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SUBJECT: NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

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SECTION 14



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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September 7, 1961

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Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of August 31 has been received, and it was certainly thoughtful of you to write. I deeply appreciate your very kind remarks concerning my book, "Masters of Deceit."

While I would like to be of service, the FBI is an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations nor draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I hope you will not infer in this connection either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the subjects of your inquiry.

Enclosed is some material on the general subject of communism you may like to read.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (4)
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What You Can Do To Fight Communism
2. Expose of Soviet Espionage
3. Christianity Today Series

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Miss Gandy

[REDACTED]
August 31, 1961.

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am reading your book entitled "Masters of Deceit" and I think that every American should read this excellent book.

I have heard Dr. Carl McIntire, Collingswood, N. J. speak on communist infiltration in the National Council of Churches.

I also have heard some rumors questioning the policies of the Ford Foundation.

Do you have any information on these subjects?

Yours very truly,
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CORRESPONDENCE

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of August 24 has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

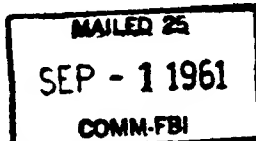
I assure you that this Bureau is continuing to handle its responsibilities regarding the internal security of our Nation with the same dispatch and thoroughness as have characterized our investigations in the past. May I point out that the FBI is an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations nor draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication, or individual. In view of the foregoing, the FBI has not issued the list you mentioned, and I am unable to offer any information as to where such a list can be obtained.

Enclosed is literature pertaining to the general subject of communism you may care to read.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director



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1 - Los Angeles - Enclosure

ATTENTION SAC: Attempt to locate a copy of the article correspondent mentions and forward to Bureau by routing slip using above caption and adding Research (Correspondence and Tours), to reach the Bureau no later than 9-11-61.

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Bufiles contain no information of derogatory nature concerning [REDACTED]
We last wrote 3-1-61 at which time no reprints were forwarded her.

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Enclosures:

4-17-61 Internal Security Statement

What You Can Do To Fight Communism

Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality

The Communist Menace: Red Goals and Christian Ideals - Christianity Today



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August 24, 1960

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

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Dear Mr. Hoover,

A local paper last week printed in a column a statment saying that the F.B.I. had been taken off all investigations of Communist activities. This to me was shocking beyond all belief. If this is true I feel that the people should be made fully aware of it and if it is not true then the columnist should certainly be censured for putting something like that in print. This article appeared in the Santa Ana Register on August 22 and the author was Harry Everingham.

Also I got it through a not too reliable source that you had released a list of the members of the National Council of Churches that were known Communists. If this is true where can I get a copy? Would this be available from the Government Printing Office?

Thank you for your time and consideration in reading this letter.

Yours very truly,

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August 30, 1961

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of August 25 has been received, and I appreciate the interest which prompted you to write.

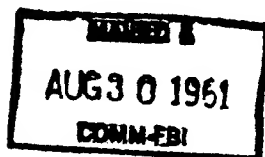
Although I would like to be of service, the FBI is an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations nor draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. Also, records of the FBI must be maintained as confidential through a regulation of the Department of Justice. I hope you will understand my position and will not infer that the FBI either does or does not have data in its files pertaining to the subject of your inquiry.

I am sending some material about communism you may like to read.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director



Enclosures (3)

Faith in God--Our Answer to Communism
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
Christianity Today Series

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Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles.

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[REDACTED]
August 25, 1961

F. B. I.
Washington, D. C.

Our Congregational Church is slowly being destroyed by some who say that the National Council of the Churches of Christ is Communist dominated. They offer no proof other than printed literature if from questionable sources and of course "Hear say" We "our church" has recently joined the United Church of Christ and there are those who say that if we don't withdraw they will leave the church. It is not a large church and cannot afford to lose any Members.

Do you have any proof that the NCCCA is Communist dominated? I would appreciate any information you can give me.

/s/ [REDACTED]
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August 25, 1961

F. B. I.

Washington, D. C.

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Do you have any proof that the NCCCA is Communist dominated? I would appreciate any information you can give me.

att 8-30-61 JH/mb
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August 29, 1961

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REC'D-READING ROOM
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Dear [REDACTED]

I have received your letter of August 22, and I am most appreciative of your expressions of confidence in my administration of this Bureau.

In response to your inquiry, I would like to point out that the FBI, as an investigative agency of the Federal Government, does not furnish comments or evaluations regarding the character or integrity of any individual, organization or publication. In view of this, I am sure you will realize that I have never made the statements attributed to me, nor would it be proper for me to make any such comment concerning the organization you mentioned.

In view of your interest, I am enclosing some material you may like to read.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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With Your Answer To Communism
4-17-61 Internal Security statement
Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion
Series from Christianity Today

NOTE: Bufiles contain no information concerning correspondent.

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August 22, 1961

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

Dear Sir, . . .

Several persons in my congregation have told me that they have seen statements attributed to you which describe the National Council of Churches as either Communist infiltrated or Communist dominated. You can well imagine how this has distressed me.

I would like to say that I have long admired you personally and I have long admired the work that you have done - and I say this sincerely. At the same time, as a clergyman of a denomination that has long taken a leading part in both the Federal Council and the National Council of Churches I am disturbed to hear these statements attributed to you. If the National Council is in any way serving the Communist cause I - and thousands of other Presbyterian ministers - would like to know about it. Therefore, permit me to ask you these two questions:

- 1) Have you ever so described the National Council?
- 2) Do you believe that the National Council is Communist dominated, or Communist infiltrated, or is in any way aiding the Communist conspiracy either at home or abroad?

I am awaiting your answer with eagerness as you may well imagine. I want to thank you in advance for the time you give to this inquiry.

Sincerely,

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August 29, 1961

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of August 22, 1961, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated. I want to thank you for your generous remarks.

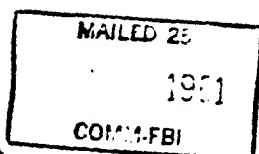
Although I would like to be of service, the FBI is an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations nor draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. May I also point out that the files of this Bureau are confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and are available for official use only. I regret that I am unable to answer your inquiry and hope you will not infer in this connection either that we do or do not have data in our files pertaining to it.

In view of your interest, enclosed is some literature dealing with the general subject of communism you may care to read.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director



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4/17/61 Statement re: Internal Security
What You Can Do To Fight Communism
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
Christianity Today Series

NOTE: No correspondence in Bufiles identifiable with correspondent. The National Council of Churches of Christ (NCCC) includes in its membership the leading Protestant churches in the country. Various critics of the Council,

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without access to factual data to support their assertions, have claimed this group is communist controlled or influenced. The FBI, of course, has not investigated the (NCCC) (100-50869)

August 22, 1961.

J. Edgar Hoover,
Director, F.B.I.
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am a member of [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] here in [REDACTED]
Not too long ago I attended an anti-communist
meeting which was sponsored by the [REDACTED] in
[REDACTED]

I consider myself a loyal American and Mr. Hoover,
believe me when I say that I treasure the freedoms that were
secured and handed down to us by our forefathers... so much so
that because of that meeting I may have to withdraw from my
church.

[REDACTED] is a member of the National Council
of Churches and the objectives of the NCC are almost identical
to those of the Communist Party.

In reading some of the literature that was
given to us at the meeting I find that some of the heads of the
NCC and other religious groups have records of Communist-front
activities.

A group of us, all American Legion and auxiliary
members are greatly concerned over our membership in the NCC. Our
pastor wrote to you about this matter but in your reply you
said nothing about the NCC. In your letter you say, quote,
"This is no time for rumors, unfounded suspicion, gossip and
the hurling of false accusations. We must not needlessly divide
ourselves".

Mr. Hoover we are concerned, those of us who
have dedicated ourselves to God and Country ARE GREATLY concern
ed !

in September
I am asking you to help us in this way--- please
let us know if the NCC has any subversive connections. On the
third Tuesday, the Board of Deacons will meet (I am one of them)
and I would like to present this problem before the Board. If
what I fear is true I will recommend that [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] withdraw from the NCC and will further recommend that
this recommendation be brought up at the next Quarterly meeting
for discussion and a vote.

We are not worrying about rumors Mr. Hoover, we
ARE worried about actual facts. One of our members in the Social
Action Committee admitted she was a member of the Civil Lib-
erties Union, you know and I know that they are a subversive
organization, so you see why we are concerned ?

An immediate reply would be greatly appreciated

Mr. Hoover.

Thank God for men like you and the men who work
for you. God bless your every effort.

Very truly yours,

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August 21, 1961

Dear [REDACTED]

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

In response to your request, I would like to advise that the FBI, as strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government, does not furnish evaluations or comments relative to the character or integrity of any individual, organization or publication. In addition, information in our files is maintained as confidential due to regulations of the Department of Justice. I hope you will not infer that our files do or do not contain data regarding the groups you mentioned.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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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 Roman Catholic Church and certain small sects. Bufiles contain no identifiable information of a derogatory nature concerning this organization. Many inquiries have been received regarding communist infiltration of this organization. (100-231551) The National Council of Churches of Christ (NCCC) includes in its membership the leading Protestant churches in the country. Various critics of the Council, without access to factual data to support their assertions, have claimed this group is communist controlled or influenced. The FBI, of course, has not investigated the NCCC. (100-50869)

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August 14, 1961

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

We get hundreds of secondary and tertiary references which indicate the degree of association by error or plain collusion of the World (and National) Council of Churches with pinks, fronts and so on, but none has given any one of us ((this us is local church) any primary reference.

The result of this sort of thing is that our efforts locally to halt the local church affiliation by inference with the World Council programs are nil. We are, then, by inference approving the ECC and NCC -- and WE DO NOT.

Can you give us references which pinpoint the stand and leadership of the World Council and National Council at this time? What are they lobbying for in Washington?

Yours very truly,

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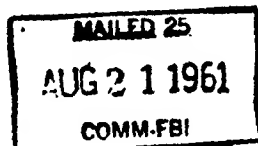
Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter postmarked August 15, 1961, also signed by [REDACTED] has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated. The concern you expressed regarding the evil menace of communism is indeed understandable.

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 nor draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I would like to emphasize the fact that the communists have tried to infiltrate every part of our society. Their efforts to destroy our form of government have been thwarted by our internal security programs; the investigation, arrest and prosecution of a number of Communist Party functionaries; and the rising tide of public opposition to the communist movement. Our churches have been and will continue to be important targets in the over-all subversive program of endeavoring to control all mass-type organizations, and we must remain alert to any attempts to replace our national traditions with the atheistic philosophy of communism.

In view of your interest, enclosed is literature pertaining to the general subject of subversion you may like to read.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover



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4-17-61 Internal Security Statement
"Faith in God--Our Answer to Communism"
What You Can Do To Fight Communism
Christianity Today Series
One Nation's Response to Communism

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NOTE: No record Bufiles identifiable with correspondent, [REDACTED] or "The Truth."

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August 4, 1961

The Honorable J. Edgar Hoover, Director
The Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

The undersigned local church group wishes to obtain such information as you might furnish and your opinion as to a current issue of great importance.

This group is engaged in a study of the charges of massive communist infiltration into the leadership of the Methodist Church and the National Council of Churches of Christ. Members of this local church group have expressed concern as to the validity or invalidity of such accusations.

Locally such charges and accusations are being brought by some of the same organizations to which reference is made in a brochure entitled "The Truth" prepared by the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U. S. A., 475 Riverside Drive, New York 27, New York. Such brochure takes issue with the charges and with the accusers.

Please advise as to your evaluation, if any, of this issue of great current concern. We are not unmindful of the treatment of this subject matter given in your book, "Masters of Deceit", but we would be most appreciative of your writing to us a personal evaluation of this precise and current issue.

We further request your written consent to quote your response in our educational program both at the local church level and in the connectional church.

We thank you.

Very truly yours,

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of August 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 nor 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 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.

Enclosed are several recent statements you may wish to read.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Faith in God--Our Answer to Communism

Christianity Today Series

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August 14, 1961

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

The letter condemning the ^DNational Council of Churches in Christ in the United States of America, written by the Research Association, 535 Irving Ave., ^{Tucson}~~Puesco~~, Arizona, has come to my desk. NR
I feel that it is not only disgusting but revolting in its condemnation of the leaders of our country.

If you can give me any information as to the background of the organization of Research Association, I would certainly appreciate it. It is this kind of material along with John Birch which will undermine the esprit de corps more than anything I know. C

Yours sincerely,

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Dear [REDACTED]

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

In response to your inquiry, I would like to advise that the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations nor draw conclusions relative to the character or integrity of any individual, organization or publication. I have, therefore, never issued a statement regarding the group you mentioned.

In view of your concern, enclosed is material you may wish to read.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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August 14, 1961

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

There is a group of Protestant ministers in Jacksonville, which states that they are connected with the American Council of Churches and they have made statements which allege that the National Council of Churches has leadership which is communist inspired. In fact, they are very critical of the National Council of Churches and the Florida Council of Churches, which are supported by the major Protestant churches.

Your office has made a study of the National Council of Churches, I understand, and made public some statement in connection therewith. I will sincerely appreciate your advising me of any findings which have been made public about the National Council. It is confusing to me how the two groups (National and American Council) can be in such conflict.

Yours very truly,
[REDACTED]

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August 16, 1961

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Dear [REDACTED]

I have received your letter of August 9, with enclosure, and want to take this opportunity to thank you for your kind comments concerning my administration of the FBI. It is my hope that our future endeavors will merit your continued support and approval. It was most thoughtful of you to afford me the benefit of your views and observations relative to the matters you discussed.

In response to your request, I would like to point out that the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and neither makes evaluations nor draws conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, individual or publication. I am sure you can understand my position in being unable to comment regarding the organization and individuals you mentioned.

Our churches have been and will continue to be important targets in the over-all communist program of endeavoring to infiltrate our established institutions, and we must remain alert to such efforts to subvert our way of life. The communists have tried to infiltrate every part of our society and patriotic Americans must continue to take a firm stand against communism and combat it wherever possible. But this opposition to communism must be careful, constructive and positive, and it must always be kept within the due process of law.

In view of your interest, I am enclosing some material you may like to read.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (5) (See Next page.) (See Note Next Page)
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Letter to [REDACTED]

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Enclosures (5)

4-17-61 Internal Security Statement

Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion

Communist Illusion & Democratic Reality

Series from "Christianity Today"

One Nation's Response to Communism

NOTE: Bufiles contain no record for the correspondent. She asks the Director questions concerning communist infiltration of National Council of Churches and its officers. The questions are from a resolution of the Spring Branch Christian Church of Houston, Texas. Bufiles contain no record of this church. The National Council of Churches of Christ (NCCC) includes in its membership the leading Protestant Churches in the country. Various critics of the Council, without access to factual data to support their assertions, have claimed this group is communist controlled or influenced. The FBI, of course, has not investigated the (NCCC). (100-50869) The resolution of this church appeared in the publication, "News and Views," October, 1960, issue which is published by the National Laymens Council of the Church League of America, Wheaton, Illinois.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] She enclosed a letter to the editor of her local newspaper which concerned the same subject, communist infiltration of NCCC.

August 9, 1961

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

Dear Sir,

First of all, may I say that like 99.44% of Americans, I would like to express my appreciation for the wonderful work you and your organization have been doing for so many years.

Another American for whom I have great respect and admiration is Herbert Philbrick. When he was in Indianapolis in May he made an excellent speech on Communism to a capacity crowd at the Murat Temple (which holds 1800). In the afternoon he was available to answer questions, and I took advantage of the opportunity to ask him several questions. One question (asked by someone else) was about the Communist influence in the churches. He answered that yes, they were influential in churches, schools and labor unions. He suggested checking the record of G. Bromley Oxnam.

I have also read that you are disturbed about the charges of Communism in the churches and that you believe that the Protestant ministers are loyal Americans.

It does seem reasonable that the Communists would leave no stone unturned to accomplish their purpose and that they would infiltrate churches as well as school, unions, etc. Have you read News and Views (Oct. 1960) which includes the resolution of the Spring Branch Christian Church of Houston, Texas which made a thorough study of the National Council of Churches and its officers?

- 1) They protest the political activities of the N.C.C. and wish to cooperate with other churches toward the end that the N. C. C. will cease all political activities.
- 2) That the leaders and officers of the N. C. C., who are now, or knowingly become, affiliated with an organization or cause which either the F. B. I., Dept. of Justice, Atty. Gen., Senate Internal Security Committee or the Un-American Activities Comm., classify as "subversive" or "Communist-front" be relieved of their position.
- 3) That a plan be worked out giving individual churches a role and voice in the National Council.

They also checked the left-wing activities of past and present officers and listed numerous committees and organizations to which the following were affiliated: G. Bromley Oxnam, W. Russell Bowie, Edwin T. Dahlberg and Roswell P. Barnes. Their list compares with the findings of the Un-American Activities Committee.

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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

The N. C. of C. has taken a stand favoring the following:

- 1) Recognition of Red China and admission to the UN.
- 2) Against the right-to-work laws. (After accepting \$200,000 from the AFL-CIO)
- 3) Against the immigration laws as they are now written.
- 4) Against the Bricker Amendment.
- 5) For peace, disarmament, to ban nuclear testing, for Socialism, and co-existence with Communist nations.
- 6) Criticism of the film "Operation Abolition" and of the House Un-American Activities Comm.

Is it any wonder that Christians are concerned? These facts seem to be carefully documented and indicate that the N. C. C. is following liberal, Socialist lines that have a strong influence on our church leaders and church colleges as well as following the Communist party line.

Our own minister strongly backs the N. C. C. and does not care to have a discussion of these charges. Some churches have division over this issue. It seems that the Communists may be using the N. C. C., yet on the other hand, if churches have serious difficulties over the issue, this also plays into the Communist's hands. What should a Christian do?

I would be grateful if you could offer any suggestions.

Sincerely,

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P.S. News and Views is published by the National Laymens Council of The Church League of America, 1407 Hill Ave., Wheaton, Ill. (copies 25¢)

Unacceptable
8/10/61

To the Editor of The Star

The reply of the executive secretary of the Indiana Council of Churches, "Sweeping Scope Of Council Of Churches Delineated," is as usual completely unacceptable to concerned Christian people who every day are being forced to seek spiritual satisfaction outside of the church, especially those dominated by the National Council of Churches.

Dr. Eugene Carson Blake is not a respected leader among Christian people who know what he stands for. J. Irwin Miller is president of the National Council of Churches and a distinguished Indiana industrialist but this does not make him an authority on Christianity. It would take too long to write the many despicable objectives that are being promoted by the National Council of Churches, but I would like to mention a few such as that the United States recognize Red China and that Red China be admitted to the U.N.; that the United States throw itself at the mercy of the World Court of the U.N.; that the House Committee on Un-American Activities should be dissolved; that the United States abolish universal military training.

There are many more detrimental objectives in the NCC, and they are losing churches all over the country because they are promoting malicious attacks and smears on any and all who are exposing their leaders and their objectives. Many pastors and laymen have thoroughly investigated the National Council of Churches as it is now operating, and have found it to be harmful and a highly dangerous institution.

I think every Christian leader — pastor and layman — should challenge the National Council of Churches in its program . . . It has forgotten the all-important business of winning souls to Jesus Christ.

JUNE E. MYERS
Sanborn, Ind.

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August 11, 1961

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of August 8, 1961, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

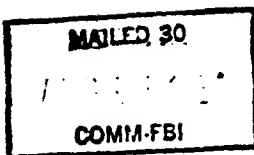
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Enclosed is some literature dealing with the general subject of communism which may be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director



Enclosures (4)
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One Nation's Response to Communism

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TRUE COPY

Aug. 8, 1961

Dear Sir:

I'm looking for information about communism
and the National Council of Churches. Would
you send me any information you have.

/s/ [REDACTED]
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Aug. 8, 1961

Dear Sir:

I'm looking for information
about communism and the National
Council of Churches. Would you
send me any information
you have.

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August 11, 1961

EX 113

Honorable Thomas H. Kuchel
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

My dear Senator:

Your communication dated August 7, 1961, with enclosure, has been received.

Inasmuch as [REDACTED] first question calls for a legal interpretation, it would not be proper for me as Director of the FBI to comment concerning it. I welcome the opportunity, however, to clarify our position in respect to the other matter he mentioned.

It is a continuing program of the Communist Party to attempt infiltration of every part of our society including religion. Fortunately, this evil conspiracy has not made any substantial penetration into our religious organizations. I would like to emphasize, however, that churches will continue to be important targets in the over-all subversive plan of endeavoring to control our established institutions. Patriotic Americans must continue to take a firm stand against Communism and combat it wherever possible. But this opposition must be careful, constructive and positive and it must always be kept within the due process of law.

It has always been my belief that a broad knowledge of the objectives and operations of the communist conspiracy is essential if Americans are to effectively resist its influence.

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Honorable Thomas H. Kuchel

Assistant Director William C. Sullivan in his discussions of communism has dealt with this subject accurately and objectively for the purpose of acquainting his audiences with the true nature of the communist threat. Any remarks by a representative of this Bureau, however, should not be interpreted as a defense or endorsement of any group since this is not a proper function of the FBI. As an investigative agency of the Federal Government, we do not furnish comments or evaluations regarding the character or integrity of any individual, organization or publication.

Enclosed is an outline of Mr. Sullivan's remarks which may be of assistance to [REDACTED] I am also returning his letter as you requested.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (2)

**Correspondent's enclosure
Assistant Director William C. Sullivan's Lecture on Communism and Religion.**

NOTE: We have enjoyed cordial relations with Senator Kuchel. Bufiles contain no information identifiable with [REDACTED]

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Miss Gandy

United States Senate

August 7, 1961

Respectfully referred to

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D. C.

for such consideration as the communication
herewith submitted may warrant, and for a report
thereon, in duplicate to accompany return of
inclosure.

By direction of

Thomas H. Kuchel

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FROM:

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RE: National Council of Churches lobbyists
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July 30, 1961

Senator Kuchel
Washington, D. C.

My Dear Senator:

Will you please advise if under the Law the National Council of Churches is required to register the name of their lobbyist? If they are required to register, then the name or names of their lobbyists.

Will you also be kind enough to determine, if as the National Council of Churches intimates, Mr. Hoover of the F. B. I. has assigned a Mr. Sullivan from his office to speak at various places around the country to allay criticism, from lay sources, now being directed at certain activities of the National Council of Churches. I very much question this being the purpose of Mr. Sullivan's assignment and will appreciate knowing the exact nature and purpose of his assignment.

Sincerely,

/s/ [REDACTED]

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Sullivan W.C.

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Senator Kuchel
Washington, D.C.

July 20, 1961

My dear Senator:

Will you please advise if under the law the National Council of Churches is required to register the names of their lobbyist? If they are required to register, then the name or names of their lobbyist.

Will you also be kind enough to determine, if as the National Council of Churches intimates, Mr. Hoover of the F.B.I. has assigned a Mr. Sullivan from his office to speak at various places around the country to allay criticism, from lay sources, now being directed at certain activities of the National Council of Churches. I very much question this being the purpose of Mr. Sullivan's assignment and will appreciate knowing the exact nature and purpose of his assignment.

Sincerely,

August 8, 1961

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[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of August 1, 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 nor 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 literature dealing with the general subject of communism which may be of interest.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Enclosures (4) 4-17-61 Internal Security Statement
What You Can Do To Fight Communism
Christianity Today Series
One Nation's Response to Communism

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Church of Christ pastors do not use title Reverend.

August 1, 1961

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

Dear Sir:

A woman in my congregation told me recently that she did not know which way to turn, she was very confused. It seems that she has been an ardent follower of the messages delivered daily by the Reverend Carl McIntire, president of the International Council of Churches. No doubt you are familiar with this man and his work on communism. The National Council of Churches and the World Council of Churches has been under heavy attack by Dr. McIntire for their alleged support, knowingly and unknowingly, of communism. The woman that I mentioned is very disturbed that our church belongs to the above councils and she is therefore reluctant to support a group which in turn supports communism.

I am not writing for counseling advice for this woman. But what I would like to know is to what extent has communism infiltrated, or to what extent are the accusations of McIntire concerning such infiltrations true? In your own mind are these councils guilty of the accusations which are made against it? Also, from your experienced point of view, I would like to know what you think about the work of this man, McIntire. Is he telling the true story?

I realize that some of these questions might tend to put you on the spot. But what I am looking for is some factual data concerning these problems. The woman, above mentioned, is by no means a lone figure. With the help of over 150 radio stations in the United States, McIntire has helped to pollute (in my opinion) the minds of thousands of people. This is a serious problem and again I say any information or leads that you might be able to give me on this problem would be greatly appreciated, and I am sure, beneficial.

Sincerely yours,

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of July 30, 1961, with enclosure, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write to the FBI is indeed appreciated.

I would like to point out that the FBI, as an investigative agency of the Federal Government, does not furnish evaluations or comments relative to the character or integrity of any individual, organization or publication. I am enclosing a copy of the tenor of remarks made by Assistant Director W. C. Sullivan, regarding communism and religion. These comments, as you can see, do not name any specific organization, and in accordance with our prescribed jurisdiction, we do not do so.

I am glad to have this opportunity to clarify the record. I also want to thank you for your best wishes. The self-addressed, stamped envelope you so thoughtfully enclosed is being returned.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Correspondent's enclosure

Assistant Director W. C. Sullivan's speech on Communism and Religion.

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July 30, 1961

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

Honorable Mr. Hoover-

I heard a sermon preached where the minister said,
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the National Council of Churches -- The Freedom Foundation through
Admiral Felix Stump presented it with a George Washington Honor
Medal for its'work in clarifying Christianity and Communism," end
of quote--

I would like some information about this statement
if you have such available-- Many Thanks to you and May God Bless
you and continue your Wonderful Work.

Sincerely,

/s/ [REDACTED]

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CH 8. Edgar Hoover
Chief of the F.B.I. National Council
Washington D.C. Churches of Christ

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August 2, 1961

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Dear [REDACTED]

I have received your letter of July 26 and appreciate the concern which prompted your communication.

In response to your inquiry, I would like to point out that information in FBI files must be maintained as confidential through a regulation of the Department of Justice. I can assure you that neither I nor any of my representatives have made statements about the group to which you refer. In the belief that it may be of interest to you, I am enclosing a copy of the remarks made by Assistant Director William C. Sullivan some time ago in Cincinnati, Ohio.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Enclosure
Sullivan's Speech - "Communism and Religion"

NOTE: We wrote to the correspondent 7-21-61 and told him the FBI, as an investigative agency, does not evaluate or draw conclusions concerning the organization about which he inquired, the National Council of Churches. Then by letter of 7-26-61, correspondent again wrote saying he was not seeking an evaluation, that his questions were still unanswered. He states that one source, not named, has declared that the FBI announced they officially had definite evidence that there

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Dept. of Justice
F.B.I.
Washington D.C.

Jul 26, 1961

Dear Mr. Hoover,

Thank you for your reply of July 21, to my inquiry of July 21, re: the National Council of Churches. Unfortunately my main concern is still unanswered.

I was not seeking an evaluation as to the character of the organization (which I realize is outside the scope of your work, as you indicated in your letter). What I need to know, in order to answer specific accusations I have heard leveled against the National Council of Churches, is whether you have definite evidence that there are Communists among the leaders or on policy-making committees of the NCC. One source has declared that the FBI has officially declared this to be the case.

Very sincerely,

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of July 31, 1961, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

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J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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TRUE COPY

July 31 '61

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

Dear Mr Hoover, I have noticed several articles in the papers recently, wherein it is implied that the, National Council of Churches, is dominated by subversive groups or people.

Has this been proven and or just what is the statis of this organization.

I happen to be chairman of Board of Trustees of our local church. [REDACTED] which is Congregational, primarily. We are not interested in contributing to a subversive or communists simpathiser organization.

Very truly yours

/s/ [REDACTED]

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Bureau of Investigation
Washington D.C.

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Very truly yours

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EX-134

August 3, 1961

Honorable Richard B. Russell
United States Senate
Washington 25, D. C.

My dear Senator:

Your communication dated August 1, 1961, with enclosure, has been received.

With regard to [REDACTED] letter, his first question, of course, involves a problem of legal interpretation and it would not be proper for me, as head of an investigative agency, to comment concerning it. I am, however, pleased to clarify our position with respect to the other matter he mentioned.

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[Handwritten signatures and initials]

Honorable Richard B. Russell

Enclosed is an outline of Mr. Sullivan's remarks which you may desire to make available to [REDACTED] I am also returning his letter as you requested.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (2)
Correspondent's Enclosure
Communism and Religion by Assistant Director William C. Sullivan

NOTE: We have enjoyed cordial relations with Senator Russell, and he is on the Special Correspondents' List. Senator Russell enclosed a letter from [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Bufiles contain no information identifiable with this individual.

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Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Belmont	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Callahan	✓
Mr. Conrad	✓
Mr. DeLoach	✓
Mr. Evans	✓
Mr. Malone	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Sullivan	✓
Mr. Tavel	✓
Mr. Trotter	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Mr. Ingram	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

United States Senate

August 1, 1961

Respectfully referred to
 Director
 Federal Bureau of Investigation
 Washington 25, D. C.

for such consideration as the communication
 herewith submitted may warrant, and for a report
 thereon, in duplicate to accompany return of
inclosure.

By direction of

Richard B. Russell

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Richard B. Russell

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ENCLOSURE

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July 30, 1961

Senator Richard B. Russell
Washington, D. C.

My Dear Senator:

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As a Presbyterian, knowing your Presbyterian background I am appealing to you for assistance.

Sincerely,

/s/ [REDACTED]

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July 30, 1961

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Sincerely,

[Redacted signature]

original letter returned
to Russell. 10/20/61

August 4, 1961

AIRMAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY

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Dear [REDACTED]

I have received your letter of July 31, 1961, with enclosures, and appreciate your interest in writing me.

In response to your inquiry, I did prepare the material for the series of articles which appear under my name in the October 10, 24 and November 7, 1960, issues of "Christianity Today" at the invitation of the publication. Thank you very much for your comments regarding my book, "Masters of Deceit." Your copy of the reprint of my articles is being returned herewith.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosure

NOTE: Bufiles reflect that [REDACTED] wired the Director 5-27-61 inquiring whether the Director made a statement that the National Council of Churches (NCC) was not infiltrated by the communist conspiracy. She asked to be wired collect the same day if that were true. She was advised that the FBI does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization.

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publication or individual and, therefore, the statement that was attributed to the Director was not true. Her enclosure was the reprint of the Director's series of articles from "Christianity Today" which on its face answers the questions contained in her letter. Reference to NCC being ignored inasmuch as her question regarding this organization answered previously and this inquiry undoubtedly is actually for the purpose of attempting to elicit information from the Director regarding NCC. Special delivery stamp she enclosed is being utilized in reply. Only a special delivery stamp was received and no airmail stamp; however, it is believed that it would be best to also affix an airmail stamp on the envelope rather than call her attention to the fact inasmuch as these stamps are small and the special delivery stamp, at least, was apparently just loose inside the envelope, It could have become separated after the envelope was opened.

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 Miss Gandy____

July 31, 1961.

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

Dear HON. Hoover:

The enclosed material was placed in our church for worshippers who desired to read it. Will you please answer specifically for me the two following questions:

1. Did "Christianity Today" extend to you the invitation to speak your mind for it?
2. Did you personally accept the invitation of "Christianity Today" to speak your mind on the communist threat to the Christian heritage to be distributed to the readership of "Christianity Today?"

I recognize the great need of encouraging every one to read your wonderful book, "MASTERS OF DECEIT", however, I also recognize that it is impossible to accept and follow the Christian guidance as set forth in the enclosed material which was taken from "Masters of Deceit" and at the same time, accept and follow the guidance as set forth by the National Council of Churches, of which our minister is stressing first of all - - - we cannot serve two masters!

An immediate reply will be greatly appreciated. Enclosed is a special delivery and air-mail stamp for same.

Sincerely,

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August 3, 1961

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EX-113

[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of July 29, 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 nor 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 literature dealing with the general subject of communism which may be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Enclosures (5) God and Country or Communism
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4-17-61 Internal Security Statement
Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion
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NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles.

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TRUE COPY

[REDACTED]
July 29, 1961,

Direc. Fed. Bureau of Investigation,
Wash. 25, D. C.


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To what extent if any are they communist controled, etc.

There are so many conflicting reports about
communists in the churches that I would like some reliable
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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,



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CORRESPONDENCE

20 July, 1961

Honorable Francis E. Walter
House of Representatives
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Congressman Walter:

I am writing to you in your capacity as Chairman of the House Committee on Un-American Activities. The enclosed reproduction speaks for itself. Since I am currently trying to combat communism within the office where I work, and really KNOW nothing much about it, I am anxious to obtain from your office opinions as to the sources from which thus far I have obtained my information. Your answer will, unless requested otherwise, be circulated among my friends and acquaintances to the widest extent feasible.

- Books read: (1) "Men Without Faces" by Louis F. Budenz (Pub. 1950)
A Cardinal Giant 50¢ Ed. (2) "Masters of Deceit" by J. Edgar Hoover (Pub. 1958)
(3) "The Enemy Within" by Robert F. Kennedy (Pub. 1960)
(4) "The FBI Story" by Don Whitehead (Pub. 1956)
Beginning P. 303 - "Treason" by Nathaniel Weyl (Believed Pub. 1950)
(5) 3 Various books on Roosevelt, 2 for and 1 against (only partly completed)
(6) Sound Volume "The Dan Smoot Report 1960"
(7) Current "Dan Smoot Report" Subscriber

On the National Council of Churches of Christ, which I am very much against from material covered thus far, I have read:

- (1) "Dan Smoot Report" Vol. 6, No. 9, dated 29 Feb. 1960
(2) John R. Leatherbury Sermon, inserted within the Congressional Record A1056 and A1057 on Tuesday, 6 June, 1961, under remarks of Hon. Dale Alford, Arkansas
(3) St. Mark's Vestry Committee Report on N.C. of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America
(4) Have requested material from enclosed United Society of Methodist Laymen, Inc.

General: From Circuit Riders, Inc. (?) Cincinnati, Ohio
"6,000 Educators" - Vol. I received (new address given) particular check on Goodenough, Prof. of History at Yale, since mentioned in my Methodist Wesley Quarterly by Dr. Palmer, Bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church in California

Other material ordered from same source as "6,000 Educators"
Have requested material from the Supt. of Documents at Washington
24 business Man books at "Communism" by Fred C. Koch
"Keynes at Harvard"

Publications of American Institute for Economic Research.

Have read some material from the John Birch Society and ordered labels

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Honorable Francis E. Walter 02 7/20/61

Material received from Dan Scoot states he was a former FBI agent. I will appreciate answers to the following questions.

1. Was Dan Scoot, if an FBI Agent as he has described himself in his "REPORT", honorably separated from that service, discharged for cause or medical reasons, or was he never connected with that agency?
2. Please list in so far as you are able to do so reliability of FACTS (and not the opinions) given in the specific sources outlined above.

I have taken the liberty of forwarding copies of this letter to both the FBI and to my own representative, the Hon. J. Carlton Loefer, for their opinions, if permitted and willing to give them.

Will you also send me the necessary information on what agencies to address for lists of officially declared subversive organizations. I understand the Department of Justice issues such a list, I believe your House Committee on Un-American Activities does, and I presume that the Senate Sub-committee on Internal Security (?) does also.

Best sincerely,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

cc: Hon. J. Carlton Loefer
J. Edgar Hoover ✓
Gordon Scherer

30 JULY, 1961

DEAR MR. HOOVER:

IF THE JUNK I AM SENDING IN IS ANNOYING & OF REALLY NO VALUE,
PLEASE JUST TELL ME TO QUIT. I KNOW I'M JUST AN AMATEUR.

SINCERELY,

[REDACTED]

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August 1, 1961

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Dear [REDACTED]

I have received your letter of July 24, with enclosure, and appreciate the concern which prompted your communication.

In response to your inquiry, I would like to advise you that the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and neither makes evaluations nor draws conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I am sure you can realize my being unable to comment regarding the organization you discussed. I hope you will not infer in this connection either that we do or do not have information in our files relating to this group.

Relating to the matter you mentioned, representatives of the FBI who are privileged to speak before various groups throughout the country do so with any full knowledge and approval. I can assure you that their remarks on communism do not repudiate in any way statements I have made in my speeches, or which appear in my book, "Masters of Deceit." Assistant Director William C. Sullivan in his discussion dealt with this subject accurately and objectively. Any remarks by a representative of this Bureau, however, should not be interpreted as a defense or endorsement of any group since this is not a proper function of the FBI. In order that you may be fully informed in this regard, I am enclosing the substance of the statements made by Mr. Sullivan.

Our churches have been and will continue to be important targets in the over-all communist program of endeavoring to infiltrate our established institutions, and we must remain alert to such efforts to subvert our way of life.

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The communists have tried to infiltrate every part of our society, and patriotic Americans must continue to take a firm stand against communism and combat it wherever possible. But this opposition to communism must be careful, constructive and positive, and it must always be kept within the due process of law.

In view of your interest, I am enclosing some additional material that may be of value to you, together with your check in the amount of \$2. There is no charge for material prepared and furnished by this Bureau.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (4)

Correspondent's enclosure

Communism & Religion by Asst. Dir. Sullivan

Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion

Series from "Christianity Today"

NOTE: Bufiles contain no record for the correspondent. She enclosed a \$2 check which is being returned to her.

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July 24, 1961.

Hon. J. Edgar Hoover, Director of F. B. I.,

Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

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Holding you in high esteem as a man of honor and integrity, I am constrained to you for information on the following :

1. Has the National Counsel of Churches been found to be subversive? When and by whom was it investigated? If it is subversive why is it not stopped by the government

2. A Methodist Church bulletin in Abilene, Texas, has this paragraph in it:
" Clergy Not Infiltrated, Says F. B. I. Official.

It is a "patent falsehood", says an F. B. I official, that the protestant denominations, as some have charged, have an alarming infiltration and influence by Communists.

Chief F. B. I. inspector William C. Sullivan, told 1000 clergymen at a civic meeting in Cincinnati, Ohio, that the clergy has been among Communist's most consistent and vir-
erous opponents, and the country it greatly indebted for this outstanding leadership and service.

For tactical reasons, religious leaders have been among the Communist's targets, & the latter have been quick to exploit utterances on such popular issues as peace, civil liberties, and racial discrimination. " (End of quote).

Is William C. Sullivan a reliable, bona fide F. B. I. man? Or has the F. B. I. also been tainted by bogus members getting in?

If you have tracts, leaflets, etc, giving information on this important subject I would greatly appreciate some of them. Thanks for an early reply.

Thank you most sincerely,

Cordially,

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July 26, 1961

EX-107

[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of July 20, 1961, with enclosure, has been received, and the concern prompting your communication is appreciated.

In connection with the matter you mentioned, representatives of the FBI who are privileged to speak before various groups throughout the country do so with my full knowledge and approval. I can assure you that their remarks on communism do not repudiate in any way statements I have made. Any comments by a representative of this Bureau, however, should not be interpreted as a defense or endorsement of any group since this is not a proper function of the FBI. Assistant Director William C. Sullivan in his discussion of communism dealt with this subject accurately and objectively. In order that you may be fully informed in this regard, I am enclosing the substance of the statements made by Mr. Sullivan.

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Communism and Religion by Chief Inspector (Assistant Director) William C. Sullivan

What You Can Do To Fight Communism

Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality

Series from "Christianity Today"

One Nation's Response To Communism

NOTE: Bufiles contain no information identifiable with Faber.

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

July 20, 1961

EX-107

JUL 24 1961

Mr. []
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Mr. []
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Miss []

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am writing you direct because I have such a profound respect for your integrity and judgement. I have enclosed the article from "The Episcopalian," one of my Church's publications, which has prompted this letter.

For some time, I have been increasingly concerned over the work and pronouncements of the National Council of Churches of Christ in America, and have done a great deal of research and study on the matter, increasing the danger, in my opinion, of our "giving up" to the theory that it is better to be Red than dead. I have also been concerned about the increasing use of the social gospel instead of the True Gospel from some of our pulpits.

There is no question in my mind that this trend in the churches stems from the leadership of a handful of men. Unfortunately, too many of our parish priests and clergymen simply will not take the time or lack the time to become informed on the matter of Socialism and Communism. Furthermore, the increasing use of the works of the German theologian, Bultmann, in the seminaries is beginning to show forth. Bultmann - summed up - treats EVERYTHING in the Bible as myth - what better could serve the purpose of the Communists in their effort to destroy our churches?

I am now working ceaselessly in preparing the the Triennial Convention of the Episcopal Church, which meets in Detroit in September, in hopes we can gain enough strength among the delegates to get our Church OUT of the National Council of Churches of Christ in America - or at least get a resolution passed requesting that the Council cease and desist from speaking in behalf of Episcopalians.

And along comes this article quoting Mr. Sullivan. May I ask if he was quoted out of context? May I ask if what he has said here is properly quoted, and if so, are these YOUR opinions as well?

It has never been my intention to do a single thing to DESTROY my Church - rather I believe that by waking up the priests and laymen to the dangers, the Church in truth COULD become our greatest bulwark against Communism. If we who call ourselves Christians truly understood the teachings of Christ, Communism would never have gotten a foothold in this country.

Your answer would be most deeply appreciated.

Sincerely,

[Redacted signature block]

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CLOSURE

by Louis Cassels

WHAT ABOUT COMMUNISM IN OUR CHURCHES?

***There is no time left to perpetuate
myths which can destroy us.***

TWO EPISCOPAL laymen were having a troubled conversation at the headquarters of the Justice Department in Washington, D.C. One of them was a newspaperman. The other was a high official of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

"I think," said the reporter, "that this thing is getting serious."

"So do I," said the FBI man.

He paused and stared out of his office window at the throngs of springtime tourists on sun-bathed Pennsylvania Avenue.

"It would certainly be ironic," he said, "if a job which the Communists couldn't do for themselves should be done for them by the very people who profess to be their worst enemies."

The two men were talking about a campaign which threatens to weaken and demoralize America's churches by planting in the public mind the suspicion that they are overrun by Reds.

This campaign is not being conducted by Communists. It is being carried on by men and organizations which claim to be militantly anti-Communist. But the FBI has evidence that the Communists are as delighted with the results as if they had planned the whole operation themselves.

Sapping the vitality of Christian churches has always been a major Communist objective. In every country where the Communists have gained power, from Russia to Cuba, the objective is being pursued openly, with acts of persecution and harassment against churches.

In free nations like the United States of America, Communists cannot attack Christianity directly. But they are constantly alert for opportunities to disrupt churches by more devious methods.

One obvious method is to infiltrate the churches by having disguised Communists work their way up to positions of leadership, particularly in the ranks of the clergy. The Communists undoubtedly have tried to do this. But they have found that it is much easier said than done. Communism and Christianity are diametrically opposed in their basic beliefs about God and man. As a practical matter, it is enormously difficult for a Communist to pose convincingly as a dedicated Christian even for the space of one conversation, let alone through the long years of seminary study and pulpit service which are required of any man who becomes an influential leader in U.S. church life.

Another method which the Communists have tried is duping well-meaning Christian clergymen into lending their names to Communist-front projects.

Dr. Ralph Lord Roy, a Methodist minister, has been conducting a study for the past six years, under a grant from the Fund for the Republic, to determine what success the Communists have had in this direction. His extensively documented research is reported in a book, *Communism and the Churches*, recently published by Harcourt, Brace.

Dr. Roy sums up his findings in these words:

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July 31, 1961

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Dear [REDACTED]

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Your letter of July 25, 1961, has been received, and I want to thank you for your kind comments.

While I would like to be of assistance with regard to your inquiry, I must advise that the FBI, as strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government, does not issue evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, organization or publication. I hope you will not infer in this connection either that we do or do not have data in our files regarding the organizations you mentioned.

In view of the concern you expressed, I am enclosing some material about the general subject of communism which you may wish to read.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (4)

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4-17-61 Internal Security statement

3-60 LEB Intro. & An Analysis of the 17th National Convention CP, USA
Series from Christianity Today


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TRUE COPY

July 25, 1961

[REDACTED]

Dear Mr. Hoover,

The more I read magazines and newspapers, the more confused I get, about communist work in our country. You are the only one, in the whole world, that I can turn to, in trust.

We are just ordinary people, but we love our Lord with all our hearts and souls. When we read that the communists are "worming" their way" into our Churches, we are naturally deeply concerned. We have an article, put out by one of our own clergy, (Rev. John A. Leatherley, St. John's Episcopal Church, Ft. Worth Texas) giving his reasons why the Episcopal Church should withdraw from the National Council of Churches of Christ. If his statements are true, we have every right to be alarmed. This sermon is supposed to be in the Congressional Record - appendix A4056 - Remarks of Hon. Dale Alford of Ark. In the House of Representatives, Tuesday June 6, 1961- and it is being used by the "John Birch" Society, here. Since I do not know what this "Society" stands for, I can not be sure this article is on the up and up. We do know that truths can be twisted by the communists, for their own advantage. Please help us. We want to really know what goes on in this National Council of Churches of Christ - and to know more about the John Birch Society.

Thank you so much for your time.

Yours truly,

/s/

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We are just ordinary people, but

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of July 17, 1961, with enclosures, has been received, and I want to thank you for your kind comment concerning the work performed by this Bureau.

Your letter shows that we share a mutual concern not only for the threat of communism, but for the danger of vigilante action or action outside the law in combating communism. The communists have tried to infiltrate every part of our society, but they have not met with any substantial success because of our internal security programs; the investigation, arrest and prosecution of a number of party functionaries; and the rising tide of public opposition to the communist movement. All this has been accomplished in orderly, constitutional fashion and is something of which every American should be proud. I wish to emphasize most strongly that communism is a great threat to the continued existence of the United States. However, I have continuously cautioned that it is imperative that we be calm, rational and thoroughly accurate in what we say and do in opposing communism. This is no time for rumors, gossip and the hurling of false accusations.

I am enclosing some material on the general subject of communism you may like to read.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures

**4-17-61 Statement re Internal Security
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
What You Can Do To Fight Communism
One Nation's Response to Communism
Series from Christianity Today**

NOTE: Bufiles contain no information of a derogatory nature identifiable with [REDACTED] and no prior correspondence. He enclosed a copy of an anonymous letter in which the writer takes issue with him concerning the National Council of Churches of Christ and with a letter that [REDACTED] read from an individual who compared anti-communism with racial prejudice, saying this view does not represent any of the outstanding anticommunists in public life "from Edgar Hoover on down." He also included an article of a sermon preached at Saint John's Episcopal Church in Fort Worth, Texas, by the Reverend John R. Leatherbury. The essence of this sermon was that he was going to withdraw his church from the National Council of Churches of Christ (NCCC). [REDACTED]

The NCCC includes in its membership the leading Protestant churches in the country. Various critics of the Council, without access to factual data to support their assertions, have claimed this group is communist controlled or influenced. The FBI, of course, has not investigated the NCCC. (100-50869)

Mr. Tolson ✓
 Mr. Belmont ✓
 Mr. Callahan ✓
 Mr. Conrad ✓
 Mr. DeLoach ✓
 Mr. Evans ✓
 Mr. Malone ✓
 Mr. Rosen ✓
 Mr. Sullivan ✓
 Mr. Tavel ✓
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 Mr. Ingram ✓
 Miss Gandy ✓

July 17, 1961

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

The role of the clergy in the deep South at least, is being made very difficult by the well intentional laymen who are hunting for communists. Many of them have taken the Protestant clergy and the National Council of Churches as "Whipping boys" for their energies.

You and I and thousands of others understand the tremendous force Protestant Christianity and the Protestant clergy have against the onslaught of communism. However, unless authoritative investigative agencies such as yours can make this point plain, this great force stands in danger of being lost. The John Birchers and extreme segregationists in this area of our country make any stand on maintaining public education with any integration or trying to lessen racial tension, badges the clergy and National Council of Churches as communists. I am certain you understand this situation much better than I do. I only beseech you to give whatever aid you feel you can to the thousands of faithful, devoted servants of God represented by our Protestant clergy.

The enclosed anonymous letter from a member of my own congregation may give you a picture of a confused mind, however, a devoted and loyal churchman. (The paper referred to is a hate creed of American Nazi Party).

With many thanks for your wonderful work in the protection of our Country.

I am,

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Recently you read from the pulpit a letter written by a crackpot apparently equating anticommunism with racial prejudice. No anti-Communist whom I know takes this rediculous position and I feel that it does not represent the views of any outstanding anticommunist in public life from Edgar Hoover on down, not even excluding the much columnied Robert Welch. The naive listener might conclude that anticommunism is unChristian. The liberal press has already informed us that it is unAmerican. There is a good possibility that the letter was a malicious plant of a pro Communist.

An Episcopal bishop of China now in the U.S. Dr. Quentin Huang wrote a book "Now I can Tell," which frightfully portrays the Satanic horror of the Chinese communists which the N.C.C. representing the Episcopal Church among others urges us to admit to the UN.

I have the height of respect for you as a clergyman and as an American and as such I ask you sincerely to take some measures to inform your flock of the very real dangers of Communist conquest. If liberals like Sen. Dodd of Conn. feel that the Communists will conquer the world in ten years I'm sure you won't be called an alarmist.

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In closing I wish to state that I am pro Jew & pro Negro.

/s/ An AntiCommunist

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OUR GUEST PASTOR

REV. JOHN R. LEATHERBURY

Rector, St. John's Episcopal Church
FT. WORTH, TEXAS

We are thrilled and inspired these days as perceptive Ministers of the Gospel, whose churches have been affiliated with the National Council of Churches, courageously rise to their duties to awaken their congregations to the perils of the leadership of the NCC. Such a Christian statement is John R. Leatherbury of St. John's Episcopal Church of Ft. Worth, Texas.

Native of Baltimore, Maryland, John Leatherbury's higher education began with a degree from the University of Virginia where, in addition to his scholarly endeavors, he was a member of that school's boxing and cross-country track teams.

He then attended General Theological Seminary in New York City, from which he has graduated in 1933. He was ordained to the Episcopal priesthood that same year at St. Matthew's Church, Sparrow's Point, Maryland, which became his first post.

In 1940 he became rector of St. Luke's Church of Altoona, Pa. During his tenure in Altoona, he developed the largest Youth Center in the American Church, with attendance one year of 33,000. Annually the Youth Center held basketball tournaments for as many as 800 boys, and it was the only such Center in the Nation to offer physical education to Service inductees during World War II.

Moving to Ft. Worth in 1947, he led the development of St. John's Youth Center in 1952, which soon achieved an attendance of 11,000 young people.

Married, and the father of four children, Rev. Leatherbury's interest and leadership in the affairs of that city are noted by his participation in Red Cross, health, child guidance, home and youth services. He is chaplain of the Ft. Worth Police Department and received the first Award of Merit for Youth Work given by the D.A.R.

Sermon preached in Saint John's Episcopal Church, Fort Worth, Texas, Sunday, April 23, 1961, by The Rev. John R. Leatherbury, Rector.

The Vestry has asked me to talk on the National Council of Churches. I will endeavor to tell you what the National Council of Churches stands for. I am in no way speaking as an authority. I am not speaking for the Diocese of Dallas. I am speaking for myself as a priest of 28 years — I am speaking as your rector of 14 years. And after I have given some of the salient thoughts of the National Council of Churches of Christ, then I shall give you John R. Leatherbury.

First, we must remember that there are two organizations that go by the name of the NATIONAL COUNCIL. We must straighten this out first. The National Council of the Episcopal Church are duly elected officers of the Episcopal Church with The Rt. Rev. Arthur Lichtenberger, the presiding Bishop, as the presiding officer. The National Council of the Episcopal Church runs the business of the Episcopal Church throughout this part of God's kingdom.

We are now talking about the National Council of Churches of Christ. This is an organization created in 1950 with headquarters in New York with a budget of \$13,000,000. It started out on a very ethical plane — we were very happy. It was to be like a Criss-Cross. If you have ever used a Criss-Cross for the telephone or directory you were able to trace down and find out who lived where, and then you were able to contact them and find out more about them if you so desired. The National Council of Churches of Christ was to be that type thing. It was to be an interchange of ideas. At no time was it to be a Super Church. At no time was it to make pronouncements. It was to be a cooperating agency wherein all of the churches could cooperate and might have an interchange about missionary problems and situations throughout the world.

We got into the National Council of Churches of Christ in 1950. The National Church took us in without consulting the various parishes or priests. We didn't have a chance to vote to get in. We don't have to vote to get out. There seems to be the suggestion that the only way that we can get out is that we must "memorialize General Convention" to let us out. THAT IS NOT TRUE. The only thing that you and I have ever gotten into that we cannot get out of is our families. We had nothing to do with getting into our families — many of us were lucky — and we are there.

"I don't plan to ask the Bishop . . . I plan to tell him . . ."

... I AM OUT OF THE COUNCIL OF CHURCHES"

The National Council of Churches, in the last several years, has felt called upon to speak on every subject. It has been very controversial! The National Council in the last 5 weeks has spoken on: capital punishment, artificial insemination (which means birth control), medicine for the aged, against the movie "Operation Abolition" and they CONTINUE TO SAY THEY SPEAK FOR 40,000,000 PEOPLE!

"It is an organization or agency through which Protestants and Orthodox churches express their common faith in Jesus Christ and cooperate to focus the light of that faith on all phases of American life. The Council policies are decided by an Assembly. These policies are expressed through pronouncements."

And even though the pronouncements come out we constantly say they do not affect us! But when we have 32 representatives on this Council, and when we spend \$500,000 per year, they had BETTER speak for us! I bring that up because we are constantly saying that the Episcopal Church gives the National Council of Churches \$25,000 per year. Now this is Church finance, you see. We gave over \$500,000 last year! Don't take my word for it. It is in the 1959 Annual Report of the Protestant Episcopal Church, starting on page 48. Now, you see if a banker were to make a mistake of \$475,000 something might happen to him! Church Finance seems to be different. In fact, there is a saying "when is a business man not a business man." And the answer is, "when he is a Vestryman of the Episcopal Church".

And so we find ourselves very much in this thing.

"It passes pronouncements. A pronouncement is a statement of policy or a position, or affirmation of conviction, formally approved by the General Board or General Assembly. It expresses a substantial preponderance of General Board opinion. And there is a strong weight of ethical, moral or religious principle in support of the view expressed."

The General Assembly is made up of 443 clergymen, 251 laymen. You see, the clergy are very generous with your money. We use the money of the laity and we have twice as many members on the Board as do the laity. We are ordained

ROBERT WELCH, DR. BOB JONES, SR., TOM ANDERSON, DR. G. ARCHER WENIGER TO ADDRESS THIRD ANNUAL NATIONAL CONVENTION — AUGUST 4-5-6

*John Birch Founder, Evangelist-College President,
Courageous Farm Publisher, West Coast Church
Leader Accept Bids to National Meeting*

By L. E. White, Jr.

Crusaders attending Christian Crusade's Third Annual Christian Summit Conference this August will have a priceless opportunity to hear foremost conservative authorities on the dangers of Communism in America, during the great three-day national convention to be held in Tulsa on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, August 4-6.

The first four speakers to accept invitations to appear at the summit conference include Mr. Robert Welch, of Belmont, Mass., Dr. Bob Jones, Sr., of Greenville, S. C., Mr. Tom Anderson, of Nashville, Tenn., and Dr. G. Archer Weniger, of Oakland, California.

A record attendance is expected for the great meeting, which will again be held in Hotel Tulsa, 4th & Cincinnati, as advance reservations increased even before the distinguished list of speakers was announced.

Welch to Open Meeting

Mr. Robert Welch, founder and director of the widely-publicized John Birch Society, will deliver the opening message to the conference on Friday night, August 4. An accomplished speaker, Mr. Welch acquitted himself notably before a hyper-critical radio-television "Meet the Press" panel on May 21, and proved himself completely well-versed on the subject of socialism and communism, to the confusion and consternation of his inquisitors on the occasion.

The John Birch founder has travelled extensively in his search for socialist-communist penetration into the world's culture, including a trip around the world, extensive visits to South America, Asia and Europe, and two trips to England to study at first hand the effects of Socialist government policies.

Dr. Jones to Lead Sunday Service

Dr. Bob Jones, Sr., internationally known evangelist and educator, will lead the inspiring Sunday Services at the Summit Conference. Dr. Jones is the founder of Bob Jones University of Greenville, S. C., the fastest growing Christian educational institution in America, "the world's most unusual university."

A co-educational school, Bob Jones University is non-denominational, and subscribes to strict, orthodox, Christian discipline. Its students are drawn from all states of the Union and many foreign countries, and from over 100 Protestant denominations. Dr. Jones, who has held evangelistic meetings throughout America and abroad for more than 60 years, is also the founder and sponsor of the International Organization of Young People's Fellowship Clubs, and is vice-president of the Board of the Gospel Fellowship Association. His regular radio broadcasts are heard on radio stations covering the length and breadth of the Nation and in many foreign countries.

President of Bob Jones University is his son, Dr. Bob Jones, Jr., whose regular monthly column, "Beside Still Waters" is a feature of this publication, and who led the Sunday Worship Service at Christian Crusade's national meeting last August.

Freedom Award Winner to Speak

Mr. Tom Anderson, one of America's most courageous and outstanding conservative editors and publishers, and holder of the Freedom Foundation's Freedom Award, will highlight another of the Christian Summit Conference sessions.

Mr. Anderson, publisher of Farm and Ranch Magazine, has been recognized by the Freedom Foundation at Valley Forge for "outstanding achievement in bringing about a better understanding of the American way of life." He is the author of "Straight Talk," monthly editorial page of Farm and Ranch Magazine, most-quoted, most-reprinted editorial page in the farm journal publishing field. More than 375 newspapers reprint "Straight Talk" every month, and it has been carried in such publications as Human Events, The Freeman, and American Mercury, as well as Christian Crusade Magazine.

A crusading patriot whose main objective is to promote, vigorously and fearlessly, the ideas and convictions of conservative Christianity and constitutional government Mr. Anderson devotes an increasingly large portion of his time to conservative endeavors. A fluent and thoroughly effective speaker, his audiences are quickly impressed by his straightforward and penetrating analyses of America's swing to the left, as well as by his perceptive wit.

Dr. Weniger to Discuss Student Riots

A first-hand report on the disgraceful, Communist-inspired student riots against the House Un-American Activities Committee in San Francisco in 1960 will be presented by Dr. G. Archer Weniger, who personally witnessed the events that took place at the San Francisco hearing of the HUAC. He will document the true facts behind the film, "Operation Abolition," as well as the efforts by Communists and others to discredit the film and to abolish the House Committee on un-American Activities.

Dr. Weniger has been pastor of Foothill Boulevard Baptist Church of Oakland, California for the past 19 years. He is president of the Conservative Baptist Association as well as the Bay Area Ministers' Association, and is chairman of the board of the San Francisco Conservative Baptist Theological Seminary.

Dr. Weniger's church withdrew from the American Baptist Convention ten years ago to join the Conservative Baptist Convention.

Other Speakers to be Scheduled

Four additional conservative leaders have been invited to address the annual meeting in Tulsa, among whom is a nationally famous radio commentator and author, and other outspoken opponents of socialist-communist ideologies.

Since a capacity attendance is indicated, Crusaders planning to attend the Conference should **WRITE IMMEDIATELY FOR ROOM RESERVATIONS AND RESERVED SEATS** for the various sessions. As in past years, Christian Crusade's Conference Department will handle your hotel or motel reservations, as closely to your desires and needs as possible. Reservations are already coming in, each day, so write immediately to: Summit Conference, c/o Christian Crusade, Tulsa 2, Oklahoma. Note the days you plan to attend, how many rooms you need, and the price you wish to pay. We will confirm your arrangements at once.

to control these things. It is very generous of you to give your money into our keeping. We know we have your souls. And if we were to mess up your souls the way we mess up your money MAY GOD HAVE MERCY UPON YOUR SOULS!

Well, The National Council of Churches of Christ has found itself, in the last several days, the object of ridicule — the object of questioning. And I do not plan to get into whether or not there are Communists in the National Council of Churches. Where you have 40,000,000 people there is the bare possibility that a Communist might sneak in! We have on the Board 10 bishops, we have 10 priests, we have 6 laymen, and 6 laywomen. We have 32 votes — again the clergy out-voting the laymen and the laywomen 20 to 12. One of the bishops who represents us on the National Council of Churches is the controversial Bishop of California; another one is the Bishop of Bethlehem who is taking J. Edgar Hoover to task about capital punishment. And I assure you, of the two, I imagine J. Edgar Hoover knows "just a bit more" about capital punishment than does the Bishop of Bethlehem, Pa. Two of the clergy who are on this Board are extreme liberals, and one belongs to 14 organizations which are on the Un-American Activities list, which are known not to be sympathetic toward the American way of life. There are 32 people speaking for 2,123,110 Episcopalians! These 32 people have more say and more authority than the General Convention! See, it is like the UN. The UN has more say for us than our own Government.

We find ourselves in a group that started out glorious. It was to be an exchange of ideas. Christian brothers were to get together and have a mutual exchange. The Episcopal Church is in it. Do they speak for ME? Do they speak for US? I would say that since we have 32 voting members, since we have been in it for over 10 years, since we have paid \$500,000 a year, I would say YES, THEY PROBABLY SPEAK FOR US.

Now, there are several things that are controversial. I do not plan to debate socialized medicine; people more capable than I can do that. I do not plan to debate the Ethnic problem; that has been debated by people not as intelligent as I. One of the problems that the National Council of Churches of Christ has sponsored is "the breaking down of neighborhoods". I would buy a nice home in Tanglewood or wherever your nice home might happen to be, then I would move into this home my negro custodian, if I had one. I do not have one. I do not plan to do that, but we have been told how to break down your neighborhood!

Now, there is one problem that worries me, brethren, and that is the problem of literature. The NCC has put out a bulletin, a reading list, suggesting some of the reading which would be "good for our children to read". It is called "The Negro American — A Reading List." One of the books on that list is called "Color Blind" and I direct your attention to pages 104-105. I recommend that maidens not read it, or high school boys and girls not read it, because I have slept with it under my pillow for 3 days so that my teenagers would't even see it! IT IS DISGUSTING! Another one of these famous books is "Without Magnolias". These books are in the Public Library! Then another book is "The Walls Came Tumbling Down". This literature has been recommended to our young people, they have been asked to read it. IT'S FILTH, IT'S DISGUSTING! Men at the 19th hole at the Country Club wouldn't even mention these subjects.

Another thing that the National Council of Churches has done is that they have asked that the clergy not show the movie "Operation Abolition" because they maintain that the Un-American Activities Committee and the FBI have "framed" this film. Now, Mr. J. Edgar Hoover is not running for any job, he has it made I think. Read his book "Masters of Deceit" and you'll find out whether or not any Communists have gotten into the Church. The Bishop of the Diocese got quite concerned about the movie "Operation Abolition". He wrote Mr. J. Edgar Hoover. May I quote his letter from Mr. Hoover:

"Dear Bishop Mason:

I have received your letter dated March 2, 1961, with its enclosures, and your interest in writing to me is indeed appreciated.

The film 'Operation Abolition' has been sponsored and distributed by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives and the FBI had no connection with its preparation. Therefore, I cannot comment on this film.

You may be interested, however, in reading the enclosed pamphlet entitled 'Communist Target — Youth' which contains my report concerning the disturbances in San Francisco, California, in May, 1960, in connection with a hearing of this Committee. Additional copies of this pamphlet can be made available to you upon request. I am sure you will agree after reviewing this pamphlet that it clearly illustrates the communist tactics and strategy involved in these disturbances.

In addition to the above pamphlet, I

enclosing some material on the menace of communism, available for general distribution by the FBI.

I trust the above information and the enclosed material will be of assistance to you.

Sincerely,
s/s J. Edgar Hoover"

I have that pamphlet. In the back of the pamphlet are pictures from the film "Operation Abolition" showing Archie Brown and Brodsky calling out "open the door". I've shown the movie twice, and if there are enough people interested I shall show it again!

On the matter of literature there are two things that I want to read to you. One is a very flippant Lord's Prayer. This is a beatnik type prayer which is sponsored by the National Council of Methodist Youths. I quote:

"LORD'S PRAYER (Teenage Version)"

O, daddy, O
Who are the most
Hurrah for your support
My personality integrate,
All my physiques develop,
My nervous system calm,
In body as in mind.
Prepare me new tempo,
Our daily five, and
Release us from our parents
And other repressed victims.
Lead us into more self-expression
And much less boredom,
For you are the coolest,
Gonest, and hepest drive
From now on."

That is the Lord's Prayer. I quote another one. This is by Langston Hughes. Langston Hughes is one of the authors that the National Council of Churches of Christ recommends. They list no less than 6 books of his that you should read if you are to be intelligent. I am afraid that I shall die ignorant! This one is called:

"GOOD-BY CHRIST

Listen, Christ,
You did all right in your day,
I reckon —
But that day's gone now.
They ghosted you up a swell story,
too.
Called it the Bible —
But it's dead now.
The popes and the preachers 'ee
Made too much money from it.
They've sold you to too many
Kings, generals, robbers, and killers —
Even to the Tsar and the Cossacks,
Even to Rockefeller's Church,
Even to the SATURDAY EVENING
POST.

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THE EICHMANN TRIAL : CUI BONO?

The most sensational murder trial in the history of the world has occupied the head-line space of the international press. Opinions, pro and con, are on the printed record: some feel that the arrest and abduction, in the realm of the sovereign State of Argentina, is juridically untenable and even dangerous; some feel that for one State to reach into the jurisdiction of another for an act of revenge (no matter how justifiable) establishes a precedent which destroys the concept of political asylum; and some feel that it opens the way for a ruthless super-State, like Russia, to do likewise with political opponents. In fact, this was done in the murder of Trotsky in Mexico.

There is little argument that the accused represents a monstrous era, the Hitlerian mass-murder, or that Jewry can be blamed for exacting a belated, though repetitious retribution. On the other hand, the War-Crimes Tribunals and subsequent judicial punitive actions in West Germany have tried and convicted the master-minds of genocide. This is a plain case of whipping a dead horse — Hitler. The question arises immediately as to the purpose and the calculated or incidental effect of this trial, staged with all the fanfare and techniques of modern communications media. The ancient Roman query: "Cui Bono" is almost inescapable: "Who will benefit" from this sudden exposure? The Roman law, basis of Western jurisprudence, shrewdly looks for the "profit motive, the beneficiaries" in an otherwise obscure action. We confess to complete bafflement. A revival of the Hitler horrors is bound to boomerang on West Germany, which has made superhuman efforts to make restitution: Hundreds of millions of dollars have poured into Israel, in war damages and claims. Continuous Court actions are in process to punish responsible Nazis connected with concentration camps and other crimes.

By comparison, the absolutely identical "programs" of Czars and Commissars, the mass murders in the Ukraine, the equally horrible Russian slave camps in Siberia, etc. were not equated at any time, in the national or foreign press.

Responsible Israeli are aware of the inflammatory potential of this trial. President David Ben Gurion was emphatic in his declaration: "... Modern Germany, the Germany of Adenauer and the Social Democrats is not Hitler's Germany ...". The Israel Minister of Justice, Dr. Pinhas Rosen stated: "... The people of Israel know precisely that a distinction must be made between Hitler's era and West Germany today. The Eichmann trial will be useful to educate other nations not to become embroiled in a similar guilt ...".

West German officials have been aware, of course, of the implications of this sensational event. Chancellor Dr. Adenauer appeared on a television program, speaking as follows: "... We have been troubled in our mind, after the collapse of the Hitler regime, how we could eradicate the poisonous remnants of this tragedy. Our feeling was one of

shame and bitter remorse. We immediately offered the widest reparation for the Hitler victims. In 1952 we formulated a program of direct help in the development of the State of Israel. This has been mutually satisfactory. Then we started to work on our own reconstruction. We have shifted from the nightmare of 'National-Socialism' to a state based on Law and Order ..."

He pointed out to American reporters at a Press Conference, that "... Eichmann was not a German national, hence not subject to the German Courts, now handling war crimes. There is no doubt that the trial will engender damaging repercussions. We will have to bear them patiently ..."

Willy Brandt, Mayor of Berlin and candidate for the upcoming national elections (the opponent of Dr. Adenauer), also commented on the Eichmann process: "... It is our duty to acquaint our younger generation with just what took place in those tragic years ... as an object lesson in tyranny. On the other hand, we in Germany need not be afraid of this trial and assume general responsibility for the crimes depicted. We must be especially alert not to unload responsibility for this era on the German Youth of today, which had no connection with these crimes of State. The new electorate voting this fall, were only four years old, when the war ended in 1945 ..."

American opinion is difficult to assess. We may have picked the wrong editorial — but we like the "National Review," a sharp, biting journalism that flickers with the luster of literature, the classic "belles lettres" with undertones of frustrated bitterness. "There is underway a studied attempt to cast suspicion on Germany." Note a letter to the New Statesman (whatever values one cares to assess to letter-writers) ... "Adenauer's aims of rearming Germany, opposing an East-West settlement, have the same aims that Hitler had before the war." Drang Nach Osten

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"N.C.C.", continued from page 5
 YOU ain't no good no more.
 They've pawned you
 Till you've done wore out.
 Good-by.
 Christ Jesus Lord God Jehovah,
 Beat it on away from here now.
 Make way for a new guy with no
 religion at all —
 A real guy named
 Marx Communist Lenin Peasant
 Stalin Worker — ME —
 I said, ME!
 Go ahead on now,
 You're getting in the way of things,
 Lord,
 And please take Saint Gandbi with
 you when you go,
 And Saint Pope Pius,
 And Saint Aimee McPherson,
 And Big Black Saint Becton
 Of the Consecrated Dime.
 And step on the gas, Christ!
 Move!
 Don't be so slow about movin'!
 The world is mine from now on —
 And nobody's gonna sell ME
 To a king, or a general,
 Or a millionaire.
 ..*.*.*
 Good-by Christ, Good-Morning
 Revolution!

— Langston Hughes"

It is very hard to give an impartial appraisal of people who are tearing down my God and my Jesus! I HAVE HAD ENOUGH OF IT! I don't plan to ask the Bishop to get me out of the National Council of Churches. I PLAN TO TELL HIM I AM OUT OF THE COUNCIL OF CHURCHES! Like the Pennsylvania Dutch say "I WANT O-U-T, OUT!" "I want to be SHUT of it!" They didn't ask me if I wanted to get in, and I think I have the privilege of telling them I don't want to belong!

The Church is on the spot, Brethren! The days ahead will try our souls. It's going to call for days of consecration. Maybe I don't speak for YOU. Maybe you'd rather pray "O, daddy, O". But I've had enough of it!

I was ordained 28 years ago to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ. I have been a priest 28 years. I have had 3 parishes in 28 years. So, you see, I don't run around! The time has come when consecrated Christians, those who love their Lord and Saviour Jesus, must press on to the goal!

The Diocesan Convention will meet in May. I will tell you how this thing will go. A man named Dr. Hamilton, from Dallas, will get up and make a motion that the Episcopal Church come out of

the National Council of Churches. Then there will be a substitute motion brought on by the clergy. You see, we must not "hurt" people. And the substitute motion will ask the National Council to "please not speak for us". Then some of us will get up on the floor and say, "Re. Rev., Sir, this doesn't answer the purpose. Our petition is that we come out of the National Council of Churches". If withholding our money is the only way we can come out of the NCC then we will withhold our money. BUT WE ARE COMING OUT!

I do hope that in the days that lie ahead I will have your prayers, that I will have your best wishes, and that as a united front we will go forward in the name of our Lord Jesus . . . and that we may preach the Good News of the Gospel and of Jesus Christ and Him Crucified! What a golden opportunity in a world that is torn asunder, in a world that is sick, in a world that needs Jesus. And we say "O, daddy, O" and "Get Going, Christ!"

I'm prejudiced, I have very definite feelings, I have very definite feelings about very definite things. I was made that way. I'm sorry. I have not been a good priest. This sermon should have been preached 10 years ago. I ask your forgiveness.

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ing of our Lord Jesus Christ, and our gathering together unto him; to the end that ye be not quickly shaken from your mind, nor yet be troubled, either by spirit, or by word, or by epistle as from us, as that the day of the Lord is just at hand; let no man beguile you in any wise: for it will not be, except the falling away come first, and the man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition, be that opposeth and exalteth himself against all that is called God or that is worshipped; so that he sitteth in the temple of God, setting himself forth as God.

— II Thessalonians 2:1-4, R.V.

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'THE MORE SURE WORD'

By Noel Smith, Editor
Baptist Bible Tribune
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PART II

NIMROD AND IDOLATRY

Idolatry — like man — like sin — did not get here through a process of evolution. It didn't get here on the installment plan. Idolatry — like man — like sin — came here suddenly, and full grown.

Idolatry originated with Nimrod. He is the father of idolatry — as he is the father of monarchy, of the world state, of the world church.

What is an idol? It is an image. What is an image? An image is an imitation or likeness of a person or a thing. Idol worship is the worship of the image of an ultimate person. Behind the image, always, there is a person.

It might be argued that this is not true. There is the image of the serpent, the symbol of wisdom. There can be no ultimate person behind the serpent.

This appears to be true. But only on the surface. Follow the trail of the serpent as an object of worship to its origin and you will find yourself standing before a person. The serpent is associated with fire worship. The god Phoroneus was the "inventor of fire." Behind the mythical Phoroneus there is a person — a man. That man is Nimrod.

Who is the greatest god of the ancient world? Tammuz, meaning "the son of life." He was worshipped throughout Babylon, in Assyria, Phoenicia, Palestine. In Plato's day Tammuz was regarded as identical with Osiris. Tammuz has been identified with Adonis. Tammuz was the king of the nether world. He was the god of the pasture, the patron of flocks and their keepers, and was himself shepherd — the chief shepherd. He died annually and returned to life with each recurring year.

Tammuz met a violent death. The women of Egypt wept for him as Osiris. The Phoenician women wept for him as Tammuz, and so did the Jewish women.

He said also unto me, Turn thee yet again and thou shalt see greater abominations that they do.

Then he brought me to the door of the gate of the Lord's house which was toward the north; and, behold, there sat women weeping for Tammuz.

— Ezekiel 8:13f.

In Greece and Rome the women lamented him as Tammuz and Bacchus. The most beautiful love story of Babylon was that of the grief of Ishtar for her lover Tammuz.

Among the flowers of the garden he is abandoned.

Among the mulberry-trees he sleeps.

We are steeped in woe for his sake.

The great original of Tammuz was Nimrod.

The great original of Ishtar was Nimrod's wife, Semiramus.

Listen to one of the great authorities on that ancient world:

Bil-Nipru is probably the Biblical Nimrod, the original founder of the monarchy, the "mighty hunter" and conqueror. At the same time, however,

that he is thus hero deified, he represents also, as the second god of the first Triad, the classical Jupiter. He is "the supreme," "the father of the gods," "the procreator," "the Lord" par excellence, "the king of all the spirits," "the Lord of the world," and again, "the Lord of all the countries" ("Ancient Monarchies," by George Rawlinson, Vol 1, p 118).

Idolatry originated with the death of Nimrod — a violent death. His wife, the grand original of all the Jerebels, made her husband and herself objects of worship.

WHAT IS IT?

What is idolatry? It is a perversion of true worship. Consider the name of Nimrod's wife — Semiramus.

"Semi" — that is "Shem."

"Ra" — that was the great god of the sun and the chief deity of Egypt.

"Semiramus" — the God of Shem.

What is the leading hotel in Cairo? The Semiramus.

It is Satan come to town again — sitting in the place of God, directing the worship to himself instead of God.

THE RELEVANCY OF IT

The origin of idolatry is not only history, it is prophecy. "As it was — so shall it be."

Idolatry had a personal beginning. It began with a man. It will reach its climax, its culmination, in a man.

Now we beseech you, brethren, touching the com-

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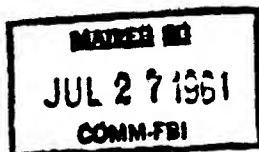
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I am enclosing some material which may be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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J. H. (Jinks) Bras. Cars. Mgr.
Perryton, Texas

July 21-61

Federal Bureau of Investigation
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Mr. Edgar J Hoover:

Would you kindly send me any literature you
may have on the movements of "The National-Council of Churches".

Since I am an elder in a church, a 32⁰ degree mason,
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looking- at me for advise.

A Nation must be awakened to present dangers or our
past freedom along with our present freedom will be destroyed.

Very truly yours,

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July 25, 1961

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter postmarked July 19, 1961, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

With respect to your discussion, it is a pleasure to clarify my position for you on the subject of communism and religion. In my book, "Masters of Deceit," I pointed out that it is a continuing program of the Communist Party to attempt infiltration of every part of our society, including religion. This is still true today. Fortunately, this evil conspiracy has not made any substantial penetration into our religious organizations. I would like to emphasize, however, that churches will continue to be important targets in the over-all subversive plan of endeavoring to control our established institutions, and we must remain alert to any attempts to replace our national traditions with the atheistic philosophy of communism.

Enclosed is some literature on the general subject of communism which you may like to read.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Letter to [REDACTED]

July 25, 1961

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Dear Sir,

Recently in a group that has been discussing communism, we came across a problem that as yet we haven't been able to solve. Our group which meets often has litterly been stumped by this certain question.

To what extent have the communists infiltrated the churches and certain organizations such as The National Council of Churches? It is so hard to know who to believe. Our ministers tell us that churches in general and the National Council are not communists and at the same time we are told by the local newspaper editor and certain evangelists that they are.

We are only teenages but keenly intrested in the problems of our society and have no other way of learning the truth. We realize that you are a busy organization but any help would be deeply appreciated. Our question again: To what extent have the communists infiltrated the churches and organizations such as the National Council of Churches?

Respectfully,

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July 21, 1961

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter postmarked July 18, 1961, with enclosure has been received, and the interest prompting your communication is appreciated.

In answer to your inquiry, the statements in the material you forwarded to me have been taken out of context. For your ready reference, I am enclosing a copy of the June, 1961, issue of the "Crusader" which, on page 15, contains my article to which you referred. The material appearing in the clipping was taken from it.

In view of your concern, I would like to clarify my position for you on the subject of communism and religion. In my book, "Masters of Deceit," I pointed out that it is a continuing program of the Communist Party to attempt infiltration of every part of our society, including the field of religion. This is still true today. Fortunately, this evil conspiracy has not made any substantial penetration into our religious organizations. I would like to emphasize, however, that churches will continue to be important targets in the over-all subversive plan of endeavoring to control our established institutions, and we must remain alert to any attempts to replace our national traditions with the atheistic philosophy of communism.

I am also enclosing some data on the general topic of communism which you may like to read.

Sincerely yours

J. Edgar Hoover

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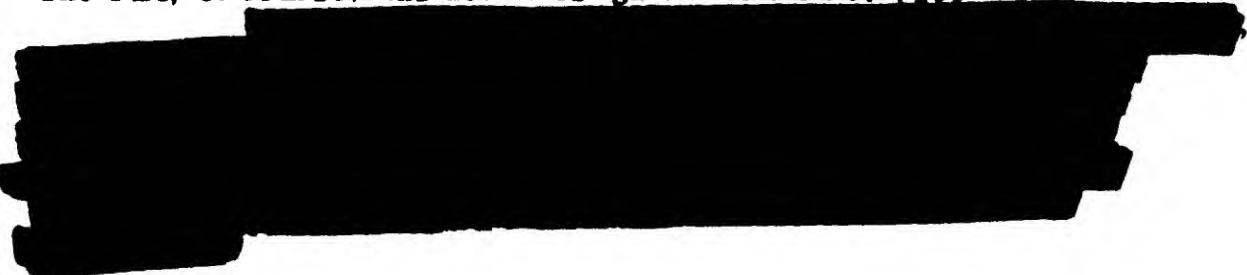
Director's Statement re Internal Security 4-17-61

Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality

LEB Introduction 4-1-61

Series from Christianity Today

NOTE: Bufiles contain no information of a derogatory nature. We have received limited cordial correspondence from  who is a member of the John Birch Society. Our last outgoing to her was on 8-16-60. The National Council of Churches of Christ (NCCC) includes in its membership the leading Protestant churches in the country. Various critics of the Council, without access to factual data to support their assertions, have claimed this group is communist controlled or influenced. The FBI, of course, has not investigated the NCCC. (100-50869)



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July 27, 1961

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

My daughter, who feels that I am unduly concerned about the communist menace, has sent me the clipping from Presbyterian Life which I enclose. Unfortunately, she has not dated the clipping, but I feel that it must be recent.

Since this statement seems in many ways contradictory to others which I have on hand which you have previously made, will you please inform me as to whether it is an accurate quotation or not? It will probably be used to defeat those of us who are opposed to the influence of the National Council of Churches, since you are the one authority that church leaders will accept. This is as it should be, since your patriotism and absolute integrity are unquestioned.

Nevertheless, those of us who consider the influence of the National Council of Churches to be a threat to the nation, inasmuch as the National Council has advocated the repeal of the Connally Amendment, the Admission of Red China to the United Nations, the abolition of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, Co-existence and other measures which the Communists are also advocating, are accused of attacking the churches when we oppose these movements. If we call attention to the fact that these measures will help the Communists, we are accused of name-calling. It is all most difficult, as I am sure you must know.

I am much disturbed about the influence which this church magazine, "Presbyterian Life" is exercising. I am not surprised at anything which they print; most of it oriented toward socialism, integration and one-world. I imagine that this quotation was taken out of context. I would greatly appreciate any help you might give me as to whether this is an accurate statement of your views.

Again thanking you for your dedicated and patriotic service to our nation, I am

Sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]

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J. Edgar Hoover
Defends Clergy

FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover has condemned "unfounded" charges of communist infiltration of churches. Writing in the *Crusader*, American Baptist news-magazine, he stressed that this is not the time "for name-calling, for unfounded accusations or publicity-seeking charges designed to confuse, divide, and weaken."

Observing that America's clergy "are today doing a magnificent job," Mr. Hoover said that they are "helping to preserve the dignity of man as the image of God, and to mold the individual to be a worthy citizen in a democracy." Because communists know that churches "stand as powerful obstacles in their path," the director said, they are constantly engaging in "violent attacks against religion, against the church, and against clergymen."

"As long as men have faith in God," he continued, communism "can never completely subjugate the individual to the dictates of the Party."

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Dear [REDACTED]

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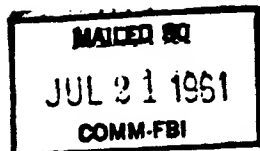
Although I would like to be of service, the FBI is an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations nor draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope that you will 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 literature dealing with the general subject of communism which may be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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

July 17, 1961

Dear Mr. Hoover,

So many accusations are flying in our part of California against the National Council of Churches, that I am writing to ask for some of your wisdom on the matter:

- (1) Are there any known Communists on any of the Committees or Boards of the NCC?
- (2) Do you concur in the opinion that the NCC is pro-Communist?

(Will you please send whatever information may be available for the public on the many supposed "anti-Communist" groups (e.g. the Freedom Forum, Christian Anti-Communist Crusade, etc.) which make it a point to accuse churches and schools of harboring Communists or "dupes."

In my opinion many of the apparently patriotic groups which accuse the churches, schools, state dept., etc., are actually making it very difficult for us to present a united front against the real menace of Communism, but if I am wrong, I will be happy to receive such guidance as you may offer.

Very sincerely,

[Redacted signature]

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of July 14, 1961, has been received, and I want to thank you for your thoughtfulness in writing as you did. The concern you expressed regarding the evil menace of communism is most understandable, and I am enclosing some material on this subject which you may wish to read.

While I would like to be of assistance with regard to the organizations you mentioned, I would like to point out that the FBI, as strictly an investigative agency of the Department of Justice, does not furnish evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, organization or publication. I hope you will not infer in this connection either that our files do or do not contain data pertaining to the subjects of your inquiry.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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3-1-60 LEB Introduction and An Analysis of the 17th National Convention of the Communist Party, USA

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TRUE COPY

July 14th 1961


Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Washington D C.

I am an old man, will soon be 85 years old. Can't work to earn money any more. I am wondering if you have available any free literature you could send opposing Communism. and to what extent Communism is getting into the America National Council of Churches. Also World Councial Churches and could you send me the book titled color blind.

You may send me any and all the free literature you have any time and I will gladly give it out where I see it will do the most good to inform people against this terrible godless communism. I would like to give some of it to the ministers of our town. I am a member of the Evangelica United brethern Church I realize we have a terrible thing to fight to save the freedom of our country you can count on me to do all I can to fight this great evil

yours truly

/s/



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July 19, 1961

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of July 15, 1961, has been received, and I am pleased to know that you found my statement of April 17, 1961, pertinent. In response to your request, I am forwarding to you, under separate cover, five hundred copies of it. There will be no charge.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover.

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500 - Director's Statement re Internal Security 4-17-61

NOTE: [REDACTED] forwarded a commendatory letter dated 6-15-61 in which he expressed appreciation for the Director's, "Masters of Deceit." He also requested information relative to the National Council of Churches of Christ, which we have not investigated. Four publications on the subject of communism were sent him including a copy of the Director's 4-17-61 statement. Nothing derogatory concerning [REDACTED] appears in Bufiles, and since his parishioners probably number more than five hundred, the number requested are being forwarded.

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July 15, 1961

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I wish to thank you for your letter and the enclosed materials of June 22, 1961.

In a recent sermon, I quoted from your statement of April 17, 1961, when you listed seven things which our citizens might do in assisting in the internal security field. I have had several requests for copies of the statement. Would it be possible for us to buy 500 copies of the statement, which, as you know, is a single sheet?

Sincerely yours,

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J. Edgar Hoover

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

As you may well know, many of our churches are being seriously disturbed and divided by accusations that the leadership of the National Council of Churches is Communist infiltrated. Since the FBI is probably the only body in America which is adequately able to appraise this charge, would you be so kind as to make some comment about it? The suspicion is making a serious threat to Christian unity at the very time we need it the most.

Yours truly,

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July 21, 1961

Dear [REDACTED]

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

With respect to your discussion, it is a pleasure to clarify my position for you on the subject of communism and religion. In my book, "Masters of Deceit," I pointed out that it is a continuing program of the Communist Party to attempt infiltration of every part of our society, including religion. This is still true today. Fortunately, this evil conspiracy has not made any substantial penetration into our religious organizations. I would like to emphasize, however, that churches will continue to be important targets in the over-all subversive plan of endeavoring to control our established institutions, and we must remain alert to any attempts to replace our national traditions with the atheistic philosophy of communism.

Enclosed is some literature which contains suggestions as to methods which can be used to combat these subversive influences.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures (5)

Director's Statement Re Internal Security, 4-17-61.

What You Can Do To Fight Communism

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Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. Her letter was rather lengthy and it appears she has been defeated in her attempts to prevent her church from donating to the United Church Women on the grounds that it is an affiliate of the National Council of Churches. Correspondent was apparently attempting to secure the Director's approval of her action.

Bufiles contain no identifiable information of a derogatory nature concerning the United Church Women which is reportedly an organization representing 10,000,000 American Protestant women. The National Council of Churches of Christ (NCCC) includes in its membership the leading Protestant churches in the country. Various critics of the Council, without access to factual data to support their assertions, have claimed this group is communist controlled or influenced. The FBI, of course, has not investigated the NCCC. (100-50869)

JULY 14, 1961

Mr. J. EDGAR HOOVER
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

DEAR MR. HOOVER:

IN OUR WOMEN OF THE CHURCH ORGANIZATION THERE HAS BEEN A CONTROVERSY OVER WHETHER OR NOT TO DONATE TO THE UNITED CHURCH WOMEN. THE CONTROVERSY AROSE WHEN I OBJECTED TO THE DONATION ON THE GROUNDS THAT THE UNITED CHURCH WOMEN IS AN AFFILIATE OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES WHICH IS TOO FULL OF COMMUNISM TO RECEIVE ANY DONATION FROM OUR CHURCH AS FAR AS I AM CONCERNED. I NEED YOUR HELP IN THAT I DO NOT HAVE ANY DOCUMENTS OR PAPERS OR SUCH TO PROVE MY POINT - ALSO, OF ALL THE THINGS, ONE OF THE WOMEN CONTENDED THAT WE SHOULD CONTRIBUTE ON THE GROUNDS THAT IF WE DID NOT JOIN WE COULD NOT HELP IT TO BECOME A CHRISTIAN ORGANIZATION AND RUN THE COMMUNISTS OUT OF IT. IT SEEMS TO ME THAT IF ALL THE SMALL SUPPORTERS OF THIS WOULD PULL OUT THEN THERE WOULD BE A HOLE LEFT THAT WOULD PERHAPS DO MORE GOOD TOWARD RUNNING THE COMMUNISTS OUT IF THEY ARE NOT TOO FIRMLY ENTRENCHED BY NOW.

I MUST CONFESS THAT I WAS TOTALLY UNPREPARED IN DEFENSE OF WHAT I BELIEVED BECAUSE THE BUDGET WAS PASSED OUT TO THE WOMEN AT A MEETING AND APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL VOTED THEN AND THERE WITHOUT ANY PREVIOUS NOTICE THAT THE BUDGET WOULD BE VOTED ON AT THAT MEETING. THE WOMEN WHO ARE HOLDING UP THE UNITED CHURCH WOMEN'S SIDE ARE GOOD CHRISTIANS AND SEEM TO ME TO FALL INTO THE CATEGORY SHOWN IN YOUR BOOK "MASTERS OF DECEIT" OF SYMPATHETIC SUPPORTERS OR SUCH. THEY HAVE NO INTENTIONS OF SUPPORTING THE COMMUNIST PARTY BUT I CAN'T SEEM TO GET THROUGH TO THEM.

PLEASE HELP ME - I DO NOT WANT OUR CHURCH TO GET INVOLVED IN ANY WAY WITH COMMUNISM EXCEPT TO FIGHT IT. IT'S LIKE RUNNING UP AGAINST A BRICK WALL EVERY TIME I OBJECT TO THEM. THEY WOULD LISTEN TO SOMEONE LIKE YOU SINCE I HONESTLY BELIEVE THEY THINK I DON'T KNOW WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT. (IF I HAVE BEEN WRONG ABOUT THIS I WILL NOT HESITATE TO APOLOGIZE BUT NEVER WILL I THINK I'VE BEEN WRONG UNTIL YOU HAVE TOLD ME SO.)

YOURS VERY TRULY,

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CORRESPONDENCE

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July 20, 1961

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter dated July 13, 1961, has been received.

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI is strictly a fact-gathering agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations nor draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. Please do not infer in this connection either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the group you named.

The film, "Operation Abolition," is sponsored and distributed by the House Committee on Un-American Activities, and the FBI took no part in its preparation. It would be most improper for me, therefore, to make any comment relative to its contents. If you have related questions, you may wish to direct an inquiry to the Committee itself in Room 225, Old House Office Building, Washington 25, D. C.

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

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Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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What You Can Do To Fight Communism
Director's statement 4-17-61 re Internal Security
Communist Illusion & Democratic Reality
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One Nation's Response to Communism

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TRUE COPY

[REDACTED]
July 13, 1961

**Mr. J. E. Hoover
F. B. I. Headquarters
Washington, D. C.**

Sir:

**I am a member of a branch of the Disciples of
Christ Christian Church. We are affiliated with the National
Council of Churches.**

**Recently there has been much discussion of the
film "Operation Abolition" in our community. Some say Nat'l.
Council is against this film and therefore Nat'l. Council is
Communitistic.**

**Will you please send me information concerning
your findings and views on this film and the National Council
of Churches.**

**Being a parent, schoolteacher, and church
member, I am quite concerned about all the seemingly communistic
activities we hear about in our nation today.**

Thank you most sincerely for your interest.

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July 13 1961

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F.B.I. Headquarters
Washington, D.C.

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our nation today.

Thank you most sincerely
for your interest.

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July 20, 1961

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of July 11, 1961, has been received, and I want to thank you for your generous comment concerning the work performed by this Bureau in the internal security field.

As you have already noted in your letter, information contained in FBI files is maintained as confidential in compliance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only.

I am unable to recommend a source from which the information you request can be obtained.

I am, however, enclosing some material on the general topic of communism which you may like to read. You may wish to know that there is no charge for any material this Bureau is privileged to distribute.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (4)

Communism and Religion (Speech given by Mr. Sullivan)
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NOTE: Bufiles contain no information identifiable with correspondent. Purposely ignoring his inquiry concerning obtaining documents from the Government Printing Office.

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July 19, 1961

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[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of July 13, 1961, has been received, and I want to thank [REDACTED] and you for your thoughtfulness in writing and your generous comments concerning my book, "Masters of Deceit."

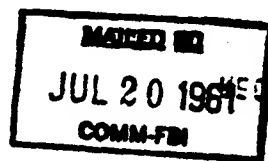
The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and neither makes evaluations nor draws conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. In view of the foregoing, I can assure you that neither I nor any member of this Bureau has made any statement regarding the organization you mentioned.

In view of your concern, I would like to clarify my position for you on the subject of communism and religion. In my book, "Masters of Deceit," I pointed out that it is a continuing program of the Communist Party to attempt infiltration of every part of our society, including the field of religion. This is still true today. Fortunately, this evil conspiracy has not made any substantial penetration into our religious organizations. I would like to emphasize, however, that churches will continue to be important targets in the over-all subversive plan of endeavoring to control our established institutions, and we must remain alert to any attempts to replace our national traditions with the atheistic philosophy of communism.

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Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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**4-17-61 Internal Security Statement
What You Can Do To Fight Communism
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
Series from Christianity Today
One Nation's Response to Communism**

NOTE: Bufiles contain no information identifiable with [REDACTED] The National Council of Churches of Christ (NCCC) includes in its membership the leading Protestant churches in the country. Various critics of the Council, without access to factual data to support their assertions, have claimed this group is communist controlled or influenced. The FBI, of course, has not investigated the NCCC. (100-50869). Purposely ignoring his inquiry concerning whether or not they are aiding or abetting the communist cause by questioning the infallibility of the NCCC.

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July 13, 1961

MR. J. EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Dear Sir:

We thank you for the wonderful work you do. Your "Masters of Deceit" is a great contribution to American people.

May we turn to you because of our faith in you as a Christian and an expert in the field of Communistic infiltration in America. As members of the Presbyterian Church we felt that it was our duty to try to be informed on THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES OF CHRIST USA. After much reading of material from such places as The HOUSE COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES, etc., and from the socialistic pronouncements made by the "National Council of Churches of Christ USA" we find we do not have a complete trust in this organization (National Council of Churches).

Upon talking with our Minister about this he advised us that you had made a statement to the effect that the NCCC was completely void of Communist Infiltration, also that people who lacked confidence in the "National Council of Churches of Christ USA" were aiding and abetting the Communist Cause.

PLEASE GIVE US THE CONTEXT IN WHICH YOUR STATEMENT CONCERNING THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES OF CHRIST USA APPEARED OR WHERE WE MIGHT OBTAIN THE LITERATURE IN WHICH IT MAY BE FOUND.

ARE WE AIDING AND ABETTING THE COMMUNIST CAUSE BY QUESTIONING THE INFALLIBILITY OF THE "NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES OF CHRIST USA" ?

Our deepest thanks to you for your great work. Its men like you that make it possible for us to have the hope that our three year old child can grow up in a country that is free.

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Gratefully,

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter dated July 15, 1961, has been received.

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI is strictly a fact-gathering agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations nor draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. Information in our files is confidential and available for official use only, due to regulations of the Department of Justice. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope you will not infer in this connection either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the subjects of your inquiry.

In view of your interest, it is a pleasure to enclose material on the subject of communism available for general distribution by the FBI, and I hope that you will find it pertinent. I would like to point out that the film, "Operation Abolition," is sponsored and distributed by the House Committee on Un-American Activities, and the FBI took no part in its preparation. For this reason, I am unable, as a matter of policy, to comment relative to its contents.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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What You Can Do To Fight Communism
The Communist Menace: Red Goals and Christian Ideals
One Nation's Response To Communism

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

July 15, 1961

Dear Mr. Hoover:

We are hearing so much on Communism these days, and much of it sounds pretty bad.

A Rev G. Roy Lockwood has been here in our city and around it giving talks and showing the picture "Operation Abolition" It is really serious the way communism has been allowed to work in our land.

What I want to know is how many of our ministers in the National Council of Churches have gotten hooked up with it. Do you have a list of those who are red card carriers? If so could you send me that list or several copies of them? Or any other information it would be good and proper for you to let me have. I am a member of the [redacted] Baptist Church in this city and we are against Communism and all it is for. Rev. Lockwood was in our church.

I am in home missionary work in my church. The Council of Churches in this city is against the picture "Operation Abolition" and that makes us feel they are at least pink if not red. One of their ministers tried to tell me there were few ministers red, I'd like some reliable information to pass on to them.

Will be glad to hear from you anything you want to tell me or send me. Thanks.

Sincerely yours [redacted]
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CORRESPONDENCE

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July 18, 1961

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Dear [REDACTED]

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

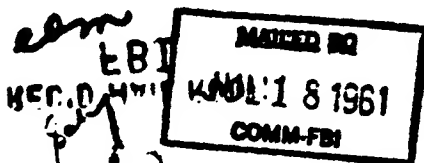
The concern you expressed in your communication is readily understandable. Our churches have been and will continue to be important targets in the over-all communist program of endeavoring to infiltrate our established institutions, and we must remain alert to such efforts to subvert our way of life. The communists have tried to infiltrate every part of our society, and patriotic Americans must continue to take a firm stand against communism and combat it wherever possible. But this opposition to communism must be careful, constructive and positive, and it must always be kept within the due process of law.

Although I would like to be of service in regard to your specific inquiry, the FBI is an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations nor draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual.

In view of the interest you have indicated, I am enclosing some literature on the general subject of communism.

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John Edgar Hoover
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Director's Statement Re Internal Security, 4-17-61

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What You Can Do To Fight Communism
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Three-Part Series from Christianity Today

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. Correspondent enclosed a pamphlet entitled "What About Church Unity?"

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TRUE COPY

July 10th 61

[REDACTED]

Mr. J. E. Hoover,

Dear Sir:-

I have been so concerned, over the things I hear of the red influence, the National Council of Churches is exerting in the country -

I have been told you had the information, that the layman like myself needs to know-I'm a christian,& would like some thing on this subject, to pass around to our church members- These are busy people, & if they get something, that is too lengthy they will never read it -

Have you a condensed report, concise & to the point, so all these people will be able to understand, why the N.C.C. isn't doing our church a favor?

Those of us can go into this thing further if they want to - Please help me spread this information.

Your very truly

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Yours very truly

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July 12, 1961

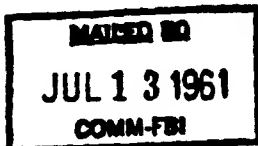
Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of July 6, 1961, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

With respect to your discussion, it is a pleasure to clarify my position for you on the subject of communism and religion. In my book, "Masters of Deceit," I pointed out that it is a continuing program of the Communist Party to attempt infiltration of every part of our society, including the field of religion. This is still true today. Fortunately, this evil conspiracy has not made any substantial penetration into our religious organizations. I would like to emphasize, however, that churches will continue to be important targets in the over-all subversive plan of endeavoring to control our established institutions, and we must remain alert to any attempts to replace our national traditions with the atheistic philosophy of communism.

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4-17-61 Internal Security Statement

Series from Christianity Today

An Analysis of the 17th National Convention CP USA & Intro. 3-60 LEB

Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion


NOTE: Bufiles contain no record of correspondent.

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

Dear Sir:

You are being quoted as having said that the Protestant Clergy have been infiltrated by Communists. Such statements are being made in conjunction with an attack on the National Council of Churches of Christ.

Would you be kind enough to indicate (1) whether you do believe that the ranks of protestant clergy have been infiltrated by Communists, (2) if so, to what extent, and (3) in what publication can I find reliable information on this subject.

Your comments will be helpful and deeply appreciated.

Faithfully Yours,

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CORRESPONDENCE

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July 13, 1961

Dear [REDACTED]

The letter postmarked June 30, 1961, from you and your husband, has been brought to my attention upon returning to Washington.

I am very pleased to know of your desire to help combat communism, and I am forwarding to you, under separate cover, material which I hope will serve the purpose you outlined.

Although I would like to be of service, I am unable to furnish information concerning the specific group you named since this Bureau is strictly a fact-gathering agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations nor draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. Please do not infer in this connection, however, either that we do or do not have related data in our files.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

JUL 13 1961

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1 - Los Angeles (94-)
ReBu airtel 7-7-61 and ur airtel 7-10-61.

1 - Mr. Adcock, Room 4881 (sent direct)

USC Material - 10 copies each of the following:

One Nation's Response to Communism
Communist Illusion & Democratic Reality
Series from "Christianity Today"
What You Can Do To Fight Communism

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NOTE: By letter postmarked 6-30-61 correspondent requested at least ten copies each of publications on the subject of communism and also inquired re the National Council of Churches. She wanted the literature for distribution for her friends in the church. An in-absence form reply was forwarded 7-7-61, requesting the Los Angeles Office to furnish her identity and reputation. Attached airtel from Los Angeles informs no derogatory data known concerning either [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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July 14, 1961

Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of July 9, 1961, has been received.

While I would like to be of assistance, I must advise that the FBI, as strictly an investigative agency of the Department of Justice, does not furnish evaluations or comments regarding the character or integrity of any individual, organization or publication. I hope you will not infer in this connection either that we do or do not have data regarding the subject of your inquiry.

In view of your interest, I am enclosing material which you may wish to read.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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The American Council of Christian Laymen published a brochure entitled "How Red is the Federal Council of Christian Churches"

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which contained a statement by the Director, used out of context, to infer that certain individuals affiliated with the Federal Council of Churches were subversive. Considerable controversy among Christian laymen resulted following release of this publication. (62-100432)

Enclosures


4-17-61 Internal Security Statement

An Analysis of the 17th National Convention, CP USA & Intro. 3-60 LEB

God and Country or Communism

Series from Christianity Today

TRUE COPY


July 9, 1961

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

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I will appreciate the straight facts from you knowing this will cast out and doubts whatsoever. I thank you.

Sincerely,

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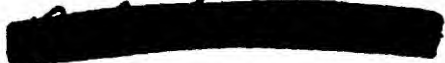


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STANDARD FORM NO. 64
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
Attention - Crime Records Division

DATE: JULY 11, 1961

FROM : SAC, OKLA. CITY

SUBJECT: NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Several reliable contacts have contacted me in the past concerning the Bureau's stand on the National Council of Churches. They have been answered in accordance with Bureau instructions, that material in Bureau files is confidential. It is noted, however, that certain publications and pamphlets have been furnished to people inquiring on this subject, and it is, therefore, requested that twenty-five copies each of the following items be furnished to this office to enable me, under the proper circumstances, to give out copies of the pamphlets to responsible people making legitimate inquiries:

1. Statement of Director concerning 17th National Convention, Communist Party, USA, December, 1959.
2. Breaking the Communist Spell.
3. Communist New Look, a Study in Duplicity.
4. Where do We Stand Today with Communism in the United States.
5. God and Country or Communism.
6. How to Beat Communism.
7. Communism, the Bitter Enemy of Religion.
8. Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality.

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of July 6 has been received.

The FBI, as an investigative agency, does not furnish comments or evaluations concerning the character or integrity of any individual, organization or publication. Consequently, it is not possible for me to be of service in connection with your request, and I do not know where you can obtain the information you desire. I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files regarding the subject of your inquiry.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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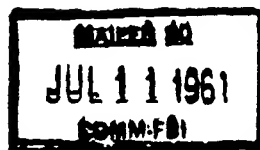
Dear [REDACTED]

I have received your letter of July 2, with enclosures, and want to thank you for affording me the benefit of your views and observations relative to the matters you discussed. I was pleased to learn you have read my book, "Masters of Deceit."

I would like to point out that the FBI, as strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government, neither makes evaluations nor draws conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I have not made any statements regarding the organization you mentioned nor have any of my representatives.

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Enclosures (3)

4-14-61 Internal Security statement
Communist Illusion & Democratic Reality
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NOTE CQNTINUED..... as a group of vigilantes playing into communist hands. It has been pointed out to correspondent that as an investigative agency this accusation is false.

The correspondent undoubtedly refers to the National Council of Churches. This group includes in its membership the leading Protestant churches in the country. Various critics of the Council, without access to factual data to support their assertions, have claimed this group is communist controlled or influenced. The FBI, of course, has not investigated this organization. (100-50869) Correspondent enclosed newspaper clippings concerning the recent speech of Assistant Director Sullivan and the UPI article of Louis Cassels.

July 2, 1961

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The Rev. Dekker, pastor of the Holywood Bible Church and an ACC official, and Bishop Gerald Kennedy, Methodist bishop of the Southern California-Arizona Annual Conference and a member of the board of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A., both gave The News statements on the matter.

Questions Statements

The Rev. La Verne W. Linnerson, pastor of St. Luke's Lutheran Church, reported to West Valley police that he had been threatened outside Canoga Park High School on Friday after he had tried to ask a question during the ACCC rally.

Fearing trouble during the Sunday morning worship service at his church, 5312 Comercio Way, police had one unit standby, but nothing materialized.

Rev. Dekker, who was chairman at the rally, charged Rev. Linnerson's statements were incorrect and said the police report "does not hold any water because no names of the men who allegedly made the threats were given."

He called the Woodland Hills minister "a heckler."

Asked about the threats reported by Rev. Linnerson, Bishop Kennedy pointed out that he had not heard about the incident, but if it occurred as described in the police report "it's a funny kind of Christianity."

Say Names Supplied

Questioned about ACCC policy and its attacks on the NCC, the Methodist official said, "We don't pay much attention to the group. Everybody knows what kind of group it is. It seems to have attacks on the National Council as its main purpose for existence."

Officials of ACCC have reiterated that they have supplied Bishop Kennedy with names of Methodist Ministers who are Communists, in response to his appeal for such material.

The Bishop told the News yesterday he had not received the name of a single Methodist man who is a Communist.

He added that he would welcome such names "if there are any."

Handbills for the Friday night rally announced plans for three speakers. They were listed as follows with their topics:

"Is There Communism in the Churches?" by the Rev. John E. Janbaz.

"Pro-Castro Activities in the National Council of Churches?" by the Rev. J. Benton Bell.

Announced Questions

"The Responsibility and Privileges of a Christian Patriot" by the Rev. M. H. Reynolds Sr.

Notices of the rally announced among the questions to be answered would be the NCC's policies on recognition of Red China, abolition of the House un-American activities committee, suppression of an Air Force training manual charging infiltration of the churches, cooperation with

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The Valley News

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Controversy Grows on 'Freedom' Rally Threat to Minister

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Two Leading Churchmen Give Views

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Calls to The News offices
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Controversy Grows Over Threat to Valley Minister

Continued from Page One
Red church leaders and peace-ful coexistence with com-munism.

Rev. Linnerson told police it was following a tirade by the first two speakers on the

NCC that he attempted to ask his question.

In an exclusive interview with The News, Dr. Carl Segerhammar, an alternate dele-gate to the NCC, denied each of the ACCC charges.

Advocated Recognition
He said it was only a small division of the NCC which ad-vocated recognition of Red China and the matter has not been brought to the national body.

He denied any action of any kind on the House un-American activities commit-tee.

Stemmed From Report
Statements about commu-nism in the church which had appeared in the Air Force manual have been withdrawn and an apology extended, the NCC official said.

Dr. Segerhammar felt the charges of cooperation with Red church leaders probably stems from the report that the Russian Orthodox Church plans to apply for NCC mem-bership at the group's next meeting in New Delhi.

Founded in 1941
Following the appearance of the rally story, Rev. Lin-nerson and a reporter for The News were plagued with numerous phone calls throughout the night. When the phone was answered, there was no response.

Counts 130 Churches
The American Council of Christian Churches was founded in 1941 when a group of churches voluntarily as-sociated themselves together to preserve historic Christian faith and to expose mod-ern, liberalism and commu-nism in the churches.

This was the explanation given yesterday by Rev. Dekker.

The Valley minister said the California branch of the council was founded in 1945 and now counts 130 churches throughout the state.

The national membership is reported to be 1,500,000 with national headquarters located on Park Ave. in New York.

Among the churches affili-ated with the organization are:

Bible Presbyterian, Bible Protestant, Associated Gospel, Congregational Methodist, Evangelical Methodist Church of America, General Associa-tion of Regular Baptist Churches, Independent Churches Affiliated.

"Speaking for Christians"
Also, Methodist Protestant Churches, Militant Funda-mental Bible Churches, South-ern Methodist Church, United Christian, World Baptist Fellowship, Independent Bap-tist Bible Missions, Funda-mental Methodist, Tioga River Christian Conference, and the American Baptist Association.

Speaking for the council,
Rev. Dekker said, "It is the only uncompromising voice representing and speaking for the Bible-believing Christian." The statement which started Friday's dispute when Rev. Linnerson insisted he be al-lowed to read it was con-tained in a United Press In-ternational story by Louis Cassels in which he reported that FBI director J. Edgar Hoover is deeply concerned about the danger that self-appointed "vigilantes" may in the name of anti-commu-nism, play into the hands of the Communists.

Sullivan's Charge
Hoover has sent FBI Chief Inspector William C. Sullivan to deliver speeches in many parts of the nation, warning Americans not to be taken in by charges that their churches are overrun with Reds.

Sullivan said, Cassels re-ported:
"These allegations have served to create the impres-sion among Americans that the Protestant demoninations in particular have been sub-jected to an alarming infiltra-tion and influence. But this is a patent falsehood."

Speaks With Approval
"The truth of the matter is that the Communist Party has not achieved any substantial gains in its party domina-

tion, control or influence over America's clergymen or reli-gious institutions on a nation-al scale."

"Love Will Change"
Sullivan, observed UPI's Cassels, is not making this statement on his own author-ity. He is speaking with the backing of Hoover and the FBI director has so informed a number of amateur Com-munist hunters who wrote protesting Sullivan's speech.

"The most interesting reac-

tion," The FBI official told the UPI "has been from the Communists. They are up-set by Sullivan's remark."

They love to have w- charges of Communist do- nation hurled against Air-ica's churches.

"They know that su- charges cause consterna- tion, doubt and f- among church members. they figure that anyone suc-ceeds in demonis- America's churches is at- their cause."

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FBI

Date: 7/7/61

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Mr. Casper	✓
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Mr. Ingram	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (94-821)

RE:

RESEARCH (CORRESPONDENCE
AND TOURS)
Buded 7/10/61.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES
OF CHRIST

Re Bureau airtel to Los Angeles 7/3/61.

On 7/6/61 [redacted] and his wife, [redacted], were contacted by SA [redacted], at which time they were furnished with the publications forwarded by Bureau and were advised precisely as instructed in paragraph two of referenced airtel.

[redacted] said that it had been their desire to enlighten their pastor, [redacted], whom they did not feel is a Communist in any sense, but whom they felt is "bright" to Communist activities.

[redacted] advised that she had read "Masters of Deceit", as well as extensive other writings concerning Communism. She said that as a result of the so-called "Air Force Manual" incident, she and another woman member of the congregation had secured and disseminated copies of a publication issued by the American Council of Christian Laymen, Madison, Wisconsin. A copy of this publication

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Special Agent in Charge

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furnished by [REDACTED] captioned "How Red is the Federal Council of Churches?" is enclosed herewith. She said that as a result of their dissemination of this pamphlet, [REDACTED] had commented from the pulpit two Sundays ago saying that there was nothing to the information in the pamphlet, that he had seen a letter indicating that only five of the organizations listed therein were subversive, and that the FBI would soon be having members appear in churches to advise that there are no Communists in the church.

[REDACTED] said that she feels that [REDACTED] is uninformed and she is not in agreement with his superiors from whom he receives orders. [REDACTED] were advised that they should draw no implication whatever by reason of the fact that no comment was being made concerning this issue and they were again informed as instructed.

[REDACTED] who is pastor of the [REDACTED] was contacted 7/6/61 by SA [REDACTED] Los Angeles Office indices are negative concerning [REDACTED]

He stated that he has been very concerned about Communism but feels that anti Communist extremists must be combated, which had been the inspiration for a recent statement from the pulpit.

He said that he did not make the statement attributed to him in the [REDACTED] letter. He said that he was endeavoring to reject the wide-spread claim of extensive infiltration into church bodies. He stated that he had been furnished information by [REDACTED]

which had been forwarded to Lutheran pastors and which was a printed quotation from the church news page of the "New York World Telegram and Sun" of 4/29/61. A portion of this pertained to a reporter's statement that J. EDGAR HOOVER

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was sending Chief Inspector WILLIAM SULLIVAN of the FBI throughout the country warning Americans that the allegations their churches are being overrun by Communism are not true, nor that the Communist Party has achieved any substantial success of infiltrating Protestant churches.

[REDACTED] said that he did not read the quotation but made a substantially verbatim repetition of it and was not indicating that there had been no infiltration whatever of church bodies but had been only emphasizing that over zealous statements of extreme anti Communists had gone too far.

[REDACTED] was advised precisely as instructed in paragraph two of referenced airtel and was told that the author of the letter had been similarly advised. He was specifically informed that no conclusions as to the character and integrity of any specific group are made by the Bureau. [REDACTED] stated that he understood this, and that he is available to assist the FBI in any way, should he be called upon.

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July 6, 1961

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[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

✓ Your letter postmarked July 3, 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 nor 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.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
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My name and address is:

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Yours truly,

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CORRECTION

July 7, 1961

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Dear [REDACTED]

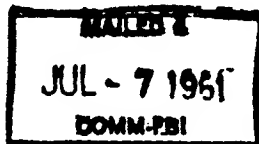
I have received your letter of June 30, with enclosures, and appreciate the concern which prompted your communication.

Our churches have been and will continue to be important targets in the over-all communist program of endeavoring to control our established institutions, and we must remain alert to such efforts to subvert our way of life. The communists have tried to infiltrate every part of our society, and Americans must continue to take a firm stand against communism and combat it wherever possible. But this opposition must be careful, constructive and positive, and it must always be kept within the due process of law. Assistant Director William C. Sullivan in his discussion of communism dealt with this subject accurately and objectively.

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NOTE: [REDACTED] is on the Special Correspondents' list. He enclosed several clippings dealing with Assistant Director Sullivan's recent speech concerning communist infiltration of the churches as set forth in the article written by UPI correspondent Louis Cassels.

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June 30, 1961

Mr J. Edgar Hoover:

Dear Sir:

I know you are doing the work of 10 men but I would be extremely grateful if you would glance at these clippings, the circled parts.

I believe the people are misquoting you and Mr. Sullivan, for in reading your excellent book, "Masters of Deceit," I remember that Communists are infiltrating churches.

There has been no official reversal of this fact, has there?

Respectfully,

/s/ [Redacted]

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Linnerson initiated it. It was contained in a United Press International story by Louis Cassels in which he reported that FBI director J. Edgar Hoover is deeply concerned about the danger that self-appointed "vigilantes" may, in the name of anti-communism, play into the hands of the Communists.

Sullivan quoted Hoover as sent FBI Chief Inspector William C. Sullivan to deliver speeches in many parts of the nation, warning Americans not to be taken in by charges that their churches are overrun with Reds.

Sullivan said, Cassels reported:

These allegations have served to create the impression among Americans that the Protestant denominations in particular have been subjected to an alarming infiltration and influence. But this is a patent falsehood.

"The fact with approval that the Communist Party has not achieved any substantial

institutions on a national scale."

"Love Wild Charges"

Divan, observed UP's, is not making this statement of his own author. He is speaking with the approval and personal backing of Hoover and the director has so informed a number of amateur Communist hunters who wrote Sullivan's speech.

"has been from the communists. They are very upset by Sullivan's remarks." They love to have wild charges of Communist domination hurled against America's churches.

"They know that such charges cause consternation, confusion, doubt and fear among church members and they figure that anyone who succeeds in demoralizing America's churches is aiding their cause."

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Report Threat to Valley Minister

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Medicated words in Freedom' Rally

Claims Intimidation After Leaving Meeting; Police Will Guard Church

By RON KIEDER

Police will be on standby for trouble at a Woodland Hills church today following reports that a group of hecklers may try to disrupt the worship service as a "revenge" move against the minister. The Rev. La

Verne W. Linnerson, pastor of St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 5312 Commercial Way, incurred the wrath of a group attending a Faith and Freedom Rally sponsored by the American Council of Christian Churches of California.

The rally was held Friday night at Canoga Park High School and featured talks by three Southland ministers.

Outside the school auditorium, the minister allegedly was told, "You had better leave if you want to leave in one piece."

According to a report filed yesterday at the West Valley police station, Rev. Linnerson was threatened outside the meeting room where he had attempted to ask a question.

The pastor said he was disturbed by statements made mapping policies of the National Council of the Churches of Christ of the U.S.A.

(The National Council of the Churches of Christ of the U.S.A. embraces over 30,444 Christians from 39 denominations. The American Council of Christian Churches of California claims a membership of 1,500,000 from 14 denominations who came out of the major denominations as a protest against liberalism.)

Rev. Linnerson told West Valley officer Carl Hager that he stood up after the speaker had concluded and asked if there was to be a question and answer period.

The chairman, the Rev. John A. Dekker, pastor of the Bible Presbyterian Church of North Hollywood, told the West Valley clergyman no question period had been scheduled.

The Woodland Hills pastor then announced he wished to ask one question and he told police "when the audience began to shout let him be heard," the chairman retorted and he was allowed to speak.

Rev. Linnerson asked what



L. W. LINNERSON
Tells threat at rally

...thought of the manner FBI chief J. Edgar Hoover is handling the Communists in the U.S.

...of the speakers, the John E. Janbax of the Presbyterian Church of Woodland, Cal., president of the organization, was chosen to answer questions behind Hoover.

Rev. Linnerson then asked if he could read a statement by Hoover at the rally.

Gregory... Chimes in Van Nuys.

"I think any minister should have the right to speak in such a situation, but I don't feel it would be right for me to comment about this specific instance, since I am not fully informed about it."

There has been much criticism of the National Council lately, mainly from the John Birch Society. We, however, agree with J. Edgar Hoover who has stated that recent attacks on churches as being Communist infiltrated are unfounded.

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of June 27 has been received. Your kind sentiments and expressions of confidence in my administration of this Bureau are indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiry, the FBI, as an investigative agency, does not furnish comments or evaluations concerning the character or integrity of any individual, organization or publication. Consequently, it is not possible for me to be of assistance to you, and I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files regarding the organization you mentioned.

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

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



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3-60 LEB Intro. and An Analysis of the 17th National Convention of the CPUSA

Communist Party, USA

Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion

Christianity Today: series

NOTE: Bufiles contain no information identifiable with correspondent. A search of our files as well as appropriate records in the Crime Records Division failed to reflect receipt of any prior correspondence from her.

June 27, 1961

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Mr. Ingram ☒
Miss Gandy ☒

Dear Mr. Hoover,

Now, more than ever before, our country needs a great leader like you. In these troubled times we can feel assured that here is one man who speaks the truth and is unafraid of the unceasing slander by those who are working against our great country. We need your leadership desperately to stand up against such mockery against our American way of life. What puzzles me greatly is why are our American leaders viciously attacked and in some cases actually silenced for doing such a wonderfully American thing as informing their own countrymen about the perils of Communism when we all so need to know of this evil so we can protect our freedom? Our Government must be cleaned of this vile hidden force that reaches out to attack each step of Americanism.

Today I received a copy of your statement "Internal Security" sent to me by the Federal Bureau of Investigation in reply to a matter of serious import in which I questioned the organization "The National Council of Churches of Christ in The U. S. A.". Is this truly a n instrument of Christianity or as recently attacked an organ abetting Communism? I now can feel assured that our F.B.I. can handle and will handle this with the interest of the American people uppermost in mind.

I am just one of millions who is very indignant to read of the carefully, viciously planned attacks against you. I had to let you know how I feel. The name J. Edgar Hoover brings to many ears the ring of American freedom, strong right principles our country stands for, honesty in government, truth and equality for all and our privilege and chance to worship God in our own way.

Thanks, and a very meaningful one, for all you have done for us. May God bless you.

Sincerely,

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of June 24, 1961, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

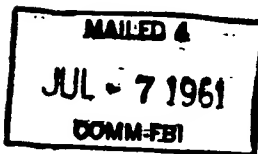
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Enclosed is some literature dealing with the general subject of communism which may be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director



Enclosures (4)

Communist Illusion & Democratic Reality
Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion
The Communist Menace
One Nation's Response to Communism

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June 24, 1961

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

Dear Sir:

Please send me factual documents or information pertinent to
the National Council of Churches.

This information will certainly be appreciated.

Thank you.

/S/



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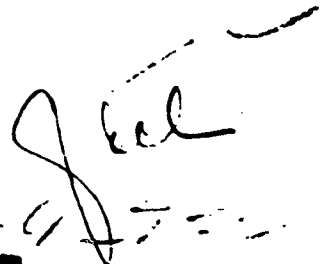
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Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

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Thank you.

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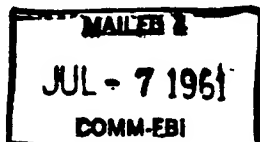
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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of June 22, 1961, has been received, and I want to thank you for furnishing me the benefit of your observations and comments, and for your generous remarks concerning the work performed by this Bureau in the internal security field.

Although I would like to be of assistance to you with respect to the matter you discussed, the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and neither makes evaluations nor draws conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. In view of this, it would be against my policy to make any comment concerning the organization you mentioned, or the individual and his publication.

I am enclosing some material on the general subject of communism which you may like to read, in addition to the stamped, self-addressed envelope you so thoughtfully forwarded.



Sincerely yours,
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Bufiles contain no information identifiable with either the correspondent or [REDACTED]. No mention is being made concerning her discussion with a Bureau Agent. Contents of letter indicates [REDACTED] as a very critical attitude toward the NCCC, and it appears she has attempted to corroborate her stand by contact with a Bureau Agent who apparently was very circumspect in his conversation with her and reluctant to discuss these issues.

Enclosures:

4-17-61 Statement re Internal Security
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
What You Can Do To Fight Communism
March, 1960, Introduction LEB and Analysis of 17th National Convention,
CP, USA
Incoming stamped, self-addressed envelope

me. He was a Jew, a Jew living in North [redacted] and said that they belonged to [redacted] but as sure that they didn't believe in Communism. So you have [redacted] reports about them that you would feel free to send or something you would suggest we could read or do you feel that James [redacted] books and Christian Crusade magazine are authentic. I presume that they surely are or he would be subject to suit for slander of [redacted]. It is just that some of the residents here want your word for it. This is not hard for me but to some that have not been too interested until now and have finally been awakened it is vital.

I want you to know that I am grateful to our Lord for giving our beloved nation such a good Christian man to direct our security through the wonderful organization of the A. S. I. My prayers are behind you and the HUAC and [redacted] comes from the ten ministers or the vast majority that proudly demonstrated this attitude also.

Some of the teachers in the High School let their objections be known to the students after showing it there and said the same thing that the four ministers said so I was wondering why this kind of advertisement that came from the ten ministers shouldn't accompany the placard ad. right from the start so they could beat the opposition to the draw. These reports of yours, "Com. Target-mouth" should be widely spread before hand too. My one didn't go very far but I could use quite a few if I could afford to get them. Your agent [redacted] two here "The [redacted] Goals and Christian Ideals" and "One nation's response to Communism" which I am giving out as fast as I can, but only have one each of them too. I have talked my self out trying to help and so have many others and it seems so tragic that so much of the controversy comes from the church and from lack of unity. Here were the ministers with some of the largest congregations bucking the picture all the way and at the end of this huge ad. telling people to get the facts and comments from the 'National Council of Churches' 15,000-word report on 'Operation Abolition' available from the office of publication and distribution 475 Riverside Drive, N. Y. N. Y. Now you see why I was so baffled when your agent said he didn't know anything adverse about [redacted]. He said that he had not seen the picture but knew there was controversy about it. That does not influence my opinion of you because I had read your report but it does seem to be important. This agent wanted to know about the friends that accompanied the pastor here to Moore Lodge that night but if these friends were simply [redacted] friends of what import would it be accept that they seemed to be able to show by their appearance that there was opposition coming from some important rank that could keep it from having too much influence. One of our residents in the army that has rank took [redacted] to task as he was so shocked at it being his own pastor, but it only separated them in friendship. [redacted] has made it clear in public just recently that Communism was not going to be the menace of the last days, but Antichrist and he would not be a Communist or would it be Russia.

Enclosed is the address for reply which is my sister's address. The schoolboard chairman and a very few members here of the Community Church know that I am writing to you but we don't want the whole community to know it. The Postmaster here is a member of the church and very staunch in her defense of [redacted]. We all want to defend him as he is so young. This is not to stir up trouble against him but we do wonder if the ACC and Princeton has not influenced him.

Sincerely,
[redacted]

July 6, 1961

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter dated June 28, 1961, and enclosure have been received.

Although I would like to be of service, information in FBI files is confidential and available for official use only, due to regulations of the Department of Justice. The FBI also is strictly a fact-gathering agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations nor 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 you will not infer in this connection either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the subjects of your inquiry.

In view of your interest, I am enclosing material on the general subject of communism.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Four-cent stamp forwarded by correspondent.
Communist Illusion & Democratic Reality
Director's statement 4-17-61 re Internal Security
What You Can Do To Fight Communism
One Nation's Response to Communism

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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. Many inquiries have been received regarding communist infiltration of this organization. (100-231551)

Bufile 100-50869-476 is a letter from another citizen dated 8-2-60, making inquiry concerning the United Council of Churches. No other references located concerning this group.

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June 28-61

Dear Mr Hoover:

Please if possible I would like you to answer my letter personally.

I am very concerned about the communist menace in this country of ours. I have heard Mr Philbrick in person read your book "Masters of Deceit." Mat Cvetic's book "The Big Decision" and anything else available.

The most important issue now is my concern of our churches. This very issue must be made clear to me by someone who really knows, such as you. I know years ago the Federal Council of Churches and the National Council of Churches joined together and these organizations are considered communistic, also the World Council of Churches is in the same class.

This is my question. We in [REDACTED] belong to the ~~United National Council of Churches of Christ of America~~ and not just the National Council of Churches. Is there two definite organizations or are they both one. Please let me know which one has a Communist influence if possible and where I am wrong. I must have this information before I go any further into this project. M.C.

Respectfully yours

/s/ [REDACTED]

J. E. C.

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Respectfully yours



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July 6, 1961

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Dear [REDACTED]

✓ Your letter of July 1, 1961, with enclosure, 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 nor 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 subjects of your inquiry.

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God and Country or Communism?

Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion

**An Analysis of the 17th National Convention CP, USA, & 4-1-61 LEB Intro
Series from "Christianity Today"**

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Office of J. Edgar Hoover,
FBI
Washington, D. C.

July 1, 1961.

Gentlemen:

I am a member of Lakewood Methodist Church, Lakewood, Ohio and I understand Methodist churches in the U. S. belong to the National Council of Churches.

One of our prominent members has maintained for some time that said National Council of Churches, either by intent or otherwise has Communist leanings.

The reprint attached seems to bear this out and I would like to inquire from you what ~~is~~ your information is in this regard.

A year or so ago I read in the Readers Digest an article whose theme was that the Methodist Church in the U. S. A. had Communist leanings.

I would appreciate it very much if you would let me know what your office knows and feels regarding the foregoing two organizations, with regard to their views and actions toward Communism.

Thank you in advance.



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(Photographed from Lebanon, Pa., *Daily News* of
February 27, 1961)

Nat. Church Council Parrots Commie Line

The National Council of Churches has done it again. This time it has instructed its members to refrain from showing the film "Operation Abolition."

This film has been prepared by the House Committee on Un-American Activities, to depict communist infiltration of American college students in connection with the committee's hearings in San Francisco last year.

Although it has been endorsed by individuals and organizations such as J. Edgar Hoover, the mayor of San Francisco and the American Legion as an authentic version of what took place, it has nevertheless come under fire from the Communist Party and the National Council of Churches.

We do not mean to imply that the council is a communist-front organization, but this is not the first time the council has parroted the communist line. It has done so on many issues too numerous to mention. Among them is its advocacy of the diplomatic recognition by the U.S. of Communist China.

Obviously, the council's leadership is comprised of irresponsible gullible incompetent dupes. It certainly does not speak for the nation's 40 million Protestants.

So what can be done about it? Each church member should inquire as to whether his church belongs to the council. And if it does, he should urge its immediate withdrawal.

The National Council of Churches can not be purified from the top. It is too rotten. It must be cleaned up from the bottom. And that is the job of all Protestants, who do not want to see their church or their country turned over to Godless communism.

Distributed by the A.C.C.C. of Ohio

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July 5, 1961

EX-107:

[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

I have received your letter of June 28 and do appreciate the interest which prompted your communication.

It was indeed good of you to give me the benefit of your observations and comments. I cannot be of help to you with respect to your question since the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and neither makes evaluations nor draws conclusions as to the character and integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to be of help 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 organization you mentioned.

I am enclosing some material on the general subject of communism which you may like to read. It includes some suggestions as to methods all of us can use in combating subversive influences.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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June 28, 1961

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

Dear Sir:

I hope you will be able to help me with a very baffling problem. I am retired, and hence able to devote myself to fighting Communism. As an active churchman, I feel that I should try to arouse my church to the danger of Communism, and the imperative need for the Church to take specific action against it.

The difficulties are appalling. One of the greatest obstacles to any overt action is the National Council of Churches, and the thinking it has induced in many denominational leaders. However, when the NCC is opposed there is the ready answer that the NCC has been investigated by the FBI and cleared, and that you have personally assured inquiring ministers that you have no criticism of the NCC on this score.

My answer has been that, since the standard Communist tactic is to use non-Communists and non-Communist organizations to do its work, the degree to which an organization is responsive to under-cover Communist promptings, as shown by activities favorable to Communism, is as valid a test of an organization as the presence or absence of actual Communists in its ranks.

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Is this a sound position? If it is, would its application to the NCC result in the "no criticism" verdict which has been attributed to you?

With deep admiration for the integrity and ability with which you carry out your vital work, I am,

Sincerely,

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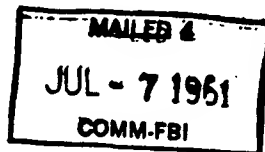
J. Edgar Hoover,

Dear Sir,

I would appreciate any pamphlets available to us about communism & what organizations it is behind. I want any information about how it (communism) works- their tactics. I believe that most of us are ignorant of all their methods & I want to know exactly what danger we're in.

Is there any information of the National Council of Churches? They seem to have communistic ideas about some things. I would like to have at least 10 copies of anything you have against communism so I can pass the literature out to my friends in church. Please send them as soon as possible - & everything that's available! Thank you - in advance.

P.S. I want to do anything I can to distroy communism - I hate it.



Sincerely,

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J. Edgar Hoover,

Dear Sir,

I would appreciate any pamphlets available to us about communism & what organizations it is behind. I want any information about how it (communism) works - their tactics. I believe that most of us are ignorant of all their methods & I want to know exactly what danger we're in.

Is there any information of the National Council of Churches? They seem to have communistic ideas about some things. I would like to have at least 10 copies of anything you have against communism so I can pass the literature out to my friends ^{for their} church. Please send them as soon as possible - & everything that's available! Thank you - in advance.

P.S. I want to do anything I can to destroy communism - & hate it!

Sincerely,
[REDACTED]

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CORRESPONDENCE

July 5, 1961

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of June 25 has been received, and I do appreciate the interest which prompted your communication.

It was indeed good of you to give me the benefit of your comments and observations, and I wish to express my thanks for your generous remarks. I am enclosing some material on the general subject of communism which you may like to read. It includes some suggestions as to methods all of us can use in opposing subversive influences.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Enclosures (5)

What You Can Do To Fight Communism
4-17-61 Internal Security Statement
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
God and Country, or Communism
Christianity Today Series

NOTE: Bufiles contain nothing of a derogatory nature concerning [REDACTED] with whom there has been no previous correspondence. Since she did not ask any direct questions concerning the National Council of Churches in Christ, no mention is being made specifically relating to it. The gist of her letter is merely observations and personal comments.

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

With every phase of American life so infiltrated with subversives I sincerely hope this letter will get to you personally. For I am not naive enough to think that the F. B. I. is not a target of the communists too.

You have always been such a "Rock of Gibraltar" in this fight against communism that I just wanted to write a word of encouragement and to say hold on and keep fighting.

I am prompted to say "hold on and keep fighting," because I have just read the article in the June, 1961 issue of CRUSADER, the Baptist publication. The article is written in such language that I just wondered if some of the higher-ups of the N.C.C. might be trying to put the squeeze on you to tone down your stand against communists and their dupes.

It seems over the years the communists have twisted our words around so much that these days a statement has to be stated from every possible angle so that they cannot twist the meaning around to nullify its effect.

In your next-to-last paragraph you say "America's clergy are today doing a magnificent job." Unfortunately this "America's clergy" includes many men who have allowed their names to be affiliated with an alarming number of communist-front organizations. In my opinion they are NOT doing a magnificent job - except AGAINST America.

I wish it were possible for you to set straight a few of the men in the N.C.C. and its affiliates, who are twisting your statements around to supposedly back them up. I know you would not "back up" anyone, clergy or otherwise, who advocates recognition of Red China and the other communist goals, such as abolition of the Un-American Activities Committee, etc.

The destructive forces are gathering momentum and I sincerely pray that you may be given the courage necessary to maintain your uncompromising stand of the past.

For God and Country

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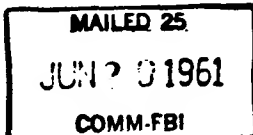
I have received your letter of June 21, with enclosure, and appreciate the concern which prompted you to write to me.

Our churches have been and will continue to be important targets in the over-all communist program of endeavoring to control all established institutions, and we must remain alert to such efforts to subvert our way of life. The communists have tried to infiltrate every part of our society, and I agree with you wholeheartedly that patriotic Americans must continue to take a firm stand against communism and combat it wherever possible. But this opposition to communism must be careful, constructive and positive, and it must always be kept within the due process of law. In reference to Mr. Cassels' article, Assistant Director William C. Sullivan in his discussion of communism dealt with this subject accurately and objectively.

In view of your interest, I am enclosing some material dealing with the general subject of communism which includes suggestions as to how citizens can best prepare themselves to meet the challenge of communism.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



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Letter to [REDACTED]

NOTE: Bufiles contain no record of the correspondent. Correspondent enclosed a copy of United Press International release of Louis Cassels which deals with communism and its efforts to infiltrate the churches. The National Council of Churches of Christ (NCCC) includes in its membership the leading Protestant churches in the country. Various critics of the Council, without access to factual data to support their assertions, have claimed this group is communist controlled or influenced. The FBI, of course, has not investigated the (NCCC.) (100-50869)

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June 21, 1961

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

EXP. PROC.
JUN 26 1961

Dear Mr. Hoover,

Although I am prompted to write to you for some particular information I would like to say Thank you for the long term of dedicated service you have given for the safety and security of us all--the guardian of our liberty and freedom!

I have just read your illuminating and challenging "Masters of Deceit" and am surely much more aware of the problem that confronts us than I was before. But how to meet it? I found myself thinking so often, "If we as Christians had 1/10th the zeal and dedication of the Communists you describe our task would surely be much smaller."

But I do write for information, if you are in the position to give it to us.

Certain friends, and at least three are in my own church, are so deeply and emotionally involved in their anti-Communist studies that they have no faith in anyone. A long and passionate telephone call this morning raises again such questions as these:

(Regarding the enclosed sheet): "But can the newswriter be believed? He quotes Mr. Sullivan and not Mr. Hoover!"

Are the anti-Communists right in attacking the clergy?

Are they right in saying that the National Council of Churches is infiltrated from the top down?

Is it true that Dr. Dahlberg, past president of the National Council of Churches, is a Communist? That he belongs to Communist-front organizations?

Are they right in saying that "The Christian Century" is a Communist magazine?

Are they fair in saying that our seminaries are "hot beds of Communism"?

My own question: What is the best way to meet these attitudes, which seem almost as pernicious as Communism itself?

I am the president of the Women's Fellowship of [redacted] an organization of nearly 500 women in a church of over 2,000. Have you suggestions as to what we might study and what we might do to meet this problem as sanely and as effectively as possible.

Yours sincerely,

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Some of my friends will accept anything that Dr. C. McIntyre says, or that comes from the Wheaton College crowd, but feels that Mr. Sullivan's word can not be accepted in such an article as this.

Is the article based on facts or should we believe that the churches are infiltrated?

Church and Religious News

FBI: Wide Communist Infiltration in Churches a 'Falsehood'

Once again charges of Communistic infiltration are being hurled against U.S. churches. Here statements from the FBI show how such wild claims by anti-Communist "vigilantes" are actually welcomed by the Reds.

By LOUIS CASSELS,
United Press International.

No rational person can be a sincere Christian and a sincere Communist.

Communists know this. That is why they persecute Christian churches—sometimes openly, sometimes subtly—in every country in which they have gained power, from Russia to Cuba.

In free nations like America, Communists cannot suppress the churches but must think of other tactics.

Undoubtedly they have tried in the past to infiltrate churches by having disguised Communists work their way up to leadership, particularly in the clergy.

They have learned that this is easier said than done. It is difficult for a Communist to pose convincingly as a dedicated Christian even for the space of one conversation, let alone through the long years of seminary study and pulpit service required of any man who becomes an influential leader in U.S. church life.

Discredit Leadership

Although they have failed to infiltrate the churches in any substantial way, there is evidence that the Communists like it when charges are made that they actually have done so.

The Communists know that in the present climate of American feeling, there is no surer way of discrediting the leadership of churches and of sowing confusion and discord among their lay members than for the suspicion to be nour-

ished that a substantial number of Christian clergymen are secret supporters of the Communist conspiracy.

You may think all of this is far-fetched. But the Federal Bureau of Investigation does not.

FBI director J. Edgar Hoover is deeply concerned about the danger that self-appointed "vigilantes" may, in the name of anti-communism, play into the Communists' hands.

During the past few weeks, Mr. Hoover has sent FBI Chief Inspector William C. Sullivan to deliver speeches in many parts of the nation, warning Americans not to be taken in by charges that their churches are overrun with Reds.

Charge Is 'Falsehood'

"These allegations have served to create the impression among many Americans that the Protestant denominations in particular have been subjected to alarming infiltration and influence," Mr. Sullivan says.

"But this is a patent falsehood. The truth is that the Communist party has not achieved any substantial success in exerting domination, control or influence over America's clergymen or religious institutions on a national scale."

Mr. Sullivan is not making this statement on his own authority. He is speaking with the full approval and personal backing of Mr. Hoover. And the FBI director has so informed a number of amateur Communist hunters, who wrote to him protesting Mr. Sullivan's speeches.

"The most interesting reaction," an FBI official told United Press International, "has been from the Communists. They are very upset by Mr. Sullivan's remarks."

"They love to have wild charges of Communist domination hurled against America's churches. They know that such charges cause consternation, dissension, doubt and fear among church members. And they figure that anyone who succeeds in demoralizing America's churches is aiding their cause."

P.S. My brother was [redacted] of the [redacted] so I hold some newspaper men in high regard. I know he would have tried to face these problems in an intelligent way. I hope I can too.

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ENCLOSURE

June 30, 1961

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of June 26, 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 nor 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 literature dealing with the general subject of communism which may be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (4)

Communist Illusion & Democratic Reality
Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion
The Communist Menace
One Nation's Response to Communism

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June 26, 1961

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

There has been confusion among some of our church people because of the recent attacks on the National Council of Churches. As you are no doubt aware charges have been made that they are infiltrated with Communists and sympathetic to the Communist's point of view.

Since Herbert Philbrick's testimony has encouraged this belief as a result of his FBI service, I would like some word, if possible, as to the findings of the FBI regarding the National Council.

What are the facts about Communism and the National Council? Some encouraging factual expression on the subject from you or your office would do much to encourage the laymen of our church in their support of the Council. Or if the accusations are true, we would like to know that also.

I shall await some word from you on the matter. Thank you for taking the time to deal with this subject.

Sincerely yours,

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June 30, 1961

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of June 24, 1961, with enclosures, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated. The concern you expressed is indeed understandable, and I would like to be of assistance; however, as a matter of policy, I cannot comment on the action you proposed. You can, I am sure, realize the necessity for such a ruling.

In view of your interest, I am enclosing some material regarding the general subject of communism which you may wish to read.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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God and Country or Communism
Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion
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Dear Mr. Hoover, *National Council of Churches*

Please send me any or all anti communist literature, that you can. I have been listening to one of your greatest defenders Rev. Carl McIntyr of the 20th Century Reformation Hour.

When I read the enclosed Sermon, and other such reports (among the most important St. Mark's Episcopal, Shreveport, Louisiana) I became very concerned. But, why is it when one tries to alert people to protect their church & their faith, one becomes labeled anti church?

I first started thinking & wondering when I heard from the pulpit anti talk on H. U. A. C. and "Operation Abolition," also talk pushing for admission of Red China in U. N. Also was further alarmed, when a first yr. Utica College student agreed entirely with the above.

I never thought of myself as 'terribly religious', but when I see it taken away, I want to "fight" For an example NCCC Standard Revised Bible has omitted a great part of Lord's Prayer & created doubt of Virgin birth, among many other changes.

Would I be doing wrong if I circulated, as far as possible, this sermon & other literature alerting people to N. CCC Standard Bible omissions & doubt/. Compared to King James Version?

Sincerely, .

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont

DATE: June 27, 1961

FROM : W. C. Sullivan

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

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In a rambling and disconnected letter to the Director dated June 21, 1961, a copy of which is enclosed, [REDACTED] praises the Director, but criticizes W. C. Sullivan's remarks on communism and religion. She states that she is not afraid of Sullivan, the Director, communists or anyone. She opposes critics of the "J. B. Society" (John Birch Society) and wants to use a letter from the Director in an argument against the editor of the Columbus, Ohio, "Catholic Times." She requested information on communist infiltration of churches and the National Council of Churches.

There is nothing identifiable with the correspondent in Bureau files, although she states she wrote to the Director on 2/26/61 and received what may have been a form letter in reply. In this event, the incoming letter would have been destroyed in 90 days.

It is felt that the enclosed letter from the Director to [REDACTED] supports the statements of W. C. Sullivan but does not give [REDACTED] ammunition in her argument against the editor of the "Catholic Times."

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June 21-61

My Dear Mr. J. E. Hoover:

I'm writing you, I know your usual method of no information, when asked-for-concerning the Subject of communist Influence in American Churches. and The National Council of Churches. (I have written you before, on Feb 26 of this year-I mentioned the "study club," at my daughters school. -She passed-with an A-average. (her scholarship was renewable, - with an 90 or above average.) I'm proud of her Mr. Hoover. and her oldest brother who was 13 last Dec 15 He enter's the 9th Grade. she was 15 June 14th goes in-to 10th

Their father lies buried in "Loma Vista" Memorial Park" in California-He was in Pearl Harbor; was awarded a bravery citation, The Pacific Area-aboard U.S.S. Mobile. Dec 44 then Alaska-Hon. T. H. -flights-between Korea & T. H. -to end his life, in the Service he loved-the Navy. -I've since remarried-have 2 more sons-7 & 6-figure it out Mr. Hoover-3 sons to fight for Freedom-But first Mr. Hoover I'm fighting for-someone much more important to the "Fight, for Freedom." of our beautiful country, that was given us, by our "Lord"-Dont you-let him down Mr. Hoover.

A man born, Jan 1 - 1895-Washington D. C. -joined the department of justice in 1917-1919-appointed special assistant to the Attorney general. The year-you served as assistant director of the bureau-1924, I was born-Dec 21-But I've grown to love America-and remembering-my Mother's words-There will be good Days & -Bad., Good Things and bad-you must learn to except them all. and thank, "God", for all-you'll learn-from-all-Stand up to all, never back down But remember to always tell the truth.

So Mr. Hoover I'm telling a man, -Head of the FBI to Please help me, to keep the respect, and Faith you so rightly deserve.

The Editor, of the Columbus Catholic times, & me DO NOT, see eye to eye-for some time-on several of, Priest that have articles in the C. C. Times. or. the Editors, or assist Editor 1. On United Nations. Fr. John B. Sheerin's (A. S. P.) Article's 2. World Council of churchs-changed over to National Council in Sept 1950, Cleveland as to influence, of Communism in the churchs. (Assist Editor & Editor. Dear Little Sullivan enters-Picture-

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Mr. Hoover, I can't help but feel-the testimony of John and Martha Edminston, in 1950 would very well cover the same or part, & more of Communist Party-at Ohio State-University, Indianola Methodist Church- (L. C. Moore head. -& many others-Rev. Russell Jones-also city council-I could name, names-But that isn't my point, I'm really trying to prove.

This dear, Little, one & only, William C. Sullivan-when in Columbus, so completely, influence the head Priest, at the Catholic Times-That he's such a hard head-There's no-convincing him, he's wrong. To him there's no Communist Influence in Churches--all the Catholic times can do at this time is condemn the J.B. Society, * (Msgr George G. Higgins is good at this) Cardinal Mindszenty etc-I personally know the truth here-I know-names-like Metropolitan Nicolai-No 1-Agent in Soviet Secret Police, Rev. Henry Knox Sherrill-Now President of the World Council of Churches-Eugene Carson Blake. -

Sure-I'm Catholic-So is my Mom-My father is a 32nd degree Mason-So you-ask-(What does that prove? Nothing only it's time you stand on your own to feet-Sullivan's sayings are in direct-opposition to your testimony-I was told that if you knew the truth you should open the files I explained how that worked too. -I want a letter from you ; (I know other's do also)-But some one must make a dent in this block busters, Head. I stood up & fought for you-against him. Until I'm blue in the Face-He quotes Sullivan. Sullivan may be fine, But he certainly has, left the wrong opinion in Col. -I'm fighting for H. C. U. A. Also-I do have a number of youth on my side, all-so-Please don't let me down- Don't suggest your book either, for he'd never get around to reading it,-It's not Mr. Cassels or churches or religion I'm fighting for, its' you.

I don't feel all your testimony, under oath, before H. C. U. A. or Senate Internal Security Comm., Training Manual, or what have you-will help.

To me, Sullivan, has done more to destroy your Highly, respected, Name, than any one I know of-He may be a good Person, But the facts remains. When the Catholic Times, is reaching the number of homes, and Father George Fulcher-has refused to believe the good of H. C. U. A. etc--(Col. Cath Times total-suscriptions 24, 872-From Parishes in 61. - A Large Percent in this Area.) I have the June 15th issue of Christian Beacon. But I want most of all a letter from you signed by you-to show him, when he returns in about 10 days from his vacation.

My own Priest ask me the other day, why the J. B. S. was against you-Mr. Hoover, I plainly told him I had never heard that first word against you from Any Patroitic Organizations. Only Mr. Sullivans, direct opposition to your testimony.

I realize the F.B.I. is an investigating agency of the Executive Gover. the it is primarily devoted to developing evidence upon, which to base criminal prosecution-

I'm not trying to build a case for or against the F.B.I.

Only wishing a letter, from you-concerning the subject of Influence of Communism in churches (Not necessary details-) National Council of Churches- & the H.C.U.A. or if necessary to clear your name a letter from the So called- mis lead or mis understood Mr. Sullivan, I don't care if he is Chief Inspector of the F.B.I. -and I'm not afraid of him, you-Communist anyone-For I have only once to die. - I'm not afraid to meet my maker-

Why some people are so naive, as to believe people like Sullivan- Naturally knowing Columbus I feel it a regular feather bed- of Communist any way, - & I don't go around looking under beds.

I don't even ask that the letter from you be for Printing, just that I have one to face The Editor with, when I also show him this Christian Beacon-

I do know, He was very mixed up as to why you, don't stand up-open files-& tell all-He tried to tell me-He would-He's wrong I'm sure, for I'm positive he has to answer, to the Bishop, -(I told him so too-)

Mr. Hoover-I've Prayed- and Prayed-I've ask "God" to guide me. - Oh. Please Mr. Hoover Don't let The No-Goods Mixed ups-Mis-under Stoods- & Communist's Wreck-Your 38th Year of wonderful established work-I'm Proud of you-as I'm teaching my children to be-I demand the truth from my children-I hate lies my one son-just walked up to me said-Mom-are you writing about Communist's-He was 7 in Nov.

Don't quit as Head of F.B.I. -is that sullivan's Idea? perhaps-

Just Please don't, ever let it be said, I'm afraid to stand up and fight for Good-Regardless of who it is-President-I oppose a number of his things & told our Priest before he was elected-

I know the Catholic times is printed by Union Labor. -But It's that Hard-Head-I'm trying to dent.

No one else has even been able to talk to him But I do have one thing in my favor, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I know you're a busy man, but Please don't let me down-

[REDACTED] I won't let you down either I promise, with my life.
[REDACTED]

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June 21-61

I'm waiting you, I know your usual method of no information, when asked. For - concerning the subject of communist influence in American Churches, and the National Council of Churches I have written you before, on Feb 26 of this year. I mentioned the "study club," at my daughter's school. - she passed with a 90 average. (her scholarship was renewable, with an 80 or above average) I'm proud of her Mr Hoover, and her oldest brother who was 13 last Dec 15 - is entering the 9th Grade. she was 15 June 14th going up to 16th

Three father lives behind in "Loma Vista" Memorial Park in California - He was in Pearl Harbor, was awarded a Navy citation, The Pacific Area - about U.S.S. "Molokai" in the Alaska - Hon. T.H. - fight - between Korea & J.W. - to end his life, in the service he loved - The Navy. He since re-married - have 2 more sons. 7 & 6 - I signed it out Mr Hoover - I want to fight for Freedom - But first Mr Hoover I'm fighting for - some one much more important to the fight, for Freedom of our beautiful country, that was given us, by our "God" - Don't you - let him down Mr Hoover.

A man born, Jan 1 - 1895 - Washington D.C. - joined the department of justice in 1917 - 1919 - appointed special assistant to the attorney general. The year - you - served as assistant director of the Bureau - 1924, I was born - Dec 21 - But I've grown to love America - and remembering my mother's words - There will be good days & bad - Bad, - Good Thing and bad - you must learn to accept them all - and thank, "God," for all - You'll learn - from all - Hard up to all, never give down But remember to always see the Truth. - RESPONDEN

So Mr Hoover I'm telling a man - Head of the F.B.I. to please help me, to keep the respect, and faith you so rightly deserve. - The Editor, of the Columbus Catholic Times, ~~Don't~~ see eye Do Not,

to eye - for some time - on several of Priest that
have articles in the C.C. Times. w. the Editor, W. Ernest E.

1. On United Nations - Mr. John B. Sherrin (C.C.P.) articles
Priest → 2. World Council of Churches - changed over to National Council as
Editor & Sept 1950 ^{Cleveland} as to influence of Communism in the churches.
Editor & Mr. Morris, I can't help but feel the testimony of John & M.
Dear Little Edmington, in 1950 would very well cover the same
Sullivan to Past, & more of Communist Party - at Ohio State University
entire - Indiana Methodist Church - (J. C. Moore head - & more
Pastors - other - Rev. Russell Jones - ^{also for Council} I could name, name
But that isn't my point, I'm really trying to prove

This dear, Little, one & only, William C. Sullivan -
When in Columbus, so completely, influenced the
Priest at the Catholic Times - That he such a he
head - There's no convincing him, his saying to him
There's no Communist influence in churches - all the

Major J. J. Sullivan can do at this time is condemn the
& Higgins - J. B. Smith, Cardinal Mindszenty etc. - I personally
is good at know the truth here - I know Hanes - like Metropolitan
this - Michael - No 1 - Agent in Soviet Secret Police, Rev. Henry
Knox Sherrill - Now President of the World Council of
Churches - Eugene Carson Blake -

Sure - I'm Catholic - So is my Mom - My father is
a 32nd degree Mason - So you - ask - What does it
prove - Nothing only it's time you stand on your
own to feet - Sullivan's saying are in direct

opposition to your testimony - I was told that if
you saw the truth you should open the file
& explain how that worked to - I want a
from you; (I know others do also) - But some

must make a dent in this block busting
stood up & fought for you - Against him
until I'm black in the face - He quote Sullivan

Sullivan may be fine But he certainly has left a
wrong opinion in his lab - I'm fighting for the U.S.
about I do have a number of youth on my
side, all - so - Please don't let me down - Don't
suggest your book either, for hell never get over

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FBI

(3) to reading it. - It's not in councils or churches or anything
in fighting for it. You

I don't feel all your testimony, under oath, before H.C.H.A.
or Senate Internal Security Comm., Training Manual, or
what have you - will help.

I Mr. Sullivan, has done more to destroy your
highly respected, name, than any one I know of -
He may be a good Person, But the fact remains -
When the Catholic Times, is reaching the number
of homes and Father George Fulcher - has refused to
believe the good of H.C.H.A. etc. - (Cath. total-subscribers
24,872 - from Patrons in 61. - a large percent in the area)
I have the June 15th - Issue of Christian Beacon.
But I want most of all a letter from you
signed by you - to show him, when he
returns in about 10 days from his vacation.

My own Priest ask me the other day, why ~~was~~ ^{was} against you - Mr Hoover, I plainly told him
I had never heard that first word against you
from any Patriotic Organizations, only ~~from~~ ^{from} Mr
Sullivan, direct opposition to your testimony.

I realize the F.B.I. is an investigating agency of the
Executive Gov. - but it is primarily devoted to detecting
evidence upon, which to have criminal prosecution.

I'm not trying to build a case for or against The
F.B.I.

Only wishing a letter, from you - concerning
the subject of Influence of Communism in Churches
(Not necessary detail -) National Council of Churches -
& The H.C.H.A. or if necessary to clear your name
a letter from the so called - mislead or mis under-
stood Mr Sullivan, I don't care if he is Chief Inspec-
tor of the F.B.I. - and I'm not afraid of him, You Comm.

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any one. For I have only once to die. I'm not afraid to meet my maker.

Why some people are so naive, as to believe people like Sullivan. Naturally knowing Columbus I feel it's a regular feather bed of communist any way. - & I don't go around looking under beds.

I don't even ask that the letter from you be for Printing, just that I hand one to Joe The Editor with, when I also show him the Christian Beacon.

I do know, he was very mixed up as to why you don't stand up - open files - & tell all - He tried to tell me - He would - He's wrong I'm sure, for I'm positive he has to answer to the Bishop. - (I told him so too.)

Mr Hoover - I've Prayed & Prayed - I've ask "God" to guide me. - Oh. Please Mr Hoover don't let all No-Goods - Mixed ups - Mis-under stands - Communist's Wreck - Your 38th Year of wonderful established good work - I'm Proud of you - As I'm teaching my children to be - I demand the truth from my children - I hate live my one son - just live up to me - said - Mom - are you writing about Communists - He was 7 in Nov

Don't quit as Head of F.B.I. - is that Sullivan I'd like? perhaps.

Just Please don't, ever let it be said, I'm afraid to stand up & fight for Good. Regardless of who it is - President - I oppose a number of his then & told our President before he was elected.

I know the Catholic times is printed by Union Labor. - But it's that Hard Head - I'm trying to do

No one else has been able to talk to him. But I do have one thing in my favor, [redacted]

I know you're a busy man. But Please don't let me down - [redacted] - I won't let you down either I promise, with my life. [redacted]

CENTRAL RESEARCH SECT.
FBI

7-3-61

Airtel

To: SAC, Los Angeles

From: Director, FBI

RESEARCH (CORRESPONDENCE AND TOURS)
BUDED 7-10-61

Enclosed are two copies of a letter dated 6-25-61, received from captioned individual. Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles, and he was advised today that a Special Agent of your office would contact him concerning the matters he mentioned.

An Agent should interview [redacted] immediately for the name of his pastor so that the latter individual, as well as [redacted] can be informed that the FBI makes no statements as described. The confidential nature of our files should be outlined to both individuals and they be informed that we make no evaluations nor do we draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. You are also being sent publications which can be given to [redacted] and his minister. Forward reply, setting forth the results of both contacts, under same caption to reach the Bureau no later than 7-10-61.

For your own information, the National Council of Churches of Christ (NCCC) includes in its membership the leading Protestant churches in the country. Various critics of the Council, without access to factual data to support their assertions, have claimed this group is communist controlled or influenced. The Bureau, of course, has not investigated the NCCC.

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Enclosures (10)

Two copies of incoming

Two copies of each:

What You Can Do To Fight Communism

Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality

One Nation's Response To Communism

4-17-61 Statment re Internal Security

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SAC, Los Angeles

Re: [REDACTED]

Follow-up made for 7-10-61.

Keiled per L.A. airtel 7-7-61

NOTE: Separate acknowledgment forwarded to [REDACTED] dated 7-3-61, DCL:pja.

REC-68/100-50869-769

July 3, 1961

EX-123

[Redacted]

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter dated June 25, 1961, has been received, and a Special Agent of our Los Angeles Office will contact you concerning the matters you mentioned.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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NOTE: See Bureau airtel to SAC, Los Angeles dated 7-3-61, DCL: pja.

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as. L. J. [Signature] Rm 1291

TRUE COPY

Mr Edgar Hoover

June 25-1961

Dear Sir:

I would like to know if communism has infiltrated into the National Council of Churches.

Are there any or many of the leaders of the N. C. C. that support communism?

Do you recommend the N. C. C. as a good clean Christian Organization with no red leaders or sympathizers?

Our pastor said today that the FBI is sending someone out to inform the churches that there are no reds in the N. C. C.

I respect your organization very highly and am afraid that belonging to the N. C. C. is endangering our church and our country.

I would appreciate an answer to my letter

Yours Truly

[REDACTED]

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Yours Truly

[Redacted signature block]

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June 23, 1961

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Dear [REDACTED]

R.S. I have received your letter of June 16, and the interest which prompted you to communicate with me on this occasion is appreciated.

Assistant Director William C. Sullivan has fulfilled many speaking engagements throughout the country in response to requests from numerous groups and officials. He has endeavored to present a true picture for the American public of the attempts of the communists to infiltrate our established institutions, including religious groups. Fortunately, however, the communists have not made any substantial penetration into our religious orders. Their efforts to gain control of all parts of our society have not been successful because of our internal security programs; the investigation, arrest and prosecution of a number of Communist Party functionaries; and the rising tide of public opposition to the communist movement. All this has been accomplished in an orderly constitutional fashion and is something of which every American should be proud. We must continue to be alert to these infiltration efforts.

Enclosed is one of my recent statements about the communist menace which you may find of interest.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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JUN 23 1961
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4-17-61 Internal Security Statement

NOTE: Bufiles contain no derogatory information regarding the correspondent. Last outgoing to him was in response to his letter of 4-10-61 which inquired about the John Birch Society of (NOTE CONT. NEXT PAGE)

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which he is a member. In connection with his statement that the Director personally recommended [REDACTED] to him as a speaker for his PTA group, there is no record in Bufiles that he has corresponded with the Bureau regarding any speaking engagements.

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Mr. Ingram	
Miss Gandy	

June 16, 1961

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

When I showed Operation Abolition in a local Presbyterian Church and answered the questions that the National Council of Churches of Christ had raised against it, without once naming or calling any churchman a communist, their minister accused me of "McCarthyism" (which I received as an unintended compliment) and read from Christian Century the statement that William C. Sullivan of the FBI had stated there were no communists in the clergy.

A week later the local newspaper editor encircled for me in the Catholic publication "America" the same statement, i.e. William C. Sullivan, FBI, gives the churches, the councils, the clergy, a clean bill as to communist infiltration.

Last Sunday in my own Episcopal church the rector read the Diocesan pastoral letter (which had to be read in all the churches of the diocese then and next Sunday) stating that you, J. Edgar Hoover, had sent Wm. C. Sullivan on a speaking tour of the nation to refute the allegations by (what else?) irresponsible persons and organizations that communists had infiltrated the churches and the clergy.

This was such a remarkable statement, e.g., that you had sent a representative of the FBI to refute the claims of communist penetration within the organization we both know they must penetrate to destroy us, that I just had to write you to ask whether the statement was true...did you send Wm. C. Sullivan in a speaking tour to refute communist infiltration in the churches?

This is so out of keeping with your own statements, and your testimony at various times before congressional committees, and the statements and testimony of Philbrick whom you personally recommended to me as a speaker for our RFA that I won't believe what I heard in two churches and read in three church publications until I hear or read it from you.

I know you have far more important matters than this; yet I have the temerity to hope for the same gracious reply with which you have favored me on other occasions.

Most sincerely,

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of June 19, 1961, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is indeed appreciated.

Inasmuch as information in the files of the FBI is maintained as confidential pursuant to a regulation of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only, I am unable to furnish the specific information you requested. I would like to emphasize, however, that the communists have tried to infiltrate every part of our society, including our churches, schools and colleges. Their efforts to destroy our form of government have been thwarted by our internal security programs; the investigation, arrest and prosecution of a number of Communist Party functionaries; and the rising tide of public opposition to the communist movement. Patriotic Americans must continue to take a firm stand against communism and combat it wherever possible. But this opposition to communism must be careful, constructive and positive, and it must always be kept within the due process of law.

In view of your interest, I am enclosing some material which you may like to read.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Director's Statement Re Internal Security, 4-17-61

Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion

3-1-60 LEB Introduction & Analysis of the 17th National Convention CP, USA
Series from Christianity Today

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NOTE: Bufiles contain no information concerning correspondent.

PHONE BUTLER 5-2556



Mel's Motor Hotel

5205 N. INTERSTATE AVENUE • HIGHWAY 99

PORTLAND 17, OREGON
June 19, 1961

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

Dear Mr Hoover:

On Sunday, June 11th, as I was driving north in Northern California, I heard a clergyman read a letter over the radio that you had sent to him in response to inquiries he had made concerning our Schools, Colleges and the National Council of Churches in America.

I am sorry that I was unable to secure either his name or the station broadcasting his message.

Would it be possible for you to write to me telling what percentage or to what degree Communism has entered into our Colleges, Churches and especially the Council of Churches in America. *mc*

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There are a few members in my church who continually proclaim that our Schools, Colleges and especially the Council of Churches are Communistic. They cause unrest in the church which is the very thing that I feel Communism would advocate.

Thanking you in advance, I am

CORRESPONDENCE

Very truly yours,

[Redacted signature block]

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June 27, 1961

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of June 20, 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 nor 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 literature dealing with the general subject of communism which may be of interest.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Communist Illusion & Democratic Reality
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The National Council of Churches of Christ (NCCC) includes in its membership the leading Protestant churches in the country. Various critics of the Council, without access to factual data to support their assertions, have claimed this group is communist controlled or influenced. The FBI, of course, has not investigated the NCCC. (100-50869)

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[REDACTED]
June 20, 1961

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

I have recently been elected president of the newly-organized group "United Church Women of Liberty", which has a loose relationship to the Missouri Council of Churches and the National Council of Churches.

Several people have raised questions about this organization — that it is a Communist group, or has Communist leanings. Do you have any information to support this criticism?

If this group (that is, its parent group, the National Council of Churches) has any tinge of Communism, of course I will immediately sever my relations with it, but I do know that many false rumors are often circulated by careless persons.

Will you please advise me in this regard?

Yours very truly,

[REDACTED]

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CORRESPONDENCE

June 21, 1961

To Whom This May Concern,

Would you please send me any information as to where I can write to secure truthful information on the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U. S. A.? This organization has been attacked and called subversive. We, in our congregation, are concerned and want to know if these attacks are based on truths.

Do you have any information you could give me on the leaders of this organization. Eugene Carson Blake or Walter Reuther? I have written to various sources and thought you could help me.

So far, all we have heard on this organization is all bad and if so let's throw it out but, it is only fair to find the facts first on both sides of the fence.

I would appreciate all you can do to help on this matter.

Sincerely,

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EX-113

JUN 27 1961

Director's statement re Internal Security dated 4-17-61 sent correspondent without cover letter 6-23-61.

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66 JUN 30 1961

CORRESPONDENCE

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 6-20-61

FROM : D. C. Morrell *DM*
*WBF*SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

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In his letter of June 14, [REDACTED] makes caustic remarks concerning a letter sent over the Director's signature on June 9, 1961, to the effect that the Director did not write it and that a direct answer to his inquiry was avoided. He criticizes Assistant Director Sullivan's remarks saying that, "many of us do not agree" with Mr. Sullivan including the Un-American Activities Committee. He states he is sure we know the difference between the National Council of Churches and the American Council of Churches and then goes on to explain the difference.

He encloses a pamphlet entitled "How Red is the Federal Council of Churches?" which pamphlet in essence makes statements that many of its preachers are communists and fellow travelers and that one of its purposes is to promote socialism. This pamphlet also contains a statement by the Director, used out of context as follows: "I confess to a real apprehension, so long as communists are able to secure ministers of the gospel to promote their evil work."

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It is felt that a responsive letter over the Director's signature would in no way change his view point and would serve no interest of the Bureau.

RECOMMENDATION:

The attached in-absence reply be sent along with the enclosure that he requested be returned to him.

Enclosure *sent 6-21-61*
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Dear [REDACTED]

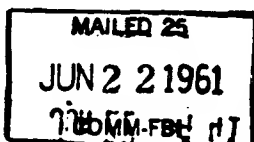
Your letter of June 15, 1961, has been received. I appreciate your kind sentiments and the interest which prompted you to write.

The FBI, as an investigative agency, does not furnish comments or evaluations regarding the character or integrity of any individual, organization or publication. Consequently, it is not possible for me to be of service to you in connection with your request, and I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files concerning the subjects of your inquiry.

Your concern about communism is understandable. My book, "Masters of Deceit," was intended as a basic text on this subject, and I am pleased that you have found it beneficial.

I am enclosing some material which you may like to read.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover



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June 15, 1961

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am writing as a friend of [redacted] who is a member of our congregation; and from his conversation, I understand that you visit with him when in Miami. I am also the minister to six of your very excellent agents who are situated in Miami.

I am sure you are aware of the confusion in the minds of many people concerning who is and who is not a communist, or the organizations that are front organizations. I should like to take the liberty to ask two questions which you could answer very briefly.

First, as a Presbyterian layman, do you feel that many of our Presbyterian clergy are communists or have been used by communist front organizations in the last five years? Secondly, has the F.B.I. ever indicated that the National Council of Churches is a communist front organization, or have any of the National Council leaders been named as being communists?

I am grateful for your book, "Masters of Deceit", and the manner in which you point out the difference between the communist sympathizers, liberals, etc. I am also very grateful for the splendid service you have rendered our nation over many years. May God continue to give you health, strength, courage, and wisdom.

Faithfully yours,

[redacted signature]

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Dear [REDACTED]

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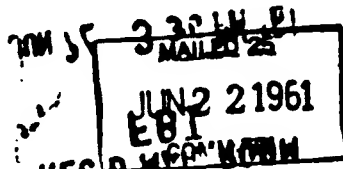
Although I would like to be of service, the FBI is strictly a fact-gathering agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations nor draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret I am unable to answer your specific inquiry and hope you will not infer in this connection either that we do or do not have related information in our files.

The film entitled "Operation Abolition" is sponsored and distributed by the House Committee on Un-American Activities, and the FBI took no part in its preparation. For this reason, I am unable, as a matter of policy, to comment relative to its contents. You may wish to contact the Committee directly in Room 225, Old House Office Building, Washington 25, D. C.

Enclosed is material which you may find of interest.

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Director's 4-17-61 Statement re Internal Security Communist Illusion and
What You Can Do To Fight Communism Democratic Reality
One Nations Response to Communism

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. Spelling of correspondent's name verified by telephone directory.

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F. B. I.
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

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The National Council of Churches is being attacked by some groups as being communist. Our church belongs to it and I have no evidence that it is. I was wondering if you would tell me if there is any truth to such accusations.

Could you also tell me whether the movie "Operation Abolition" is an accurate film without any distortions?

Thank you.

Yours truly,

/s/

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June 13, 1961

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Thank you.

Yours truly,
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June 22, 1961

Dear [REDACTED]

I have received your letter of June 12, with enclosures. I want to thank you and [REDACTED] for the benefit of your observations and your kind prayers.

You are possibly referring to the speech made by Assistant Director William C. Sullivan on February 22, 1961, at Cincinnati, Ohio, regarding communism and religion. I am enclosing an outline of Mr. Sullivan's speech, as well as other material dealing with the general subject of subversion which may be of interest.

In response to your specific inquiry concerning my statement of apprehension over the communists having ministers of the gospel promote their work, I would like to point out that this quotation was taken out of context and, therefore, does not reflect the complete meaning which was intended. Our churches have been and will continue to be important targets in the over-all communist program of endeavoring to infiltrate our established institutions, and we must remain alert to such efforts to subvert our way of life. The communists have tried to infiltrate every part of our society, and patriotic Americans must continue to take a firm stand against communism and combat it wherever possible. But this opposition to communism must be carefully constructive and positive, and it must always be kept within the due process of law.

Mr. Sullivan in his discussion of communism dealt with this subject accurately and objectively. Any remarks by a representative of this Bureau, however, should not be interpreted as a defense or endorsement of any group since this is not a proper function of the FBI.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures

Communism and Religion

Communist Illusion & Democratic Reality

Christianity Today series

One Nation's Response to Communism

4-17-61 statement

NOTE: Bufiles contain no record identifiable with [REDACTED] We have had prior correspondence with [REDACTED] last outgoing 4-7-61 regarding John Birch Society. Correspondent enclosed a pamphlet entitled "Mostly Political" which in essence asks what will we tell our children when we wake up some morning to find ourselves under communist control. She also enclosed a pamphlet entitled "Bishop Oxnam Prophet of Marx," by Carl McIntire, D. D., President of the International Council of Christian Churches and Pastor of the Bible Presbyterian Church, Collingswood, New Jersey. Brief scanning of this pamphlet reflects that it contains statements concerning Bishop Oxnam's association with and support of communist groups. The only information contained in Bufiles identifiable with the Religion and Labor Council of America is that it is known as the National Committee for Peaceful Alternatives as of 3-31-51 though there was a proposal at that time to change the name of this organization.

The National Council of Churches of Christ (NCCC) includes in its membership the leading Protestant churches in the country. Various critics of the Council, without access to factual data to support their assertions, have claimed this group is communist controlled or influenced. The FBI, of course, has not investigated the NCCC. (100-50869)

June 12, 1961

J. Edgar Hoover
United States Department of Justice
FBI, Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

An article in our Church paper recently stated that you were sending "FBI Chief Inspector William C. Sullivan to deliver speeches in many parts of the nation, warning Americans not to be taken in by charges that their churches are overrun with Reds." It further states that Louis Casseis, United Press International correspondent, "reported that FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover is deeply concerned about the danger that self-appointed 'vigilantes' may, in the name of Anti-communist, play into the communists hands."

The article states that UPI's Casseis is "speaking with the full approval and personal backing of Mr. Hoover." It ends by stating that anyone who succeeds in demoralizing America's churches is aiding the Communist cause.

We are staunch church goers and believers that the church has the most to loose in this country if they take over as they say they will. We have recently become aware, however, that the National Council of Churches and a "good" (too many) percentage of the ministers are so socialistic minded that we believe they are the ones aiding the Communist Cause, not the people who have become aware of the church actions through the National Council in relation to the admission of Red China, Abolition of the House Un-American Activities, Peaceful Co-Existence, discrediting Operation Abolition, etc. We have been blissfully unaware of the fact that we have been represented by this organization as we contributed to the Methodist Church and were a member of that body. We are withdrawing our membership and will place it where we are not a member of the NCC. We want to clarify this statement made above. Were you trying to prevent the large movement away from the church? I know this would make the Commies happy, but we feel we can not do any good when the minister still preaches the same thing after he has seen, Operation Abolition, Communism on the Map, read Skousen's Naked Communist, your book on Masters of Deceit, and now he is going to Wash. D.C. to head up the new organization called Religion and Labor Council of America. Please check into the organization and see what it's all about. Sounds funny to us. Could be another front.

In many of your other writings you have said "I confess to a real apprehension so long as Communists are able to secure ministers of the gospel to promote their evil work." How does this tie in with the above quoted information on Mr. Sullivan? God bless you and keep up your wonderful work.

Sincerely,

Mr. Tolson
Mr. DeLoach
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Bishop
Mr. Casper
Mr. Callahan
Mr. Conrad
Mr. Felt
Mr. Gale
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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of June 14, with enclosure,
in reply to Mr. Hoover's letter of June 9 was received
in his absence from the city. I am returning the
pamphlet you forwarded as you requested.

Sincerely yours,

[Handwritten signature]

Helen W. Gandy
Secretary

Enclosure

Correspondent's Enclosure entitled "How Red is the Federal Council
of Churches?"

See Motrell to DeLoach memo dated 6-20-61.

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HONORABLE J. EDGAR HOOVER
BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON D.C.

DEAR SIR:

I JUST RECEIVED YOUR REPLY TO MY LETTER OF INQUIRY, REGARDING THE COMMUNIST INFILTRATION INTO THE CHURCHES. I WISH TO THANK YOU FOR THE REPLY SOMEONE IN YOUR OFFICE SENT ME. I AM SURE YOU WOULD HAVE TO DO THIS, BEING AS BUSY AS YOU ARE. I AM SURE THE F.B.I. IS AWARE OF HOW BAD THE SITUATION IS, WHAT I DO NOT UNDERSTAND IS THE EVASION OF A DIRECT ANSWER TO THIS DIRE SITUATION. IT IS NOT ONLY A TARGET OF THE COMMUNISTS, THEY HAVE MADE HEADWAY.

I ALSO REALIZE THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES, IS POWERFUL, BUT NOT AS POWERFUL AS THEY TRY TO MAKE OUT. THE DIFFERENT CHURCH BODIES OR FAITHS MAY BELONG BUT ACCORDING TO THE INDIVIDUAL PASTORS, THEY DO NOT SPEAK FOR OR REPRESENT THE PEOPLE OF THESE FAITHS OR THE DIFFERENT PASTORS OR MINISTERS, HOWEVER THEY DO HAVE A GREAT DEAL OF INFLUENCE, I AM SORRY TO SAY.

MANY OF US DO NOT AGREE WITH YOUR CHIEF INSPECTOR WILLIAM C. SULLIVAN. THE UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE OF THE CONGRESS OF THESE UNITED STATES, DOESN'T EITHER. EVEN I KNOW BETTER AND THIS TYPE OF RELEASE BY YOUR CHIEF INVESTIGATOR IS CERTAINLY PLAYED UP AND USED BY THESE DOGOODERS, LIBERALS, PINKS, AND COMMIES, I AM SENDING YOU ANOTHER ENCLOSURE WHICH I HOPE YOU WILL RETURN.

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I AM ALSO SURE YOUR OFFICE KNOWS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES: THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES, AND THE AMERICAN COUNCIL OF CHURCHES, THE AMERICAN COUNCIL IS RIGHT IN THEIR FIGHTING WITH US, THE NATIONAL COUNCIL REFUSES TO HELP.

Mr. Evans
Mr. Malone
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Sullivan
Mr. Tavel
Mr. Trotter
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Mr. Ingram
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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of June 12, 1961, with enclosure, has been received. We appreciate the interest which prompted you to write, and I welcome this opportunity to clarify our position in this matter.

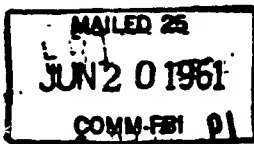
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Assistant Director William C. Sullivan in his discussion of communism dealt with this subject accurately and objectively. His remarks, however, should not be interpreted as a defense or endorsement of any group since this is not a proper function of the FBI. As an investigative agency of the Federal Government, we do not furnish comments or evaluations regarding the character or integrity of any individual, organization or publication.

I am enclosing an outline of Mr. Sullivan's remarks, as well as some other material on the subject of communism which you may like to read.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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Letter to [REDACTED]

6-20-61

Enclosures:

Communism and Religion by William C. Sullivan
Director's Statement Re Internal Security 4-17-61
Series from "Christianity Today"
Introduction 3-60 LEB & 17th Natl Convention CP, USA

NOTE: Bufiles contain no derogatory information regarding correspondent. He enclosed a newspaper clipping contending that the FBI had exonerated Protestant churches and church organizations, such as the National Council of Churches of being infiltrated by communism. [REDACTED]

The National Council of Churches of Christ (NCCC) includes in its membership the leading Protestant churches. Various critics of the Council, without access to factual data to support their assertions, have claimed this group is communist controlled or influenced. The FBI, of course, has not investigated the NCCC.

June 12, 1961

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Mr. Sullivan
Mr. Tavel
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Miss Gandy

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I attach hereto an item clipped from a local church paper headed FBI
EXONERATES CHURCHES.

I have before me a news article from Philadelphia Inquirer, May 21st, which purports to report information given out of your office via a hearing by the House Appropriations Subcommittee March 6, 1961, from which I quote: "The FBI Director said the Communist Party within the past year has stepped up its activities ... They (the Communists) have infiltrated every conceivable sphere of activity: Youth groups, radio, television and motion pictures, church, school, educational groups, the press, national minority groups, and civil and political units, etc."

I also have before me a lengthy speech by one Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, Stated Clerk, United Presbyterian Churches, USA. Said speech given at the West Adams Presbyterian Church, Los Angeles, California, May 7, has been widely circulated and is being quoted throughout the nation.

Quotes: "During the past few weeks, Mr. Hoover has sent FBI Chief Inspector William C. Sullivan to deliver speeches in many parts of the nation warning Americans not to be taken in by charges that their churches are overrun by Reds."

"Widespread allegations of Communist infiltration of the Protestant ministry ... of the leadership of National Council of Churches, is a brazen falsehood ... stupid and decadent white Protestants etc.,"

I also have before me your books "Masters of Deceit" under pages 324 thru 328 where you discuss methods used by our enemy in infiltrating the churches and instructions handed out as to how to do it.

Based on the above conflicting information, I would appreciate it if you will convey some clarifying data either in pamphlet form or a direct clarifying statement to indicate your position. I realize that "stupid and decadent white Protestants" (such as myself) could by overzealous activities injure the clergy as a whole and thus play into the hands of our enemies, on the other hand I am thoroughly disturbed that they (the clergy) are using your office to leave the impression that any suggested infiltration is a "brazen falsehood". Whatever help you can give me will be thoroughly appreciated.

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Very truly yours,

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FBI EXONERATES CHURCHES

The Federal Bureau of Investigation has recently issued a statement exonerating protestant churches and church organizations, such as the National Council of Churches, of being infiltrated by Communism. These charges have been made in recent days with such vehemence that apparently a denial became necessary. The following is the statement: "These allegations have served to create the impression among many Americans that the protestant denominations in particular have been subjected to alarming infiltration and influence, but this is a patent falsehood. The truth is that the Communist Party has not achieved any substantial success in exerting domination, control, or influence over America's clergymen or religious institutions on a national scale." Another FBI official has indicated that many of the charges against the National Council of Churches and other protestant groups have been in fact Communist inspired, so as to destroy American confidence in Christianity. The quote is as follows: "They love to have wild charges of Communistic domination hurled against America's churches. They know that such charges cause consternation, dissension, doubt and fear among church members, and they figure that anyone who succeeds in demoralizing America's churches is aiding their cause."

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June 22, 1961

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Dear [REDACTED]

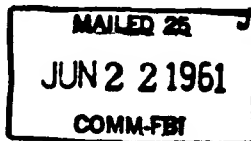
I have received your letter of June 14, with enclosure, and I want to take this opportunity to thank you for giving me the benefit of your comments and observations relative to the matter you discussed.

In response to your inquiry, I would like to point out that the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and neither makes evaluations nor draws conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. In light of the foregoing, I am sure you can understand why I am unable to answer your questions relating to the organization you discussed and the pamphlet you sent me.

In view of your interest I am enclosing some material dealing with the general subject of communism which you may like to read. I am enclosing your pamphlet.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



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Communist Infiltration And Democratic Reality

4-17-61 Internal Security Statement


Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion

The Christianity Today Series

One Nation's Response To Communism

Correspondents' enclosure

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June 14, 1961

Federal Bureau of Investigation:
Washington D. C.

Dear Sir:

Please find enclosed a pamphlet entitled, "The National Council of Churches," by Carl McIntire.

Being an active church member, I am much concerned about "The National Council of Churches" being connected with Communism.

Is the contents of this pamphlet true? Our Evangelical United Brethren Church belongs to "The National Council of Churches"

Thanking you in advance for your kind Consideration, I am,

Yours Truly,

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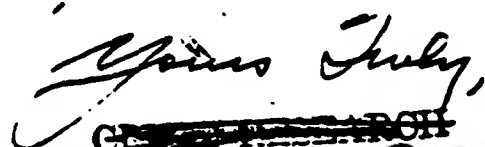
Federal Bureau of Investigation:
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir:

Please find enclosed a
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of Churches," by Carl M. E. Gutierrez.
Being an active church member,
I am much concerned about "the
National Council of Churches" being
connected with Communism.

Is the contents of this pamphlet
true? Our Evangelical United Brethren
Church belongs to "The National Council of
Churches".

Thanking you in advance for your
kind consideration, I am,

Yours Truly,


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June 19, 1961

National Council of Churches
475 Riverside Drive
New York 27, N. Y.

Dear Mrs:

In furtherance to my rather vitriolic letter of May 19, 1961, to you (to which I have received no reply), I am enclosing a photocopy of an editorial from the Saturday Evening Post of June 10, 1961 on the same subject.

Might I suggest your entire Board actually view the film "Operation Abolition". Should this be done I am sure that your vote would be to withdraw with apologies the National Council of Churches recommendation that this film not be shown to member churches.

It is all well and good to be thoughtful of the rights of our fellow man, but such rules must be applied with more realism when that fellow man is raping your wife or your country.

Might I suggest again your entire Board take a look at the film in question?

Very truly yours,

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cc: Summit County Council of Churches
Rev. John Keefe, Church in Silver Lake
J. Edgar Hoover
Congressman Francis P. Walter

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Editorials

Red Advances Spark a Modest Conservative Revival

Despite all the hoop-la, including pickets, full-page advertisements in newspapers, student riots in colleges and solemn declamations by some of our more naive professors, the backers of "Operation Abolition," designed to end the House Committee on Un-American Activities, managed to corral only six votes. Even Rep. Jimmy Roosevelt of California, who started out as the sponsor of the abolition movement, finally settled for an effort to curtail the committee's appropriation. That didn't get anywhere either.

Those who expected some other result have overlooked symptoms at the grass roots, which members of Congress, perhaps even including Jimmy Roosevelt, have been quick to detect—a quiet but unmistakable impatience with politicians and others who, for whatever reason appeals to them, object to investigations of the Communist conspiracy. For one thing, there has been a shift in college and university opinion. Young conservatives are no longer sneered at—anyway not so often!

On the literary front, Allen Drury's novel, *Advice and Consent* (Doubleday), which suggests that liberal statesmen can play some pretty dirty pool, is doing a land-office business; and in New York the play based on Mr. Drury's book has been a sellout. Rumors that the play might be toned down because "liberals" didn't like it were emphatically blown down by Mr. Drury. John Dos Passos's exciting novel *Midcentury* (Houghton, Mifflin), in which the tyranny of some labor unions over their own members is dramatically portrayed, is another best seller. A few years back, books like these would have been hard to come by in many bookstores if you didn't know the manager.

In several universities conservative student magazines have appeared. An impressive representative of this new group is *Analysis*, published by students at the University of Pennsylvania. The writers in the first issue of *Analysis* are not all students. Prof. A. H. Hobbs of the Sociology Department is a contributor. The students, however, dissect their ideas with freshness and frankness and without invective like that credited to a member of Students for Democratic Action who declared that student conservatives displayed "the social conscience of a Hitler, a Stalin or a Barry Goldwater"!

In Jimmy Roosevelt's own state an interesting movement recently got into orbit, launched at the outset by Walter

A. Wolford, city clerk of San Gabriel. Mr. Wolford first persuaded his city council to adopt a resolution citing the peril of Communist infiltration and urging "rededication of all loyal Americans to the principles and ideals of our founding fathers." He then formed a committee which put on a mass meeting, the main feature of which was the showing of *Operation Abolition*, the documentary moving picture of last year's riots against the Un-American Activities Committee in San Francisco. The place was packed. Since then a score of California communities have taken similar action.

Mr. Wolford insists that his idea is not to promote "witch hunting" or merely to make people angry. The program he advocated includes education, with special emphasis on seeing to it that public libraries and school libraries have reliable books on the history, ideology and purposes of Communism. Whatever comes of this particular effort, it represents a straw in the wind which members of Congress undoubtedly felt blowing strongly when they voted on the resolution to put an end to the House Un-American Activities Committee.

Of course, the battle isn't over. Querr characters still appear on college campuses sponsored by "liberal" groups. Nevertheless, as the response to City Clerk Wolford's crusade suggests, America seems to be catching on.

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