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# FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AND PRIVACY ACTS

SUBJECT: NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

**HQ FILE: 100-50869** 

**SECTION 11** 



### FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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The film, "Operation Abolition," is sponsored and distributed by the House Committee and this Bureau had no connection with its preparation. As a matter of policy, I cannot, therefore, the with respect to it. May I suggest that you consider contacting the Committee which is located in Room 225, Old Louse Office Building, Washington 25, D. C.

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Sincerely yours,

USC Material One copy each of:

Communist Target--Youth
Introduction - March 1960 - LEB & 17th National Convention CP, USA
What You Can Do To Fight Communism
How To Beat Communism
Director's Speech 10-18-60

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

Dear in Moover:

I have never thanked you for the wonderful work you are doing for all true Americans in keeping our land, "the land of the free", by exposing the evils within our sates. To you, and all who work with you I am deeply grateful.

As a minister of the Gospel I stand with you in opposing these vicious evils. Can you please send he the

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- 1. "Target Youth" que' gul officie statement regarding "Operation Abelilion" Silm.
- 2. Evidence of what happened at latest Commist Convention.
- 3. Anything you have that will help me expose Communism in the Mational Council of Churches from your records.
- 4. Advice as to the best way to oplose Communish after one is informed what steps of action to take, like petitions, etc. or influencing representatives.

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CORRESPONDENCE

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Your letter dated February 16, 1961, has been received.

In response to your inquiry, I have made statements several times concerning the efforts of the Communist Party to infiltrate our religious institutions since such efforts are in the over-all communist program of attempting to control all mass-type organizations. You may be able to secure from your local public library a copy of my book, "Masters of Deceit," and you will find on pages 324 through 326 this matter more fully discussed.

MAILED 31 FEB 27 1961 COMM-FBI With reference to the two groups you named, the functions and responsibilities of the FBI as a Federal investigative agency do not extend to furnishing evaluations or drawing conclusions as to the character and integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret I am unable to help you in this regard and hope you will not infer either that we do or that we do not have related data in our files.

Enclosed are publications available for general distribution by this Bureau on the subject of communism which you may find of interest.

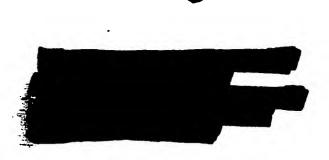
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Sincerely yours,
J Edmar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover Director

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#### Enclosures (9)

Statement before HCUA on 3-26-47.
How To Beat Communism
3-60 LEB Introduction
Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion
God and Country or Communism?
Director's speech 10-18-60
What You Can Do To Fight Communism
Communist Target--Youth
Expose of Soviet Espionage

NOTE: For a number of years allegations have been made by a number of people to the effect that the National Council of Churches of Christ (NCCC) has been infiltrated by communists. Although the Bureau has never conducted an investigation of the NCCC, we have kept abreast of the efforts of the Communist Party to infiltrate this organization. It does not appear from the information we have developed that the Communist Party is dictating the policies on the NCCC. The Methodist Church, of course, is making strong efforts through the Circuit Riders, a group of laymen within, to combat communism among its own members. In view of the two subjects of correspondent's inquiries, it is believed that above reply would best serve the Bureau's interests. See letter of same date to Congressman Walter E. Rogers.

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February 16, 1961

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

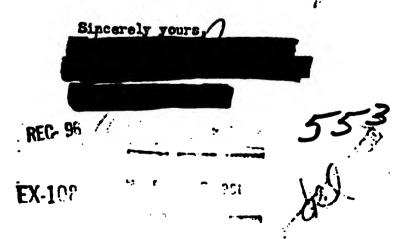
Pear Mr. Hoover,

In the past few months a vigorous organization has arisen in our city and has made many accusations that The National Council of Churches and The Methodist Church, among other demominations, are dominated and infiltrated by many Communists and Communist sympathizers.

Some of the persons named by this group are men held in high esteem throughout our church. It is difficult for me to have much weight to hearsay evidence against them.

On some occastions, the Federal Bureau of Investigation is referred to as a source of information about communists in the churches.

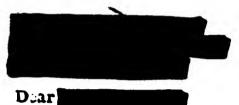
Can you give me information about the extent of such infiltration, if any, into the churches? Is it possible for the names, positions, and activities of Communists within The Nethodist Church particularly to be made available?



February 24, 1961

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Your letter of February 16, 1961, has been received. I can understand your deep concern over the grave threat precented by communism, and I appreciate the interest which prompted you to write.

While I would like to be of assistance to you, the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. I regret I ammable to help you and hope you will not infer in this connection either that we do or do not have information in our files concerning the organization about which you inquired in your communication.

In view of your interest, I am enclosing material available for distribution by this Bureau concerning conmunism which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

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Enclosures (8)
17th National Convention, CPUSA & 3-60 Intro.
One Nation's Response To Communism
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
What You Can Do To Fight Communism
Series from "Christianity Today"
Director's speech of 10-18-60
Expose of Soviet Espionage
Communist Target--Youth

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Feb 16-1961

Dear Mr Hoover,

I have read your book "Masters of Deceit" & many of your articles in news papers, church papers etc. Have read the blue book on the "Birch Scociety", have seen "Communism on the Map", & Operation Abolition" - Have heard many speakers including Wm. Opie, Billy Hargis, & Dean Manion - All of this is good except:

I am a Presbyterian & frequently now reference is bing made to the National Council of Churches as being a communist front organization - Please give me verification of this - I do not wish to leave my church or do I wish to support a church that is anti-American -

Sincerely,

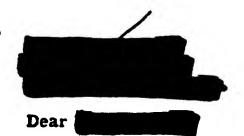


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Although I would like to be of service, the functions and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or drawing conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. For this reason, the FBI is unable to be of aid to you, and no suggestions come to mind where you might be able to secure data of the specific type you desire. Please do not infer, however, in this connection either that we do not have related information in our files.

In view of your interest, I am enclosing publications available for general distribution by this Bureau on the subject of communism.

John Edgar Hoover

Director

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Correspondent

is not identifiable.

#### Enclosures

Series from "Christianity Today"
Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion
Director's speech 10-18-60
What You Can Do To Fight Communism
How to Beat Communism
Expose of Soviet Espionage
Communist Target--Youth





2/9/61

J. Edgar Hoover Washington D. C.

Dear Sir,

Where, where can we get authentic information on Communist activities in the United States, especially names of persons in the National Council of Churches, The Association of Ervangelicals and Youth for Christ who are or have been Communists.

We desire to know if it is getting into our Churches and colleges.

Sincerely.

An American who wants to keep America free.

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February 21, 1961

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Your letter of February 14, 1961, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI is an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope that you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to the subject of your inquiry.

Enclosed is some material dealing with the general subject of communism which may be of interest.

Sincerely yours.

John Edgar Hoover Director

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Feb 14, 1961

Mr. J Edgar Hoover Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Am writing to you in regard to the National Council of the Churches of Christ. Just how much in your opinion is the National Council working with some of the Communist activities here in America, my soninlaw and daughter belong to a church that is hooked up with National Council, they say they would realy like to know but aren, t sure, as far as I am concerned I allready am convinced.

Would greatly appreciate any information you can give us and if there are any charges to any material you sent let us know. As I feel these Communist activities are getting serious in this great country in which we are living.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely Yours

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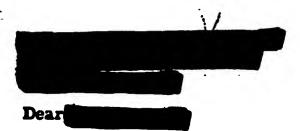
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February 1.7, 1961



Your letter was received on February 13, 1961, and I want to thank you for your kind comments and prayers.

In response to your request, I am enclosing some material on the general subject of communism which is available for distribution, together with a copy of my speech at The American Legion Convention. I have no objection to your reprinting any of this material in your church publication.

The jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments relative to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to be of assistance, and I hope you will not infer in this connection either that we do or do not have data in our files regarding the organization you mentioned.

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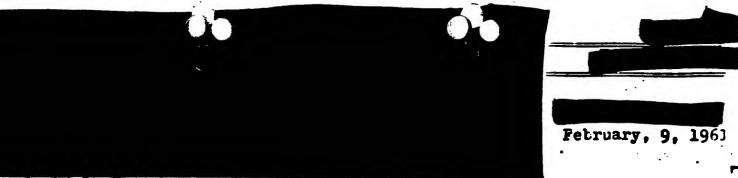
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NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. Since correspondent requests permission to reprint material in his church bulletin which has circulation of 226 families, it is not believed necessary to have him secure permission from the editors of any magazines in which these articles may have appeared. For a number of years allegations have been made by a number of people to the effect that the National Council of Churches of Christ (NCCC) has been infiltrated by communists. Although the Bureau has never conducted an investigation of the NCCC, we have kept abreast of the efforts of the Communist Party to infiltrate this organization. It does not appear from the information we have developed that the Communist Party is dictating the policies on the NCCC today.



Lagar Hoover ashington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

We are trying to do all we can in this co munity to combat Communism, especially within the various bodies of religion.

Te are told by some people that the National Council of Churches has communist men within it and also communist sympathizers. And that it should be watched.

We are also told that the American Council of Churches is

alright and have no communist infiltration.

Would you please send me information as you have it on the communist movement withinthe National Council of Churches? I am told by some folk that all communists have been removed and that the National Council of Churches is clean and definitely for American freedom. Please enlighten me.

Also would you please send me the copy of the address you delivered to the American Legion convention in Fiami?

I appreciate very much your labors to keep America free. I pray to God that we will have many, many more men like you who will go all out for freedom. May I be of any help?

Respectively yours



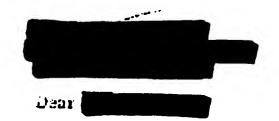
P.S. Also; May I use this information in our church paper? We print a weekly paper which goes into the homes of 226 families.

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Your letter of February 10, 1961, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

Although I would like to be of service, the IBI is an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope that you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to the subject of your inquiry.

Enclosed is some material dealing with the general subject of communism which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover Director

For Country or Communism?

God and Country or Communism?

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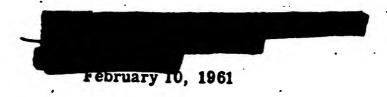
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we have developed that the Consounist Party is dictating the policies

of the NCCC. (100-50869)



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

Dear Sir:

I am writing for my group to request information about the National Council of Churches. We have heard, and are hearing presently, accusations and charges that there is communist infiltration and leanings among the leaders of N.C.C.

Since we are believers and supporters of the National Council of Churches, it is very alarming to hear these charges. We want to know if there is any proven evidence of communist activity or leanings in this organization.

> Sincerely, /s/

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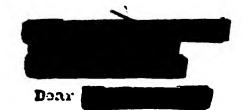
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I have received your letter dated February 8, 1961, and your interest in writing to me is appreciated.

While I would like to be of assistance to you, the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, organization or publication. Furthermore, a regulation of the Department of Justice prohibits the disclosure of information in our files to other than appropriate agencies in the executive branch of the Federal Government. I am precluded, therefore, from commenting on the organizations and individual you mentioned.

I am, however, enclosing some literature concerning the menace of communism available for general distribution by the FBI which you may like to read.

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Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover Director

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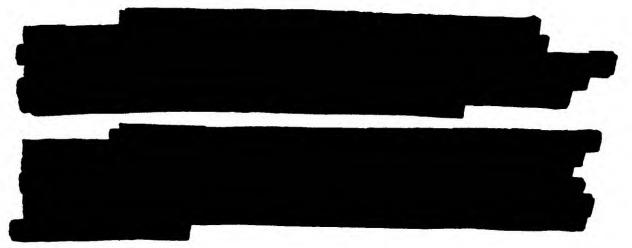
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Correspondent has used material issued by the American Council of Christian Laymen and Circuit Riders, Incorporated, to establish to a group in his church that the National Council of the Churches of Christ and its leaders further the cause of communism. He has also referred to statements made by Congressman Donald L. Jackson in Congress; however, correspondent's minister criticized Jackson. Correspondent requests the Bureau's opinion on the patriotic or unpatriotic work of the above organizations and individual. Bufiles contain no identifiable information concerning the correspondent.



The National Council of the Churches of Christ has not been investigated by the Bureau. We have kept abreast of the efforts of the Communist Party to infiltrate it through our over-all investigations of the Communist Party, USA. It does not appear that the policies of this organization are being dictated by the Communist Party. (100-50869)

The following items of literature were furnished to the correspondent:

- 1. "What You Can do to Fight Communism and Preserve America."
- 2. "Communist Target Youth."
- 3. "One Nation's Response to Communism."
- 4. "Red Goals and Christian Ideals."
- 5. "God and Country or Communism?"
- 6. "Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion."

Fobruary 1, 1951

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Tr. J Mgar Hoover Frderal Bureau of Investigation Mashington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Hoover,

In my attempt to do all I can for Patriotic causes, I have made a presentation to the World Outrouch Department of our church concerning the possibility of the Mational Council of Churches and its leaders futhering the crows of Communism. I must now ask you for assistance.

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February 20, 1961

Your letter postmarked February 13, 1961, has been received.

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In view of your interest, I am enclosing material on communism available for general distribution by the FBI.

Sincerely yours,

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Dear Mr. Hoover -

After reading intensively both pro and con concerning subverbsion of communist strategy and tactics going on within (?The National Council of Churches, my husband and many members of our Episcopal church have wanted to know the real truth. My minister says the Bishop says nothing is wrong with it. Dan Smoot and many other men have said it is infiltrated by these communistic doctrines which in my language is atheism.

Will you please tell me in clear language whats' what with this organization to which practically every Protestant American church contributes part of their pledges.

I will thank you deeply for your definite yes or no answer to my question.

My minister says if I can show him any body's word besides hate mongers (which he claims Dan Smoot to be) and "crack pots" trying to make money, he will listen to me.

You are the only one I know whose word he would accept as being authentic. He (the minister) is a former salesman and a very successful one.

Thank you again for your kind & immediate

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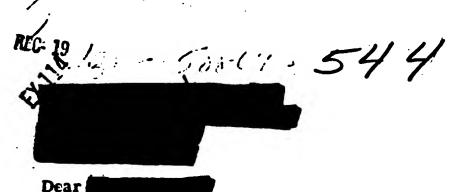
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communism which may be of interest to you. You will notice that some of these publications give suggestions regarding what citizens can do to combat this menace. We do not, however, maintain a mailing list for the distribution of this material, and it is suggested if you wish to reprint any of these items for wide dissemination that you also secure permission from the editors of any publications in which the articles may have originally appeared. The Ave Faria is published by Ave Faria Fress, Fublisheds, Notre Dance, Adiana, and Constianity Today is published by Christianity Today, Publishers, Washington Building, 15th and G Streets, Northwest, Washington, D. C. 'The American Legion Magazine' is published at 720 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York.

I have written a book about communism in America and how to fight it which is entitled "Masters of Deceit." This book was written with the ho; e that it would be an ensy-to-read primer for students and others who are interested in learning about the communist menace. You can probably get a copy from your local library.

India uch as this Bureau did not prepare or disseminate the Air Force danual, I cannot be of assistance to you. It is suggested that you correspond directly with the Air Force regarding it. Included in the material I am forwarding are reveral items relative to allegations made by a member of the National Council of Churches against the House Un-American Activities Committee

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Sincerely yours,

John Edger Hoover Director

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Enclosures (11)

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God and Country or Communism?

Struggle on a New Plane

Introduction 3-60 LEB & 17th National Convention, CP, USA

Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion

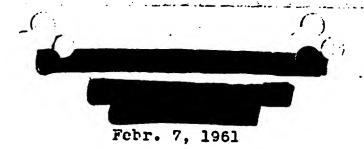
Where Do We Stand Today With Communism in the US?

Communist Party, USA (Ave Maria)

What You Can Do To Fight Communism

Communist Target--Youth

NOTE: Correspondent wrote to the Bureau in 1954 regarding the newspaper Common Sense." He was thanked for his interest in writing. (105-9621-161) Correspondent's name is not being added to the Special Correspondents' List requests a "blanket" approval to reprint any material he record.



ir. J. Edger Hoover F.B.I.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir.

This is to express to you my sincere appreciation for the wonderful work you are doing in guarding our lend against Communism. Kern up the good work.

I have been asked to prevare a special, authentic report for our next Church Board meeting on March 6. I will appreciate any help you can give me by may of documented evidence of Communist conspiracy in America, especially in those cases where it has infiltrated our Churches, or the Mational Council of Churches.

Is it true that the National Council of Churches has advocated the abolition of the House Un-American Activities Commistée? Do you have copies of the controversiel Air Force Lanual that would be available to us? Are the charges made in the Lanual authentic?

I would appreciate an early answer to these cuestions along with suggestions as to how we should proceed to guard against infiltration in our local communities. Do you have books that you have personally written on the subject, how much are they, and where may we secure them?

We are also interested in forming a Christian Patriots organization in our community to function and a study group. We would be harmy to receive at any time news of late developments that we should know about. I would like to be free to discuss and publish any and all materials received. Thank you very much.

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1 have received your letter dated February 9, 1961, and your kind comments are indeed appreciated.

While I would like to be of assistance, the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI, strictly an investigative agency of the Feleral Government, do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any in 'ividual, reganization or publication.

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For the past several years, allegations have been made by a number of people, including some clergymen, that the National Council of Churches of Christ (NCCC) has been infiltrated by communists. Although no investigation has been conducted by the Bureau; we have kept abreast of Cl' efforts to infiltrate this organization through our investigations of the CP. It does not appear that the CP is distating the policies of the GCCC today. (100-50069)

The following material was forwarded to the correspondent:

> 1. "The Communist Menace: Red Geals and Christian Ideals"

"God and Country or Communism?"
 "Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion"

4. "One Hation's Response to Communism"



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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

As a Minister, I have been greatly disturbed lately over the progress of Communism in the United States, especially the headway it seems to be making in the field of religion.

I have access to several sourses of information concerning Communist infiltration into religious circles, especially into the National Council Of Churches. I am wondering how reliable all of this information is, however.

I wonder if you could furnish me some information concerning Communist infiltration into religion in America, or if you could suggest some reliable sources of this information. I feel this thing needs to be exposed, but I want genuine proof to back up what I say.

I will be grateful for any assistance you can give me in this matter. Please accept my gratitude for the work the F.B.I. is doing in unmasking the ungodly and despotic threat of Communism.

Sincerely Yours,

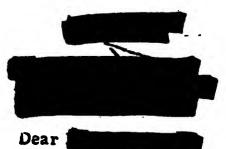
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Your letter of February 12, 1961, has been received, and I wish to thank you for your good wishes.

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI is an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope that you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to the subject of your inquiry.

Enclosed is some material dealing with the general subject of communism which may be of interest to you.

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John Edgar Hoover, Director

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Feb 12, 1961

Dear Mr Hoover,

The Dallas Morning News recently ran your articles on Christianity & Communism and they were of great interest and help to me. Our Sunday School class or Presbyterian Church is studying this using "A Christian's Handbook on Communism" put out by The National Council of The Churches of Christ in The U. S. A. A friend said the Nat 1 Council was "Communist" or at best "Communist infiltrated." Also the Freedom Forum were "witch hunting." What do your investigations show? Do you know these organizations to be Communist infiltrated? I had thought them to be above reproach. Could this just be adverse propaganda?

Would surely appreciate any information on this.

I hope you continue in the best of health, Mr. Hoover. I know I feel safer knowing you are about our Country's business.

Sincerely, /s/

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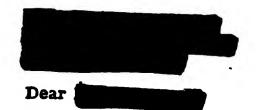
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In view of your interest, I am enclosing material available for general distribution by this Bureau on the subject of communism.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover Director

Enclosures (8)

What You Can Do To Fight Communism

Series from Christianity Today

God and Country or Communism?

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Director's Speech 10-18-60

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

I would sincerely appreciate any information you could mail to me pretaining to the members, leaders, aims, and viewpoints of the National Council of Churches any and un-American activities of this organization.

Sincerely,

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February 10, 1961

Dear

Your letter of February 4, 1961, was received as Mr. Thooger was leading the city.

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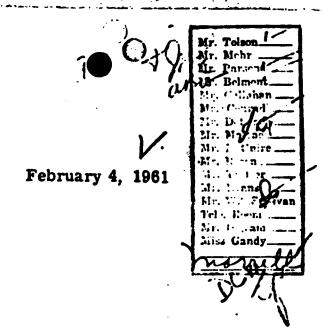
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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover,

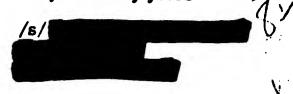
Trying to tell the intelligensia that the F.B.I. and J. Edgar Hoover have evidence to the effect that Communists have penetrated into the National Council of Churches is a losing proposition. They do not believe it. They think some one-sided crackpots are stirring up the issue.

If we cannot quote you, we might as well quote no one.

Would you give me a statement on the above proposition. Of course, all church groups could be included to some extenit.

I will appreciate so much any consideration you give this request.

Very sincerely yours



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I have received your letter dated February 2, 1961, and your kind comment is appreciated.

While I would like to be of assistance to you, the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. I am, therefore, precluded from commenting on the organization you mentioned; however, you should not infer that our files do or do not contain information regarding this organization.

I am enclosing some literature, available for general distribution by the FBI, which may be of interest to you.

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Correspondent congratulates the Director on the fine job he is doing in exposing subversive elements. She states it has been called to her attention that the National Council of Churches is a communist front organization and inquires if we can furnish any proof of this. Bufiles contain no identifiable information concerning the correspondent.

We have received allegations for a number of years that the Mational Council of the Churches of Christ (NCCC) has been infiltrated by communists. We have not investigated this organization; however, we have kept abreast of the efforts of the Communist Party (CP) to infiltrate this organization through our over-all investigations of the CP. It does not appear that the CP is dictating the policies of this organization today.... (100-50869)

The following items of literature were furnished the correspondent:

- 1. "Communist Target Youth"
- 2. "America Freedom's Champion"
- 3. "One Wation's Response to Communism"
- 4. Reprint from "FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin,"
  March, 1960. "To All Law Enforcement Officials"
- 5. "What You Can Do To Fight Communism and Preserve America"

February 2, 1961

J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I would like to congratulate you on the fine job you are doing in exposing subversive elements.

It has been called to my attention that the National Council of Churches is a Communist Front Organization. Can you give me any proof of this?

I would certainly appreciate a prompt reply. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

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February 8, 1961

Your letter was received on January 31, 1961, and I want to thank you sincerely for your thoughtful message concerning the work being done by the FBI.

In response to your request, it is a pleasure to enclose a copy of my remarks before the National Convention of The American Legion last October, together with other publications on the subject of communism available for general distribution by this Bureau which you may find of interest.

With reference to your other inquiry, I must inform you that the function and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or drawing conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have related data in our files.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Introduction - March 1960 - LEB & 17th National Convention CP, USA
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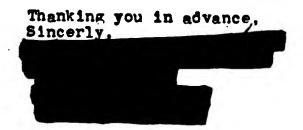
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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover Washington, D. C. Dear Sir:

I thank God for a man like you and wish we had more men like you in this country.

My family and myself pulled away from our church and severalof our friends went with us, because they were going with the National Council of Churches, we understand that the fronts of this group are Communist, and we wont no part of it. Do you have anything on this?

Would you send me a copy of the address you gave at the last American Legion Convention.



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Dear Dear

I have received the letter from you and your husband dated January 26, 1961, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

The jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope that you will not infer in this connection either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the subject of your inquiry.

In view of your concern, Fam enclosing some material which you may wish to read.

Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover Director

Enclosures (6)

God and Country or Communism

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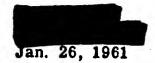
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Fedreal Bureau Investg. Washington DC.

Dear sir,

We are a newly organized Reformed Church and have to make a decision whether to join in with the organization and activities of the National Council of Churches which operates also on a statewise and local level. Many of our members are opposed to it because of the statements they have read & reports heard from such men is Billy Harges that the National Council is directed & managed by men who are working in the hands of communism. However, if the National Council is truly working for the good of Christianity and Freedom we as well as most of our constituency want to join in the great world movement. Could you give us some honest facts & clear statements about the National Council & its management so that we may know if and when we join, that we are not playing in the hands of communism. If some of the statements made on radio & in print regarding the National Council are true, I doubt very much that any of our churches in would want to belong to it. As it is most of them do belong to Fed. Council. However many of us wonder how so many insinuations on their N. Council's communistic leanings can be made openly if there is not a grain of truth to it.

Very sincerely,

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P. S. I have already written inquiries of this kind into the leaders of our denomination but they discount any insinuations against the National Council. As a denomination we already belong to it.

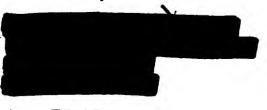
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UNITED STATES GOVE emorandum Mr. DeLoach **DATE: January 30, 1961** M. A. Jones SUBJECT: Late on the afternoon of Friday, January 27, I received call from who stated she had been commissioned by her church to get the real facts and specific information concerning the National Council of Churches. stated that she had attained some information but could not find the specific information which she wanted. She wondered whether I could be of any help and furnish her any information. She was told that the matter would be checked and that she would be called back. I later called back and told her that the FBI had never investigated the National Council of Churches as such, and, accordingly, we could not furnish her any specific information from our files. I did take occasion to point out that much had been written and was already in the public realm. I referred her to the annual report for 1960 of the House Committee on Un-American Activities and particularly page 37. I also mentioned that undoubtedly the hearing in connection with the Air Force Training Manual some months ago would also be of interest. Mention was also made of the book by Edgar C. Bundy, "Collectivism in the Churches." horoughly understands that the FBI does not vouch for these publications, and that they were mentioned to her only as a courtesy to her. she expressed an interest in In talking to Bureau material concerning communism and religion, and was sent without cover letter copies of the following: "God and Country or Communism?" Reprint from Christianity Today, Fall of 1960; "Communist Party, USA," (reprint of Ave Maria 4-30-60); "Communism -- The Bitter Enemy of Religion," (reprint from Christianity Today 6-22-59). 100-318417 REC- E4 (Continued next page) CRIME RESEARCH 521 .

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Dear

Your letter was received on January 23, 1961, and I can appreciate your deep concern about the communist menace. Enclosed are publications which you may find of assistance, and additional copies of these reprints can be sent you without charge, if desired.

In response to your inquiry, the film, "Operation Abolition," is sponsored and distributed by the Un-American Activities Committee of the United States House of Representatives, and this Bureau had no connection with its preparation. As a matter of policy, we cannot, therefore, make any comments with respect to it. May I suggest that you consider contacting the Committee directly in this regard in Room 225, Old House Office Building, Washington 25, D.C.

"Communist Target--Youth," a detailed account prepared by this Bureau of the highly organized tactics employed by the Communist Party in the California demonstrations against the House Committee on Un-American Activities. An analysis of this report will show its purpose was not to defend the activities of the House Committee nor does it cast doubt on the motivation or loyalty of American youth. It is intended rather as urgent encouragement to young people to learn the true nature of this malevolent threat, and, armed with that knowledge, to resist being duped into unlawful and unthinking action.

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John Edgar Hoover Director

## Enclosures (7)

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Director's speech 10-18-60
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J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Rareau of Investigation
Justice Department
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Incalculable harm is being done in our area by a film which is being distributed and shown by church, school and civic groups. The film is entitled "Operation Abolition", and deals with the student demonstrations of May 1960 egainst the House Un-American Activities Committees refusal to publish sources of its information about persons subpoemed to testify publicly in a San Francisco hearing. The students were exercising their lawful right as citizens, and had taken careful precautions against being infiltrated by communists. They were, according to the news releases, provoked beyond their ability to maintain their self-imposed discipline, and some masty incidents with the police followed. I am sure you are already well aware of the details.

My concern is not in defense of the students. They appearntly did what they should not have done.

My concern is the film. According to several documented sources (i.e., the HUAC chief investigator for the west coast, the San Francisco Chronicle, the Cakland Tribune and the New York Times) the film contains several inaccuracies and distortions which leave a false and dangerous impression.

Its effect upon some audiences in our state often are fascistic. This cannot be true Americanism.

The committees refusal to publish sources of information about people who are subpostated seems to me to be a violation of decency and fair play. Unsubstantiated charges by undocumented sources is a smear tactic that does more harm to our American way of life than most of the people who are hauled before the Committee.

If this tactic should reach major proportions in our country it would force many to have to choose between Communism and Fascism, neither of which are compatible with our American ideal of free, democratic and representative government.

Many of us who minister on behalf of Christ's Church find ourselves in "hot water" with some citizens who have been provoked to heatflittighty the film. Since we are on the "firing line" here in best Texas where the film is being shown with some surprisingly facistic results weald you please do me

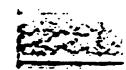
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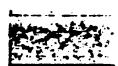
the courtesy of sending me any information you have concerning the film. Has it been doctored to give a false impression, or not? If so, would you please let me know how the film is edited to portray what is not in fact the truth?

Secondly, I would like to have a word from you with regard to the Eational Council of Churches. Repeated charges by persons who seem to me to be uninformed about the basic purpose of the NCC leave the impression that the organization is a Communist front enterprise.

My entire congregation is presently involved in a study of "What We Must Know About Communism", and your help in the two matters above will greatly help us. We are especially eager not to "brand" someone irresponsibly. We are equally eager to bear a good witness for our Lord as good Americans.







January 25, 1961

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Dear

Your letter of January 16, 1961, has been received, and it was indeed kind of you to comment so favorably concerning my administration of this Bureau.

In response to your inquiry, on occasions I have niade statements concerning the efforts of the Communist Party to infiltrate our religious institutions. These statements have been concerned with the over-ail communist program of attempting to infiltrate all mass-type organizations which, of course, include our churches. You might desire to obtain a copy of my book, "Masters of Deceit," from your public library. On pages 324-326, you will find my position on this matter further detailed.

I regret that I am unable to be of further assistance to you concerning the matter of your inquiry. In carrying out its investigative responsibilities, the FBI does not make evaluations for draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, individual or publication. I hope that you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to the subject of your inquiry. I am enclosing some literature which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

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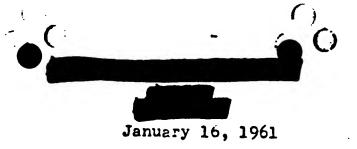
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Enclosures
Director's speeches of 10-3-60, 10-18-60
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Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion
Communist Target--Youth
Expose of Soviet Espionage

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For a number of years, allegations have been made to the effect that the National Council of Churches of Christ (NCCC) has been infiltrated by communists. Although the Bureau has never conducted an investigation of the NCCC, we have kept abreast of the efforts of the Communist Party to infiltrate this organization. It does not appear from the information we have developed that the Communist Party is dictating the policies of the NCCC today.



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

Lear kr. Hoover:

I feel that this letter is an imposition on your limited time, but I feel that it is important.

There have been many charges and accusations of communism being made against the kational Council of Churches and various ministers of outstanding Teadership.

These accusations have sifted cown to some very sincere people within the local churches who have become greatly disturbed about communism among the men of the Christian ministry. Some literature was brought to my attention about Dr. Paul Lehman of Harvard University who is to lecture at Austin Seminary in Austin, Texas, sometime next month. The substance of the material is that he has communistic views, and he is not a fit person to address the students of our colleges and seminaries.

I feel that you could do a great service to the people of the Christian church and to us ministers who respect the integrity of men in our profession if you could give some pertinent facts about the National Council of Churches and the general charges made about the Christian ministry so far as communism or communistic tendencies are concerned.

May I add my personal appreciation to you for the great service you have rendered your country in these past many years. In a time when festapo and Secret Police, etc., have been prevalent throughout the world, it has been a privilege for us americans to have had a man of your integrity as head of the Federal bureau of Investigation.

Thanking you for your kindness, I remain

Cordially yours,

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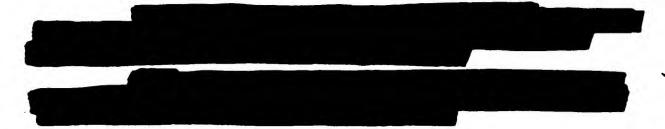
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Your letter of January 13, 1961, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI is an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope that you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to the subject of your inquiry.

Enclosed is some material dealing with the general subject of communism which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

## Enclosures (5)

God and Country or Communism?
Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion
One Nation's Response to Communism
What You Can Do To Fight Communism
Expose of Soviet Espionage

NOTE: No record Bufiles identifiable with correspondent.

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Jan. 13, 1961

Dear Mr. Hoover;

I suppose you have received a lot of letters like mine, and truely, I do not want to be a trouble maker. But I feel I must know in my own heart about the accusation against, "The National Council of Churches.

"The World Day of Prayer" is to be held on Feb. 17, 1961. In our town of Schurches are going together to put on a worship program. Half of the offering goes to The National Council of Churches.

I am for this year president of our church group. (Womens Fellowship) which is a missionary study group. and in a responsible position to see that our Churches part goes well.

I feel I cannot give this my support if it is Communist. I have talked with my minister and expressed my feelings. He says I will be a trouble maker, by asking questions and exciting people over something that is not true. and I fully realize this.

I know Communism works on your minds, and in no way do I want to further there work.

Please, can you help me to know what is truth and what is false.

Thank you,

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Dear

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I have received your letter postmarked January 9, 1961, and your interest in writing to me is appreciated.

While I would like to be of assistance, the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. I am precluded, therefore, from commenting in any manner concerning the organization you mentioned.

There are enclosed several items of literature concerning the menace of communism available for general distribution by the FBI which you may like to read. There is no charge for this material and I am, therefore, returning your personal check, Number 220, dated January 9, 1961, in the amount of \$1, payable to this Bureau, which you so thoughtfully enclosed with your letter.

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Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover Director

Enclosures (6)

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#### NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent, in a rather lengthy letter, discusses a controversy within her Methodist Church involving the dismissal of a man and his wife who had been heads of a home for the aged. There is no allegation of communism concerning their dismissal, and correspondent has apparently referred to it to indicate the disillusionment of the church members with the heads of the church. She requests, however, that the Bureau furnish her with "any and all factual information concerning the National Council of Churches and the true basic beliefs and operations thereof."

Bufiles contain no identifiable information concerning the correspondent.

For a number of years allegations have been made by a number of people, including some clergymen, to the effect that the National Council of the Churches of Christ (NCCC) has been infiltrated by communists.

Although we have never conducted an investigation of the NCCC, as such, we have kept abreast of the efforts of the Communist Party, USA, (CPUSA) to infiltrate this organization through our over-all investigations of the CPUSA and communist efforts to infiltrate mass-type organizations. It does not appear from the information we have developed that the CPUSA is dictating the policies of the NCCC today. (100-50869)

The following items of literature were sent to the correspondent:

1. "Communist Target - Youth."

2. "What You Can do to Fight Communism and Preserve America."

3. "America - Freedom's Champion."

"One Nation's Response to Communism."
 "Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality."

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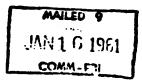
Dear

Your letter postmarked January 6, 1961, has been received, and your generous remark is sincerely appreciated.

While I would like to be of assistance, the 1BI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and as such does not furnish evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have information relative to your inquiry.

Enclosed is some material dealing with the general subject of communism which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours.



J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover Director

Enclosurcs (6)

Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality

17th National Convention CP, USA

One Nation's Response to Communism

10-18-60 Speech

What You Can Do To Fight Communism

Expose of Soviet Espionage

NOTE: No record Bufiles identifiable with correspondent.

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Dear Mr. Hoover,

I am deeply interested in the National Council of Churches in the United States. If there is Communist infiltration in said Council, will you please send information on such to:



"Thank You" for any material you may send to me.

May God richly bless you in your work.

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Dear

Your letter of January 9, 1961, has been received, and I certainly appreciate your comments regarding the work being done by this Bureau.

This Bureau does not prepare or maintain a list such as you described. You may obtain a list of organizations which have been cited by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450 by writing to the Subversive Organizations Section, Internal Security Division, U. S. Department of Justice, Washington 25, D. C.

The FFI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and does not furnish evaluations or comments regarding the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. Information in our files is maintained as confidential and available only for official use. I hope you will not, however, infer that we do or do not have information regarding the organization you mentioned. In view of your interest, I am enclosing some material on the general subject of communism which is available for distribution.

Sincerely yours.

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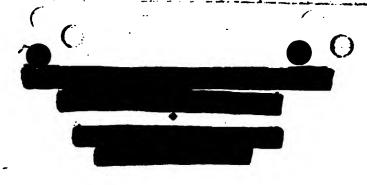
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Enclosures (6)
God and Country or Communism
How to fight communism
Struggle on a New Plane
Where do we stand today with communism in the U. S.
Communist Menace: Red Goals and Christian Ideals
Communist Party, USA

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. For a number of years allegations have been made by a number of people to the effect that the National Council of Churches of Christ (NCCC) has been infiltrated by communists. Although the Bureau has never conducted an investigation of the NCCC, we have kept abreast of the efforts of the Communist Party to infiltrate this organization. It does not appear from the information we have developed that the Communist Party is dictating the policies on the NCCC.



January 9, 1961

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

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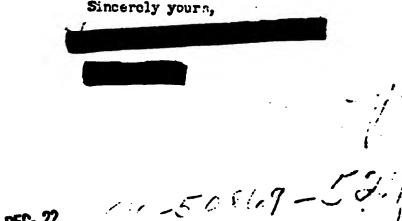
We would greatly appreciate your sending us a list of Communist front organizations in this country.

We would also like to have a report of the Communist activities of the National Council of Churches and a list of clergymen who are known members of Cormunist controlled organizations.

We have been members of The Hethodist Church for twenty years, (also members of the Church Board), and believe we are seeing evidence of communism in our literature and from our ministers.

We would like to have this information so that we as a Church might be more alert to the Communist threat to the United States.

We have the greatest respect and admiration for the services which you have rendered our country.



1 - Mr. Farrow

January 13, 1961

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Your letter dated January 4, 1961, has been received and I have noted your kind comments.

In response to your inquiries, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not issue clearances or nonclearances.

In view of your interest in the menace of communism, I am enclosing some material on this topic which you may like to read.

Sincerely yours,

John Edjar Roover Director

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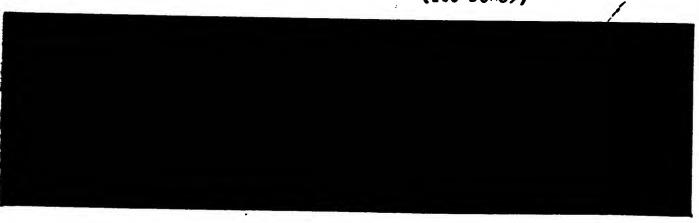
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#### NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent states that he has received literature which contains charges that the National Council of Churches is infiltrated by the communists. In this regard, he refers to the "Dan Smoot Report" and literature received from Circuit Riders, Incorporated. Correspondent states he has the highest regard for the work being done by the Director and expresses the hope that this work will be continued under the new administration. Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning correspondent.

For a number of years allegations have been made by a number of people, including some clergymen, to the effect that the National Council of the Churches of Christ (NCCC) has been infiltrated by communists. Although we have never conducted an investigation of the NCCC, as such, we have kept abreast of the efforts of the Communist Party, USA (CPUSA) to infiltrate this organization through our over-all investigations of the CPUSA and communist efforts to infiltrate mass-type organizations. It does not appear from the information we have developed that the CPUSA is dictating the policies of the NCCC today.



The following items of literature were furnished to the correspondent.

1. "God and Country or Communism?"

2. "Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality."

3. Reprint from \*FBI Law Enforcement
Bulletin, \* March, 1966, with \*An Analysis
of the 17th National Convention of the CPUSA.\*

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4. "America - Freedom's Champion."
5. "What You Can Do To Fight Communism and Preserve America."

TRUE COPY

January 4, 1961

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

Dear Hr. Hoover:

Recently I have seen literature charging that the National Council of Churches is heavily infiltrated by Communists, possibly to the extent that it is essentially dominated by them. Sources which I have read or seen quoted are the Dan Smoot Report of Dallas, Texas and Circuit Riders, Inc. of Cincinnati, Ohio, among others. As a Nethodist layman, these charges are extremely disturbing to me. If ialse, they are very damaging to the churches involved, including my own, and therefore are actually aiding Communism. If, on the other hand, there is any truth in them whatever, the situation is more serious than most people in this country can even imagine.

Can you please tell me what truth, if any, there is in these charges? I realize; you cannot divulge information concerning specific individuals, but perhaps you can give me some general information on the subject. If the charges are true, I certainly want to do all that I can, as a member of our local church, to begin correcting the situation.

I have the highest regard for the work that you and your organization have been doing in the field of Communism, and certainly hope that you will be allowed to continue it unabated under the new administration. To me, this fight against Communist subversion is overwhelmingly more important than chasing labor racketeers, or any of the other duties which your organization performs so well.

Very truly yours,

/s/

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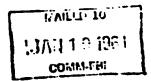
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Your letter of January 2, 1961, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI is an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope that you will not infer in this connection eitner that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to the subject of your inquiry.

Enclosed is some material dealing with the general subject of communism, some of which contains suggestions as to what we Americans can do.



Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover Director

# Enclosures (7)

Communist Illusion & Democratic Reality One Nation's Response to Communism 3-60 LEB Introduction & 17th Convention Director's speech 10-18-60 What You can do to Fight Communism Communist Target--Youth Expose of Soviet Espionage

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January 2, 1961

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation Internal Security Division Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Would you please tell me if the National Council of Churches has been investigated for possible Communist infiltration? If it has what has been done to correct this situation?

Our family has been liethodist church members for many years. However, it seems that some liethodist leaders in the United States have been not too unsympathetic to the Communist movement. If this is so., we do not care to belong to or to support such a group. Will you please confirm this deplorable situation if it is so. How can we fight this growing memase in our country?

Thank you for any information you may be able to give mo.

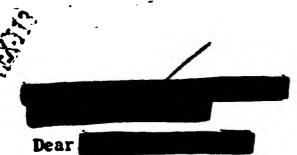
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January 5, 1961



Your letter dated December 19, 1960, has been received, and I have noted your kind comments.

In response to your inquiry, I must advise that information in our files is maintained as confidential and available only for official use in accordance with a regulation of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the necessity for this policy and will not infer that we do or do not have in our files the information you desire.

In view of your interest in the menace of communism, I am enclosing some literature on this topic which may be of assistance to you.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover Director

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#### NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent asks, "Has your organization in its work found that the National Council of Churches, or the Nethodist Church, aids and abets the communist cause?" Correspondent states that he has written, on several occasions, his senators and representatives suggesting more effective laws to curb communism. He states that he has great admiration for the Director and asked if there is any course of action ordinary citizens can take with regards to the communist menace. Bureau files contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent.

In view of the controversial nature of correspondent's inquiry and since he asked specifically for information contained in our files, it is believed that the above reply will best serve the interest of the Burcau. Furthermore, it is believed that literature being furnished to the correspondent will answer his question concerning action that can be taken by ordinary citizens in fighting communism.

The National Council of the Churches of Christ has not been investigated by the Bureau and there is no indication in Bureau files that the CP is dictating the policies of this organization. Allegations have been made by a number of people including some clergymen to the effect that the National Council of the Churches of Christ has been infiltrated by communists. (100-50869)

The Methodist Church has not been the subject of a Bureau investigation. The following items of literature were sent to the correspondent:

- 1. "What You Can Do To Fight Communism And Preserve America."
- 2. Reprint from "FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin," March, 1960, with "An Analysis of the 17th National Convention of the CP, USA."
- 3. "America Freedom's Champion."
- 4. "Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion."
- 5. "God And Country Or Communism?"
- 6. "Communist Illusion And Democratic Reality."

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Federal Euresu of Investigation Washington, L. S.

Lear Sirs,

I am g Methodist and the Methodist Church is a member of the National Council of Churches. I have read that the National Council of Churches is opposed to the House Un-American Activities Committee and it also strongly supports the admission of Red Chine to the United Nations.

Has your organization in its work found that the Notional Council of Churches, or the Methodist Church, sids and abets the communist cause? If there is anything in my church that is soft towerd Communicm I want to help root it out.

I have written to my Senstors and Representatives a number of times in the past few years asking that a reclistic attitude be taken toward domiunism in his country and that laws be passed to effectively curb their estivities. I have slways felt that prison terms and fines are no deterrent to a Communist but rather they are considered nothing more than an occupational hazard. I have asked why legislation couldn't be passed to deport communists to Russie. I think this would be very effective in discouraging communist proselyting.

I have the greated admiration for Chief J. Edgar Hoover and the FEI. If there is some course of action the organization would like for ordinary citizens o take, I wo ld like to know it.

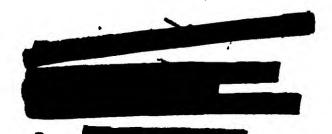
I served my country in the second world war as a pilot and feel I have somewhat of a stake in my country. I con't like to see it fell by forfeit.

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Sincerely. E JAN 10 1961

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December 29, 1960



Your letter dated December 15, 1960, with its enclosure, has been received and your interest in communicating with me is appreciated.

In response to your inquiry, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, organization or publication. I am unable, therefore, to comply with your request for information.

In view of your interest in the menace of communism to this country, I am enclosing some literature on this topic which you may like to read. I am also returning to you the self-addressed stamped envelope which you so thoughtfully enclosed with your letter.

MAILED 10 DEC 2 9 1960 COMM FBI Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover Director

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# NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent has referred to statements made against the National Council of Churches of Christ (NCCC) indicating that persons in leadership capacities have communist front records. She inquired if this is true.

Bufiles indicate that in April, 1960, correspondent requested information of the Bureau concerning an organization which we had not investigated and on which our files contained no derogatory information. Our letter to her at that time advised her that we had not investigated the organization she mentioned.

For a number of years allegations have been made by a number of people, including some clergymen, to the effect that the NCCC has been infiltrated by communists. We have not conducted an investigation of the NCCC; however, we have kept abreast of the efforts of the CP to infiltrate this organization through our over-all investigations of the CP. does not appear that the CP is dictating the policies of the NCCC today. (100:-50869)

Correspondent enclosed a self-addressed stamped envelope, which is being returned to her.

The following items of literature were sent to the correspondent:

"Communist Target - Youth"

"One Nation's Response to Communism"
"America - Freedom's Clampion"

"Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality" Wilhat You Can Do to Fight Communism and Preserve America"



Dec. 15, 1560

J. Edgar Moover Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover,

In a newspaper column article dated Mar. 1-1, 1960, David Lawrence, under the heading "Are the People Peing Told" quotes among others Rep. Francis E. Walter, Chairman of the House Com on Un-American Activities & then quotes Richard Arrenda, Staff-Director of the Un-American Committee saying

"Thus far of the leadership of the National Council of Churches of Christ in America we have found more than 100 persons in leadership capacities with either Communist-front records, or records of service to Communist causes. The aggregate affiliations of the leadership, instead of being in the hundreds, as the chairman first indicated, is now, according to our latest count, into the thousands, & we have yet to complete our check, which would certainly suggest, on the basis of the authoritative sources of this committee, that the statement that there is infiltration of fellow travelers in churches & educational institutions is a complete understatement"

Would you please tell me if this is true? I do not want to join any subversively influenced organization.

Sincerely

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December 27, 1960

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Your letter dated December 18, 1960, has been received, and I have noted your kind comments.

In response to your inquiry, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity; of any individual, publication or organization. The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not issue clearances or nonclearances. While I would like to be of assistance to you, I am unable to suggest a source from which the information you desire can be obtained.

In view of your concern regarding the communist menace to our country, I am enclosing some material on this topic which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover Director

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### NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent refers to the March, 1960,
"FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin" and quotes as follows,
"the communists have a savage plan for liquidation for
a vanquished America." Correspondent states this being
the case, it is his opinion the churches should expose
communism but they are still preaching togetherness and
brotherhood. He states with this thought in mind the
people need to know to what degree the communists have
infiltrated our churches and particularly the National
Council of Churches. He asks if information concerning
communist infiltration of the National Council is available
and if so, where and how it can be obtained. Correspondent
congratulates the Director on the fine work he is doing
and on his reappointment. Bufiles contain no identifiable
data concerning the correspondent.

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March, 1960, with "An Analysis of the 17th National Convention
of the CPUSA."

5. "What You Can do to Fight Communism and Preserve America."

December 18,1960, Sunday

J. Edgar Hoover, Director Federal Bureau of Investivation Department of Justice Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Sir:

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Mr. Callahan Mr. Malone.... Mr. Bl-Guita... Mr. Rosen ....

Mr. Tamm
Mr. Trotter
Mr. W.C.Sullivan
Tele. Room
Mr. Ingram
Miss Gandy

From your March 1,1960 bulletin to all law inforcement officials may I quote, " the communists have a savage plan for liquidation for a vanquished America."

Such being the case I would think our churches most of all would be exposing the communist doctrine and its liquidation plan.

However, by and large, our churches still preach a togetherness, brotherhood, and I quote from our own church bulletin this morning, " May we learn the meening of love and how to live in peace with all men everywhere."

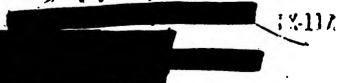
Theoretically this is fine; nevertheless unless we are misinformed, co-existence with the U.S.S.R. and communism is not possible nor compatible with the freedom our United States is based upon.

With these thoughts in mind many church people need to know to what degree there is communist infiltration of our churches; particularly the <u>National Council of Churches</u>.

Is this information available to the 40,000,000 members of this National Council? Flease let us know where and how it may be obtained.

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Sincerely yours,

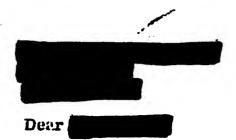


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P.S. Congradul: tions on the fine work you are doing and your re-appointment.

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Your letter of lincember 10, 1960, has been received, and your generous remarks are sincerely appreciated.

Although I would like to be of service, as a matter of policy, I am unable to make recommendations of the nature you requested in your letter. I hope you will understand my position. Enclosed is some material dealing with the general subject of communism which may be of interest to you.

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John Edgar Hoover Director

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

Dear Sir:

A group of men in this area believe the National Council of Churches has aided the cause of Communism greatly by sponsoring many ideas that tend to undermind the sovreignty of the United States of America.

This group of men wants a complete and thorough investigation of the National Council of Churches and we are asking for your help and advice on the best way to go about getting this done.

We are willing to circulate petitions, write letters, or any thing you suggest.

We are very grateful to you for the work you have already done to stop Communism.

Please tell us who to write or send our petitions to. Also do you think the John Birch Society is one of the best anticommunist organizations we have.

Very sincerely yours,



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Mr. Farrow

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Your letter dated December 10, 1960, has been received and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

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I am enclosing some material on the topic of communism available for general distribution by the FBI which may be of interest to you. However, in response to your request for information based upon Congressional hearings, I suggest that you may desire to communicate with the Superintendent of Documents, U. S. Government Printing Office, Corner North Capitol and H Streets, N.M., Washington 25, D. C., who is in a position to advise you whether or not material pertinent to your inquiry is available.

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## NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent, a college senior, advises that he is "debating that there is Communism In Our Churches and in the National Council of Churches." He states that he would appreciate some factual information concerning this topic including information from Congressional hearings. Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent. In view of the controversial nature of this topic, it is believed that the above reply will best serve the interests of the Bureau.

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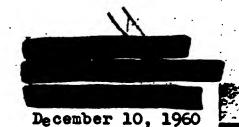
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7. "What You Can Do To Fight Communism and Preserve America."



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

Dear Mr. Hoover & Staff.

I am a senior at Montana State College and am debating that there is Communism In Our Churches and in the National Council of Churches. I would appreciate some factual information such as congressional hearings on this topic and any other information which you may have on hand. I need this information by the first of anurary if possible.

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Dear

Your letter dated December 12, 1960, has been received and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

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In view of your interest in the menace of communism to this country, I am enclosing some literature on this topic which you may like to read.

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Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover Director

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### NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent requests information concerning the National Council of Churches (NCC). She states that she has recently read to a pamphlet published by the American Council of Christian Churches which indicates that many individuals associated with the NCC belong to communist front organizations. Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent.

In view of the controversial nature of this topic. it is believed that the above reply and the literature being sent to the correspondent will best serve the interests of the Bureau.

For a number of years, allegations have been made by a number of people, including some clergymen, to the effect that the National Council of Churches of Christ (NCCC) has been infiltrated by communists. Although we have never conducted an investigation of the NCCC, as such, we have kept abreast of the efforts of the Communist Party, USA (CPUSA) to infiltrate this organization through our over-all investigations of the CPUSA and communist efforts to infiltrate mass-type organizations. It does not appear from the information we have developed that the CPUSA is dictating the nolicies of the NCCC today. (100-50869)

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There are indeed attrantour times in which we live and I think every American should been themselves informed and do whotever they can to beat serve our precious country and atom the spr-ad of Communism in any and every way possible. It is a frightening thing to think of any church or organization being used in such a way. What is the best way for a church sember to know these bidges:

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December 15, 1960

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I have received your letter dated December 4, 1960, and it was kind of you to send me Christmas greetings. I hope your Holiday Season will be enjoyable.

While I would like to be of assistance to you, the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. Furthermore, a regulation of the Department of Justice procludes me from furnishing information from our files to other than appropriate agencies in the executive branch of this Government.

I am sure you can appreciate the necessity for this regulation and will not infer that our files do or do not contain information of the type you desire.

In view of your interest, however, I am enclosing some literature concerning the menace of communism which you may like to read.

Sincerely yours,

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### NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent states be belongs to the Methodist Church which is a member of the National Council of the Churches of Christ (NCCC). He has heard that some of the Officials of the NCCC are communists and inquires if this is true. He also inquires whether there are any Methodists who are communists and whether "they are trying to undermine our Christian beleifs." He states he formerly worked for the FBI for about two years. He ends his letter "Wishing you God's Continued blessing in this coming Holy Season."

For a number of years allegations have been made by a number of people, including some clergymen, to the effect that the NCCC has been infiltrated by communists. Although we have never conducted an investigation of the NCCC, as such, we have kept abreast of the efforts of the Communist Party, USA, (CPUSA), to infiltrate this organization through our over-all investigations of the CPUSA and communist efforts to infiltrate mass-type organizations. It does not appear from the information we have developed that the CPUSA is dictating the policies of the NCCC today. (100-50869)



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Dec 4, 1960

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover Director of the F.B.I. Washington D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am taking the liberty of writing to you to ask some questions which have bothered me very much lately.

I belong to the Methodist Church, which is a member of the National Council of Churches.

More and more we hear of there being members in the uppper brackets of this church organization who are communist. Is this true sir? And are there any Methodist that are? Are they trying to undermine our Christian beleifs?

I realize there are very questions but necessary I believe to true Methodist.

Some members of our church are getting very upset by some preaching by certain ministers, who say leading Methodist such as Methodist Bishops are communist, since I am a member of this beleif I would like to know if some of the leaders of our faith are such.

Thank you for any help you can give us.

As you recognize from the name I had the privlege of working for you for about two years.

Wishing you God's Continued blessing in this coming Holy Season.

Sincerely

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Farm and Ranch Magazine
Box 1230
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Dear Bir:

In the morning mail I received in one of your envelopes (addressed by hand) and called to by personal attention, a series of items, all of which were addressed to the subject of irresponsibly accusing and indicting the Mational Council of Churches, and with a view to destroying confidence in the churches who participate through the Entimal Council of Churches, et cetera, ot cetera.

I have known Farm and Reach Regardine for many years. Rany, many of your subscribers have been among by friends for more than a quarter of a century. From time to time they call acticles to by attention. Recently I have had an item or two attributed to one of your writers called to by attention, the glat of which was to encar our Denumination, and the Eatimal Council of Churches, to destroy the confidence of people in the church, and to erects a division among the people.

The interesting thing is that these articles not only cause innocent and sincere people to thise questions about the church, it has caused then to raise questions about Farm and Fanch Regarding.

The excuse for writing these things and for disconnating the kind of material which came to me this norming, apparently is to "protect our country against Commiss" et cetera. Now, of course I am interested in protecting our country from within and from without against Commiss in every form. I am also interested in reconverting every Commiss to Jeans Christ as his loud and faviour. I have been estudying and fighting against and speaking against the particular Russian type of governments for many, hany years. I know their nethods of infiltration and ammention. History will show that in every country where the Commists have been able to take over, their first step was to discredit the church, to so suspicion about its leaders and finally to divide it by getting a group of people to attack the "old line" or "dominant" church group in that particular country for being "Commistic". When all the while the whole campaign was promoted by the Commista themselves. I do not believe your magazine, however unwittingly, wishes to be a party to this kind of a campaign.

My position and the position of my Denomination, is that if anybody (including one of your writers) knows for a fact or has dependable evidence the ferrible difference of this country, particularly any church leader in this country, is a known card carrying member of the Communist Party, or is a nember of any Communist organization, or front

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organization for the Commists", he owes it to our church, to the church in general, and to the United States of America, to go immediately with his facts and with his evidence, to the Federal Bureau of Investigation and to the court of jurisdiction in the matter. If he has such information, and doesn't do that, then he is disloyed to his country. If he has no such information as that, and continues to speak-emight of MATTER than it responsible, reflective, divisive, and "indictment by suspicion" manner, then it we are to the last what his connections are and what is really motivating him.

I me care you realize that it is not enough for some radio racketeer in religion or a je-jume jingoistic journalist to attach your magazine, and accuse it of being a part of the great Communist front movement in the United States of America. You part of the great Communist front movement in the United States of America. You part of the great Communist front movement in the United States of American would propose to small propose to small propose to small propose the first small proposed and small inventigation. You would probably wonder wint was that the end counts of fundadiction. You would probably wonder wint was trailly moth other possible in other words, if you were accused of un-American activities being inventigated in a truly American manner, but you could probably ignore any un-American attempts of groups trying to investigate you could probably ignore any un-American attempts of groups trying to investigate you for alleged un-American activities. Frankly sir, that is our position at the laborant, with reference to the kind of stuff I received from your magazine this morning.

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of the integrity of your rappains and my knowledge of the former respect it commanded
should handreds of my friends in the Farm and Sanch country, prompted me to write you
this friendly letter.

Cincercly yours,



oct Dr. Ray Harnelink Mr. J. Edgar Hoover Dr. Eugene Carson Blake

Mr. Farrow

December 13, 1960

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Your letter dated November 30, 1960, has been received and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiries, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. The IPI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not issue clearances or nonclearances. I am, therefore, precluded from furnishing the information you have requested or recommending any course of action to be followed.

It is always gratifying to receive letter's from citizens who demonstrate an avarences of the problems facing this country and a sincere desire to prepare themselves to meet the communist challenge to our freedom. In view of your interest in the menace of communism, I am enclosing some literature WRich you may like to read.

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Sincercly yours,

John Edgar Hoover Director

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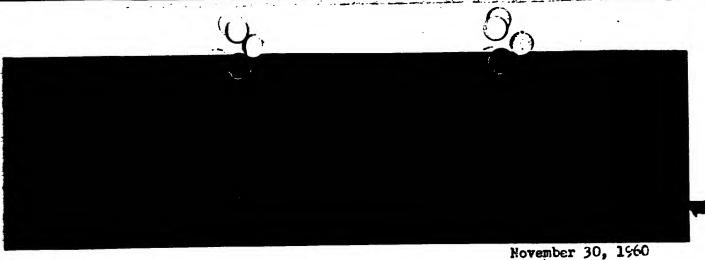


Correspondent, in a lengthy letter, expresses his concern regarding the communist menace with particular emphasis on communist activity in churches. He asks for information concerning the National Council of Churches or a source from which he can obtain information concerning this organization. Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning correspondent.

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The following items of literature were sent to the correspondent.

- 1. "Communist Target Youth."
- 2. "Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality."
- 3. "God and Country or Communism?"
- 4. Reprint from "FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin," March, 1960, with "An Analysis of the 17th National Convention of the CP, USA."
- 5. "America Freedom's Champion."
- 6. "What You Can do to Fight Communism and Preserve America."



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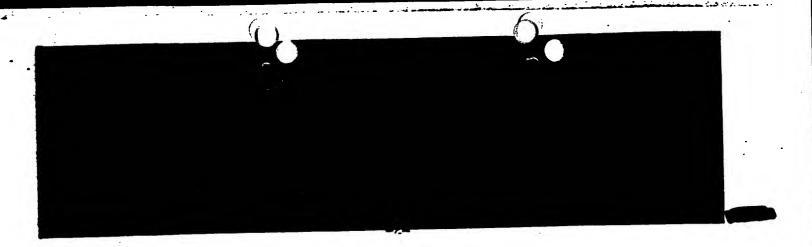
Dear or. Hoover,

I am a married man with two children. Recently, we visited my family in the San Francisco Bay area, and I was very proud to find that my mother and three sisters have taken a great interest in communistic activities in that area. Their concern and interest awakened me, and this is why I am writing you. California have taken a special interest in My relatives in the UnAmerican Activities rict in San Francisco; the amount of activity in the Episcopal Church, of which we are all active church members; and they also are especially disappointed in the presiding Bishop in San Francisco, who seems to be endorsing activities which are contradictory to the beliefs which we have been taught. They were well informed on ideas that have been uncovered on the above-mentioned subjects. I am now very interested in doing what I can to fight communism in this area.

Maving lived here most of my life, I would seriously doubt if there are any major problems in this small town; however, the Episcopal Church in the United States appears to have a very serious problem, so I would like to start at the bottom. If my church can be interested after a proper approach, perhaps our Church could be effective in Southern California. I have no idea how to go about approaching this subject, but a good friend of mine is on the loarc of Trustees, and I have discussed the matter with him. He has shown a great amount of interest in doing something about this within the church. Would it be possible for you to direct us to the proper organizations that could iring us up to date on the amount of activity there is within our church, so that we can make a study of this. As you probably know, the Episcopal Church is a member of the National Council of Churches, from which I understand is not a desirable organization for any protestant church to ce a member of. Any information that I can be directed to should also contain information on organizations of this sort.

I understand that some progress has been made in the Parent-T achiers Association, --/ and I would like any information that would give me background on this type of organization. I am especially interested in this, as my wife at the present time, is President of a local P.T.A. for a school where my children attend, and any= thing I can do to further the cause of this group and rid it of any problems, would be a great contribution.

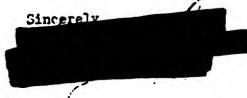
Also, the Santa Farbara branch of the University of California is located here, and having graduated from this scholl, I would like to feel that it is free of teachers and instructors and text-books that would endorse any communistic thinking.



Therefore, if I could have any information that would help me as to how to detect any such tendencies, it would be greatly appreciated.

As you can tell from my correspondence, I am in the Life Insurance business, and have been in this business for ter years. This, I think, is one of the greatest expressions of economic security in this country, and can help an individual express his freedom in our economy.

This letter has been particularly difficult to write, as I am a novice in writing the Eureau. I do want to be of help in eliminating such a horrible philosophy as communism without exposing my family to any hardships, but would like to be doing something about the problem.



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REC. 82 100 50864 516 December 9, 1960

Dear

Your letter dated November 29, 1960, has been received and I have noted your kind comments.

While I would like to be of assistance to you, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FM do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. The FM is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not issue clearances or nonclearances.

It was kind of you to send me Christmas greetings. I hope your holiday Season will be enjoyable.

I am enclosing some literature on the topic of communism which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

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# NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent, in a lengthy letter, refers to articles written by Fulton Lewis, Jr., well-known news commentator in which he points out Communist Party (CP) front activity on the part of Reverend Edwin T. Dahlberg, President of the National Council of Churches of Christ President of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U. S. Correspondent also mentions a radio broadcast by Lewis in which he states that Methodist Bishop Cerald H. Kennedy of Los Angeles had appealed to the Democratic National Convention to include in their platform a plank favoring abolition of the House Committee on Un-American Activities. Correspondent asks if this information is true and she also asks for the Director's opinion concerning the National Council of Churches of Christ (NCCC). She asks God's blessing for the Director in his work and wishes him a Merry Christmas. Bureau files contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent.

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## NOTE ON YELLOW CONTINUED

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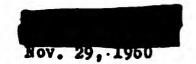
"Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality."

Reprint from the "FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin." March, 1960, "To All Law Enforcement Officials."

"America - Proedom's Champion."

"What You Can Do To Fight Communism and Preserve America."





J. Edgar Hoover Washington D. C. Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have been a Sunday School teacher for many years. I am a member of the United Church (Congregational-Methodist United) of the United Church has become associated with the National Council of Churches.

Recently I read an article from "Washington Report" By Fulton Lewis Jr." that was photographed from Galesburg Register-Nail, Galesburg, written Dec. 19, 1957.

Mr. Lewis said that the Rev. Edwin T. Dahlberg, now president of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U. S. A., as early as 1942, was affiliated with the "Citizens Committee to Free Earl Browder."

A year later the Rev. Mr. Dahlberg joined a group of Communist fronters in signing an open letter to President Roosevelt, protesting an order for the deportation of Harry Bridges as an alien Communist.

In 1946, his name appeared on the letterhead of the National Committee to Combat Anti-Semitism.

In 1951 he was an initiating sponsor of the National Committee to Repeal the McCarran Act - the Internal Security Act of 1950. In 1952 the Daily Worker listed him as a signer of another petition to the same end. In 1953 he was listed as signing another similar petition, addressed to President Eisenhower.

In August 1957 "The Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell" lists Dahlberg as a signer of a petition in Sobell's behalf.

Is this so? If it is, what do you think of the National Council of Churches to choose him as their President?

Fulton Lewis, Jr. in broadcast from Washington, D. C. July 5, 1960 said: Council of Churches: If you are a Protestant and one of the 39 million Americans whom the National Council of Churches claims to represent you may be interested to know that the National Council, with Methodist Bishop, Gerald H. Kennedy of Los Angeles as the official spokesman, is appealing to the platform committee of the Democratic National Convention

in Los Angeles, to include a plank in favor of the outright abolition of the House Committee on UnAmerican Activities.

Recently, I read your three articles in the magazine "Christianity Today; "The Communist Menace: Red Goals and Christian Ideals, Communist Propaganda and the Pulpit and Soviet Rule on Christian Renewal?"

Our minister is very much in favor of the National Council of Churches. Personally, I have lost faith in them.

At our Church Board Meeting I read the statements that Fulton Lewis Jr. made. They did not believe him and said he was misinformed.

Will you please give me the correct answer to all these statements that have been made?

Based on your long experience in dealing with subversive forces and your Christian Ideals, I have faith and confidence in your reply.

You are a busy man and I should not ask for any of your time but I am perplexed about the National Council of Churches.

Thank you and may God bless you in your work and a Herry Christmas to you.

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Your letter of November 17, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted your writing is indeed appreciated.

While I would like to be of assistance with regard to your inquiry, the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and as such does not make evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. Our files are confidential and available only for official use. I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files regarding the organizations you mentioned.

In view of your concern relative to the atheistic menace of communism, I am enclosing some material which you may like to read.

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Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover Director

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Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality

Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion

God and Country or Communism

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Director's Speech 10-18-60

Expose of Soviet Espionage

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NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. For a number of years allegations have been made by a number of people to the effect that the National Council of Churches of Christ (NCCC) has been infiltrated by communists. Although the Bureau has never conducted an investigation of the NCCC, we have kept abreast of the efforts of the Communist Party to infiltrate this organization. It does not appear from the information we have developed that the Communist Party is dictating the policies on the NCCC. (100-50869) The World Council of Churches is allegedly composed of most of the Christian churches throughout the world except the Roman Catholic Church and certain small sects. Bufiles contain no identifiable information of a derogatory nature concerning this organization.

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November 17, 1960

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover Federal Bureau of Investigationhashington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

As one who is in a position to comment with some authority, I am seeking assistance in gathering information that I may pass on to certain parties of my congregation who are greatly disturbed. They have literature and tape recordings which seek to discredit the National and torld Council of Churches. Assertions are made that these two great organizations have been so infiltrated with communist leaders or sympathizers as to make them dangerous to our National Security.

Some say that even the preseration of our church school and CVF literature is influenced by the horld Council and National Council.

That information I have to give them does not seem sufficient in the light of their source of references. A positive statement from you would be of great assistance to me. Any literature would also be helpful.

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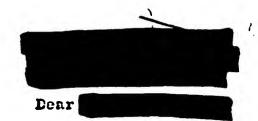
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Respectfully,

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November 23, 1960 8-/



Your letter dated November 12, 1960, with its enclosure, has been received, and your interest in writing to me is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiries, I must advise that the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, cannot furnish clearances, evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. I am sure you will understand my position in this regard and will not infer that our files do or do not contain information of the type you desire.

I am enclosing some literature relating to the menace of communism which is available for general distribution by the FBI which you may like to read.

Sincerely yours,

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### NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent enclosed a pamphlet which is favorable to the National Council of the Churches of Christ (NCCC) and discusses the recent attacks against this organization.

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# NOTE ON YELLOW, CONTINUED

She states Edgar C. Bundy criticizes the NCCC and she is concerned because she assisted in getting Bundy to speak

She mentions that Harold Bosley and Helen Woods Birnie have also spoken in her city. She requests the Bureau furnish her information concerning the pamphlet, Bundy, Birnie and Bosley.



Bufiles indicate that correspondent has directed two letters to the Bureau during June, 1960, concerning matters relating to communism which concern her in the area. Bulet dated 6-6-60 forwarded to her a number of items of literature issued by the FBI concerning communism. (100-3-7064) (105-40967-27)

The following items of literature sent with this current letter consist of material not previously furnished to her.

- 1. "Communist Target Youth."
- 2. "One Nation's Response to Communism."
- 3. "How to Beat Communism."
- 4. "America Freedom's Champion."
- 5. "What You can do to Fight Communism and Preserve America."

### TRUE COPY

Nov 12th 1960.

Un-American Activities Committee Wash D. C.

Mr J. Edgar Hoover

Dear Sir:-

I am a member of the D.A.R. and last Thurs, a report was given by an attorneys wife, using this pamplet. She said this man Edgar C Bundy, Chair Church League of America, made wrong statements, and that the National Council of Churches was absolutely wright. I helped to get this man Bundy to Billings, so am very much concerned to know the truth. Everytime communism is exposed the National Council raises up in arms. Why?? Recently they got Harold Bosley here, and had a full house at the Shrine-Auditorium. We have gotten word he has 11 communist afelliations is this true? When Helen Wood Burney was here giving talk she was attack by this group to. What can you tell me about Mr Bundy, and Helen Wood Burney? please give me some information on this pamplet. We must have some facts to counteract communism. help us if possible, or tell us how to get truths? Every American citizen should be doing all they possibly can to counteract this terrible threat, to our country's freedom.

Very Sincerely,



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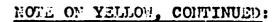
#### NOTE CH YELLOW:

Correspondent, in a lengthy letter, requests information concerning alleged communist infiltration into the National Council of Churches. He also asks if Circuit Riders and Christian Crusade organizations are linears. In particular, he states he is interested in Harry F. Ward and asks if he is known to be a communist. Bure a files contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent.

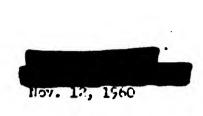
Bureau files reveal that allegations have been made that the communiste have infilled by the Perhaust Council of the Churches of Christ (NCCC). This organization has not been investigated by the Bureau; however, efforts of the CC, USA, to infiltrate this organization have been carefully followed by the Bureau. No infiltration has been developed indicating that the CP, USA, is dictating the policies of the NCCC.

The following items of literature were sent to the correspondent:

(1) "What You Can Do to Flight Communism and Preserve America"



A reprint from the FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin, March, 1960. "An Analysis of the 17th National Convention of the Communist Party, USA" "America - Freedom's Champion" "Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality" "God and Country or Communicate" (2)



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

Doer Sir:

For the past year or so I have been concerned about remerks I have beend in my Church. Nothing serious but seeming, in some instances, to take the communist visupoint over our viewpoint. For instance, I heard this remark by a retired Methodist minister in my Sunday School nClass: The like to think that the Russians broke up the Summit Conference, but really all Pr. Kruschev asked our President to do was apologize for the lies he told about th U-2 insident.

This remark and others caused my to start an investigation of my own. I have obtained a copy of the testimony given by the Secretary of the Air Force before the House Committee on Un-American Activities reperfies the Air Force Panual and have a copy of the speech, Wincertain Troughts' given by Hom. Denald L. Jorkson in the House of Regresentative

These two documents as well as some others written by private individuals indicates that there are persons sympathetic with the Communist cause connected with the <u>National Council of Churches</u>. I did not know until recently that part of my contribution to the Church goes to this organization, nor did I know that they are saying they speak for 36,000,000 members — which includes myself. But they do not have my permission. I doubt if 10% of our Congregation even knows that we contribute to the MCC.

I have no reason to doubt the veracity of the Un-American Activities Committee or Non. Donald L. Jackson, but I would like to hear from you as to whether there has been any Communist infiltration into the Churches. You and your organization has become the symbol of integrity in this Botton. What you say people accept. I realize you cannot say arything critical of the Churches on the NCC wil "just down you throat", but if you can give me any information or any leads as to where to find information it will be greatly are precisted.

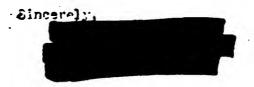
Ey Pastor says there has been no infiltration in the Churches, but I heard your speech over radio recently which you gave before the American Legion in Liard in which you said there has been.

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I have received some information from Circuit Riders, Cincinnatti, Chio, and from Christian Crusade, Dr. Billy James Hargis, President, Tulsa, (klahoma. Are these sincerc organizations with no axes to grin!)

I am particularly interested in Harry F. Ward. Has he ever given testimony before a Congressional Committee? Is he known to be a Communist?

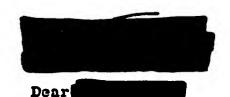
Please believe me, I have no intention of starting a controversy in our Church, but there have been too many Anti-American statements made for me to keep silent any longer.



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November 21, 1960

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Your letter dated November 11, 1960, has been received, and your interest in writing to me is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiries, I must advise that the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and cannot furnish clearances, evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. I trust you can understand my position in this regard and will not infer that our files do or do not contain information of the type you desire.

I can advise you, however, that Mr. Howard D. (Dan) Smoot was employed as a Special Agent of the FBI from March 23, 1942, until June 15, 1951, when he voluntarily resigned for personal reasons. He has, of course, had no official connection with the FBI since his resignation, and I am not in a position to comment upon his activities or the integrity of his views since that time.

-I have noted your kind personal remarks. In view of your interest in the subject of communism. I am enclosing some material which you may want to read.

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Sincerely yours,

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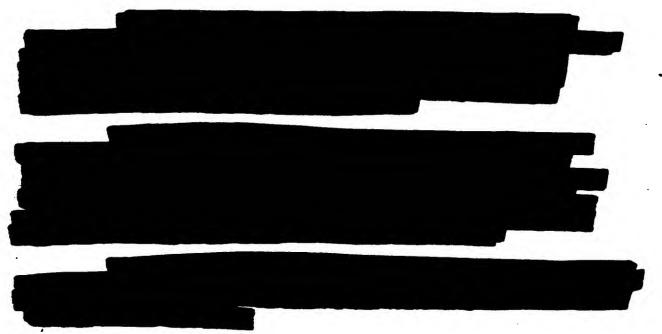
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### NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent stated he is in trouble with his boss over the National Council of the Churches of Christ (NCCC) and has been told that Dan Smoot, Billy James Hargis and Edgar C. Bundy have a smear campaign against the NCCC. He inquires as to why Dan Smoot left the FBI and what the Director thinks of him and the "Dan Smoot Report." He also wants the Director's opinion of Hargis and Bundy. He thanked the Director for the great work the Director has done and wishes we had more such men in the Government. Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent.

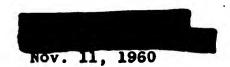


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- 1. "What You can do to Fight Communism and Preserve America."
- 2. "Where do We Stand Today with Communism in the United States?"
- 3. "God and Country or Communism?"
- 4. "Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality."
- 5. Reprint from March, 1960, issue of "FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin," with an analysis of the 17th National Convention, Communist Party, USA.
- 6. "One Nation's Response to Communism."
- 7. "America Freedom's Champion."

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

Dear Sir,

I am writing you hoping that you can help me as I have more or less gotten myself in trouble with my boss over the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. I have a copy of the Dan Smoot Report date of Feb. 20, 1960. My boss wrote the Rev. Edwin T. Dahbberg, about Dan Smoot and the Dan Smoot Report. The Rev. Dahlberg wrote him back that the Dan Smoot, Billy J. Hargis and Edgar C. Bundy have a smear campaign against the National Council of Churches.

I have been ask why Dan Smoot left the F.B.I. I would appreciate very much if you could tell me why Dan Smoot left the F.B.I. and what you think of him and the Dan Smoot Report. I also would like to know what you think of Billy J. Hargis and Edgar C. Bundy.

I have just read with great relief in the morning paper where our President-Elect is going to keep you as head of the F.B.I.

I want to thank you for the great job that you have done for our nation. I wish we had more men like you in our government.

I would sincerely appreciate an answer to the questions I have ask you, thank you very much.

Sincerely yours,

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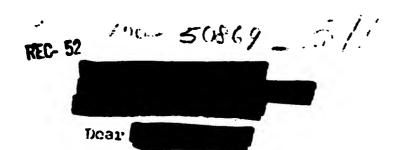
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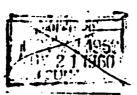


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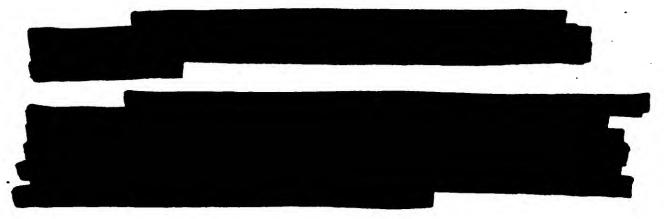
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## NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent inquires concerning communist infiltration into the National Council of Churches. He also asks if Billy James Hargis is correct in stating that some of the leaders of the National Council of Churches are communists or communist sympathizers. In particular, he mentions an individual by the name of Harry F. Ward. Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent.

In view of the controversial nature of this topic, it is believed the above reply will best serve the interests of the Bureau.

For a number of years allegations have been made by a number of people, including some clergymen, to the effect that the National Council of the Churches of Christ (NCCC) has been infiltrated by communists. Although we have never conducted an investigation of the NCCC, we have kept abreast of the efforts of the Communist Party, USA (CPUSA) to infiltrate this organization through our over-all investigations of the CPUSA and communist efforts to infiltrate mass-type organizations. It does not appear from the information we have developed that the CPUSA is dictating the policies of the NCCC today. (100-50869)



The following items of literature were sent to the correspondent:

1. "Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality"

2. "America - Freedom's Champion"

3. "What You Can Do to Fight Communism and Preserve America"

4. "God and Country or Communism?"

5. A reprint from the FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin, March, 1960. "An Analysis of the 17th National Convention of the Communist Party, USA"

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November 21, 1960

Dear

Your letter dated November 11, 1960, with its enclosure, has been received. I have noted and indeed appreciated your kind comment.

In response to your inquiries, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not issue clearances or nonclearances. I am sure you will understand the necessity for this policy and will not infer that we do or do not have in our files the information you desire.

In view of your interest in communism, I am enclosing under separate cover some literature on this topic which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover Director

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#### NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent inquires concerning the National Council of Churches and requests any information concerning communist infiltration of this organization. She states that she is indeed happy to know that the Director will continue to head the FBI under the new administration. Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent. Correspondent enclosed a stamped, self-addressed envelope which is being used for this reply. The address used in this letter is the same as placed on the envelope by correspondent.

For a number of years allegations have been made by a number of people, including some clergymen, to the effect that the NCCC has been infiltrated by communists. Although we have never conducted an investigation of the NCCC as such, we have kept abreast of the efforts of the Communist Party (CP), USA, to infiltrate this organization through our over-all investigations of the CP, USA, and communist efforts to infiltrate mass-type organizations. It does not appear from the information we have developed that the CP, USA, is dictating the policies of the NCCC today. (100-50869)

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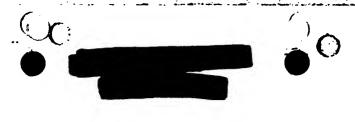
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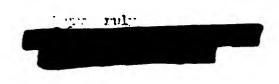
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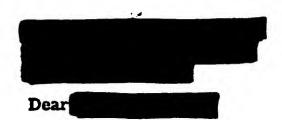
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ENCLOSURE

November 18, 1960



Your letter of November 8, 1960, has been received, and I want to thank you for your generous remarks about the work of this Bureau.

The interest which prompted you to write is indeed appreciated and I would like to be of assistance to you. The FBI, however, is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and as such does not make evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. Information in our files is maintained as confidential due to regulations of the Department of Justice. I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have data regarding the organizations you mentioned.

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I regret that we could not help you in this nstance. In view of your concern, I am enclosing some literature that may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

Enclosures (10) Listed next page.

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles!! The World Council of Churches is allegedly composed of most of the Christian churches throughout the world except the Romar. Catholic Church and certain small sects. Bufiles contain no identifiable information of a derogatory nature concerning AEC'II AIL this organization.

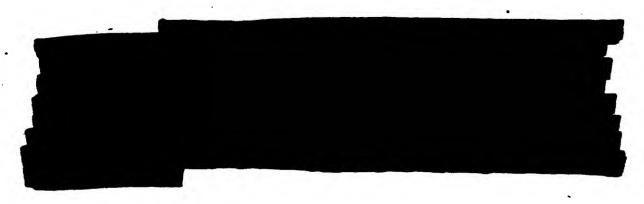
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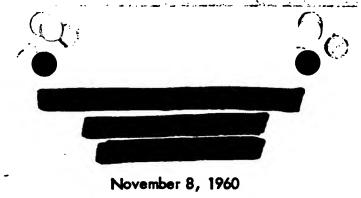
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Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion
One Nation's Response To Communism
Communist Party, USA
Where Do We Stand Today With Communism In the US?
God and Country or Communism?
Struggle on a New Plane
Expose of Soviet Espionage
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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director Federal Bureau of Investigation Pennsylvania Avenue @ 9th, N.W. Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

My church, the Christian Church of Christian Church of Church is presently considering items being included in the mission budget for the year 1960-61. As an Elder in the church, I have expressed considerable concern over our continued support of the World Council of Churches and the National Council of Churches, to which we have contributed in years past, because of information published by Mr. Lynn Landrum in the Dallas Morning News and based on comments of made at the Freedom Forum conducted in Dallas recently by Dr. Fred C. Schwarz.

I full well realize that this is an unusual request to make of your office when it is so vitally involved in the security of our country, but we would appreciate one of your staff advising our Missions Committee of any extreme liberal, left-wing, socialist or communist elements that continue to operate within the framework of the World Council or National Council of Churches.

In closing, as an individual American who loves his country, I would like to add my appreciation and gratitude to that of Americans everywhere for the sense of security that we have enjoyed over the years in knowing that under your direction the F.B.I. "never sleeps".

Sincerely,

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November 15, 1960



Your letter of November 7, 1960, with enclosure. has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

May I point out in connection with your inquiries the FBI is an investigating agency of the Federal Government, and as such, does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. The files of this Bureau are confidential and available for official use only pursuant to regulations of the Department of Justice, and I hope you will not infer in this respect that we do or do not have the information you desire.

I am enclosing some material dealing with the general subject of communism which may be of interest, together with your clipping.

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Sincerely yours.

Newspaper Clipping

Director's Speech before American Legion Convention, 10/18/60

One Nation's Response To Communism

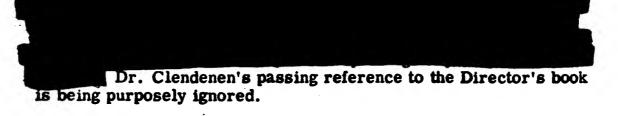
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Due to the broad nature of correspondent's inquiry with respect
to several organizations, publications and individuals, and his
request for documented evidence he can use, it is believed that
a files confidential reply will best serve the Bureau's interest.
Many allegations have been made about the National Council of
Churches being infiltrated by communists over the years. We
have kept abreast of its activities although no investigation as
such has been made. It is not believed that the Council's policies
are being dictated by the Communist Party.



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November 7, 1960 /

J. Edgar Hoover, Director Fed. Pur. of Investigation Washington, D.C.

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I have been very interested and quite cond and about the forces of communism and the jotential it harbors. There are many questions I would like to have answered and I feel that you can directly or indirectly answer them.

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I have been recaling your book "masters of Deceit", and am certain that the Church is a togical place for infiltration. I also make the book "Collectivism in the Churches" by Edgar C. mody. Woold you make a statement about its authenticity, since he makes reference to may public personalities?

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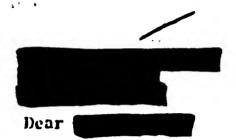
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Your letter dated November 1, 1960, has been received and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

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### NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent states that she has heard that some of the top leaders of the World Council of Churches and the National Council of Churches were either affiliated with or were sympathetic to the communist movement. She requests any information concerning these two organizations.

Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent.

For a number of years allegations have been made by a number of people, including some clergymen, to the effect that the National Council of the Churches of Christ has been infiltrated by communists. Although we have never conducted an investigation of the National Council of the Chruches of Christ (NCCC), as such, we have kept abreast of the efforts of the Communist Party (CP), USA, to infiltrate this organization through over-all investigations of the CP, USA, and communist efforts to infiltrate mass-type organizations. It does not appear from the information we have developed that the CP, USA, is dictating the policies of the NCCC today.

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The World Council of Churches has not been investigated by the Bureau and there is no information which would indicate that this organization is controlled by the Communist Party.

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November 1, 1960

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

Dear Mr. Hoover.

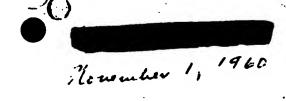
In recent months there have been numerous accusations that one or more of the top leaders in the World Council of Churches and the Mational Council of Churches have, or did have, Communist affiliation or were sympathetic with the Communist movement. Both groups named have steadily denied and attempted to refute these allegations, but in the minds of many there is a question as to their source and authenticity.

As members of the United Church Women, an affiliate of the NCC. and WCC., we feel that it is most urgent to clarify this question. Please advise us if your Department has been caused to investigate this matter and, if so, the nature of the evidence you found.

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Your letter dated October 27, 1960, has been received and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

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John Edgar Hoover Director

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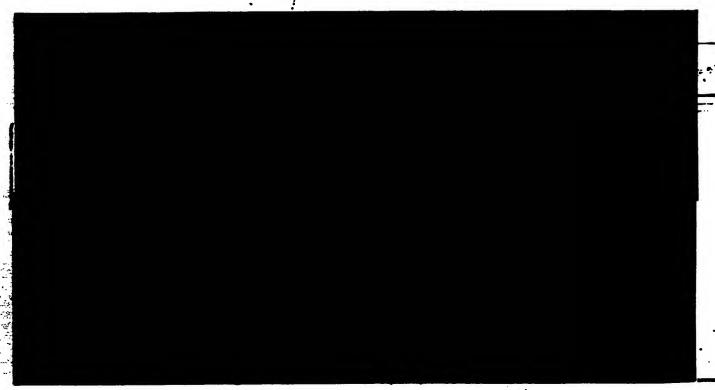
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Correspondent inquires about National Council of Churches (of Christ) (NCC) stating that there are allegations of ministers being associated with the communist movement. She inquires about J. B. Matthews, author of "American Mercury" and Dr. Carl McIntire. She states that Edwin T. Dahlberg of the NCC is supposed to be affiliated with at least a dozen communist fronts.

For a number of years allegations have been made by a number of people, including some clergymen, to the effect that the NCC (of Christ) has been infiltrated by communists. Although we have never conducted investigation of the NCC as such, we have kept abreast of the efforts of the Communist Party, USA (CPUSA) to infiltrate this organization through our over-all investigations of the CPUSA and communist efforts to infiltrate mass-type organizations. It does not appear from the information we have developed that the CPUSA is dictating the policies of the NCCC today. (100-50869)



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J. Edar Hoover Director Of The F.B.I. Vashin jon, D.C. ge (

Dear Sir:

You are just about the only one I can turn to now and know in my heart that I will recieve a truthful answer. My husband and I have become very active and interested in reading and learning all about Communism As far as I am concerned everyone in the United States should know all about the subject. We have read Edgar C. Bundy's book "Collectivism In The Churches", then last week went to hear him give a very fine talk and you can imagine how very upset we were. We belong to a small Methodist church here in so we made an appointment to talk to our Minister and try to get some imformation from him, but by the time we came away from the office we were more confused than ever, now it has really distillusioned us to the extent that we are beginning to lose all faith in our Minister's wonde ful sermons.

We really want to know the truth about the National Council Of Churches, for we have read both sides of the story and both of them claim that there are Ministers associated with the Communist movement. What do you know about J.E. Matthews author of the American Mercury and Dr. Carl McIntire? Then there is Edwin T. Dahlberg who is now the President of the National Council of Churches, he is supposed to be affliated with at least adozen Communist fronts.

We are good church people and want so much to bring our children up inthe right church, but on the other hand we do not want to go against our church. Thank you so very much for your very valuable time and I do

hope that you can help us.

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Your letter dated November 3, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is very much appreciated.

I would like to help you in connection with your inquiries; however, the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations or draw conclusions concerning the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. Information in our files, furthermore, is maintained as confidential due to a regulation of the Department of Justice. I regret that I cannot be of assistance and hope you will not infer either that we do not have the specific information you desirg.

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J. Edgar Hoover Director of F.B.L.

Dear Mr. Hoover

I would like some information on the National Counsil of Churches or World Counsil of Churches is there communism in it or are communists working thru it.

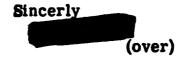
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Have also heard that they are even against the F. B. I.

Would also like any Iformation you could give me on the National Counsil of Churches.

Would like this Info, by Nov 11, 1960 for a meeting at the Church

Thanks a lot.



If you'd like to know how I stand on N.C.C. I don't think they should be supported as don't think they are . working for the Lord, or doing any good for our country

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DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 11/4/60

FROM

SAC, NEW YORK (62-0)

SUBJECT:



Re letter from the Director dated 10/28/60 instructing the NYO to contact regarding her requests to be informed regarding Communism in religion.

On 11/4/60. was contacted by SAS and given the material forwarded in reference letter and it was suggested to her that she read the Director's book "MASTERS OF DECEIT" for additional understanding of the menace of Communism.

was informed by the agents that the FBI as an investigative agency does not furnish comments or opinions regarding any individuals or organizations. She was advised as suggested in reference letter that the FBI has not conducted an investigation of the NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES.

appeared to be highly appreciative of the material and advised the agents that she held the Director and the FBI in high regard and she understood the FBI's position regarding not furnishing comments or opinions on individuals and organizations.

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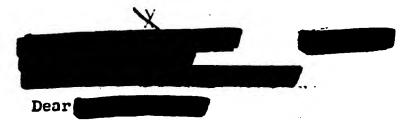
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November 4, 1960



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I am enclosing the pamphlet entitled "Expose of Soviet Espionage, May, 1960," which you requested, along with some other literature on the subject of communism which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hooven Director

Enclosures (4)

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## NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent requests information concerning the National Council of Churches and requests the Bureau's pamphlet entitled "Expose of Soviet Espionage, May, 1960."

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Bureau files contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent. The following items of literature were furnished to the correspondent:

"Expose of Soviet Espionage, May, 1960."

"Communist Target - Youth.

A reprint from the FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin, March, 1960, "An Analysis of the 17th National

Convention of the Communist Party, USA." "One Nation's Response to Communism."

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

Please send me at the address below free pamphlet about Soviet Esponage.

I would like to know the color Red - Pink - or White of the National Council of Churches, if there is anything authorative on the subject.

I have withdrawn my membership from the Presbyterran Church because I seem to see a very red color in their literature from the National and World Council--



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> I have received your letter of October 25, with enclosure, and in response to your request, one of my representatives in our 113w York Office will call on you in the near future. I do an reciate your good wishes.

> > Sincerely yours,

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Attention SAC: A mature and experienced Agent of your office should and tactfully advise that the FBI, as an investipromptly contact gative agency, does not furnish comments or opinions regarding the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. You may advise her, however, that the FBI has not conducted an investigation of the National Council of Churches. You may deliver to her the enclosed material concerning the general subject of communism and suggest to her fliat for additional understanding of the menace of communism she may desire to read my book, "Masters of Deceit."

NOTE: Bufiles contain no record identifiable with Edward P. Mulrooney was formerly New York Commissioner of Police; Chairman of the New York State Alcohol Beverage Control Board and Commissioner of Corrections for the State of New York. Correspondence was addressed to him on first name basis. Letter to sent in self-addressed stamped envelope which she encrosed.

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Enclosures sent to New York Office are Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality, Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion, God and Country or Communism? 17th National Convention, CP USA, and 3-60 LEB Introduction, and One Nation's Response To Communism.

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

My dear Mr. Hoover:

Through former Commissioner Edward P. Mulrooney, I have the privilege of meeting you here at our offices. (A new impaired chairman has not been appointed since the Commissioner's death in April, but the offices are continuing as before. I was commissioner Mulrooney's as you know.

nism. Since, factually, communism is prevalent in our Protestant churches, I'm very much interested in learning more about the National Council of Churches, and also about the Ethical Culture Schools. I'm a member of a presbyterian Church; in fact, an Elder, and I've been deeply troubled by seeming non-spiritual activities in my own church.

Is it possible, Mr. Hoover, for an appointment to be arranged here in New York to see one of your aides, so that I may be fully informed as to the situation above referred to, and so that I may act intelligently.

With appreciation, and my warmest good wishes to you,

Sincerely

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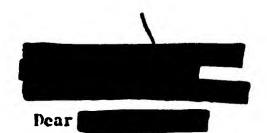
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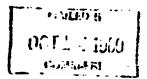


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In response to your inquiries, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not issue clearances or nonclearances.

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October 3, 1960

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Dear Mr. Hoover.

After reading several of your books; haster of Deceit, as well as "Naked Communist." "Soviet Total War," and several periodicals, we attended a meeting under the name of "Fair Play Council." This council appeared to have used the typical Kremlin method.

Since then I have joined a small group in County Area which are very interested in fighting communism. The sponsors for the Fair Play Council are: Council of Churches, Japanese American Citizens' League, Unitarian Fellowship for Social Justice," and "Jewish Community Center."

Any information I may have or obtain from any liable source concerning the unamerican activities of their sponsors would be very greatly appreciated.

Also, I have written to our Bishop Pike asking why he speaks for "shady" councils and is so against the "unamerican Hearings in San Francisco. Also, (being an Episcopalian) our church has changed for the worse in our rituals, services, and sermons. We seem to pray for China (Red). Pray for Russia etc. I just get a run around when ask Why? I'm now teaching the intermediate grades in Sunday school with a large class to combat this influence of the "Nat'l Council of Churches" and Bishop Pike.

So please send me <u>all</u> information on Pike or our church because another group will help me in this matter.

Of course everything and help I receive will be strictly confidential.

Thank you very much for any information or giving me a reliable source of this information.

Sincerely,



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While I would like to be of service to you, the FDI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and does not furnish evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. I can advise you, however, that I have no recollection of ever meeting this individual.

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Sincerely yours,

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Oct. 5.

Dear Sir:

Recently I have listened to Major Bundy exposing the communist infliteration in the National Council of Churches. Many people I talk to feel that Major Bundy does not have the facts. We think he has.

Would you be so kind to tell me if Mr. Bundy is a reputable man?

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Sincerely,



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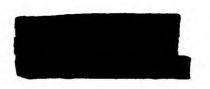
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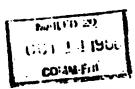


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Your letter of October 6, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is indeed appreciated.

while I would like to be of assistance with regard to your inquiry, the FDI is strictly an investigative agency and as such does not make evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. Information in our files is maintained as confidential due to regulations of the Department of Justice. I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have data concerning the organization or individual you mentioned.

Sincerely yours,



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Oct. 6, 1960

J. Edgar Hoover Dir. F.B.I. Washington D.C.

Dear Sir:

I shall be truly grateful to you if you will take time from your busy schedual to read and answer my letter.

Can it be true that the National Council of Churches in the U. S. A. are connected with communist infiltration? I am a member of a church that is a member of the N.C.C. and if this is true I want out of such a church because I despertly want to be true to my God and country.

Are you familar with Dr. Carl McIntire and his 20th century Reformation hour radio broadcast? I am, and I have made it known to my pastor and he is very much against Dr. McIntire, which puzzels me very much. Please help me.

Hoping to hear from you soon Yours Very Truly,

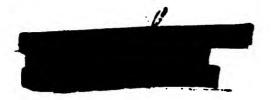
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October 14, 1960



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While I would like to be of assistance, as a matter of policy I cannot recommend sources as you requested. In view of your concern regarding the ptheistic menace of communism, I am enclosing some material which you may want to read.

Sincerely yours.

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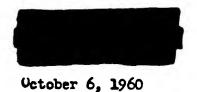
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Expose of Soviet Espionage

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover Federal Bureau Of Investigation Vashington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

There has been considerable discussion recently among the members of my church regarding the possible infiltration of the National Council of Churches and even the Protestant ministry by Communists and Communist sympathizers. A segment of our membership is deeply concerned over such reports, and has urged us all to become thoroughly informed of the situation, so that "grass roots" action can be taken.

because of the confusing number of questionable accusations and denials, it is difficult for a person with little or no knowledge of the reliability of the sources to separate the truths from the untruths.

For this reason, I am writing to you with the hope that you can recommend specific information sources which you believe present the most accurate facts in regard to Communism and the Protestant Churches.

I will deeply appreciate any help that you can give me which will enable me to inform myself and assist my fellow churchmen in this critical issue.

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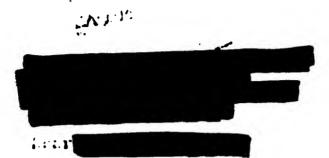
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I have noted your kind personal comments and I trust that we in the FBI will continue to merit your support.

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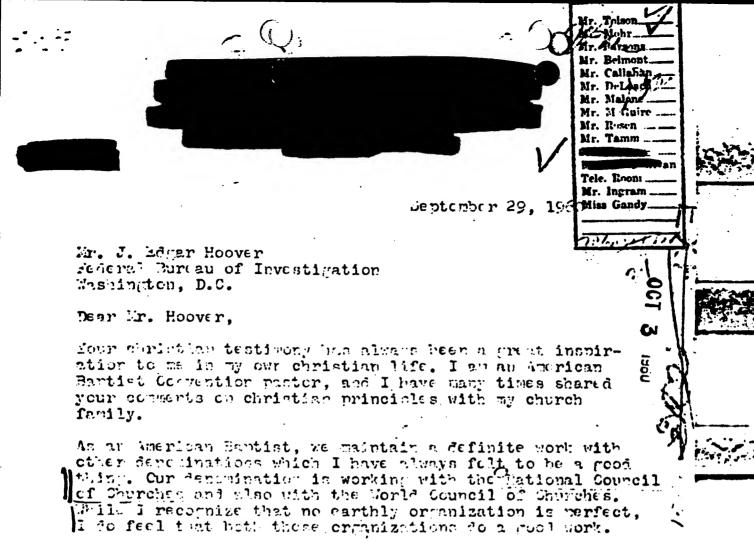
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NOTE ON YELLOW: Correspondent, a minister, states that he has heard criticisms of the National Council of Churches and the World Council of Churches to the effect that they are "communistic minded, and that even some of their leaders hold to these views." He asks if in the judgment of the Director and the ITH these criticisms are valid. He asks if the FBI looks at these organizations with a question as to their true American loyalty. He states that if an answer is forthcoming he would lime permission to share the Director's remarks with his "church family." The correspondent states that the Director's "christian testimony has always been a great inspiration to me in my own christian life."
In view of the controversial nature of this topic, it is believed the above reply will be in the best interests of the Bureau.

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Your letter of October 4, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

May I point out that this Bureau does not maintain or publish a list such as you mentioned in your communication. It is sull ested that you contact the Subversive Organizations Section. Internal Security Division, United States Department of Justice, Washin ton 25, D. C., from which you can obtain a list of the or animations cited by the Attorney Ceneral of the United States. You may be able to locate in your public library a copy of the "Cuide to Entire Organizations and Publications," prepared and released by the Un-Anterican Activities Committee of the United States House of Representatives.

With regard to your other incuiries, the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and does not furnish evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. In view of your concern regard ing communism, enclosed is some material dealing with that subject which may be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover Director

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Oct. 4, 1960

Dear Sir,

Is it possible to receive a list from you of Communist front organizations and also magazines that have Communist editors or writers. I am especially referring to the American Mercury magazine. Is it approved by you or not?

I am also wondering if the following news commentators:

Martin Agronsky Dean C. Manion John T. Flynn Fulton Lewis Jr.

are Communist or not?

We believe they are good Americans, but would like to know for sure.

One other thing, I have heard that the National Council of Churches is doubtful (meaning) they have Communist's on their board. Being a Lutheran I am deeply concerned about the National Council of Churches.

Sincerely,

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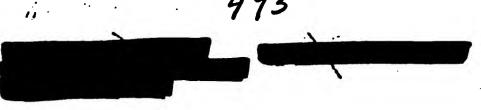
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Sept. 30, 1960

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

Dear Sir:

The Social Action and Education Committee of the church of which I am a member 'investigated' charges made in the Air Force manuel relative to Communist infiltration in the National Council of Churches. Their 'investigation' reavealed that there was no truth in the charges, and the Session, the governing body of the church, unanimously endorsed the findings of this committee.

I discussed this matter with my minister stating that I felt that there was not only evidence to support the charges made in the Air Force manuel but that evidence from other sources bear this out, and that the Session should not have acted without hearing from those who believed the charges to be true.

The vast majority of Americans are totally indifferent to the Communist goal of world domination which will destroy our freedom and liberty. The churches, which are our greatest bulwach against evil, take the position that there is no danger of Communism destroying them. In my humble opinion they are making a great mistake.

Will you please advise if the F.B.I. has conclusive proof that the Protestant churches of America have been infiltrated by the Communists. If I am wrong in my contention I want to readily admit it. If I am right I want to continue to fight Communism wherever I believe it exists, as I am bitterly and irrevocably opposed to it.

Respectfully yours,

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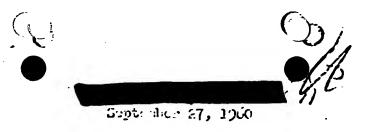
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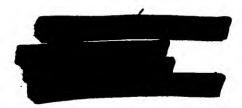
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Yours very truly,



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TO

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-50869)

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SAC, NEW YORK (105-40949)

SUBJECT:

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A separate case file has been opened on and as instructed in reBulet an attempt will be made to locate and interview in connection with that case.

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## NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent requests any printed or other information the Bureau might have available to link the National Council of the Churches of Christ (NCCC) to any "Communist propaganda."

For a number of years allegations have been made by a number of people, including some clergymen, to the effect that the NCCC has been infiltrated by communists. Although we have never conducted an investigation of the NCCC, as such, we have kept abreast of the efforts of the Communist Party (CP), USA, to infiltrate this organization through our over-all investigations of the CP, USA, and communist efforts to infiltrate mass-type organizations. It does not appear from the information we have developed that the CP, USA, is dictating the policies of the NCCC today. (100-50869)

Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent.

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Sirs:

If you have any printed information, or other, that might link the National Council of Churches to any Communist propaganda, please send it to me. I have a dear friend whose husband (a prominent minister) has been on European trips for this organization and is scheduled to go to India in a year or so for them. If they knew there was anything wrong with this organization, I'm sure he would not lend his support to something irregular where the Government is concerned. is something of a dreamer, although highly educated and pastor of a church of about 2,000. If I had something authentic to show them, they would think twice.

Thank you.

O(-7-26-0) Sincerely.

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September 25, 1910

Dear

Your communication dated September 19, 1910, has been received.

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and does not furnish evaluations and comments concorning the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope that you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have information in our illes relative to the subject of your inquiry.

Sincerely yours.

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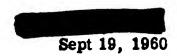
John Edgar Hooves Director

NOTE: The Bureau has in recent years received numerous inquiries concerning communist connections of the National Council of Churches (NCC) and this organization has become an extremely controversial one among various church groups. We have not investigated the NCC, however, we did make inquiries of informants in New York City in 1950 and did not develop any indication of communist or subversive influence on the part of the persons affiliated with the organization at that time. (100-50869) This is the same organization involved in a controversy this year resulting from the group's being described in an Air Force manual as being communist infiltrated.

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Dear Sir:

Will you please send me all the information you have regarding the National Council of Churches. I am very much concerned.

Sincerely yours



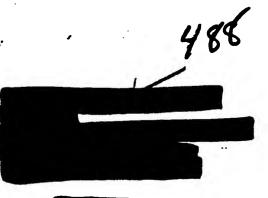
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Dear

Your letter of September 19, 1960, has been received, and I appreciate the concern which prompted you to write.

I would like to be of assistance to you; however, the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government, and we do not make evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual publication or organization. Information in our files is considered confidential and available only for official use. I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have information in our files relative to the subjects of your inquiry.

Sincerely yours

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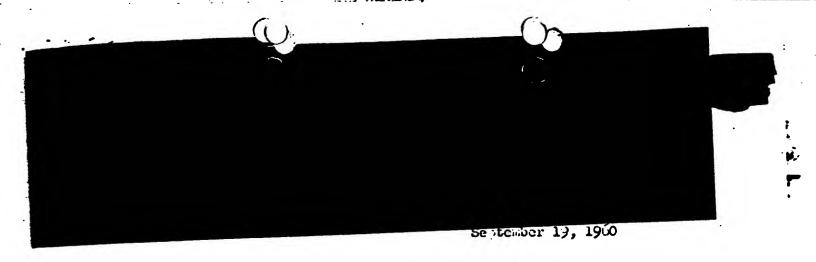
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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover Federal Bureau of Investigation Department of Justice Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Manual has caused a deep suspicion on the part of some of my people regarding the Revised Standard Version of the Bible; the men who translated it; and the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S. A. Reference is frequently made to the fact that the Communists have used the R.S.V. and the National Council of Churches to infiltrate our country with their beliefs. In my opinion the belief that these statements are true is disturbing the spiritual harmony of my church and many other churches in the San Diego area. What is the truth in this matter? Are the Communists running the Pational Council of Churches! Are the Churches of America becoming centers of Communistic propaganda as J.B. Eatthews claims! Did Communistic fellow-travelers translate the R.S.V. Bible?

I certainly realize the magnitude of the task which is yours and the men of the F. B. I., but if there is any answer you can give me in this matter, I would greatly appreciate it.

Fothing has disturbed Christianity as much as this controversy.

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Your consideration and reading of this letter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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September 16, 1960



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Your letter dated September 7, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiries, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Covernment and, as such, does not issue clearances or nonclearances.

I am sure you will understand the necessity for this policy and will not infer that we do or do not have in our files the information you desire.

Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover Director

## NOTE ON YELLOW:

over reports of communist infiltration into the National Council of Churches. He states that he has been for a

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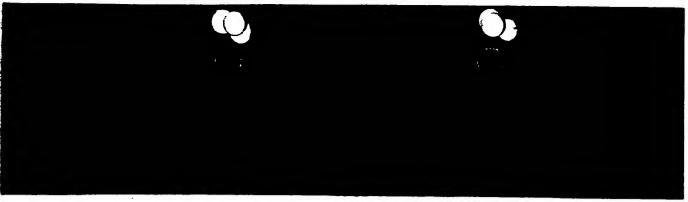
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## NOTE ON YELLOW, CONTINUED

number of years, a supporter of the National Council of Churches, but does not desire to support any movement or any activity which tends to "destroy the American way of life." He requests any information available concerning communist infiltration of the National Council of Churches.

made by a number of people, including some clergymen, to the effect that the National Council of the Churches of Christ (NCCC) has been infiltrated by communists. Although we have never conducted an investigation of the NCCC as such, we have kept abreast of the efforts of the Communist Party (CP) USA, to infiltrate this organization through our over-all investigations of the CPUSA and communist efforts to infiltrate mass-type organizations. It does not appear from the information we have developed that the CPUSA is dictating the policies of the NCCC today. (100-50869)

Bureau files contain no identifiable derogatory data concerning the correspondent.



September 7, 1960

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have been for a number of years a supporter of the National Council of the Churches, because I believed in their sincerity, especially after observing their activities in connection with the migrant workers in our particular area.

When some time ago reports appeared in the daily papers concerning communist infiltration, as well as the reports that were printed concerning the manuals for the Air Corp which supposedly had the ear marks of communist influence, also after reading some of the literature printed by the National Council favoring the communist activities, I have become rather alarmed.

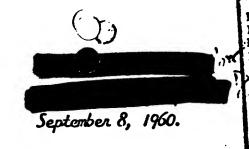
I have discussed these problems with various church leaders, but they seem to have the attitude that these reports are vilifications of the Mational Council. In order to receive a true statement I have decided to trouble you concerning this situation.

I am a naturalized citizen of European birth, I have adopted this country as my country, and certainly do not wish to have conditions catch up with me here. (Conditions from which I have escaped) I do not care to support any movement or any activity which tends to distroy the American way of life. I would appreciate any information you can give me concerning the above problem.



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Dear Mr. Hoover,

I would like to thank you for your reply to my letter dated June 10 negarding the infiltration of Communists in the Churches today. I realize now I was asking the impossible of you in your position and also that it was not the correct way to go about things, that is by attacking individuals, organizations I was not by attacking individuals, organizations or publications. In that way we accomplish nothing but that there are other more effective ways of dealing with the Communist Threat.

This my: husband and I learnt during our attendance at the Anti-Communism School held here in Son Diego just recently. The thing that impressed me most about the whole School was the complete (hristian Dedication of all the Speakers, who were obviously well informed each in his own sphere and also the total lack of any form of attack on any organization, group on person.

Their main purpose was to alert America to the Danger of Convenism and how close we are to losing our freedom through plain apathy and ignorance.

My husband and I feel and I know our feeling is shared by a majority of those who attended the Anti-Communism School, that we are very grateful to you, Mr. Hoover and to the F.B.I. and the House Un-American Activities Committee for all that you are doing to help alert us to our present Danger and in helping.

We thank you sincerely,



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to preserve the Freedom Which Is America.

1 - Mr. Farrow

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Your letter dated September 3, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiry, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. Furnishing information of the type you have requested would in effect constitute an approval or disapproval of the organization you nercioned. Therefore, I regret to advise that I am unable to comply with your request.

I would like to advise you, however, that I have made no statement concerning the Kational Council of the Churches of Christ.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoovey Director L. SOK RECEIVED:

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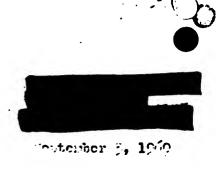
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Director's name has been used in support of both sides of the issue. She requests the Director's opinion of the "policy of the National Council of Churches of speaking on social and political issues. Do you feel that this policy violates the historical separation of Church and State?"

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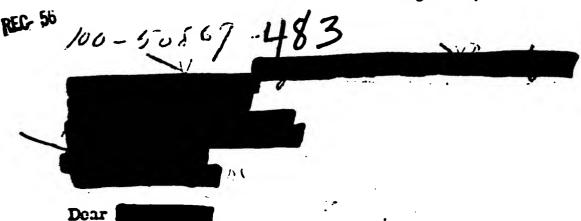
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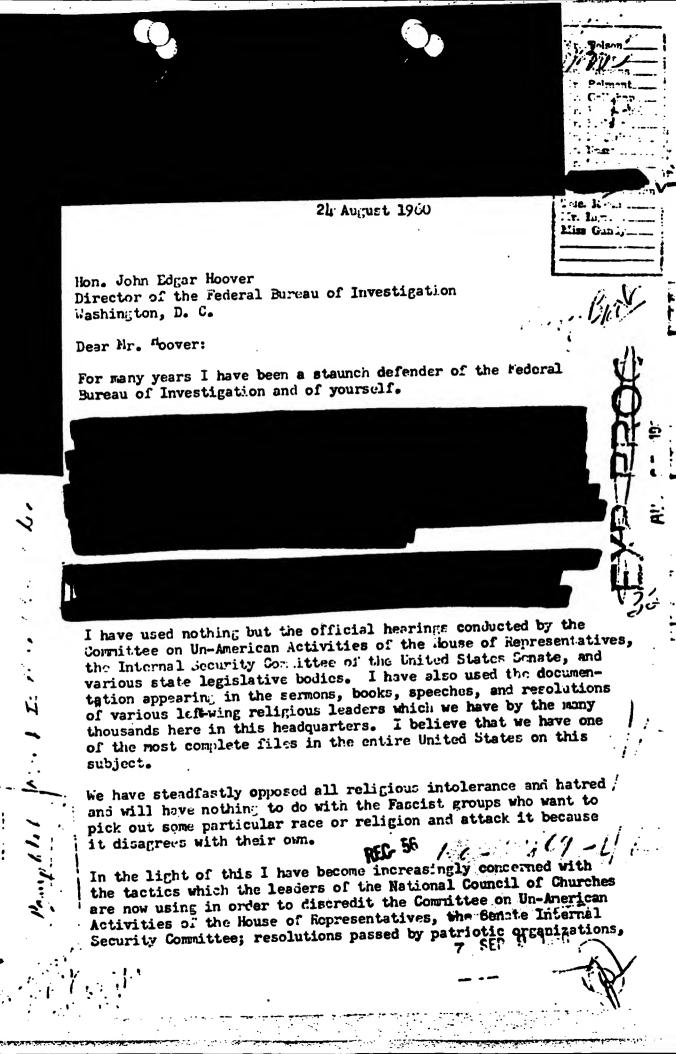
I will call your letter to his attention, but I know that he would want me to advise you that the FEI as a fact-gathering agency of the Federal government does not issue clearances or nonclearances. It has been a long standing policy of this Bureau, therefore, not to furnish evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization.

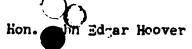
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and documentation on subversion in religious groups published by organizations such as our own.

No one that I know of in the recognized organizations which are exposing subversion in the religious field have ever said that you have at any time stated that the National Council of hurches was subversive or infiltrated by communists.

Pespite this fact, the leaders of the National Council of Churches are using letters which they have written to you and your replies to give the impression that there are no individuals within the organization of the National Council of Churches who have ever been connected with the communist conspiracy.

I know of no individual, such as Dr. J. B. Matthews, Congressman Francis E. Lalter, who has ever stated that there are members of the Communist Party within the ranks of the National Council of Churches. However, I do know that these same people have charged from the documentation which they have acquired that there have been hundreds of individuals within the frame work of the old Federal Council of Churches and the National Council of Churches who have been affiliated with many organizations classified as communist fronts or subversive by the various attorneys-general of the United States and the Congressional Committees.

Where ever I speak over this country I run into the propaganda put out by the National Council that Mr. Hoover and the F. J.I. have given the National Council of Churches a clean bill of nealth.

On the other hand we have the hearings before the Committee on Un-American Activities, especially the one held this year for the Secretary of the Air Force, Hr. Dudley Sharp, Sr., in which it was stated that over a hundred officals of the National Council of Churches had been affiliated with more than one thousand subversive organizations.

Thousands of church people over the country are asking us to reconcile what purports to be "Mr. Hoover's clean bill of health for the "ational Council" and the statements of the investigating committee.

Mr. Hoover, you would be doing a great service to the Christian people of this nation, and especially to those who are in the front lines fighting this infiltration of subversion into our religious institutions, if you would clarify this confused situation.

I wish that you would see fit to issue a statement that the F.B.I. is not authorized to cite any organization as subversive, that you would have no occasion to do this in regard to the Mational Council of Churches. Also, that you have never stated that there are not individuals within the Mational Council of Churches who have been or are now affiliated with subversive groups.

This is of extremly deep concern to our organization and to thousands of other Christian people who see what is happening right within their own religious institutions but who are told flatly by their leaders that if there were any subversive activities the F.S.I. would be the first to state so.

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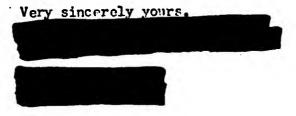




Hon. John Edgar Hoover

Can you clarify this situation for us in regard to yourself and the F.B.I.?

I have used your article "God or Chaos" and your testimony given to the Committee on Un-American Activities, March 20, 1947 very often end have made thousands of copies of it to distribute to ministers and lay people throughout the United States.

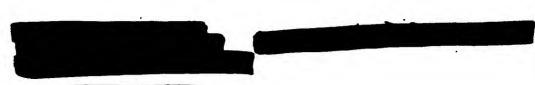


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Dear

Your letter dated August 26, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiry, I must advise that the FBI is strictly an investigative agency and does not furnish evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. I am unable, therefore, to comply with your request.

In view of your interest concerning the communist menace in this country, I am enclosing some literature which you may like to read.

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The following items of literature were furnished to the correspondent:

1. "Communist Target - Youth."

2. Reprint from the "FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin,"
March, 1960, with "An Analysis of the 17th
National Convention of the Communist Party, USA."

3. "Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality."

4. "God and Country or Communism?"

## NOTE ON YELLOW:

On behalf of her Sunday school class, the correspondent is making inquiry concerning the status of the NCCC since one of the teachers of the class has allegedly read an article that this organization is a communist front.

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august 26, 1960

Ar. J. Edgar Hoover Federal Bureau of Investigation Vashington, D. C.

Dear Ir. Hoover:

of the First Methodist Church in I am writing this letter.

Sunday School Class

Recently, our Eunday School reacher read an article from a magazine in regard to the National Council of Churches. The teacher stated that the National Council of Churches was a Communist front organization. I stated that I did not believe it to be so, but as the teacher's statement has created some doubt and concern within the group, in regard to this matter, we would like to know the truth. Therefore, they have asked me to write you for information.

We are aware that the Communists would like to infiltrate into every phase of our American life and especially would they like to tear down our churches. We believe that the statement made about the National Council of Churches is a dangerous statement to spread abroad if untrue; however, it is true, we believe we should be informed.

Any information you can give us will be appreciated.

Sincerely,

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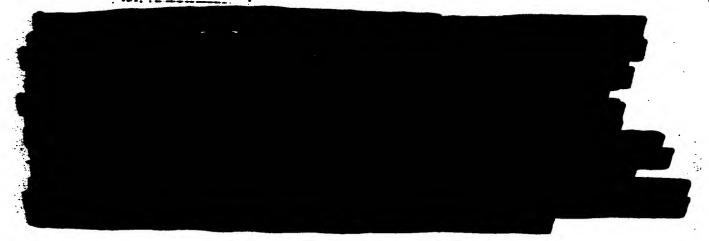
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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-50869)

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FROM :

SAC, NEW YORK (105-40949)

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Re Legat Tokyo letter to Director, 7/29/60, forwarded by Bureau routing slip, 8/11/60, marked for information.

New York Office files contain no identifying information concerning aka.

The Bureau is requested to advise if it wishes the New York Office to attempt to locate and interview

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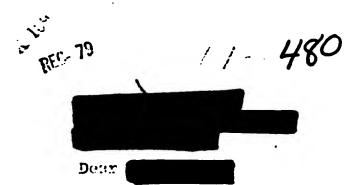
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August 30, 1960



Your letter dated August 21, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

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## NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent advises that he has recently read the National Council of the Churches of Christ of the United States of America has expressed ideas of communism. He requests any information the Eureau can give concerning this matter. In view of the controversial nature of this subject, it is believed the above reply will best serve the interest of the Bureau.

Federal Bureau of Investigation J. Edger Hoover, Director Washington D. C. Aug. 21, 1960

Dear Mr. Hoover:

A short while ago an article appeared in a magazine of some circulation, written by one who is a member of the same church ( Hethodist ) that I am.

This article stated that the National Council of the Churchs of Christ in the United States of America, is expressing ideas of Communism.

As the Mathodist Church is a member of N. C. C. this is of great concern to me.

If it is possable to give any information concerning this, I would greatly appreciate it.

Yours truly:

Homber of the First Lethodist Church

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l - Mr. Farrow

August 24, 1960

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Your letter dated August 16, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted your commication is indeed appreciated.

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I regret that I am unable to suggest any source from which you can obtain the information you desire.

Sincerely yours.

John Edgar Hoover Director

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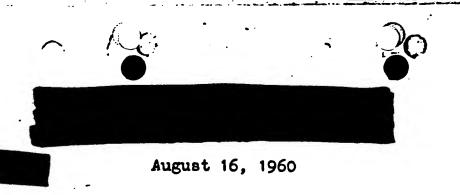
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## NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent, a minister, advises that he has in his possession the Air Reserve Training Manual dealing with the National Council of the Churches of Christ and a copy of a report concerning the hearings before the Committee on Un-American Activities for February 25, 1960, concerning the same subject. He requests information from the Bureau as to whether or not the leaders of the NCCC are or have been affiliated with the CP. lle states that it is his desire to recommend that his diocese either withdraw or continue to support the NCCC at its next annual convention. Ile states, however, that before he can make any recommendation, he must obtain additional information. lle requests in addition to any information that the Burcau may give him other sources which could provide him with the necessary data. In view of the controversial nature of this topic, it is believed the above reply will best serve the interests of the Bureau.



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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

For the past several months, I have been engaged in research concerning the National Council of Churches of Christ in the United States of America. In connection with this, I have a copy of the Air Reserve Training Manual number NR45-0050. This manual seems to state rather specificly that the National Council of Churches of Christ has in it quite a number of members who have, at least, Communist leanings. I also have a copy of the "Hearings Before the Committee on Un-American Activities" for the Date February 25, 1960. This photostat seems to confirm the findings of the Air Force Manual. I have also obtained lists of names that belong to the National Council of Churches of Christ who have one or more citations for Communist Front organizations.

At the next annual convention of the Episcopal Church in this Diocese, I would like to recommend that this Diocese either withdraw or continue their support of the National Council of Churches of Christ, provided that I can get together sufficient evidence to make the recommendation. Would it be possible for your office to give me any evidence for or against the National Council of Churches of Christ, or their members, which I might use in this venture? Would you also give me any information you might have concerning other sources of evidence or facts which might be put to use?

With many thanks, I am

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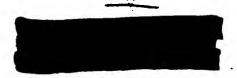
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Dear

I have received your letter dated August 12, 1960, and your interest in communicating with me is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiries, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments con-cerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization.

I am enclosing some material relating to the commist menace in this country which is available for general distribution by the FBI. I trust that your church group will find this material of assistance in its study of communism. In this connection, you may also be interested in referring to my book, "Masters of Leceit," which relates to the story of communist in America and how to fight it. This book was published in 1958 by Henry Holt and Company, New York City, and is possibly available through your local library.

Sincerely yours.



John Edgar Hoover

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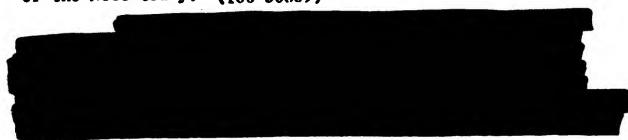
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## ATTENTION: SAC. HOUSTON

Correspondent advised that a Dr. Bundy in a recent speech on communism stated that the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and the National Council of the Churches of Christ (NCCC) were run by communists and this fact is verified in documents of the House Committee on Un-American Activities. Correspondent wanted to know if this is true. She also requested literature on communism in the United States since her church group is making a study of this subject.

Bufiles contain no identifiable information concerning the correspondent.

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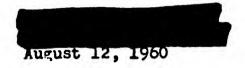
The following items of literature were furnished to the correspondent:

1. "Communist Target - Youth."
2. "Communist 'New Look."

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- "Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality."
  "How to Beat Communism."
  "Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion."
  Reprint from "FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin,"
  March, 1960, with Analysis of the 17th
  National Convention, CPUSA.
  "Communist Party, USA," Reprint from
  "Ave Maria," April 30, 1960.

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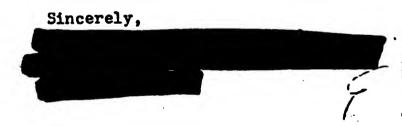


J. Edgar Hoover Federal Bureau of Investigation Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Recently a Dr. Bundy came to our church and spoke on communism. He said that the N.A.A.C.P. and the National Council of Churches are run by communists. Supposedly, he had documents from the Un-American Activities Committee to verify this. I would like to know if this is true.

Also, could you please send us some literature on communist in the United States, as we are making a study of this subject in our church group.



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Dear

I have received your letter of August 11, 1960, and appreciate the thought which prompted you to write. I want to thank you for your generous remarks.

It was very kind of you to comment as you did regarding my report, "Communist Target-- Youth." In view of the concern of you and your family about communism, I am enclosing some material which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. EDGAR HOOVER

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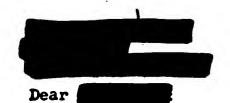
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August 11, 1960



Your letter dated August 2, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiry, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization.

I am sure you will understand the necessity for this policy and will not infer that we do or do not have in our files the information you desire.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover Director Low

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#### NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent states she is deeply concerned regarding reports that the "United Council of Churches has become infiltrated with communism." She requests any information available on this subject. It is believed that correspondent has reference to recent charges that the NCCC has been infiltrated by the CP. In view of the controversial nature of this topic, it is believed the above reply will best serve the interests of the Bureau.

## TRUE COPY

Aug. 2, 1960

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

Sir:

I have become deeply concerned regarding reports that the United Council of Churches has become infiltrated with communism.

I would appreciate any information from your office on this subject.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



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August 12, 1960

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Dear

Your letter dated August 6, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiry, you are advised that I have not prepared or distributed an article concerning the National Council of the Churches of Christ such as you have mentioned.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hooyer

John Edgar Hoover Director

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ATTENTION: SAC SAVANNAL

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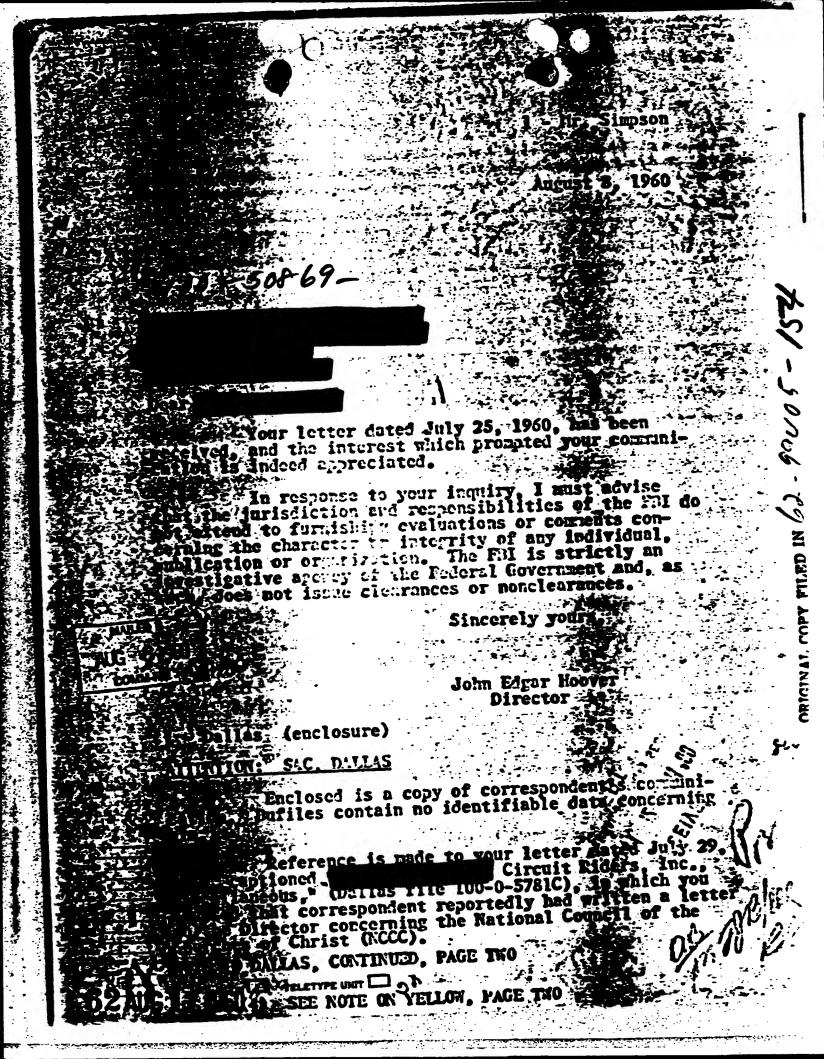
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### NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent states that he has been informed that the Director has made available an article entitled "What is Wrong With The National Council of Churches." He requests five copies of this article.

Correspondent may be referring to "What Is Wrong with the Federal Council? now known as the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A." written by W. O. H. Garman, President (1947-1950), American Council of Christian Churches.

In view of the controversial nature of the booklet which is a strong attack upon the NCCC, it is not believed we should advise the correspondent of the identity of the publisher of the booklet.



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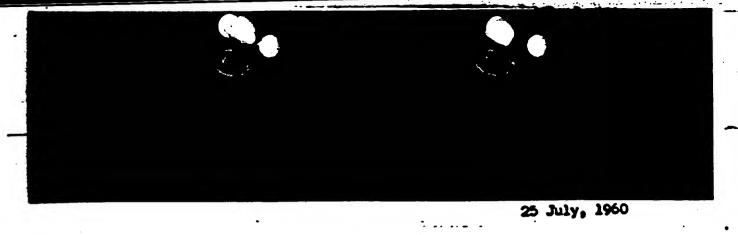
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Kr. J. Edgar Hoover Federal Bureau of Investigation Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

In recent weeks, several pieces of literature have been mailed to the congregation I serve. This leterature, prepared by the "Circuit Riders, Inc." seeks to undermine and destroy the National Council of hurches. In the distributed material, and comments by those who send it out, the Canrage is made that the National Council of Churches is a "Communistinfiltrated" organization. Since the Disciples of Christ (Christian Churches) Brotherhood, with which we are associated, is affiliated with the National Council of Churches, many of our mambers have become confused and concerned.

These attacks sow seeds of suspicion and doubt, creating an atmosphere of distrust within the Church and weakening the greatest force for freedom, the Church. Thus, we need to know the facts from a reliable source. Since the internal security of our nation rests in the hands of your Bursau, and the reputation of your organization indicates that you are fully aware of the activities and records of communists in our country, I am convinced that no one is in a better position to set the record straight. An answer to this question would certainly clear the air, one way or the other. In the opinion of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, is the National Council of Churches "Communist-infiltrated? Are there communists among the leaders of the National Council of Churches?

I view with distrust any attempt to undermine the integrity and influence of any person or organization, and do not accept the statements and charges of anyone whose purpose is to do this without doing same investigating on my own. For that this without doing same investigating on my own. For that reason, I write this request to your office, for I do not know where also to turn. I sincerely hope that the policies of your organization will permit a clear answer.

Thanking you for your consideration, I remain,

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August 12, 1960

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# ATTITUDE: SAC, BURBAS CHY

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information confirming or denying whether the organization is under communistic influences. She enclosed a self-addressed, stamped envelope for reply.

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## NOTE ON YELLOW:

Self-addressed, stamped envelope furnished by the correspondent used in reply.

It is noted correspondent addressed her letter to "The Honorable Herbert Hoover"; however, since she apparently thought Herbert Hoover was head of the FBL, no comment is being made concerning this mistake.





August 5, 1960

The Honorable Herbert Hoover Federal Bureau of Investigation Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Sir:

my brother, who is in the Army Air Force, and I were discussing religion the other day. He said that you had in your Federal Eureau of Investigation files proof that the National Council of Churches is under communistic influences.

Since my church, Christian Church Deciples of Christ, includes the lational Council of Churches in our missions budget and receives some literature from them, I would like to know if there is any proof that they are communists.

This is very important to me and I would appreciate any information you may have to either confirm or deny the fact as to whether they are, or are not under communistic influence. Enclosed is a self-addressed, stamped envelope for your reply.

Very sincerely yours,

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1 - Mr. Farrow

August 5, 1960

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Dear

Your letter dated July 29, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiry, I must advice that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluation; or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not issue clearances or nonclearances. Furtherrore, information in our files is maintained as confidential and available only for official use in accordance with a regulation of the Department of Justice.

I am sure you will understand the necessity for this policy and will not infer that we do or do not have in our files the information you desire.

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John Edgar scover Director

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# NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent states, "I was told recently that the president of the Council is a communist."

She states that her church contributes a portion of its money to the NCCC. She asks if the President of the council is a communist.

In view of the controvertial nature of this topic, it is believed that the above reply will test serve the interests of the Bureau.

## TRUE COPY

July 29, 1960

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

Dear sir.

I am a member of the Methodist Church of

I understand that our church contributes a portion of money to the National Council of Churches of America.

I was told recently that the president of the Council is a communist.

Will you please tell me if this is correct.

Sincerely

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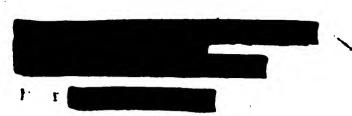




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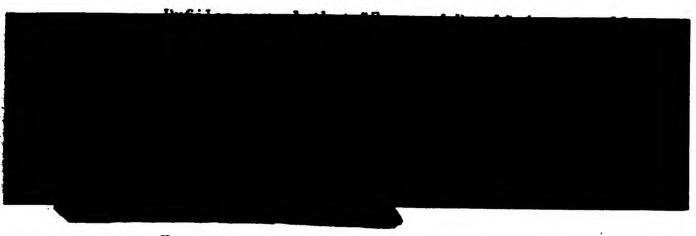
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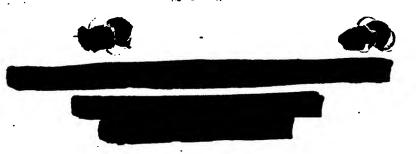


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## NOTE ON YELLOW:

The correspondent, a minister, states "Will you please tell me whether or not the National Council of the Churches of Christ in America (NCC) is a communist front organization." He indicates that members of his congregation have questioned him concerning this matter and he, in turn, has advised them that he will seek this information from the Burgau. Correspondent states "let me do something every citizen should have long since done--'Thank you' for the great service you have remiered to our nation. Thank God there is one agency of law enforcement in our nation that actually does its job."

In view of the controversial nature of this topic, it is believed that the above reply will best serve the interests of the Bureau.



July 26, 1970

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The above is furnished for information purposes.