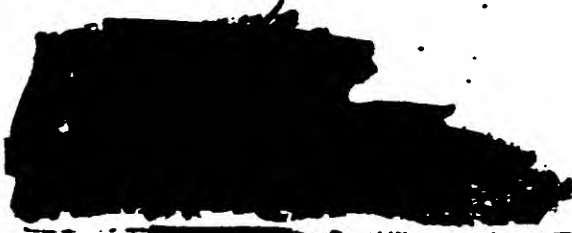
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J. Edgar Hoover

October 29, 1970

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Dear [redacted]

I have received your letter of October 23rd, with enclosure, and am grateful for your kind sentiments and remarks.

With respect to your inquiries, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. Please do not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files regarding the World Council of Churches.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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October 23rd.,

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am writing this letter on behalf of the congregation of [redacted] The enclosed clipping is self explanatory.

Our church belongs to the Michigan Baptist Convention which in turn is a member of the American Baptist Convention which contributes money to the United Council of Churches it being a Member of the World Council of Churches. We contribute money to our Michigan Baptist Convention and some of it finally finds its way into The World Council of Churches.

Many of our members are concerned about this and some have already left our church as they feel the Communists have infiltrated these organisations. What about Dr. Sjollema?

Any comments or information that might help us to know what is right in this matter will be appreciated.

You will nodoubt know that my daughter, [redacted] was employed by the Bureau some years ago, so we have high regard for you and your organisation. Dr Woodbury, Director of Christian Education of the American Baptist Convention some years ago, once said, as he stood looking at your picture in the City Hall, while I was [redacted] "America Can Be Thankful For a Man Like That". And how true. We wish America had taken your advise year ago then we would not be in all this trouble. For your information the picture you saw in Frank Murphy entitled "The Scientific Detection of Crime" now hangs in the City Hall of this City where I had it put when I was City Clerk.

With kindest personal regards, I am

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1- ENCLOSURE

MEMBERSHIP IN UPROAR

W.C.C. Gives Funds To Liberation Movements

By GEOFFREY ATKINS
GENEVA (AP) — Despite widespread criticism the World Council of Churches has started to send funds to African groups known as liberation movements, and to other organizations identified as anti-racists.

Dr. Henk van Spijkema, a 61-year-old Dutch sociologist who directs the council's fund to combat racism, says most of a \$200,000 appropriation has already been paid to 12 organizations in 12 countries. Of the total, \$120,000 goes to a group of African movements seeking to overthrow the white regimes in South Africa, Rhodesia and the Portuguese colonies.

This has caused an uproar among some of the 200-odd member churches of the council, which include almost all the leading Christian churches except Roman Catholics. It veils its face from member churches for its finances.

South African churches are under government pressure to quit the world body. The powerful West German Evangelical Church plans to reconsider its relationship with the council. Another outspoken critic is Britain's top Protestant, Dr. Michael Ramsey, the Archbishop of Canterbury, who is shortly to visit South Africa.

Dr. Spijkema dismissed claims that the funds will be used to buy guns for guerrillas.

"Everyone knows where they get their arms from and that they are free," he said.

"The organizations have promised not to use the money for military purposes and we accept their word. We will not have any control over the funds, but each applicant has given details of how they will be used.

"We are taking a small risk, but they could buy very few weapons with the amounts they are getting." He describes the money as "mainly a token gesture of solidarity by the Christian Churches which we hope will lead to an atmosphere of trust and discussion between the churches and the liberation movements."

Nigerian civil war and there were many allegations that these funds were misused, but the churches did not protest.

"We have donated money to the Palestinian refugees. For all we know it may have been used to finance commando leaders."

"There has been no loss over donations to white groups fighting against racism and one must ask the question whether the protests have suddenly arisen because black movements are now included."

"By backing groups dedicated to overthrowing white governments, he concedes the World Council is 'supporting subversion, even if indirectly. But he says: "the churches cannot escape the responsibility of supporting the liberation movements, with all the risks that they entail."

Dr. Spijkema reported no

negative reaction from American member churches. He added that several of the churches identified, have previously informed the World Council that they may channel extra donations through the fund to combat racism.

"The strong black representation in many American churches appears to be a factor," he commented.

Currently the council is trying to raise \$200,000 to send medical supplies to Viet Communist-controlled areas of South Vietnam. Its affiliate agencies have been asked to participate in a wider relief project organized by the European Medical Association.

The council has regularly donated money to both sides in the Vietnam war and said its latest gesture stems from "the intensified fighting which has made the need for medical supplies especially acute."

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Dear [Redacted]

In reply to your letter of October 22nd, I can assure you that data in our files is maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is not furnished to unauthorized individuals or magazines.

I have not made any statement either criticizing or supporting the National Council of Churches. This Bureau does not issue clearances or nonclearances of any type. The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, neither makes evaluations nor draws conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Oct. 22, 1970

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Inquiry Dept.
9th St. & Pennsylvania Ave. Washington, D. C.

About a year or so ago, in answer to a question, I received a letter admonishing me not to infer that the FBI either has or has not information in the files concerning communist influence in the National Council of Churches.

Today on an Iowa radio station the man in charge of their "talk program" stated that Mr. Hoover has in a magazine article told the people that we must not over react to reports of such pro-communist tendencies and actually implied that, again, the FBI has in effect cleared the National Council of such influence. When I mentioned in the conversation that my understanding is that the files of the department are secret, I was told that such information can be & is given to magazines, tho not to individuals. I am very confused. Our church periodicals have some articles which read so very much like "The New World Review" published in N. Y. and "Northern Neighbors, published in Canada. I can hardly believe that the FBI is doing as this radio announcer said.

Respectfully yours

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October 19, 1970

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Dear [REDACTED]

In response to your letter of October 10th, with enclosure, information in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. Please do not infer that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the National Council of Churches or the World Council of Churches.

I assure you that the FBI will endeavor to fulfill its responsibilities in the internal security field with thoroughness and dispatch. In view of your interest, I am enclosing general material concerning some of the groups seeking to foment unrest in our Nation which contains suggestions all of us can use. You may also wish to read my books, "Masters of Deceit," "A Study of Communism" and "J. Edgar Hoover on Communism." They may be available in your local library.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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- Enclosures (4)
- An Analysis of the New Left: A Gospel of Nihilism
- The SDS and The High Schools
- A Study in Marxist Revolutionary Violence: SDS, 1962-1969
- Director's testimony 3/5/70 re Black Panthers, racial, extremist & communist groups

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Oct. 10, 1970

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Washington D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover

I am enclosing a "Christian Crusade Weekly" magazine for you to check over for I am greatly concerned over the many organizations they claim are infiltrated by the Communists include the National Council of Churches and the World Council of Churches

If these allegations are true what is you find organization doing to get rid of them? Also what can an individual do?

Will be vitally interested in you reply

Thanking you for your interest in this subject

I am --

Sincerely

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Washington D.C.

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Yours —

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Dear [REDACTED]

The letter of October 13th from you and your husband has been received. In response to your inquiry, information in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the National Council of Churches or the World Council of Churches.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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October 12, 1970

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Have you any information available on the World and National Council of Churches concerning those who head it up as to whether they have had Communistic affiliations or been connected with Communistic fronts now or in the past. Also could you supply what their aims and goals are and any other information you might be able to supply concerning the same.

The reason we write to you is because we are members of the National Council of Churches not by chose but by draft.

We would greatly appreciate any information on this as we are greatly concerned about this.

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Thank You,

Sincerely Yours,

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October 6, 1970

Honorable David W. Dennis
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

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My dear Congressman:

Your communication of September 30th and the enclosed copies of a letter and news article from [redacted], have been received.

In response to your constituent's inquiry, information in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. Please do not infer that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the National Council of Churches or the World Council of Churches.

I regret I cannot be of further assistance to you in this instance and am returning your enclosures as you requested.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Bufiles disclose favorable relations with Congressman Dennis (R-Indiana) in the past. [redacted] not identifiable in Bufiles. The enclosed news article alleges the National Council of Churches to be communist dominated and the FBI is not mentioned.

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September 1, 1970

Rep. David W. Dennis
1729 Longworth House Office Bldg.
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Rep. Dennis:

At various times, it has come to my attention that the National Council of Churches and the World Council of Churches is Communist dominated and operated. However, I am not sure of the correctness of this information which I have received and at times I have also been told these organizations are not Communist dominated.

Since our Friend church has been a member of the National Council of Churches entirely through subsidiary organizations, I would really like to know whether this organization is Communist. I am enclosing a copy of a letter to the editor by James L. Short. This letter was published in the Indianapolis Star. If you can believe Mr. Short, there is no question about the affiliation with the communist. However, I still do not know who to believe.

Do you have any information which would be authentic as to the status of the organization or can you refer me to any source where I can obtain information that would definitely indicate whether or not these organizations are Communist dominated.

I would greatly appreciate any assistance you can give me and I am doing this as an individual and chairman of the [redacted] report back to the meeting the factual information concerning these organizations.

Very truly yours
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Enclosure

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Is NCC Red-Tainted?—Look At Its Record, Says Short

To the Editor of The Star:

I would like to add some facts and figures to Dr. A. G. Blaney's fine letter in The Star on the National Council of Churches (NCC). In 1938 the Federal Council of Churches was organized. By 1953, Communist infiltration was so well known that anti-Communist intelligence agencies regarded it as an arm of the Communist Party. On Nov. 28, 1954, the Federal Council merged with a few other church organizations and formed the NCC. The old Federal council leaders became the NCC leaders. The Federal council functioned for December, 1953, officially announced that "All the work of the Federal council will continue under the new auspices."

The constituting convention which converted the Federal council into the National Council and merged it with other similar organizations was held in Cleveland, Ohio. It was composed of delegates from 29 Protestant denominations. Delegates of 25 of these denominations took their whole denominations into the National Council. Thus, denominational churches with a total membership of something like 26 million people became members of the NCC by the arbitrary action of a few score delegates at the convention. The question was never submitted to church congregations, or even to individual churches, for approval or ratification. Today, the NCC is composed of 23 co-operating Protestant and Eastern Orthodox denominations representing 26 million people.

From a variety of authoritative sources, there appears to be overwhelming evidence of Communist anti-religious activity in the United States through infiltration of fellow-travelers into churches and educational institutions. The National Council Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. officially sponsored the Revised Committee and the Advisory Board. Among these were Walter Russell Bowie of Grace Church, New York; Henry J. Cadbury of Harvard University; George Dahl of Yale University; Frederick C. Grant of Seabury Western Theological Seminary; and Leroy Waterman of the University of Michigan. All of these men were affiliated for example, with the National Federation for Constitutional Liberties (NFCL). This is what the House Committee on Un-American Activities said about the NFCL: "There can be no reasonable doubt about the fact that the National Federation for Constitutional Liberties is one of the effective organizations of the Communist Party in the United States." Forman's attorney General Francis Biddle described the

NFCL thus: "Part of what Lenin called the 'color system of organization,' ostensibly having no connection with the Communist Party, by which Communist attempt to create sympathizers and supporters of their program." Not only were these men affiliated with the NFCL, but many similar Communist fronts or enterprises such as The American Committee for Democracy and Intellectual Freedom; the American Committee for Protection of the Foreign Born, Citizens Committee to Free Earl Browder and many more too numerous to name. Fleming James of the University of the South was a member of the Bible Revision Committee and a signer of an appeal for amnesty for 11 Communist party leaders who had been convicted for conspiring to overthrow the U.S. Government by violence and had been sentenced to 5 years in prison.

The best way to prove the pro-Communist orientation of the leadership of the NCC and of the interlocking leadership in its affiliated denominations, is to look at the record of what it does and says. The NCC in November, 1954, at the Fifth World Order Study Conference in Cleveland, went on record, by unanimous vote, in favor of diplomatic recognition of Red China by the U.S. The Cleveland conference was composed of about 600 delegates, two-thirds of whom were laymen, one-third clergymen. One-half of the clergymen at that conference had public records of affiliation with left-wing operations which followed the Communist line. During the past 20 years, 719 officers of the Federal Council and NCC have been affiliated with one or more organizations of left-wing character. Though the NCC professes to be all things to all people, it has no firm foundation in Christian faith. In politics, however, its stand is firm, clearly defined and unchanging—left of center and pro-socialist. The NCC as its predecessor, is a political organization and instead of teaching the gospel of Jesus Christ, it is preoccupied with advocating a new social order. It is time for the rank and file of Protestant clergy and laity in the United States to take a long and searching look at leftward political directions in which support or actual higher church leadership is guiding them and at times working publicly to conceal them.

An especially long and searching look should be taken by Protestant rank and file clergy and laity of the National Council of Churches of Christ.

this country, with a membership of 26 million and is associated with Protestant groups overseas with a membership of another 11 million. All of the larger American Protestant denominations — The Methodist Church, the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., the Episcopal Church, and the Northern Baptist groups—belong to it except the Southern Baptist Convention, which is the largest of all Baptist denominational organizations. Potentially the NCC is the largest and most far-reaching propaganda organization in the world, religious or otherwise. It delves into many political subjects ranging from national legislation, public housing, industrial relations, civil liberties and segregation to recognition of Red China. The NCC spends more than \$17,000,000 a year on its activities, 63 per cent of this money coming from member denominations at the national level, although naturally the origin of each dollar is the pocketbook of the laity in the individual churches of each denomination. Operation of it through a General Board and a General Assembly is entirely in the hands of national level denominational organizations and probably no more than a handful of the 26,000,000 laymen in these denominations have more than a cursory knowledge of the existence of the NCC if they have that. But when the NCC acts, or when its officials speak, Communists and other propagandists often spread the action and words as coming from 26,000,000 American "Protestants" even though millions of these Protestants may not be aware that the action of issue has been taken or that the words quoted have been uttered.

JAMES E. SHORT
R.K. 1, Box 236 A
Merrittown

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**Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.**

September 30, 1970

**Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.**

Sir:

The attached communication
is sent for your consideration.
Please investigate the statements
contained therein and forward me
the necessary information for re-
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spondence with your answer.

Yours truly,

DAVID W. DENNIS
(R-Indiana) D. C.

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October 1, 1970

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Dear [Redacted]

In response to the inquiries in your letter of September 25th, information in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I hope you will not infer that we do or do not have information in our files relating to the National Council of Churches or the World Council of Churches. I can assure you, however, that I have not made any statements regarding either of these organizations, nor do we have any material for distribution on them.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Sept. 25, 1970

J. E. Hoover
FBI
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir:

Rumors constantly circulate that the churches are communist and that the National Council of Churches is dominated by communists.

Will you state your position on this matter in writing? Perhaps you have already prepared written materials over your signature which would be helpful.

I shall be happy to have word from you on this matter.

Sincerely,

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Dear [REDACTED]

In reply to your letter of September 24th, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. Please do not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the National Council of Churches. I regret I cannot be of help to you in this instance.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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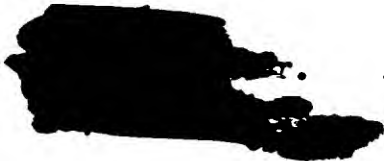
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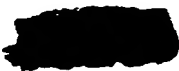
Sept. 24, 1970

Mr. Hoover:

I am writing for information concerning the activities of The National Council of Churches (U.S.A.) and its heads. What I really want to know is if this organization is leaning towards communism (U.S.S.R.) or has any connections with the communist Party (U.S.S.R.). Are any of its leaders communist (U.S.S.R.) or leaning in that direction.

I am also writing Senator McClellan for information.

Please forward any information or suggestions to the above address.



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Sept. 29, 1970

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Dear [REDACTED]

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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FBI
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September 18, 1970

J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C. 20540

Dear Mr. Hoover:

From numerous sources we have heard contentions that the organization known as the National Council of Churches is at least partially Communist controlled and affiliated. This matter is of major serious concern to us in determining our future course of action as it pertains to participation in National Council activities and association. Any information you might supply us on this matter including your own opinion would be most appreciated.

Sincerely



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September 17, 1970

Mr. John Mitchell
 Attorney General of the United States
 Department of Justice
 Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

This letter is written in complaint with the way things are going on in your Department.

One thing I specifically object to is the belated revelation of intercepted telephone conversations allegedly made by the late Martin Luther King, Jr. If these revelations of his activities with another woman are true, they should have been revealed at the time. Over and above that, it is none of your business to be spying on other people's activities, be they proper or improper. For this self-acclaimed hero named J. Edgar Hoover to reveal these things about a man after he is dead and buried, is the mark of a dog in the manger rather than a dedicated public servant. The Lord advised us that the one without sin should cast the first stone. Let these operators in your Department, who feel they are so pure as to reveal things like this, examine their own consciences before they start to attack a man who did more in his lifetime than any of them ever will, and is now passed away.

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I am also annoyed at the arrogant infiltration of the National Council of Churches by Hoover's men for the ostensible purpose of checking Communist thought in the clergy. It is none of your business to check up on the thought of anybody. I read that there had been an apology on the part of the FBI because of these actions. I would be happier if those responsible would be revealed and their punishments publicized. I have an uneasy feeling that what has happened is a reminder to these bureaucrats who do things like this to be careful in the future not to get caught.

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That's about all I can say for now. I would like to suggest some way of keeping Agnew quiet, but that is not your department. His outrageous and ill-mannered comments are really not subject for Government inquiry. The people in their good sense (the silent majority that Mr. Nixon talks so much about) have the best means of taking care of a small caliber annoyance like this. That means is the election which this fall will provide people with the opportunity to pass judgement on people like Agnew. And, of course, in 1972 he can be disposed of politically. It is probably better to live with him and his arrogance rather than take any Governmental action.

Very truly yours,



September 23, 1970

100-50869 -



Dear Sir:

Notwithstanding the unwarranted personal attack on me in your letter of September 17th to the Attorney General which was referred to this Bureau and received on September 22nd, I can emphatically assure you the FBI has not made information regarding Martin Luther King available to any unauthorized source. In keeping with our responsibilities, we have, however, disseminated information concerning King on a high-level basis within the Executive Branch of the Government. Furthermore, this Bureau does not engage in blackmail activities and there is not one shred of truth in the allegation that Martin Luther King was blackmailed by the FBI.

Insofar as your comments regarding "the arrogant infiltration of the National Council of Churches by Hoover's men for the ostensible purpose of checking Communist thought in the clergy" are concerned, I can only presume you are referring to recent press articles quoting a leader of a religious organization that the FBI planted "agents" in his church. For your information, these claims are completely unfounded and erroneous and this Bureau has never issued an apology to anyone with respect to this as none is due.

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SEP 23 1970
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Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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NOTE: Bufiles disclose no prior correspondence to [REDACTED], however, by letter 5/8/62 to the Attorney General he made uncomplimentary remarks about the Bureau regarding a steel dispute and by letter to the Director 1/4/63 he alleged Bureau Agents had contacted the University of Wyoming in connection with a communist speaker who was to appear on that campus. In his letter of 1/4/63 he claimed the source of his information regarding such a contact was a statement supposedly made by Justice Douglas of the Supreme Court. [REDACTED] 1/4/63 letter was not acknowledged and inquiry did not disclose Justice Douglas had made such a statement or that University of Wyoming officials were contacted as alleged by [REDACTED]

September 23, 1970

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Dear [REDACTED]

I have received your letter of September 18th and understand the concern which prompted you to write.

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With respect to your inquiry, I have not made any statement either criticizing or supporting the National Council of Churches. I have stated, however, that communists are engaged in a systematic program to infiltrate religious groups in our country. On the other hand, I have made it clear that the overwhelming majority of our clergymen are loyal citizens, devoted to working for the best interests of our Nation. We must face the challenge in the light of the fact that some clergymen have identified themselves with communist causes, but this is not a time for name calling, for unfounded accusations or publicity-seeking charges designed to confuse, divide and weaken.

In view of your interest, I am enclosing some material which you may not have had an opportunity to read. You may also desire to review my books, "Masters of Deceit" and "J. Edgar Hoover on Communism," in which I comment in some detail about communism and religion. Copies may be available in your local public library.

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Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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What Does the Future Hold?

The Sunday School - Key To Tomorrow

A Study in Marxist Revolutionary Violence: SDS, 1962-1969

A Statement on Communism

Director's Testimony 3/5/70 Re The Black Panthers, Racial, Extremist And Communist Groups.

NOTE: On basis of available information correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. The National Council of Churches is well known to the Bureau.

September 18, 1970

The Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C..

Dear Mr. Hoover:

In the November 1969 issue of the GEORGIA FARMER, Thomas J. Anderson in his article on page 22 entitled "Straight Talk" equated the objectives of The National Council of Churches with those of the American Communist Party.

The article had a strong impact on the minds of many of my parishioners. Many have become skeptical of the United Methodist Church and suspect of the National Council of Churches. I am sure that one of the greatest rish one encounters as a minister is always seeing the church through the eyes of the church without the ability to see its greatest faults.

In your long career as director of the F.B.I. and a true scholar of the American Way of Life, and one who constantly fights the forces of Communism would you set forth a few ideas concerning the Churches role in fighting Communism, and indeed, if the church can be equated at any point with this dangerous movement would you boldly and honestly relate where and how it is doing so.

I would deeply appreciate your time and thought and covet your reply. I shall be grateful for any help that you can afford me in this critical study.

Yours truly,

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WALTON BROOKER, Member

September 21, 1970

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Dear [Redacted]

I have received the copy of your letter of September 15th with your note thereon. Your best wishes and the interest which prompted you to furnish your views are very much appreciated.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Correspondent is on the Special Correspondents List.

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Dear Mr. Hoover
I thought you
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timed our beat to you in all parts
of our country.

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Dear [redacted]

I was most interested in some of the quotes of yours used in a item in the Washington Star for Sept. 14, 1970. I am intrigued by your denouncing Rev. McIntire (I believe he has been ordained, the same as you?) for his efforts to bring peace to South Vietnam...who is to say his methods are wrong other than the North Vietnamese? Everything else has been tried!

The National Council of Churches leaves much to be desired before it can assume to lead the religious people of this country. We left the Presbyterian church (generations of followers of my family had supported it when it was a church and not a sanctuary for criminals.) when it came out in support of the Chicago gangs..allowed them the use of the church property for meetings, drug use, ad nauseum. When the local group gave \$50,000. of OUR money to Hobson to aid him in destroying the school system of Washington.

I might add that I am doing what I can to aid in taxing the multi-billion dollar holdings of the churches in this country. I can see no reason for pouring money in the Cathedral just to say it is larger than some other church...St. John The Divine's in New York CONTINUED TO POUR MONEY INTO BRICKS AND MORTAR WHEN MEN WERE STANDING IN BREAD LINES AND DID NOT THROW OPEN ITS DOORS TO THE HUNGRY, COLD MEN OR OFFER THEM FOOD! This is religio

If the FBI ever did investigate the churches of this country I would have to assume they had a good and just reason to do so. It is my belief that the FBI has more men and women on its staff who believe in God and country than in most churches to-day. If you don't believe me. just listen to the minister whose church was burned two weeks ago at DuPont Circle! He feels he was a 'hippie' when young..he doesn't think the church relevant as it is...why don't you remove him as you so proudly say you "deposed" Rev. McIntire. I find it strange that he has such a large following is he was "sowing dissension within the church". Could it be the church needed it 35 years ago? What were you doing then for the poor, the blacks, the sick? A look at the record might prove very interesting and enlightening.

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Very truly yours,

CC: Director J. Edgar Hoover

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for the kind comments in your letter of September 10th, with enclosure, concerning our work. Your support is encouraging and it is my hope our future efforts will continue to merit your approval.

With respect to your inquiry, information in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. Please do not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the National Council of Churches.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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September 10, 1970

Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C. 20000

Dear Sir:

The enclosure came in the mail this morning from an unsigned, un-named source. It contains some very serious allegations about a national church group in our country.

I realize that the FBI as an investigative agency of the government probably does not make evaluations or offer pronouncements relative to the integrity of any organization, institution or individual.

However, as the accusations in this reprinted article are very serious and in all likelihood receiving widespread attention through large circulation of the article, I will appreciate any assistance or guidance you can offer.

I do not know if the FBI has ever investigated the National Council of Churches. Is this organization infiltrated with "traitors" "Communist plants" as this article strongly implies? Has this organization been identified by an investigative or security agency of the government as a "pro-communist, anti-American pressure group?"

It appears to me that if the accusations in this article are true, then this organization should be investigated immediately and legal procedures initiated. On the other hand, if the accusations are false, then it appears to me that articles of this kind serves only to spread distrust and discord among people and in some instances be divisive to the extent of aiding the enemy.

I believe that we must be diligent in our efforts to preserve our freedoms and our democracy and that each citizen be continually aware of any conspiracy that poses a threat to our country. And yet I feel that the operation of tracking down communists must be left to the FBI and other government agencies that have the knowledge and resources to do that kind of job.

I have a deep faith in the integrity of the FBI and an appreciation for the tremendous effort it has made to insure the security of our nation. I am writing because of a need for guidance and help concerning the matter mentioned above.

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Sincerely yours,

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CORRESPONDENCE [signature]

ON NOVEMBER 1960, in Cleveland, Ohio, one of the most powerful and diabolical political organizations in the United States was formed. THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES.

The NCC "reaches for" over 41,000,000 people, a membership which gives it tremendous political power. This political power may vary and enable it to control our entire economy, as suggested by Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, General Secretary of NCC's Big Brother, The World Council of Churches. You may not believe it, but the Communists, our country will become Marxist.

But don't have these misguided churchmen, teachers or Communist plants, as the case may be, been able to sell the big lie that the basis of Christianity is Marxism, but they have been successful in turning many ill-informed Americans against our fundamentalist Christians and anti-Communists.

The "modernist" Ecumenists are promoting a new social order, man-made, man-planned and man-ruled by men who have belonged to Communist fronts, by men who have denounced many of the Scriptures and by men who have renounced Christ by denying His divinity, His miracles, His resurrection, His saving power and His promise of eternal life.

"Bishop" Pike said, "I've criticized the Trinity, the Virgin Birth and the Incarnation." In His infinite wisdom, God recently criticized His Holy Land from the weight of Pike. And some well-meaning, non-Communist church leaders have

and its main goal is to bring out in popular government, but in a diabolical conspiracy that can give the people to their own undoing."

Many "modernists" around the "World Opinion" demand that we defend Christ, through the United Nations and the Supreme Court and in our schools and even our "Christian" Churches. (The United Nations does open some sessions with a prayer, of course. The prayer is addressed "to whom it may concern".)

According to "Christianity Today," (October 12, 1957), Western Reserve sociologist Jeffrey Madden contacted 10,000 Protestant clergymen in the United States, asking them what they believed. Of the 10,000 inquiries, there were 7,441 replies. Tabulated results of this poll of 7,441 Protestant ministers is one of the most alarming surveys I have ever read.

The ministers were asked the question: "Do you believe in Jesus' physical resurrection from the grave in the same sense that you believe that Abraham Lincoln was assassinated?" In other words, do you believe that Jesus' resurrection is a historical fact? Fifty-one percent of the Methodist ministers in the United States said they could not accept Jesus' resurrection from the grave as a historical fact. Thirty percent of the Episcopal priests of America could not accept it, nor could 28% of the United Presbyterian pastors, 23% of the American Baptist preachers, 13% of the American Lutheran preachers, and 7% of the Missouri Synod Lutheran ministers.

and beyond our Communist organization."

This great patriot, a Negro, died martyrdom a few years later.

J. Edgar Hoover has warned "Many Communist fronts have operated under the guise of some church organization or religious body. IT IS URGENTLY TO BEE THE MONSTER ATHEISM BEING NOURISHED IN THE CHURCHES WHICH IT SEEKS TO DESTROY Any minister who cannot find in the Bible sufficient arguments for the cause of liberty and equal justice, who has to borrow the Good Book of the Communists, is in the wrong profession and should be carefully watched by his official superiors and his congregation."

Of course, all priests are not Communists, but all Communists are priests. An American pastor is a dead man who teaches atheism.

WHO BELONGS?

It is most important to understand that no individual church is directly a member of the National Council of Churches. The NCC is a grouping of denominations. If your local church is a member of any one of the denominations listed below, then you are supporting one of the most evil, pro-Communist, anti-American groups in America: African Methodist Episcopal Church, African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, American Baptist Convention, Antiochian Orthodox Catholic Archdiocese of Toledo (Diocese of Cal.), Armenian Church of America (including Diocese of Cal.), Christian Church, International Convention; Christian Methodist Episcopal Church; Church of the Brethren; Church of the New Jerusalem; Executive of the Russian Orthodox Church in North and South America; Finnish United Methodist, Great Archdiocese of North and South America; Hungarian Reformed Church in America; Lutheran Church in America; The Slavonian Church in America; National Baptist Convention; National Baptist Convention of America, USA, Inc.; Philadelphia Yearly Meeting of the Religious Soc. of Friends, Public Meeting; Catholic Church of America; Presbyterian Church in the United States; Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc.; Protestant Episcopal Church; Reformed Church in America; Russian Orthodox Episcopate of America; Russian Orthodox Greek Catholic Church of America; Serbian Eastern Orthodox Church; Seventh Day Baptist General Conference; Syrian Antiochian Orthodox Church; Syrian (Orthodox) Church of Antioch; Ukrainian Orthodox Church of America; United Church of Christ; United Presbyterian Church of the USA; United Methodist Church.

More than 20 additional denominations, which are not members of the National Council of Churches, are active participants in some of its units and programs. NCC costs millions of dollars each year of Bible, pamphlets and "Book of Acts" Bibles every year to millions of innocent would-be Christians. Buying Christianity from NCC is the buying fish rotting from a fish market.

Remember: Once the camel gets its foot into the tent, it is only a matter of time until your denomination is pushed in and you are on the road to a One-World "Marxist-Christian" Church!

Collectivism, whether secular or ecclesiastical, is the method of the suppression of individual liberty. Men of the clock, the other men, are corrupted by too much power. If we have "One World", it will be a slow world. If we have One Church, the high priests will again have the "watch" at the altar!

The NCC is an unnecessary evil: a gigantic concentration of anti-free world cash by Catholics, administered by Muslims, promoted by apostles and delivered to corrupting the USA with the USSR.



Straight Talk

- BY TOM ANDERSON

played a major role in jettisoning Christianity from the church.

For instance, the hatred of Capitalism and the vision of World Communism was clearly expressed by Dr. Ivan Lee Holt, Bishop of the Methodist Church. His notorious words are "If Post-Communism should turn to a fuller gospel. . . . It would seek the overthrow of the present capitalist system. There are those who feel that the profit motive is wrong and that there can never be happiness for mankind until the present economic system gives way to some cooperative scheme. . . . It might mean revolution. There are those, who while opposed to the use of force in international relations, would not hesitate to use force in the overthrow of an economic system which they regard as un-Christian and vicious."

He's as subtle as a sifter with a 6-hour pass.

The first research director of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, Dr. J. B. Matthews, attended Union Theological Seminary and later Methodist's largest school, Boston University. Dr. Matthews was at first taken in by his leftist associates, but later saw the light and made amends. He testified that more than 8,000 clergymen and people affiliated with the clergy were deliberately helping the Communist cause. Most were not members but fellow travelers, fast-joiners, who do most of the Communist's dirty work.

None Webster said about 20 years ago: "The conclusion through which we are now passing is not local but universal, it is not political but social. It is the sign of a new era, one which will sweep the world. It is not a new era, it is a new era."

When asked if they believed in the virgin birth of Jesus Christ as a biological miracle, 68% of America's Methodist preachers and emphatically "no," as did 44% of the Episcopal priests, 49% of the Presbyterian ministers, 44% of the Baptist clergymen and 9% of the Lutheran ministers in the Missouri Synod, along with 12% of the American Lutheran ministers.

When asked if they believed in Satan and in the existence of demonic evil powers, 82% of the Methodist preachers said they did not believe in Satan or evil, as did 37% of the Episcopal priests, 47% of the Presbyterian clergy, 33% of the American Baptists, 14% of the American Lutherans and 9% of the Missouri Synod Lutherans.

Perhaps the most alarming result of this poll was this: When asked if they believed that the Bible is the inspired word of God, that is, if they generally accepted a nearly literal interpretation of the Bible, 82% of the Methodist preachers rejected the inspiration of the Bible, as did 69% of the Episcopal priests, 67% of the Presbyterian clergy and 57% of the American Lutheran clergy!

In sworn testimony concerning activities of the Communist Party in the field of religion, Manning Johnson, former member of the Communist Party, USA, stated: "The plan is to make seminars the next of a funnel through which thousands of potential clergymen would have their carrying with them, in varying degrees, an ideology and spirit which would aid in accomplishing the anti-Communist projects. This project was launched