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SUBJECT: NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI ATTN: RESEARCH (CORRESPONDENCE AND TOURS)

FROM: SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (62-3020)

SUBJECT:

INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

Remplet to Director 3/14/63 and letter from Director to [redacted] dated 3/21/63, a copy of which was received by the Minneapolis Office.

On 3/28/63 [redacted] was interviewed by SA [redacted]. It was pointed out to her that the FBI has never published material containing the statement she sets forth in her letter to the editor. She was also advised that the Bureau does not make evaluations and that the Director has issued no statement concerning the National Council of Churches.

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Dear [REDACTED]

I have received your letter of March 19th, with enclosure.

While I would certainly like to be of assistance to you, the FBI is strictly 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 accordance with this policy, I have never made any statement criticizing or endorsing the National Council of Churches and I do not think it would be appropriate for me to comment regarding the visiting clergymen. I regret it is not possible to answer your inquiry but trust you will understand my position.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

MAILED 8
MAR 25 1963
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NOTE: Correspondent is on the Special Correspondents' List.

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Miss Gandy

March 19, 1963

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Enclosed is an editorial taken from our local newspaper concerning the clergymen presently on visit to our country from Russia, sponsored by the National Council of Churches. I would appreciate very much your comments on the matter since, according to this editorial, these clergymen are Communists, brought here by a Council of Churches which "is led by men so fuzzy-headed that they cannot see that no compromise is possible between the doctrine of Jesus Christ and the doctrine of Karl Marx".

With every good wish, and high personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Mailing address:

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MAR 21 1963

CORRESPONDENCE

Red 'Churchmen' Arrive

About 20 Communist "clergymen" are scheduled to arrive in this country on Wednesday. They'll enter the United States through New York City, and will go immediately to Denver, where they'll attend a meeting of the General Board of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA. At that meeting's end, the Communist "clergymen" will split into several groups to tour this country as honored guests of the National Council of Churches. In all, the Communist "clergymen" are scheduled to be in this country for about three weeks. And it hardly seems necessary to point out to American Christians that for the whole of the three weeks they're here, the visiting Communist "clergymen" will be profaning the very ideas of Christian brotherhood among men and Christian fellowship among nations.

The Communist "clergymen" who arrive in this country on Wednesday will be headed by Archbishop Nikodim, head of the Foreign Churches Relations Department of the Moscow Patriarchate of the Russian Orthodox Church. This Archbishop Nikodim was for years a subordinate of Archbishop Nikolai, and was hand-picked by Nikolai as his successor. And Nikolai has been identified in testimony before two investigating committees of the United States Congress as a member of the Soviet Secret Police.

During the Korean War, the Patriarch of Moscow protested to the UN Security Council against "American aggression" in Korea. "The Russian Orthodox Church," he wrote, "decisively condemns this interference and the resulting annihilation of the peaceful population of Korea by American aviation."

"Life" magazine staff writer Patricia Blake wrote in September of 1959 that the Russian Orthodox Church is "greatly aiding the Kremlin in the Cold War."

"The Russian Church," she continued, "often acts as a handy mouthpiece for Soviet propaganda. In recent years it has attacked the Vatican, the U.S., and various Western nations as warmongers, and it has called on all believers to participate in the Soviet inspired Stockholm Peace Campaign."

The delegation of Communist "clergymen" arriving in this country on Wednesday will also include representatives of the Union of Evangelical Christian Baptists of the USSR.

This is the same "church" whose General Secretary broadcast a message in English over Radio Moscow on April 19th, 1961, in which he asked what was the attitude of the United States toward "the streams of blood that are now being poured out on the island of Cuba, and toward those guilty of causing the bloodshed." He was denouncing the abortive invasion being attempted by the Cuban freedom fighters at the Bay of Pigs. And he went on to say that by working for the liberation of Cuba from Castro's Communist regime, "the United States greatly lowers the prestige of Christianity in all countries of the world."

Other Soviet "religious" broadcasts over Radio Moscow in 1961 spoke of "imperialists who are in the habit of covering up all their filthy affairs by references to the Bible and God."

There is much, much more. But perhaps those few examples of how some of the Soviet "clergymen" who arrive in this country Wednesday conceive of Christian love and charity will suffice as a commentary on their Christianity.

(Editorial in Daily Capital News, Jefferson City, Missouri, 2-27-63)

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The fact of the matter, of course, is that Soviet Communists cannot possibly be believers in Christianity. It is a matter of warring basic concepts. Soviet Communism remains militantly atheistic. It continues to regard the Christian faith as a base superstition. While genuinely religious people among the Soviet masses continue to suffer cruelly at the hands of the Soviet state (the persecution of the Soviet Baptists who sought sanctuary in the United States Embassy in Moscow recently, and were refused it, offers only the most recent dramatic case in point), such "churches" as the Soviet government permits to continue operating are simply appendages of the Soviet state. Their "clergymen" are functionaries of the state. They live by the sufferance of the state, and they do whatever the state requires of them, buying their right to survive at the price of complete subservience to the Communist line . . . a subservience which can only result in complete perversion of the practice of the Christian faith.

♦ ♦ ♦
The Communist "clergymen" who arrive in this country Wednesday are coming to do the work of the international Communist conspiracy here, and for no other reason. Surely the time is years past when Americans need to be reminded that no Soviet citizen of any kind leaves the Soviet prison for any reason unless the Soviet government believes he can do the cause of world Communism some good by leaving.

When the World Council of Churches received into its fellowship a bloc of Soviet controlled "churches" in 1961, it opened vast new possibilities of propaganda, subversion, and espionage to the evil and atheistic materialists in the Kremlin. They have not been remiss in using the new advantages which have been presented to them.

It is bitterly ironic that the anti-Christ comes to the United States on Wednesday in Christian guise.

It is terribly alarming that the National Council of Churches is led by men so fuzzy-headed that they cannot see that no compromise is possible between the doctrine of Jesus Christ and the doctrine of Karl Marx.

About 20 Communist "clergymen" arrive in the United States on Wednesday to begin a three-week visit as the honored guests of some of the self-appointed leaders of American Christendom. We trust that American Christians of all denominations will be both diligent and imaginative in finding ways of protesting that shocking fact.

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March 27, 1963

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Dear [REDACTED]

I have received your letter of March 21st and want you to know how much we appreciate the kind sentiments you expressed.

Although I would like to be of service, information in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. Consequently, I regret I am unable to comment concerning your inquiries.

Enclosed is some literature I hope will be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

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J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (5)

4-17-62 Internal Security Statement

4-61 LEB Introduction

The Communist Party Line

Let's Fight Communism Says [REDACTED]

"An American's Challenge"

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NOTE: Correspondent wrote in January, 1961, concerning communism. The Director acknowledged his letter 2-2-61 and he was sent reprint material. The literature furnished him with this communication is different than that previously sent him. He cannot be otherwise identified in Bufiles.

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March 21, 1963

[REDACTED]

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

Dear Sir:

I am writing with a real concern in my heart regarding the so-called Russian clergymen, who are in the United States under the auspices of the National Council of Churches.

According to a report I have heard on the radio and read in the Christian Beacon, March 14, 1963, Collingswood, N.J., Mr. Paul ^{Russian} VARONAEFF talked with one of these delegates, a Mr. Mitzkevitch, who admitted that A. N. Stoyan is a member of the KGB, the Soviet Secret Police.

It was also reported that Mr. Voronaeff gave this information to the F.B.I. If this is true, why can't something be done about it? Must we tolerate this means to destroy our freedom, and is there no way that this information can be released by the major press services? Is there no way that the people of America can be told how the National Council of Churches is being used by the Communist Conspiracy?

May God bless you and use you in the protection of our freedom and our nation, and the maintenance of law and order.

Sincerely in Christ,

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March 20, 1963

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Dear Mr. Grant:

I have received your letter of March 15th and it was good of you to furnish us this information and bring your observations to my attention.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]
J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

NOTE: Correspondent cannot be identified in Bufiles. The Bureau is well aware of the controversy over the visit of Soviet-bloc churchmen to the United States under the auspices of the National Council of Churches. Dr. Carl McIntire has been one of the bitter foes of this visit. Correspondent is apparently referring to information furnished by [Redacted] on 3-5-63 to our Austin, Texas, Resident Agency.

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March 15, 1963.

VIA AIR MAIL

Personal:

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:-

To introduce myself:

[redacted] later in Civil Service, and for 15 years have
been retired by the Federal Government.

You, Mr. Hoover, have been prominent in denouncing the Communist deceptions and ulterior motives, and I write you re an immediate matter on this line that should by you be brought to the attention of President Kennedy, for much deception was carried on in Cuba by the Russian Government, which resulted in drastic action having to be taken to meet the situation.

At this time another deep deception is being put over by the same sworn enemy, in that their secret service is back of the present tour of this country by a strong delegation of seeming churchmen from Moscow, under the auspices of the National Council of Churches. In teams of four they are holding meetings with officers of the Council in numerous cities of the United States, declaring that there is in Russia religious liberty, and asserting their recommendation of Communism!

During the present week, while they held forth in Austin, Texas, one of their men exposed to a friend from Russia, whose father was slain by the Reds and his mother imprisoned by them for 20 years, much inside information, which that friend then realized was important enough to recite to the local FBI office, and which you no doubt have access to.

Protest meetings are being held in each city that the Russian delegation teams are holding forth in, principally headed by Dr. Carl McIntire, Director, 20th Century Restoration Hour, P. O. Box 190, Collingswood 7, New Jersey. He is the Pastor of the Bible Presbyterian Church in Collingswood of 1300 members, and President of an American Church Council of over 80 denominations. Each weekday morning his radio broadcasts are heard over 440 stations, exposing the machinations of the Russian Government, especially in this very deceptive propaganda by Moscow churchmen.

I do not need to urge you, Mr. Hoover, to bring this matter to President Kennedy.

Respectfully submitted,

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March 21, 1963

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of March 12th, with enclosures, to a representative of our Minneapolis Office has been forwarded to FBI Headquarters.

I would like to point out that the FBI has never published any information indicating there are 8,000 clergymen who have promoted communist front organizations. The Communist Party in this country has attempted to infiltrate and subvert every segment of our society. However, the Party's efforts are being thwarted by the FBI's internal security programs, by investigation, arrest and prosecution of Party functionaries, and by widespread, intelligent public opposition to the communist philosophy. These achievements are being accomplished through orderly, legal procedures.

Despite the above, the world communist conspiracy and its advocates in the United States continue to pose a basic threat to our country. It is important that our citizens educate themselves concerning the true nature of this atheistic philosophy in order that they will be able to resist its eroding influence. At the same time, opposition to communism must be careful and constructive, and kept within the due process of law. It is not enough to be merely against communism. We should exhibit in positive ways the superiority of our form of government over any foreign ideology.

Enclosed is some literature I hope will be of interest to you.

MAR 21 1963
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Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

Follow-up made for 4-1-63 (see next page)
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Attention SAC: (see next page)

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Attention SAC: Copies of the three newspaper clippings furnished with your airtel are enclosed. You are instructed to contact [REDACTED] and point out to her that the FBI has never published material containing the statement she sets forth. She should be further advised that the Bureau does not make evaluations and I have, therefore, issued no statement concerning the National Council of Churches.

Results are to be furnished, Attention: Research (Correspondence and Tours), to reach the Bureau by 4-1-63.

Enclosures (5)
The Communist Party Line
Let's Fight Communism Sanely!
Faith in God--Our Answer to Communism
Christianity Today Series
4-17-62 Internal Security Statement

NOTE: [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] cannot be identified
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
 Attention: Crime Records Division; Tours and Correspondence)

FROM : SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (62-0)

SUBJECT:

REDFIELD, SOUTH DAKOTA
 INFORMATION CONCERNING
 (INTERNAL SECURITY)

Attached herewith is an autostat copy of a letter, dated 3/12/63, received by the Aberdeen, South Dakota, Resident Agency, from [REDACTED]. Also enclosed are three clippings taken from "The Redfield Press" which are mentioned in [REDACTED] letter.

The indices of the Minneapolis Office are negative concerning [REDACTED] and [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] advised on 3/14/63, that [REDACTED] of the [REDACTED] of [REDACTED], is a [REDACTED] of good reputation, whom he has known for a number of years. [REDACTED] said that [REDACTED] is a substantial person of good reputation and a good American citizen.

It is to be noted that [REDACTED] is particularly concerned regarding allegation made in the letter to the editor of Mrs. RAY OSMAN in the 3/7/63 issue of "The Redfield Press"; which indicates to him that the F.B.I. has published specific evidence concerning 8,000 clergymen who have promoted communist-front organizations.

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Approved: [Signature]

Special Agent in Charge

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Minneapolis feels that the answer to [REDACTED] letter should be handled by the Bureau inasmuch as it is very likely that the answer to [REDACTED] letter will be published in "The Redfield Press."

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
March 12, 1963

Mr. Milton Cool
Federal Bureau of Investigation
403 Federal Building
Aberdeen, So. Dak.

Dear Mr. Cooks:

Your name was referred to me by [REDACTED], and
I am asking you to be of help to me.

Enclosed are three "Letters to the Editor" which appeared in three successive issues of The Redfield Press. The articles are numbered in order of their appearance. In letter number 3 by Mrs. Ray Canan she stated that there is specific evidence published by the F. B. I. concerning 8,000 clergymen who allegedly have promoted communist-front organizations. Is such a list available and do you think Mrs. Canan is correct in her assumptions? If such a list is available, can a copy be secured by someone such as myself?

Naturally, I do not agree with Mr. Huether or Mrs. Canan, and I feel it is an injustice to leave people with the impression that they have created by their letters.

If you have any suggestions as to how such charges can be rightfully answered, I would appreciate any information which you have.

Thank you for taking time to consider this matter, and I would appreciate hearing from you as soon as possible.

Sincerely,
[REDACTED]

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ENCLOSURE

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Communist Invasion

Tulare, So. Dak.
February 16, 1963

To the Editor:

A Soviet invasion is scheduled for February 27, 1963. That's right, the Reds are coming but not as you would probably expect. They are coming this time garbed as angels of light... in the name of the church... in a smokescreen of religious austerity. This will not be a military invasion at all, but rather a subtle use of psychological warfare, the use of the American churches to spread Khrushchev's propaganda in our land.

They have a wide open door afforded them by the National Council of Churches in America under whose auspices they will come to this country.

Many Americans are deeply concerned about this three-week visit of the 20 churchmen from the Iron Curtain countries.

We remember that Yuri Rastvorov and Petr Deriabian, both former high officials of the Soviet secret police, testified before the House Committee on Un-American Activities and the Internal Security Subcommittee of the U. S. Senate that the church in Russia is under the complete control of the Communists and that Georgie G. Karpov, a major general of the secret police and minister of religion in the USSR, sent his young secret agents as priests to the seminary. When they graduated, they became bishops to help run the church and to promote the Communist line.

The Communists are doing this to win. They are using the church to win.

They are using the church to win the end that the U.S. and Western world shall become satellites and tributaries.

The challenge is now before us. It is frightening. Many are misled. Too many churches are being duped and the Communists are pressing the attack to their ultimate victory.

Calvin Buckner

Tulare

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

2 The Redfield Press
Redfield, So. Dak.

Date: 2/21/63

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REV. JOHN SHEILD
REDFIELD, SO. DAK.

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Re Soviet Invasion

To the Editor:

A Soviet invasion did not take place on February 27, 1963. Though Mr. Calvin Huefner of Tulare, So. Dak., would like to think so, such is not the case.

In his "Letter to the Editor" last week Mr. Huefner inferred that the National Council of Churches organization provided a wide open door to the Reds when a 16-member delegation of church leaders from the Soviet Union came to this country on February 27 to discuss a wide range of theological issues of mutual interest. His statements are inconsistent with the purposes of the National Council whose membership combines the efforts of 31 Protestant and Orthodox communions in the United States. These denominations have a total membership of nearly 40,000,000 people.

In the words of the Council, "The National Council is and always has been unalterably opposed to communism. The General Board, meeting in Seattle, June 1959, reaffirmed the consistent opposition of the National Council to communism."

Mr. Huefner expressed no more than his own opinion. Our mission as the world's Christian churches is none other than to make the truths of God's Kingdom read through word and action to the people of the world. If men such as Mr. Huefner would seek positive ways to support the Council instead of negative ways to degrade the Council, the cause of communism would and could be more greatly deterred to the benefit of all mankind.

The purpose of the National Council is "to manifest the common spirit and purpose of the cooperating churches in carrying

Sincerely,
Rev. John Sheild
Redfield, So. Dak.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

**The Redfield Press
Redfield, So. Dak.**

Date: 2/28/63

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**REV. JOHN SHEILD
REDFIELD, SO. DAK.**

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ENCLOSURE

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Defends Negatives

Route No. 2
Redfield, S. D.
March 1, 1963

To the Editor:

In reply to the letter of Rev. John Sheild calling for more positive support for the National Council of Churches, may I defend some negatives?

Which gives a person more freedom, a command, "Do this" or a command, "Do not do this"?

God in His great love and wisdom has given mankind many negative commands because He thereby gives us opportunities for

freedom of thought and originality within a life of obedience. One may even do nothing and still obey a negative command.

In fact only those who, even if they appear very fine outwardly, are inwardly bent on rebellion will take the positive action necessary to disobedience.

Why, then, has the National Council of Churches taken positive action in disobedience to such commands as:

"Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers." (II Cor. 6:14)

Having willfully rejected God's Word as reliable, having ignored the spiritual needs of their people, having forsaken a Christ-appointed ministry of teaching all things whatsoever I have

denounced you" (Matt. 23:29)

These men are building with vain

arguments of brick, mortar, and

united machinery, a modern

tower of Babel. God's statutes of right and wrong as revealed in His Word have been

darkened, denied, and finally reversed, until the N. C. C. endorses

what is wrong and condemns true faith. Their softness on communism is a trivial sin compared to this. As Protestants they have

perpetrated the very wrongs they once protested.

This also accounts for the fact that in our country an increase in church-going has been accompanied with an increase in crime, immorality, and mental illness.

"In this the children of God are made manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not right-counsel is not of God." (I Jn. 3:10)

Is not God's opinion of this Babylonian wonder found in the Apocalypse, chapters 13 through 18? Does He not predict that this great false church will ride upon the back of the RED beast?

I do not like to contradict Rev. Sheild, but there is a card file of over 8,000 clergymen who have promoted communist-front organizations, and many of them have been leaders in the N. C. C. (I will supply specific evidence as published by F. B. I., The House Un-American Activities Committee, and other departments of the federal government.)

"Thus saith the Lord, The heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool: where is the house that ye will build unto me? . . . but to this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word."

Our country needs leaders who will do less building and more trembling at the Word of God.

Yours truly,

Mary Lou Osman

Mrs. Ray Osman

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

The Redfield Press
Redfield, So. Dak.

Date: 3/7/63

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March 19, 1963

Dear [REDACTED]

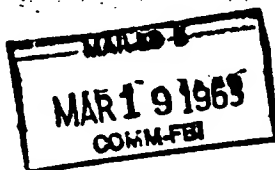
Your letter of March 13th has been received.

With respect to your inquiry concerning the National Council of Churches, the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and neither makes evaluations nor draws conclusions regarding the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. Please do not infer either that we do or do not have information in our files relating to the subject of your inquiry.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director



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March 13, 1963

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

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Is the National Council of Churches Communist run for Communistic purposes? or is it an agency to further world peace.

Thank You

/s/ [REDACTED]

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Dear [Redacted]

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With respect to your inquiry concerning the National Council of Churches, the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and neither makes evaluations nor draws conclusions regarding the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. Please do not infer either that we do or do not have information in our files relating to the subject of your inquiry.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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March 11, 1963

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

of Christ in the U.S.A.
O We have been hearing so much on the issue of the
National Council of Churches being infiltrated by
the communists, that a person does not know what to
believe. This issue appeared to have been fading out
at one time, but is reappearing again.

Will you please, as head of the F.B.I., send us any
literature that you may have available on this issue.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
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March 12, 1963

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Dear [REDACTED]

The letter of March 5th from you and your husband has been received.

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI being 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 regret that I am unable to help you and hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the subjects of your inquiry.

Sincerely yours,

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March 5, 1963

Dear Mr Hoover.

Would you please tell me if the National Council
of Churches is (Communist)? and what about Dr Carl McIntire?
Rev Billie Hargis? our church belongs
to the National Council there are a lot of us that believe we should
get out. Sure will appreciate if you will let us know.

Thank you.

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Thank you.

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter postmarked March 5th has been received and the interest prompting your communication is appreciated.

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI being 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 regret I am unable to help you and hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the subjects of your inquiry.

As you may know, UNICEF is affiliated with the United Nations, and inquiries may be directed to The Honorable, The Secretary of State, Washington 25, D. C. For this reason, I am referring a copy of your letter to him for any information he can furnish you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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

Dear Sir:

We would like to have any information you might have available on the National Council of Churches and/or church women, and Unicef. We are interested in finding out about their true worth or any unworthiness.

We are sometimes misinformed and felt this method could give us the truest answer.

Thank you sincerely.

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Washington, D.C.

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March 6, 1963

Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of March 1st, with enclosure, has been received, and the thought prompting you to write is appreciated.

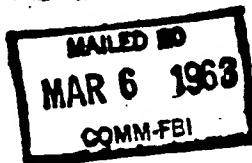
With respect to your inquiry regarding the National Council of Churches, the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and neither makes evaluations nor draws conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. In addition, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I regret I am unable to help you and hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to this group.

I am returning the leaflet you forwarded.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director



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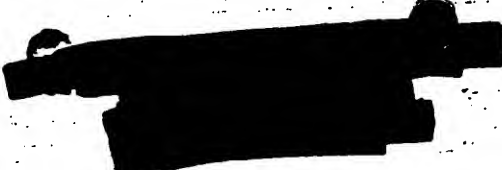
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conspiracy." The leaflet quotes from the late Matt Cvetic and identifies him as an F. B. I. Counterspy. The American Coalition of Patriotic Societies, Inc., was founded in 1929 and is made up of about 100 separate associations. Its literature indicates it is against the United Nations and the NCCC. The Florida Coalition of Patriotic Societies has presented anti-Semitic programs.
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March 1, 1963

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.


Dear Sirs:

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This pamphlet that arrived in our community the other day has been read by several of our church members. It has caused considerable discussion, and frankly we don't know what to make of it.

For several years now rumors have been floating around that the National Council of Churches has been Communist infiltrated, etc. If these rumors are based on untruths it is doing much to harm the entire church movement. If there is truth in them, we would like to know.

Could you help us? We think it most important to reach a decision one way or the other and to still idle gossip, if such it is.

Thank you.

Yours very truly,
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A "PAUL REVERE" MESSAGE — SEND TO A FRIEND — SPREAD THE ALARM — DON'T DISCARD

Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, in behalf of

The National Council of Churches of Christ

on February 27, 1963 will welcome a delegation of Russian Churchmen for a tour of the United States. The delegation will be headed by Archbishop Nikodim, successor to Metropolitan Nicolai, who toured the United States in 1956 in another delegation as guests of the National Council of Churches, also under the guidance of Dr. Eugene Carson Blake.

Dr. Eugene Carson Blake and the National Council of Churches were somewhat embarrassed after the Russian churchmen completed the 1956 tour by reason of the fact that Metropolitan Nicolai was discovered to be an agent of the Russian secret police. The Russian churchmen on November 20, 1961, became blood brothers to NCC having been accepted into the fellowship of the World Council of Churches at New Delhi, India. This is all a part of the Ecumenical movement which calls for a One-World, One Church Socialistic Society.

Mr. Peter Deriabian, a major of State Security of the Russian Government, who defected to the West, has testified as follows:

"It is impossible in the Soviet Union to serve God without serving the State. You give some information for state security about religious activities; otherwise you can not attend church. All church activity is subjected and subjugated under the arm of the State. Most of the priests in the Soviet Union, and the religious people who help the priests, are some kind of agents of KGB or MGB. When the State Security resupplied priests and ministers as their agents, they always said 'you will serve us or we will put you in jail, according to your activities.'"

Mr. Matt Coetic, F.B.I. Counterspy, has testified:

"I attended many meetings at which the Communist position on religion was discussed. The absolute position of International Communism, which I heard voiced hundreds of times in secret Communist meetings is: 'Religion is an opiate for the ignorant masses, it must be destroyed!'"

Of the 78,000 Orthodox Churches before the Russian revolution, there are but 10,000 of all denominations and there would be far less had not the Russian government decided that they could use the Church for propaganda purposes. The Soviet Government on November 10, 1962, awarded the Patriarch of the Russian Orthodox Church the "Peace Award" for his "Great patriotic activity in the struggle for Peace."

The Russians made use of their membership in the World Council of Churches during the Cuban crisis when Archbishop Nicodim wired Mr. J. Irwin Miller, president of N.C.C. as follows:

"We have confidence in the good will of the American people who are opposed to the possibility of a new war. It is the duty of American church leaders to use all opportunities in pressing the U.S. Government to abandon its crazy policy." N.C.C. leaders were glad to oblige.

The thirty-two Siberian peasants (6 men, 12 women and 14 children) who made the trek from Siberia to the U.S. Embassy in Moscow the first week in January 1963 pleading for protection from religious persecution were most embarrassing to the National Council of Churches and to our own State Department. After holding them for some three hours they were turned over to Soviet authorities as they plead for help from fellow Christians saying "Don't turn us back we will be shot." Many Evangelical Christian groups have protested to our State Department, but you have seen no indication of concern on the part of the National Council of Churches. See Life Magazine issue of January 18, 1963 regarding Siberian peasants.

We contend that the National Council of Churches is up to its neck in this conspiracy, yet it claims to be speaking for 40,000,000 Protestants. True Protestants should live up to their name, they should protest this assumption of power on the part of this political, conniving, Church leadership. Are you so naive as to believe that a Soviet Government which shoots down people attempting to escape via the Berlin Wall, a government which is atheistic and dedicated to the destruction of Christianity, would permit a delegation of actual Christians to come to this country as guests of the National Council of Churches? Certainly not, so recognize them for what they are, namely agents of the Soviet Conspiracy.

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Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan *WCS*

DATE: February 27, 1963

FROM : Mr. J. A. Sizoo *JAS*SUBJECT: RELIGION IN COMMUNIST-DOMINATED AREAS

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While talking to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] he advised that from time to time the National Council of Churches prepares material with reference to the status of religion in communist-dominated areas, and he inquired if this might be of some interest to me either personally or in my official capacity. I told him it would be.

Attached is the material which I recently received from [REDACTED] one document being one which was prepared for a conference in 1951 and the other ^{being} of more recent preparation, 1962. This material might be of some value to Central Research or the Crime Research Section in connection with the preparation of articles and speeches. It is noted the document dated September 17, 1962, ends with a translation of an article appearing in a Czechoslovakian magazine in June of 1962 which in part states that communism should not wait passively until the social evolution automatically "takes away the last ground of religious illusions," but suggests that it is necessary to actively influence the conscience of the people "to speed up the final disposal of the false conceptions and superstitions of the past." This means not only the mere challenging of fairy tales about god, but also a vivid confrontation of religious illusions with contemporary reality."

RECOMMENDATION:

That this be routed to the Central Research Section and to the Crime Research Section for consideration.

Enclosures

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- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. M. A. Jones
- 1 - Mr. R. W. Smith
- 1 - Mr. Sizoo

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February 27, 1963

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of February 23rd and enclosure have been received, and I want to express my sincere appreciation for your prayers and those of [REDACTED]. It is my hope to remain in my present capacity as long as I can be of service to our Nation.

With respect to your inquiry regarding the National Council of Churches of Christ, 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, however, enclosing some material I hope you will find of interest.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

- Enclosures (5)
- Deadly Duel
 - Analysis of the 17th National Convention,
 - What You Can Do To Fight Communism
 - Faith in God--Our Answer To Communism
 - The Current Communist Threat

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February 23, 1963

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

Dear Sir:

Our Women of the Church are to have a discussion of the National Council of Churches, at an early date. I am attempting to get as much documented information as possible, against this communist-infiltrated organization.

I would like to get whatever material you have on this subject. We have considerable material in government documents, and we have your books in our Americanism bookstore, but I thought you might have some concise documented material that will help us in our cause. Thanks.

Yours truly

P.S. [redacted] and I hope and pray that you will be able to stay on your important job as long as you are physically able to do so. We think you are performing an exceptionally fine service.

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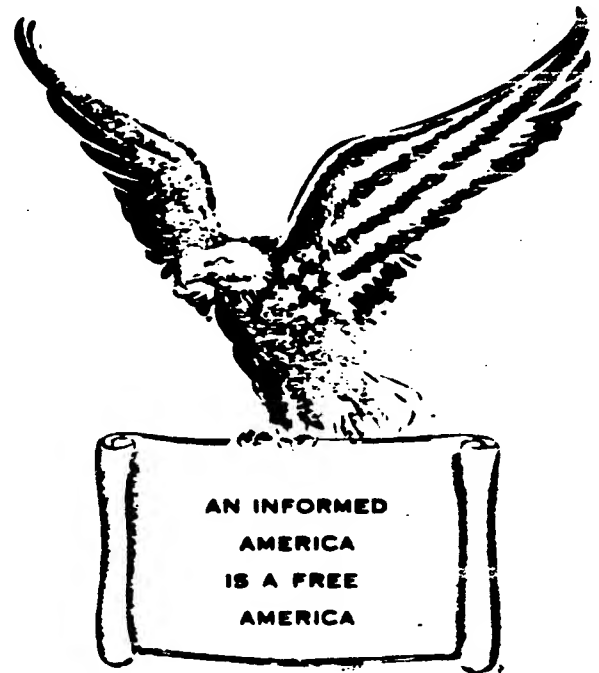
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COMMITTEE OF CHRISTIAN LAYMEN INC: OF WOODLAND HILLS
P.O. BOX 285
Woodland Hills, California

Progress Report - February 1963

You will be interested in knowing that our members contributed sufficient funds (\$3,000.00) to enable Dr. Carl McIntire to add 3 new radio stations. Funds for seven new radio stations were pledged when Dr. McIntire was in Southern California Jan. 17-22.

We participated with the Episcopalians for Christ-P.O. Box 3242-Santa Ana, in sponsoring Rev. T. Robert Ingram of Houston, Texas at a rally held at the First Baptist Church of Van Nuys, the evening of November 14, 1962. Approximately 800 were in attendance. Rev. Ingram's new book "The World Under God's Law" should be in every Christian's library-price \$3.50-St. Thomas Press--P.O. Box 35096-Houston 35, Texas.

The Episcopal Church of the Messiah in Santa Ana has voted 5 to 1 to request their bishop to take the denomination out of the National Council. This clearly shows that an informed membership will take action.

We participated in promoting Major Edgar C. Bundy's meetings in California January 7-12. Many of our members attended the meeting in Pasadena the evening of January 10. Major Bundy is one of our most effective and informed speakers. Mr. D.B. Lewis-Dr. Ross Dog Foods--will be sponsoring Major Bundy over 35 California radio stations shortly. One of our members was heard to say "I do not have a dog so I am tempted to start eating Dr. Ross Dog Food just to show that patriot, D.B. Lewis, my appreciation."

On January 15th, many of our members attended a meeting at Dr. James Fifield's First Congregational Church in Los Angeles where their Freedom Club had Mr. Tom Anderson, publisher of Ranch and Farm Magazine-Nashville, Tennessee as a speaker. Tom Anderson is a speaker with a message. His paper has a circulation of 1,300,000. He does not hesitate to state the National Council of Churches is participating in taking us into a one-world Socialist society. Dr. Fifield is doing a wonderful job in enlightening laymen on his T.V. program at 5 PM each Sunday regarding the National Council of Churches and the part it is playing in the Conspiracy.

A man, we must not forget is Mr. Walter Knott of Knott's Berry Farm also Mr. Frawley of Schick Safety Razor Company for the wonderful work they are doing to alert Americans to what is taking place in our society.

We commend Dorothy Faber-Society of Fisherman-P.O. Box 283 Clair Shores-Michigan who publishes "Christian Challenge". While this is primarily an Episcopal publication, every one of our members will find this magazine most informative-subscription \$10.00 per year. Society of Fisherman have given wonderful cooperation. If we had a hundred Dorothy Fabers-Barbara Taylors (Episcopalians for Christ at Santa Ana) our message would soon be heard and heeded. 116 REC-28 FEB 21 1963

Mr. Walter Knott says if each of who now are aware of the forces which are leading this nation to Socialism and Communism will inform and alert one more American, we can reverse this trend in the elections of 1964. Clergy in the N.C.C. Churches in so many instances are supporting all socialist activities of the

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National Council of Churches

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COMMUNIST PARTY

The Committee of Christian Laymen Kern County--headed by Richard Cotten-P.O. Box 1976-Bakersfield, California--has really made an impact on the thinking of N.C.C. Church members in that area. A Methodist minister made the mistake of attacking the Committee and challenging its statements in the Bakersfield Californian to his sorrow.

Two ministers an American Baptist in Illinois and a Congregationalist in Massachusetts who saw our publications in "Evangel" published by Louis A. Jacobsen-P.O. Box 25-Largo, Florida, have written for a sufficient supply of our publications to give to their church membership having in mind leading their churches out of the National Council of Churches. "Evangel" carries our copy in every issue. It has international circulation-published monthly-subscription rate-\$1.00 per year. Support this fine publication by subscribing.

We must not overlook our friend Mr. Charles Fox, editor of Tocsin-2490 Channing Way-Berkeley 4, California, published weekly-subscription rate \$5.00 per year. This publication will give you information on known Communists and members of Communist fronts in the fields of religion, education, politics and unions. You can't oppose this conspiracy effectively unless you are informed. Tocsin offers you an excellent source of information.

We also recommend "Blu-Print" published by Dr. G. Archer Weniger, Pastor of Foothill Boulevard Baptist Church-1530 Foothill Blvd.-Oakland 6, California. This publication names names and gives documentation on clergy in our churches and seminaries who are contributing to the Communist conspiracy. Blu-Print is published weekly. If you will send \$1.00 for a 6 months trial subscription you will find it an excellent investment. Our seminaries are having many known Communists speak to their students. ~~Blu-Print is published weekly, if you will send \$1.00 for a 6 months trial subscription, you will find it an excellent investment. Our seminaries are having many known Communists speak to their students.~~ Blu-Print gives complete information on these activities. What do you think when the Council of Churches puts on a T.V. program on Sunday termed "Religion and Art" the program "Krapps Last Tape" used such terms as "dirty old whore", "bastard" and blasphemous filth. Yes, they did just that. It was so bad that the T.V. station cancelled the program. You can get the whole story in Blu-Print issue of March 6, 1962.

The Methodist Laymen of North Hollywood-P.O. Box 323- North Hollywood, California have unmasked the publication "Motive" magazine put out by the Methodist Publishing Co.-P.O. Box 871- Nashville, Tennessee. This is an official publication of the Methodist Church for high school and college students. Write the Methodist Laymen of North Hollywood for a photostatic copy of the December 19, 1962 issue of "Motive" which contains a blasphemous play, "Round the Cherry Tree." You won't believe this till you see it, so write for it.

There are forces at work within our churches at high level which are assisting the Communists in breaking down moral and spiritual values in our society. If you are to be effective you must be informed and you will never get the information through N.C.C. controlled news media.

Mr. George North of the Free Tract Center-Hadleigh-Suffolk, England reports he has made a tape recording for Dr. Ross Dog Food-"Communism in the Churches" to be heard in California radio stations, he is writing an article for "Evangel". He is negotiating with a group of patriots to come to America on a

lecture tour and is corresponding with Dr. Otis Fuller of Wealthy Street Baptist Church in Grand Rapids, Michigan all as a result of our publishing his letter of September 26, 1962 in our Publication No. 47. ("God works in mysterious ways, his miracles to perform!")

You will be interested in knowing that we are mailing our reports and publications to people in 44 states and four foreign countries. Numerous publications are now running our copy as a regular feature.

See article in January 18, 1963 issue of LIFE magazine regarding the Siberian Christians and then you will know that the Russian churchmen sponsored by N.C.C. are Russian agents using the church for propaganda purposes.

Write your congressman without fail to give full support to the House Committee on Un-American Activities. The Communists and fellow travellers are flooding congress with letters and wires asking the H.C.U.A. be abolished. This is most serious since they claim to have 84 congressmen already lined up.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Support us with regular contributions. Send at least 10 copies of each of our publications to friends who are not yet aware of the Communist conspiracy. Everything you hold dear is at stake. It is frightening how far down the road we have gone. We have so much documentation in our files that all we can do is to select from it material which is of current interest. If you want this Republic to continue then you had best do something to help alert others, since the hour is late.

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Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, in behalf of
The National Council of Churches of Christ

on February 27, 1963 will welcome a delegation of *Russian Churchmen* for a tour of the *United States*. The delegation will be headed by *Archbishop Nikodim*, successor to *Metropolitan Nicolai*, who toured the *United States* in 1956 in another delegation as guests of the *National Council of Churches*, also under the guidance of *Dr. Eugene Carson Blake*.

Dr. Eugene Carson Blake and the *National Council of Churches* were somewhat embarrassed after the *Russian churchmen* completed the 1956 tour by reason of the fact that *Metropolitan Nicolai* was discovered to be an agent of the *Russian secret police*. The *Russian churchmen* on November 20, 1961, became blood brothers to NCC having been accepted into the fellowship of the *World Council of Churches* at *New Delhi, India*. This is all a part of the *Ecumenical movement* which calls for a *One-World, One Church Socialistic Society*.

Mr. Peter Deriabian, a major of *State Security of the Russian Government*, who defected to the West, has testified as follows:

"It is impossible in the Soviet Union to serve God without serving the State. You give some information for state security about religious activities; otherwise you can not attend church. All church activity is subjected and subjugated under the arm of the State. Most of the priests in the Soviet Union, and the religious people who help the priests, are some kind of agents of KGB or MGB. When the State Security recruited priests and ministers as their agents, they always said "you will serve us or we will put you in jail, according to your activities."

Mr. Matt Cotic, F.B.I. Counterspy, has testified:

"I attended many meetings at which the Communist position on religion was discussed. The absolute position of International Communism, which I heard voiced hundreds of times in secret Communist meetings is: "Religion is an opiate for the ignorant masses, it must be destroyed!"

Of the 78,000 Orthodox Churches before the *Russian revolution*, there are but 10,000 of all denominations and there would be far less had not the *Russian government* decided that they could use the Church for propaganda purposes. The *Soviet Government* on November 10, 1962, awarded the *Patriarch of the Russian Orthodox Church* the "Peace Award" for his "Great patriotic activity in the struggle for Peace."

The *Russians* made use of their membership in the *World Council of Churches* during the *Cuban crisis* when *Archbishop Nicodim* wired *Mr. J. Irwin Miller*, president of N.C.C. as follows:

"We have confidence in the good will of the American people who are opposed to the possibility of a new war. It is the duty of American church leaders to use all opportunities in pressing the U.S. Government to abandon its crazy policy." N.C.C. leaders were glad to oblige.

The thirty-two *Siberian peasants* (6 men, 12 women and 14 children) who made the trek from *Siberia* to the *U.S. Embassy in Moscow* the first week in January 1963 pleading for protection from religious persecution were most embarrassing to the *National Council of Churches* and to our own *State Department*. After holding them for some three hours they were turned over to *Soviet* authorities as they plead for help from fellow Christians saying "Don't turn us back we will be shot." Many *Evangelical Christian* groups have protested to our *State Department*, but you have seen no indication of concern on the part of the *National Council of Churches*. See *Life Magazine* issue of January 18, 1963 regarding *Siberian peasants*.

We contend that the *National Council of Churches* is up to its neck in this conspiracy, yet it claims to be speaking for 40,000,000 Protestants. True Protestants should live up to their name, they should protest this assumption of power on the part of this political, conniving, Church leadership. Are you so naive as to believe that a *Soviet Government* which shoots down people attempting to escape via the *Berlin Wall*, a government which is atheistic and dedicated to the destruction of *Christianity*, would permit a delegation of actual Christians to come to this country as guests of the *National Council of Churches*? Certainly not, so recognize them for what they are, namely agents of the *Soviet Conspiracy*.

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A "PAUL REVERE" MESSAGE — SEND TO A FRIEND — SPREAD THE ALARM — DON'T DISCARD

The News Media Controlled by The National Council Of Churches Of Christ

will not alert Christians to the dangers of Communism so will you dear born-again Christians take this information to your newspapers, local churches and other publishers and ask them to publish it. Also send copy to your Congressman.

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Date _____ 1963

To the Editor:

The Worker, official publication of the Communist Party, issue of July 17, 1962, on the front page has this heading, "White House Sandbag Hits Peace Candidate." *The Worker* uses the term "Peace Candidate" to indicate a candidate supported by the Communist Party.

Representative Frank Kowalski was the "Peace Candidate" who ran against Abraham Ribicoff in the Democratic primary for Senator of Connecticut. Ribicoff, with administration support, won.

Kowalski, in Congress, pleaded that Fidel Castro be given foreign aid and another opportunity to demonstrate that he was not a tool of the Soviet Union. He was one of two Congressmen who voted against economic sanctions against Cuba on May 11, 1962. The vote was 404-2. Kowalski asked for "Normal trade and commercial relations with Cuba."

The week of January 20, 1963, President Kennedy appointed Frank Kowalski, at a \$20,000 per year salary, to (of all things) the Subversive Activities Control Board. One can only conclude that this is to pay a political debt for hitting this "Peace Candidate" with a sandbag. Every patriotic American should protest this appointment. Fulton Lewis Jr. told of the appointment in his column of January 27, 1963, but you need the information given in *The Worker* to get full significance of this affair.

Even more important, *The Worker*, issue of October 7, 1962 under the heading "On the Campus," tells how Communist oriented students of the University of California have taken control of student politics at Berkeley. They are well along with the same plan at the University of Wisconsin and now plan the same drive on the campus of every college across the nation. Once they get control of campus politics, they plan to bring Communist speakers to the campus to speak for the repeal of the McCarran Act which requires them to register.

Following usual Communist tactics, Communists will try to create friction between independent and fraternity groups and then volunteer to lead the independents to victory (and of course Communist control). Our students can't cope with this well organized Communist subversion unless they understand how it operates.

The Worker, issue of May 27, 1962, reports that Thirty-one college editors are already lined up to support the Communist Party's position on the McCarran Act.

I appeal to you to carry this information, which has been researched by the Committee of Christian Laymen Inc. of Woodland Hills — P.O. Box 285, Woodland Hills Calif., as a public service.

Signed _____

Address _____

Send a subscription for "Student Statesman"—847 South Grand Ave. — Los Angeles 17, Calif., to a high school or college student — rate \$1.00 per year. Inform our youth as to the nature of Communism.

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Any of you lay people in N.C.C. affiliated Churches have a splendid chance here to test whether N.C.C. or affiliated denominational publications will publish this information. Just sign and send it in.

We dare say that every religious publication, not N.C.C. affiliated, will be glad to cooperate be they Catholic or Protestant. Send for additional copies and send to as many publishers as you can. We must alert our people or Khrushchev will truly bury us.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover in his annual F.B.I. Report issued October 17, 1962 says:

"The prime objective of all the public activity on the part of the Communist leaders was to create a new image of the Party, an image which connotes respectability, legitimacy as a liberal political faction and freedom for foreign dictators." The Party never fails to play up assistance given by religious leaders.

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Many Church leaders affiliated with The National Council of Churches of Christ

are contributing to Communist subversion in this Country by seeking to abolish the House Committee on Un-American Activities and to repeal the Internal Security Act of 1950, better known as the McCarran Act.

The *Presbyterian Journal*, issue of November 28, 1962, has this to say regarding N.C.C.

"For months every issue of 'Interchurch News' (N.C.C. monthly paper) featured editorials and stories slanted to convey the impression of a monstrous danger embodied in anti-Communist groups and Congressional investigating committees. Hardly a state or local Council of Churches failed to fall in line with resolutions of their own Acting on their own initiative (and presumably speaking only for themselves) those officials (of N.C.C.) occupying offices at 475 Riverside Dr., New York, plan the programs, pull the strings and issue directives that ultimately affect the lives of millions of people." Lay people are not aware of what N.C.C. is doing since *Church News* goes to the clergy.

Write *The Presbyterian Journal* — P.O. Box 3108 — Asheville, North Carolina, for the Nov. 28 issue.

Robert Garrillo Ronstadt, undercover F.B.I. operative within the Communist Party, in testimony released October 10, 1962, "*The Communist Party's Cold War Against Congressional Investigation of Subversion*" states:

"F.B.I. Director J. Edgar Hoover, the House Committee on Un-American Activities and the Internal Security Act of 1950 (the McCarran Act) will come under increasing attack from a variety of sources during the coming months. The Communist Party, as is to be expected, will take the lead."

The National Council of Churches is one of the sources. The layman within the church certainly does not want to see our Internal Security organizations destroyed and he is not even asked for his opinion but rather the order goes out from the office of N.C.C. in New York to denominations and the clergy within those denominations to take positions which are identical to that of the Communist Party. The N.C.C. has been sending out their propaganda for months to this effect as stated in *The Presbyterian Journal*. Mr. Ronstadt further testified:

"U.S. Communists are launching a souped-up campaign to break the back of Government Agencies and laws which now restrict Communists' freedom to deceive and to subvert."

The House Committee on Un-American Activities is limited by Congress to investigate subversion which attacks and seeks to destroy our form of government and then to recommend to the Congress legislation to control such subversion. *The H.C.U.A.*, however, can not function in the religious field by reason of the First Amendment to the Constitution which states "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof." The Church then in opposing and asking that *H.U.C.A.* be abolished can only be seeking to protect others and the organization having the most to gain is the Communist Party.

The Communist Party is well aware of the fact that the Church is the most fertile field for infiltration since the First Amendment to the Constitution prevents any laws being passed in that field which will restrict their activities. After 10 years of litigation the Supreme Court of the United States has upheld the registration provision of the McCarran Act which requires that they register as agents of a foreign government. The Communist Party frankly admits that registering in such a manner destroys their effectiveness. For reasons best known to themselves N.C.C. leaders do not want the Communists handicapped in this fashion.

The Communist Party held a rally the evening of November 30, 1962 in Los Angeles to celebrate the defeat of Richard Nixon, other conservative candidates and the California Communist Control Amendment (Proposition 24). Such N.C.C. church leaders as Dr. Carroll L. Shuster (Presbyterian), Bishop Gerald Kennedy (Methodist), Dr. John H. Burt and Dr. Forrest C. Weir (Episcopalian), as well as various California local Council of Churches deserved the most credit, in our opinion, for the defeat of the Communist Control Amendment. Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, secretary of the Communist Party in New York, who attended the Nov. 30 meeting, said:

"What has already been done in California is a lesson to all who are opposed to the McCarran Act on how to conduct a campaign. It can be done now on a Nationwide scale, in the same manner."

The front page of the *Oakland (Calif.) Tribune* of November 15, 1962, as reported in *Blue Print* states:

"Government officials who conduct investigations of subversive activities in the United States consider the Bay Area the Communist center of the Nation, with Berkeley as its core. Clarence Severin, Captain of Detectives of the Alameda County District Attorney's office, told the Berkeley Realty Board today there is strong evidence that the National Council of Churches has been infiltrated, and it is definite that the Fair Play for Cuba Committee is completely Communist."

When an Alger Hiss can work his way into top echelons of the government and when Communist Sympathizers can, for a limited time, even infiltrate the F.B.I., we lay people should certainly look with suspicion upon any group, be they clergy or otherwise, who align themselves with the Communists in seeking to abolish the House Committee on Un-American Activities and to repeal the McCarran Act which requires the Communists to register as foreign agents. Are you going to continue to permit the National Council of Churches to act as your spokesman or will you stand on your own two feet with God's help and repudiate them.

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By the Control of News Media, Leaders of The National Council of Churches of Christ

have been able to use their 40,000,000 membership for political purposes without the individual church member knowing that he, in supporting the organization, is contributing to the destruction of those things which made this nation great.

We urge you to write "*California Farmer*" — 83 Stevenson St. — San Francisco 5, California for their December 1 issue and read the editorial by Jack Pickett, owner and editor, entitled "*National Council of Churches vs the Farmers.*" The N.C.C. through one of its divisions is pushing for legislation which if enacted would destroy California agriculture. The editorial states:

"There were some startled and outraged agricultural people in this state when local ministers began backing the N.C.C. program. One minister, Rev. Lloyd H. Vickers of Riverside, had the intellectual courage to seek the truth instead of blindly accepting propaganda of the National Council of Churches."

Mr. H. B. Luebke of Tennessee Polytechnic Institute of Cookeville Tennessee had this to say in an article in *Christian Century*, December 20, 1961.

"Finally the position taken by the big City Churches has an effectively broken down communication with the farmer that in many areas it has lost its witness as a redeeming factor." These big city churches are merely following the N.C.C. line.

You Doctors and Dentists, mark these words, *The National Council of Churches*, using the power of their 40,000,000 membership, will be your most potent political opposition in legislating *Medicare under Social Security* as the first step towards socializing your professions. They are going to be pushing for a system in this country similar to that in England.

You Union Members be on your guard, the 1961 Annual Report of the House Committee on Un-American Activities points out that 342,000 workers in industries vital to any U.S. defense are members of Unions under Communist leadership and control. Few of these workers are Communists, yet they have not been able to shake the well organized Communist control. Under *Communism or Socialism* you become an employee of the State thereby losing all bargaining power and freedom. *The National Council of Churches* is supporting all *Socialistic* legislation as is the *Communist Party*. Benjamin J. Davis, a leading Communist, in the July 1, 1962 issue of *The Worker* says:

"There is not a single progressive social measure in our country today which is not identified with or supported by the Communist Party." The N.C.C. has supported these same measures.

The Worker, issue of September 23, 1962 states: /

"The Soviet Union was the first country to build Socialism. Since then a third of the world has taken the same path."

The National Council under their "*New Social Order*" referred to as the "*Kingdom of God on Earth*" is considered by the *Communist Party* as being essentially their own program and they so state in *The Worker*, issue of July 10, 1962 where this statement appears:

"If these believers are sincere, let them join forces with Marxists for Peace and Socialism. They may call it the "*Kingdom of God on Earth*"; Marxists call it the Cooperative Commonwealth; what matters names, if we mean the same concrete things?"

There is bound to be close cooperation between the N.C.C. clergy and the *Communist Party* when Bishop Edgar A. Love of the *Methodist Church* agrees to serve as a *Trustee* of a fund being used to seek the repeal of the *McCarran Act* which requires that *Communists* register as agents of the *Soviet Union*. Ask for our *Publication No. 48* which gives complete details.

The Department of Religious Liberty of the *National Council of Churches* in a bulletin issued to the churches in 1959 appealed to them to write the *White House* on behalf of Morton Sobell, convicted *Communist spy*, involved with the *Rosenbergs* who drew the death sentence. There are many, many more instances of this kind of cooperation between the *Communists* and the N.C.C. clergy in our files.

Any of you laymen who question our criticism of N.C.C. are urged to write to the *Presbyterian Journal* — *Weaverville, North Carolina* and ask for their pamphlet "*The National Council of Churches, a Power Bloc in Protestantism*" released Nov. 28, 1962. You will be dumfounded by the disclosures citing cases of how the *National Council of Churches* has used the churches in carrying out their one-world, one-church *Socialistic* policies while keeping lay people completely in the dark as to their activities. Price of the pamphlet, \$1.00 per dozen, \$5.00 per hundred.

Much of our information concerning cooperation between N.C.C. clergy and the *Communist Party* is obtained from *Communist* publications since the N.C.C. controls the news media going to the layman. We have been naming names which we would not do without documentation.

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Dear [REDACTED]

I received your letter of February 12th and want you to know how much I appreciate the kind sentiments you expressed.

Although I would like to be of service, information in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. Also, the FBI is strictly 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 I am unable to help you and trust you will understand the necessary reasons for these policies.

Enclosed is some literature I hope will be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Faith in God--Our Answer To Communism

Let's Fight Communism Sanely!

What Does the Future Hold?

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

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Articles on Communism, bearing your name, have appeared in a newspaper publication called, Through To Victory, edited by the Rev. Paul Neipp of 731 N. Sanders Ave., Ridgecrest, California (see Vol. II, No. 10, November 1962). This publication has also attacked the National Council of Churches on the grounds that its leaders and its pronouncements have "followed the Communist Party line" (see Vol. I, No. 7, Oct. 1961).

Sir, I write to you with great respect for your sterling record as a loyal Christian layman and as a recognized authority on Communism. Would you or your staff kindly send me a brief appraisal of the National and/or World Council of Churches regarding these charges? Some of my parishioners have expressed their concern about my participation on the Faith and Order Commission of the Southern California Council of Churches because National Council of Churches materials are used. Factual information from your office will help our congregation to make an objective evaluation, and will be gratefully received.

Wishing you God's continued blessing as you carry out your vocation with His power, I am

Very respectfully yours,
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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of February 12th and enclosure have been received.

While I would like to be of assistance to you, 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. Furthermore, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. In view of this, I am sure you will understand why I am unable to comment in the manner you have suggested.

I am enclosing a copy of the list of organizations which have been cited by the Department of Justice of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450, in addition to some material which I hope will be of interest to you. I am also returning the publication you forwarded.

You may also wish to secure a copy of "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," prepared and released by the House Committee on Un-American Activities. In it are listed groups and periodicals which have been cited by various state and Federal agencies, and a copy of it can be purchased for seventy cents from the Superintendent of Documents, United States Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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The Attorney General's list
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Storming the Skies--Christianity Encounters Communism
Current Communist Threat

Feb. 12, 1963.

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

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Dear Sir:

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As a citizen of this great country, an educator, and an officer in the Methodist Church I would appreciate an evaluation of the inclosed reprint which I received by mail from one of our good church members.

This person feels she can no longer work as a member of our organization, (the Methodist Church) since it is being infiltrated as has been stated in the inclosed release. We hear so many charges and counter-charges in these times with Communism on our very doorstep, so to speak, that it is sometimes hard to sort out the truths from the untruths. I feel sure that we as a nation do not want any part of Communism, but being a democratic society where each citizen is imbued with certain inalienable rights which makes it easy for those of us who would destroy our representative form of government to operate—and work to destroy us by and with those instruments of government that has made us great.

We do not want to be agitators, but I feel sure our membership would rise up in indignation if they felt we were being misled by any of the hierarchy of our organization. Is there anything we as individuals or as members of the group can do in helping to keep our national equilibrium in these perilous times?

Do you have a recent list of subversive organizations that are operating at this time within the United States or can you direct us to a source of such information which can be relied upon?

Thanking you in advance I remain,

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Yours for a better United States

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A "PAUL REVERE" MESSAGE — SEND TO A FRIEND — SPREAD THE ALARM — DON'T DISCARD

You Will Find No Record of These Extra-Curricula Activities of the leaders of The National Council of Churches of Christ

in your church publications but you will find them in the *Communist Party* publications. We are citing a few for your consideration. *The Worker*, issue of October 21, 1962 has the following headline "1000 Bless Chas Liberties Trail, Map fight on McCarran Act". We quote excerpts from this article:

"History was made in the struggle for America's traditional liberties on Columbus Day when 1000 New Yorkers gathered in the Hotel Astor in the most representative Liberal-Left assembly since the passage of the McCarran Act in 1950. The following organizations were represented: The Communist Party, The Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade, The National Council of American Soviet Friendship, The American Committee for Protection of the Foreign Born, The National Lawyers Guild, The National Committee to Abolish the House Un-American Activities Committee, The Emergency Civil Liberties Committee, The Gus Hall-Benjamin Davis Defense Committee, The Citizens Committee for Constitutional Liberties and the Religious Freedom Committee. (all are listed as either Communist or subversive except the last which must be recently organized).

Symbolic of the appreciation of the Communist Party's role was the resounding reception given Elizabeth Gurley Flynn when she was introduced among the leaders of organizations engaged in this struggle. A similar reception greeted Benjamin J. Davis, outstanding Communist spokesman and former New York Councilman, who together with Gus Hall has already been indicted under the McCarran Act."

Norman Thomas, socialist leader, stressed the urgency of making "better effort" in bringing to the mass of people the dangers of the McCarran Act. Frank Wilkinson, identified Communist, who heads The National Committee to Abolish the House Un-American Activities Committee spoke to the assembly as did Florence Corliss Lamont professor at Harvard Divinity School.

Chairman of the evening was Methodist Bishop Edgar A. Love of Baltimore, who *The Worker* reports, is also president of the Methodist Federation for Social Action. They did not mention it but the latter organization is also listed as subversive. (Page 107 Guide to Subversive organizations and Publications — House Document 398).

Bishop Love served in the General Assembly of The National Council of Churches in 1952, 1954. This is the top governing body of N.C.C. Bishop Love has 39 listings to his credit (A compilation of Public Records of 658 Clergymen and Laymen connected with the National Council of Churches). He has been a very busy man in extra-curricula activities.

Bishop Love, Professor Louise Pettibone Smith (Professor Emeritus of Biblical History of Wellesley and Co-Chairman of American Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born, which is listed as subversive) and Leo Linder will serve as trustees of a fund to be used in the struggle for Constitutional liberties.

There is now little question in our mind that the National Council of Churches either directly or indirectly through its leaders intends to align itself with The Communist Party in its drive to abolish the House Committee on Un-American Activities and to Repeal the McCarran Act. (See our Publication No. 44 for complete details). Mr. J. Edgar Hoover in his book "Masters of Deceit" on page 194 says:

"A primary tactic of the Communist Party is to preserve the legal status of the party. Thus any organization which has the duty to investigate or expose communist activity is singled out for attack. For years the party has campaigned against the House Committee on Un-American Activities, The Senate Internal Security Sub-Committee, and the Senate Investigating Committee. The Department of Justice and the F.B.I. have not been spared, and we have come to judge our effectiveness by the intensity of the attack."

According to "The Worker", issue of October 7, 1962, Bishop Edgar A. Love delivered a petition to The White House asking an end to the McCarran Act, which requires that Communists and Subversive Organizations register. Among the 900 signers were 210 University and college professors, 128 clergymen, 85 lawyers and 43 publishers, journalists, authors and writers.

We feel quite sure that you lay people have not seen and would never see this information because of its not appearing in the daily press in your area. It certainly would never appear in N.C.C. or denomination publications. It is a sad day when one must go to Communist publications to get such information. This is why we repeat "The National Council of Churches, as now constituted and directed is a menace to church and state."

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Memorandum

TO : A. H. BELMONT

DATE: February 9, 1963

FROM : W. C. SULLIVAN

SUBJECT: NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHRISTIAN CHURCHES (NCCC)

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Reference is made to copy of a memorandum from J. A. Sizoo to W. C. Sullivan dated December 27, 1962, which is enclosed.

On February 8, 1963.

_____ called at the Bureau to discuss communism and religion and in particular, charges which they had heard to the effect that the NCCC was a communist front, procommunist, et cetera.

We discussed basically religion and communism. I explained to them that religion had always been a target of communists who sought to infiltrate and to use churches and church organizations. I explained to these men the sincere resistance to communism on the part of the overwhelming majority of clergymen in the U. S. while at the same time emphasizing that one clergyman who knowing or unknowingly served the communist cause is one too many. These men were in complete agreement with this position and manifested a strong anticommunist stand.

When they inquired about the NCCC, I told both men that we were not in any position to evaluate or pass judgment on such organizations. They wanted to know if it had ever been cited as a communist front. I told them that no such citation was known to me. I referred these two men to literature put out by the NCCC which is strongly anti-communist. Some of this literature they were familiar with. Both lamented the fact that theology is getting mixed up with politics and communism. By this they meant that the defrocked Presbyterian Minister Carl McIntyre takes a peculiar theological position which is opposed to the position taken by the greater majority of Protestant theologians and because they do oppose him he keeps charging them with being communist or procommunist. These men pointed out that opposition by Protestant theologians is given to McIntyre not because of his politics.

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but because of his theology. However, he strikes back at them politically by trying to smear them with charges of procommunism. References were also made to the former Baptist Minister Edgar Bundy and to the Evangelist Billie Hargis who use the same tactics as McIntyre against Protestant theologians. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] lamented this raging controversy in the Protestant world as they pointed out it divides and confuses people at a time when all should take a strong stand against communism.

These men mentioned that they had also visited the House Committee to discuss the same subject matter.

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For the information of the Director.

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of February 8, 1963, has been received, and the thought prompting you to write is appreciated.

With respect to your inquiry regarding the National Council of Churches, 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 addition, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I regret I am unable to help you and hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to this organization.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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

Dear Mr. Hoover,

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Because of certain religious radio programs
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constant disention over the support of the church.

Now I know that you are very busy, and can't take
time for every small problem, and that much information is
classified. But is there any material that you can give me about
the National Council of Churches on the American Baptist Convention
that would be helpful in explaining this problem to our people.

I am just a Christian worker in our church but
am concerned over this question. I have always been a Baptist and
would like to believe that we are carrying out the purpose for which
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January 18, 1963
Honolulu, Hawaii

THE RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH: EXPOSED

The following information has been taken from a letter sent out from the office of the 20th Century Reformation Hour, Collingswood, N. J., Dec. 28, 1962. Written by Dr. Carl McIntire, who is the pastor of the Bible Presbyterian Church in Collingswood, N. J. and he is the president of the International Council of Christian Churches. Which has 83 denominations in it working together on a world level.

Dear Friends:

The date is February 27, 1963. The Russians are coming?? Yes, the Red Clergy from Moscow, 20 or more strong, are to arrive for a three week visit as the honored guest of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A. According to the NCC announcement, the delegation will include representatives of the Russian Orthodox Church, The Russian Orthodox Church is a member of the World Council of Churches. These Communists spokesmen and propagandists have effectively infiltrated the highest governing bodies of the Ecumenical organizations. Every organization directly or indirectly related too what is called the Ecumenical movement in the United States, will be involved. This is the climax of all that the Communists have done in their use of the Churches. It is bold, daring "daylight robbery???" When a similar delegation came to this Country in 1956, under the leadership of Metropolitan Nicolai, there were eight. Today there are twenty or more.

Archbishop Nikodim, in charge of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Orthodox Church, will unquestionably lead the delegation. Yet he was trained under Metropolitan Nicolai, served immediately under him, and has taken his place. He reports to the Secret Police?? Metropolitan Nicolai was identified as an agent of the Soviet Secret Police and headed the delegation of 1956, which Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, then president of the NCC, presented to the American people.

This, my friend, is our day of golden opportunity. Khrushchev has gone through the act of removing his atomic warheads from Cuba - 42, according to him. Now he is sending over his first team of propagandists, those who have a "privileged sanctuary." What political leader will deal with the Churches? The NCC and the Red churchmen both know they are "safe" from any questions from the administration in Washington. These Red churchmen are waging the cold war battle in the realm of peace, disarmament, peaceful coexistence, unity. These Russians are leaders in the ideological conflict and struggle for the mind of America.

ALL THIS MUST BE FOUGHT, EXPOSED, REPUDIATED, AND EVERY FREEDOM-LOVING AMERICAN, REGARDLESS OF HIS CHURCH CONNECTIONS, SHOULD GET IN THIS GREAT STRUGGLE AS IT SHALL SHAPE UP NOW IN THE NEXT TWO MONTHS IN THE UNITED STATES. This is the hour of all hours for those who believe that we should carry on a vigorous, outspoken effort to defeat the cause of Communist propaganda. We believe we must.

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The 20th Century Reformation Hour is going to co-operate with the American Council of Christian Churches, our Bible-believing group of Denominations - 15 Of them; and the International Council of Christian Churches, 83 Denominations, in a vigorous protest. The Churches must meet this issue on the Church level and with the backing and the support of Christian people everywhere. A rally, therefore, is announced for Denver, Colorado, on Thursday night, February 28, 1963. The Red Clergy are scheduled to go immediately to Denver to attend a meeting of the General Board of the National Council meeting at Denver, February 27 to March 1. This rally will be held, therefore, in close proximity to the General Board of the National Council of Churches.

A second rally is announced for the Prudential Life Insurance auditorium in Chicago on Friday night, March 1. Other rallies will be announced as it is learned where the Russian Clergy will go. We expect to check them at each point and if they divide into different parties for the visitation of various sections of the Country, the team that is protesting their visit will also divide.

THE GREAT DEBATE

On Friday evening, April 27, Bishop Henry I. Loutit, Bishop of the Diocese of South Florida of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and Dr. Carl McIntire, president of the International Council of Christian Churches, met for a debate in the Howard Junior High School Auditorium, Orlando, Fla.

The subject of the debate was, "Resolved that the ecumenical movement as represented by the National Council of Churches and the World Council of Churches is giving aid and comfort to the Communists." Dr. McIntire took the affirmative and Bishop Loutit the negative view. The debate was tape recorded and is given in full following:

METROPOLITAN NICOLAI

Dr. McIntire is talking and he says: I want to give you this illustration now because it goes to the very heart of the National Council's activity in the peaceful co-existence realm. In 1956 the National Council of Churches sent an official delegation to Moscow to establish relations with the Russian Orthodox Church. The man with whom they had to deal was Metropolitan Nicolai. Nicolai died on December 19th this last year and his obituary in the New York Herald Tribune had this in it, "In 1927 the Soviet government confronted Russian priests with a declaration of unconditional loyalty to the Soviet power. Nikolai signed it (1927); Metropolitan Iosif of Petrograd rejected it and was shot," and the story it told of how he came to be made a Metropolitan: "It was child's play for him to walk the devious Red line and equate Church and Communism. He became part of Premier Stalin's personal entourage, and began a subtle campaign to 'deify' the dictator." This is Metropolitan Nicolai.

Metropolitan Nicolai was identified by Petr Dariabian—a major of the secret police, the highest ranking one ever to leave Russia—under oath, before a Hearing by the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee. I have the Hearing in which he identifies Nicolai, that he was an agent of long standing of the Soviet Secret Police. Furthermore, in this lengthy testimony, Dariabian proceeds to say that all religion in Russia is under the control of Georgi Karpov. Stalin put him in charge of religion and he was in the Cabinet, and I read here, "In each province Karpov's officers are in every city where they work with KVD, taking care of all church activities." It is impossible in the Soviet Union to serve God without serving state security. And then he goes on to identify Karpov as having a dual position. He is in charge of destroying the churches for the Communist Party. He is placed in the Cabinet to run the churches so they can be used for Soviet ends. Both ways he is operating in the use of the Churches. Now this is testimony under oath given before the Senate Internal Security Committee of the United States Congress. I believe it.

Here is another Hearing, under oath, before the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, April 12, 1956, and this is the testimony of Yuri Rastvov, who was for eleven years in the Soviet police and he was operating in this field, and he explains that all the churches are under the complete control of the secret police in the Soviet Union. He goes on to explain that they opened a few seminaries and, that is, the secret police, sent officers, counterintelligence officers, to the seminaries and later they became bishops in many churches in the Soviet Union. In other words, they put their agents in there, they garbed them as ministers, they graduated, and their bishops operate in the church. That is sworn testimony before the United States Senate Internal Security Subcommittee and I believe it.

When this came out, Life magazine published a feature with a front cover spread, and this (Pointing to exhibit) is Petr Dariabian's various identifications. There it is on the front cover. This is for March 23, 1959. Turn on over here and here is a picture, "Soviet Agents in the West," and here is a picture of Nicolai. "Orthodox Metropolitan Nikolai is agent in secret police."

Now, I have in my hand the National Council's official publication, the Outlook. On the front cover of this document is a picture of the officials of the National Council of Churches in Red Square in Moscow. They are walking nicely across Red Square. You can identify Dr. Blake. Bishop Sherrill is here of the Protestant Episcopal Church — he was presiding Bishop at that time. You move on over and, in the pictures we have here of their meeting, here is Metropolitan Nicolai with his arm under Dr. Blake's leading him nicely off the air strip at the airport. A Soviet secret police agent has hold of the arm of the president of the National Council of Churches, and then we have the report of their visit there where they had conferences. We come on down to the conclusion of this report and we are told that the National Council delegation, the Americans, called Saturday noon on invitation upon Georgi Karpov — and Georgi Karpov is a major general of the secret police.

a member of the Cabinet that Stalin erected, and he put him in there. And here is the National Council delegation, on invitation, proceeding to call upon this agent -- major general -- who is running the churches behind the Iron Curtain.

The story goes on -- mind you, I am reading from their own publications; this is their documentation -- "Karpov entertains sixty at dinner, honoring the deputation, at Hotel Metropole." Then it goes on to say, "Karpov stressed the first visit by representatives of the American churches, deplored the short visit, and urged many times that they come again."

Ladies and gentlemen, you would never find Carl McIntire sitting down to a dinner that was set up for him by any kind of Communist outfit anywhere in the world. But that is an official delegation, an action by the General Board of the National COUNCIL of Churches, going to Moscow, being entertained by the Major General of the secret police whom Stalin placed in the Cabinet of the Soviet Union to destroy the churches or to use the churches for the Communist cause. I would say that the National Council has been used a little bit by the Communist??

RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

Now, let's pursue the story a little further because it brings us into other very important fields. The negotiations to bring the Russian Orthodox Church into membership in the World Council of Churches were carried on with Metropolitan Nicolai, and even after the LIFE magazine article, and even after the testimony before the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, they went on with their meetings, with their collaborations. It resulted in the application of the Russian Orthodox Church to be a member of the World Council of Churches. Nicolai, stepped aside two years ago and a young man by the name of Nikodin, who served under Nicolai for one year, took his place. Nikodin lead a 16-man delegation to New Delhi and he was there and was the spokesman of the delegation in the developments that ensued.

I want to read to you the statements that Nikodin made before the press conference. I was there when he was interviewed. In this press conference he gave expression to the Communist propaganda and the Communist line which we have heard so many, many times, about there being full and complete religious freedom. I wanted to be able to give you the actual, full quotations of Nikodin. I can't lay my hand on it just now, but the substance of it is that there is complete and full religious freedom, that they are not being interfered with in any way by the Communist government and that anyone who say they are: has not been informed or else he knows the truth and does not speak the truth. He comes out with this same line that they have all told us from beginning to end that they were not interfered with by the Communist government. And yet here is the testimony of these former agents. Here is the experience of which the refugees have told us and the witness which has been given to us from every hand that the church is under the direction and the control of the Soviet secret police.

Now before the New Delhi Assembly ended, an incident happened which was not reported by the Associated Press to our Country. On Saturday afternoon, in the press boxes, there was placed a little notice among the notices of the day, the next day, and there was the announcement of an invitation from the Russian delegation to Travancore Hall on Sunday afternoon for a reception. Travancore Hall is the old Soviet Embassy today. So the Russian delegation, members of the World Council of Churches over to the Soviet headquarters, the Soviet Embassy, for a Sunday afternoon meeting and in that meeting they showed the film of how the National Council leaders had come into Moscow. There was Nicolai, there was Nikodin, here was the gentleman that was taking care of the filming in Moscow was right there in New Delhi showing the propaganda film to the World Council men.

When the Associated Press did not report this to the Country, I objected. I think the American people ought to know that the delegation from Moscow was operating as an arm and as an agent of the Soviet Embassy in New Delhi in what they did.

At the present moment, representatives of the National Council of Churches are going up and down across our Country trying to explain and to justify the presence of the Russian Orthodox Church in the World Council of Churches. But the Russian Orthodox Church left New Delhi with five of their members elected to the powerful central committee, including Nikodin and Shishkin, who is the editor of the Journal of the Moscow Patriarchate, which carries on all this phony peace propaganda all the time. They ended with five men from Moscow sitting on the powerful central committee in Christian fellowship with the top leaders of the National Council of Churches in our Country. I would say that they gave them a considerable bit of comfort when they brought them into that relationship.

JANOS PETER

Now, I am going to give you one or two startling illustrations, because the ordinary American and many even of the churchmen in the National Council do not realize what has been going on. I have a photostat here from what has been going on. I have here a photostat here from the New York Times, "Red Cleric Diplomat Janos Peter" -- and this is December 9, 1959. The explanation is that Janos Peter, First Deputy Foreign Minister of the Hungarian Communist regime, was making a speech in the United Nations defending what the Communists did when they suppressed the freedom uprising in October of 1956. This news report from the New York Times explains that Janos Peter came to this Country in 1954 as a delegate to Evanston, the World Council of Churches. He wore clerical garb on his first visit. He then, the Rt. Rev. Dr. Peter, was representing the Hungarian Reformed Church at the Second Assembly of the World Council of Churches in Evanston, Ill. The appearance of a churchman from behind the Iron Curtain attracted much interest, and the Bishop, while denying that he was a Communist, sought to convince his fellow Protestants that his country enjoyed complete religious freedom.

Imagine complete religious freedom religious freedom in Communist Hungary?? And here he is inside of the Ecumenical movement and he comes back to New York as a diplomat??? Since that time he has been made the Foreign Secretary for the Hungarian Government.

While he was here in the United States, a delegate to the Evanston Assembly of the World Council of Churches, he used his standing in the Ecumenical movement for an interview with the press. Here is the interview, question and answer, and I have taken this also from the New York Times: "Q To what extent, if any, is religion being used by the State for the furtherance of its own purposes? A. The churches have their freedom to support solutions which may improve the living conditions of the people. They are free to withdraw from any common action and to oppose those instructions upon which they do not agree." I don't believe it, in Communist countries??? But this is the line. He gave it to the American people. Here is a delegate in the robes of a churchman, and he comes back to our Country and he now is the First Secretary representing the Hungarian Communist Government. I think they have given them some aid. I think they have given them some comfort.

JOHN NOBLE

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John Noble in his book, "I found God in Soviet Russia: Gave this information about the Russian Orthodox Church, and John Noble was a slave in Russian prison labor camp in Russia for 9 and one half years, and he brought back to the Western World the truth about the Russian Orthodox Church and the real underground Christian Church in Russia. Pg. 113: The Russian Orthodox Church did have convents in pre-revolutionary Russia, but these had long since been liquidated by the persecution of the early 1920's. Pg. 137: The Bolsheviks, who are members of the Communists Party, could and did gain control of the Russian Orthodox Church by arresting and liquidating the Moscow hierarchy and by infiltrating many passive, subservient men into the Moscow Patriarchate in their places. The Communists rigidly screened all young men who entered the Orthodox theological seminaries to prepare for the priesthood, but they have never been able to control and suppress the Baptists in quite the same way.

In other words: Dr. McIntire and John Noble have given us valid evidence that the Russian Orthodox is run and operated by the Communists. We know that the Communists want to infiltrate into any organization, religious or otherwise, so that they can use that organization for the goal of the Godless Communists. If the Communists infiltrate into America: By using the National Council of Churches They can use these Churches for spy spy purposes to see how much more they can infiltrate into our churches: in order that they can gain control of our Churches: to destroy the Churches and take over America. We know that the Communists have front organizations in America: which they use and have used to try to carry out their plan of winning the American people to Godless Communism. I am in the Army. Army intelligence officers: and the FBI work 24 hour a day, and all military intelligence men: to see to it that our National Security is not put in DANGER by the Communists. We must help them stop the Communists by helping to expose and stop the infiltration of the Communists into the Churches of America. We can do this by using our power as citizens of the U. S. A. to bring the Russian Orthodox Church leaders and their connection with the Communist Party to

the attention of our Government leaders in Washington D. C. and protests then coming to this country as guests of the National Council of Churches. We can write to our Senators, our Congressmen and bring this to their attention: that our National Security is being endangered by the presence of the Russian Orthodox Church Community leaders in the U.S.

Communists declares, "Degradation and conquest are companions. Degradation can be accomplished...by consistent and continual defamation. By attacking the character and morals of Man himself, and bring about...a general degraded feeling, command of the populace is facilitated to a very marked degree. Nations which have high ethical tone are difficult to conquer... Their spiritual integrity cannot be violated by duress. It is not efficient to attack a Nation in such a frame of mind. (Man) must be degraded from a spiritual being to an animalistic reaction pattern. He must think of himself as an animal, capable only of animalistic reactions. He must no longer think of himself, or of his fellows, as capable of "spiritual endurance," or nobility.

"As it seems in Foreign Nations that the Church is the most ennobling influence, each and every branch and activity of each and every Church, must, one way or another, be discredited. Religion must become unfashionable by demonstrating that the soul is non-existent, and that Man is an animal." This is quoted from "BRAIN WASHING" a synthesis of a Russian Textbook. The methods they recommended are: "Personal defamations, wild lies, false evidences and constant propaganda."

A Evangelists when he was in India: found this activity of the Communists. When we were in India, he said, we saw tons of literature on the side walk, put there by the Communist. Over thirty per cent of all the literature in India teaches Communism. It was printed there in that Nation. The government there gives top priority to education. The people there can't afford to buy books; the Communists are taking advantage of this. They make their brags that they have taken China by the printed page. They say if they can take India they can take the world.

Russia printed four times as many books in a single year as did the United States. Many of them were in other languages. They are reaching the world. Three billion and four hundred million dollars each year are spent by the Communist in a single year on the printed page. That is cheaper than bombers, tanks, rockets, planes, and building back the ruined cities. They want the cities just as they are.

And now we have a report on the Communists in VIET NAM. And this was taken from T. L. Osborn's "Faith Digest" T. L. Osborn Box 10, Tulsa 2, Okla. Pg 31.

Night had fallen in Viet Nam. All was quiet in the little Palmh Jungle village. Several hundred yards away, Native Missionary T. H. had bedded his family down on the floor in the back of the chapel. Feeling extremely weak from his recent attack of malaria, he had fallen asleep to get some badly needed rest.

But he was not to sleep long?? The stillness of the peaceful darkness was shattered by the stamping feet and shouted curses of a band of Communist guerrillas. Half of them rounded up the villagers, and ordered the old chief, who was a Christian, to come with them. When he refused, they twisted his head until he died. Then they seized his young granddaughter, placed a rope around her neck, and marched away into the darkness.

At the same time, other soldiers stormed into the chapel and attacked the Native Missionary. A rope was tightened around his neck, and he was led away to join the other guerrillas with their prisoners. Overcome with grief, the Native preacher's wife and five children could only watch and hope that he would not be hurt.

Their hopes were ill founded. Several days later, the authorities learned that both Native Missionary T. H. and the beautiful young village girl were BURNED ALIVE.

AND SO WE FIND THE COMMUNIST AT WORK IN OUR WORLD TODAY: While many Americans who say they don't care are sleeping on: to wake up one day in the hands of the Godless Communists: who have taken all their freedom away. To live as slaves: and to be dictated to for the rest of their lives??? A man who does not use his freedom to defend his freedom: Does not deserve his freedom. The Communists are using their freedom to try to take over the world. Are we going to let us take us over???

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

With that general background, we might consider the National Council of Churches specifically. What is it?? How is it organized?? What does it do?? It is the largest Christian co-operative agency in the United States. Thirty-three major Denominations, numbering 40 million members in some 144,000 congregations, joined together to express their faith in Jesus Christ, to serve him by serving mankind for whom he died, and to focus the light of the Gospel on all phases of human life. The Council functions through a General Assembly of some 700 members appointed by the member churches—each one its own representation, which meets once each three years. In the three-year interim, the supervisory body is the General Board, which meets several times each year, again composed of members appointed by the member churches—usually those who have some corresponding responsibility in their own church.

Now may we turn to Cuba for a minute. I thought perhaps you people would be interested in something in relationship to Cuba. I went along the work Book of the General Assembly of the National Council, which I received in San Francisco (December, 1960). I was there. This is their official publication. In this official publication, there is given their statistics. It gives their figures, it gives what is going on. In the section dealing with Foreign Missions, we have the story about what has happened in regard to Latin America. May I read you now this statement: "The Evangelism Committee of the CCLA (Committee on Co-operation in Latin America) has employed the Rev. Cecilio Arrastia as its consultant on evangelism and evangelist for the churches of Latin America. Mr. Arrastia rendered an invaluable service to the Churches during a three-year period through his preaching ministry and evangelistic campaigns organized by the different National Councils or co-operative agencies in the Latin American Countries. His participation in ministerial institutes and youth leadership training programs contributed greatly to closer understanding." "His outstanding Christian personality and understanding and co-operation."

This now, mind you, is a committee, a part of the National Council's organization, brought into it, and this man has been employed by that committee to do this work. Well, now, it sounds all right when you read it in their book. But all you need to do is to get a copy of the Christian Herald from Cuba, for May, 1959, published by the Presbyterian Church — and I have the photostats of it here — but may I read you what they say now about Arrastia. "Behold the preacher of the Revolution and of the 26th of July Movement in lands of Spanish America. The man dedicated to the task of taking throughout the Latin American continent the message of the REvolution. He is an untiring worker of the silent, but effective clandestine work. Presbyterian Minister, Secretary of Evangelism of the Committee on Co-operation in Latin America, as he carried the message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. He illustrated the peoples on the great work of Dr. Castro and his triumphant hosts. Eminent theologian, eloquent speaker and pastor of souls, Rev. Arrastia has a page in our Revolutionary History which is well engraved and shining. From the first instance he gave his support to the 26th of July Movement that Fidel Castro directed. He served as a secret messenger of the rebel forces. Personally he took \$10,000 to Castro," — and it goes on telling what a wonderful work he did for Castro. Mind you, this agent of Castro is in the pay of the National Council of Churches.

They had a meeting of the Ecumenical movement in Latin America in July and the secretary of promotion for that meeting was Cecilio Arrastia. This is the way through the Church circles in Latin America Castro was built up in the minds of the evangelicals.

By the way, before I turn this away, I have here the report of the central distributing agency of Church World Service and here, 1957 to 1959, according to the figures they published themselves, of all the goods that they sent to Europe in Church World Service, \$23,567,000 of it went to Tito's Yugoslavia and then they estimate it cost them \$148,000 to ship it over there, but almost one-half of the goods that went through the National Council of Churches relief agency to Europe went to help Tito keep his Communism going.

This Bishop has told us how the Church World Service is being used over the world to resist Communism. I can tell you how Church World Service is being used over the world to stop the mouths of men who would tell you what the Communists have done in their countries, and I can show you how Church World Service is being used to penalize and to put sanctions against these marvelous Christians in Korea. Five hundred thousand of them walked out of the World Council of Churches in Korea, and they were cut off from Church World Service.

JOSEF L. HROMADKA

A few years ago I went down to Argentina, Buenos Aires. The World Council was having a meeting there, and leaders of the National Council of Churches, including Dr. Eugene Carson Blake and others, were to be there for an executive committee meeting. They had present there Professor Josef L. Hromadka of Prague, Czechoslovakia. One of the Christians of the City brought to me this document which I hold in my hand. It is published by the Soviet Embassy in Argentina. This is a Communist publication I hold in my hand. He called my attention that on the inside, second page (you may see it here) is "Great fighters for peace is the picture and the name of Josef L. Hromadka of Prague, Czechoslovakia. It says here that he had been awarded the Lenin Peace Prize. And then in the body of the text which is in Spanish, it explains that Josef L. Hromadka is a member of the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches, and it goes on to say that he is doing a good work in the World Council of Churches, I would say that the Ecumenical movement was giving the Communists some good copy for their publication.

Hromadka has been the No. 1 Protestant defender of Communism. I prepared an entire scrapbook on him some months back and gave it away on the broadcast.

Here is a photostat of a document, Protestant Churches in Czechoslovakia. The editor of this publication is Hromadka. I have here a statement taken from this paper reporting his address to a Peace Conference in February, 1959, one of these Communist Peace Conferences. May I read it to you: "Communism is not embodiment of evil, no murderer of souls, as some people in the West believe." ~~McIntire~~ It is our task to demonstrate that this view is mistaken." Then McIntire goes on to say: Well, he is not going to demonstrate it to me. Quote, Communism has grown out of the humanitarian efforts of many philosophers and poets who desired to create a more just and happy society." This man is a propagandist for the Communist philosophy. In Amsterdam, in 1948, he was elected to the Central Committee and he was called "the spokesman for the East." In Evanston in 1954, he was elected to the Central Committee. This speech which I just quoted from was in February, 1959. But in New Delhi he was present and he was re-elected to the powerful Central Committee of the World Council of Churches, and he sits on the Executive Committee, and he is a member of the Commission of the Churches on International Affairs. Dr. Nolde whom I quoted a moment ago represents him in these statements.

Don't let anybody tell you, or tell me, that the National Council of Churches and its leadership in this Country are against Communism. If they were against Communism they would never, never elect to their powerful, governing bodies of their world Ecumenical movement a man who is the No. 1 Protestant defender of Communism. They would not give to him the right hand of Christian fellowship and give him a platform from which he could speak, and then give to the Communists in Latin America the copy they need to commend the "peace line" and the propaganda of the Communists.

So we have the evidence: that the Church leaders of the World Council of Churches and the National Council of Churches: has been deceived and used by the Communists. In the light of these facts: I ask: is the leaders of the National Council of Churches, qualified to handel these Russians as they come over here next month? ~~With~~ With the facts that I have from Dr. McIntire: it makes me to realize that the mission of these so called churchmen: is a spy mission: for subversive purposes. To try to deceive the American public into believing that they have religious freedom in Russia and that the Russia Orthodox Church is not run and operated by the Communists Government. Therefore their activity: if the U. S. Government does not stop them from coming into this Country: like they should and expose the Russian Orthodox Church to the American public for what it really is: then all of their activities should be followed by the F. B. I. and what they say reported to the American Public: so this Communists propaganda can be stopped in this Country.

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January 28, 1963

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of January 19, 1963, has been received, and the thought prompting you to write is appreciated.

With respect to your inquiry regarding the National Council of Churches, 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 addition, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I regret I am unable to help you and hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to this group.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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

Dear Sir,

I would like to have a report on the Subversive
Activities of the National Council of Churches

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Jan 19, 1963

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

Dear Sir,

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a report on the Subversive
Activities of the National
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Sincerely

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Memorandum

TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont

DATE: 1-14-63

FROM : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE CHURCHES OF CHRIST
NEW YORK, NEW YORK

The above-captioned person I have been developing as a Bureau contact during the past year. He called me last week to say he had some information he wanted to pass on to the FBI and would fly to Washington with it. I told him I would be in New York Thursday and Friday and would be glad to talk with him there. This I did.

[REDACTED] stated that the Council would be entertaining 18 Russian churchmen during February and the first part of March as it is now tentatively scheduled. [REDACTED] stated the purpose in having these Russian churchmen visit the U. S. is threefold: (1) to keep the lines of communication open with Christian leaders in Soviet Russia; (2) to give encouragement to the Soviet churchmen to continue their resistance to the atheistic communist regime; and (3) to give them a favorable impression of the U. S. which they can take back with them to Russia. [REDACTED] said he wanted to be certain that the FBI had the names of all these churchmen coming to the U. S. as well as their translators. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] He said it was very heartening to him to learn of their continued strong conviction in the divinity of Jesus Christ and the fundamental Christian doctrine. It was evident to [REDACTED] that these men, in Russia at least, were afraid to say a great deal concerning the Soviet regime. The restrictions on religion were, to [REDACTED] everywhere to be noticed. The only point on which the Russian churchmen spoke out strongly was the atheism of the communist regime. This they condemned without too much hesitation. [REDACTED] told me that the activities of these churchmen are pretty much limited to the confines of their own churches.

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Enclosures

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. J.A. Sizoo
- 1 - Mr. D.E. Moore
- 1 - Mr. Branigan

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Memorandum for Mr. Belmont
Re: [REDACTED]

and they are not able to speak out and advocate religion and religious values to the people publicly. As a result of this, it is most difficult for religion to be any kind of a social force in Russia under the present government.

[REDACTED] is well aware that there may be an intelligence agent with the group coming over to this country. There are two translators with the Soviet churchmen, B. S. Nelyubin and V. N. Glazunoff. These could very well be Soviet intelligence agents. [REDACTED] told me that if he developed any further information he felt would be of interest to the FBI he would pass it on to me. I thanked him very much for his willingness to cooperate.

[REDACTED] told me that he thinks that the world is gradually moving toward two great camps -- those who do not accept God and those who do. He thinks ultimately that this great global conflict now raging around us will be settled on this very point -- belief or disbelief in God and religious values.

I might add that [REDACTED] impressed me as being a highly intelligent, sensitive, informed and capable man who, without doubt, is unreservedly opposed to communism in all its forms.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. For your information.
2. That this memorandum, with enclosures, be returned to the Domestic Intelligence Division in order that the names of the visiting Russian churchmen can be handy for possible reference purposes.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: January 14, 1963

FROM : Mr. F. J. Baumgardner *spe*
 1 - Mr. Sullivan
 1 - Mr. Baumgardner
 1 - Mr. Kleinkauf
SUBJECT: NATIONAL COUNCIL OF
CHRISTIAN CHURCHES (NCCC)
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Reference is made to the memorandum from Mr. J. A. Sizoo to you dated 12/27/62 captioned as above and your subsequent arrangements to meet with [redacted] and [redacted] on 2/6/63 through the office of Congressman Selden, Jr., of Alabama.

I thought you would be interested in the following data which is set out for your information and possible assistance in connection with the above interview.

There is attached a copy of a memorandum from F. J. Baumgardner to W. C. Sullivan dated 9/20/61 in captioned matter which set forth the results of indices searches concerning the national officers of the NCCC for the 1960-1963 triennium as shown in the attached leaflet which is published by the NCCC. This list of officers appears to be current as it does not appear a new set of officers will be elected until sometime later in 1963.

A review of the cards of individuals whose names appear in the Security Index did not disclose the name of any individual identified as serving in an official capacity with the NCCC.

Inasmuch as the background of the NCCC is well known to you, no attempt has been made to include any background information concerning it other than that contained in the copy of the leaflet appended to the attached copy of the 9/20/61 memorandum.

ACTION:

For your information in connection with your meeting with Messrs. [redacted] on 2/6/63.

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Mr. W. C. Sullivan

September 20, 1961

Mr. F. J. Baumgardner

1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Baumgardner
1 - Mr. Harrington

**NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES
(NCC)**

The National Council of Churches (NCC) is the leading Protestant Church presently in the United States. Its headquarters are located at 475 Riverside Drive, New York City. It is comprised of 34 denominations with an estimated membership of about 39 million.

The following were listed as national officers of the NCC for 1960-1963 triennium as shown in the attached leaflet which is published by the NCC.

President

J. Irwin Miller
Christian Churches
(Disciples of Christ)

Vice Presidents at Large

Bishop John Wesley Lord
(The Methodist Church)

The Most Rev. Metropolitan Antony Bashir
(Syrian Antiochian Orthodox Church)

David B. Cassat
(United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.)

Edward D. Grant Sr.
(Presbyterian Church U.S.)

Donald L. Helfferich
(United Church of Christ, Evangelical
& Reformed)

Irwin J. Lubbers
(Reformed Church in America)

F. Douglas Tellwright
(United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.)

Mrs. William Sale Terrell
(American Baptist Convention)

Rev. John W. Williams
(National Baptist Conv. of Amer.)

Enclosure

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Memorandum Baumgardner to Sullivan
RE: NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES
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Vice Presidents for Divisions

Bishop Reuben H. Mueller
(Evangelical United Brethren)
Christian Education

Rev. Norman J. Baugher
(Church of the Brethren)
Christian Life and Work

Rev. Earl S. Erb
(United Lutheran Church in America)
Foreign Missions

Rev. Theodore S. Matson
(Augustana Evangelical Lutheran)
Home Missions

Rev. S. P. Stocker
(Moravian Church)

David B. Cassat
(United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.)

John H. Platt
(United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.)

Rev. Roy G. Ross

R. H. Edwin Espy

Recording Secretary

Treasurer

Associate Treasurer

General Secretary

Associate General Secretary

No information of a subversive nature is contained in
Bureau files on any of the above officers except [REDACTED]

ACTION:

Submitted for record and file purposes in Bureau file
100-50869 on "National Council of Churches."

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January 23, 1963

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of January 16, 1963, has been received, and the thought prompting you to write is appreciated.

With respect to your inquiry regarding the National Council of the Churches of Christ, 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 addition, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I regret I am unable to help you and hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to this group.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

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January 16, 1963
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J. Edgar Hoover
Director F.B.I.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

There had been written and is now being written about the National Council of Churches organization and their activities in the United States. Some of this material says that they lean toward communists teachings and have even tried to discredit your organization.

I would like to have an authentic report on this organization. My own church is affiliated with it and I need to know just what the situation is.

Would appreciate any information that you might be able to give me on this matter.

Sincerely,
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: 1/18/63

FROM : J. P. MOHR

SUBJECT: HOUSE UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE
INFORMATION CONCERNING

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At the meeting of the Commission on Christian Social Concerns of the Arlington Methodist Church on January 9, 1963, our minister announced to the Commission that he had received a letter from the Council of Churches, National Capital Area, requesting the churches in this area to take an active part in requesting the abolishment of the House Un-American Activities Committee by writing letters to Congressmen. The letter also enclosed a two-page statement dated December 28, 1962, concerning the House Un-American Activities Committee by the Department of Church and Society, Council of Churches, National Capital Area. This two-page document is a very biased and unfair denunciation of the House Un-American Activities Committee and on page two it specifically calls attention to the FBI's work in the field of security in a favorable manner. It goes on to state: "For Congress to maintain its own operational agency is an implied reflection on the FBI and other agencies specializing in this area."

Optional

At this particular meeting of the Commission on Social Concerns, of which I am a member in my church, I made a motion that the letter from the Council of Churches, National Capital Area, be tabled and I pointed out some of the reasons why I thought the Methodist Church had enough to contend with without getting involved in this controversial issue. I also made the point that the House Un-American Activities Committee had done some good work in exposing communist influences in this country and when the minister mentioned that the House Un-American Activities Committee had persecuted Bishop Oxnam I also mentioned I thought that Bishop Oxnam had brought most of his troubles upon himself and had done many things to put the Methodist Church in an untenable position with many of its members. The lay leader of the church, who was also present at this meeting, agreed with my comments and said that from many sources he had heard Bishop Oxnam referred to by members of the church as that "Red Bishop." I also mentioned that the FBI, through William C. Sullivan in particular had done much to assist the Methodist Church in re-establishing itself in the Christian field and that it would be a serious mistake to embark at this time on a campaign of vilification against the House Un-American Activities Committee.

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Sullivan

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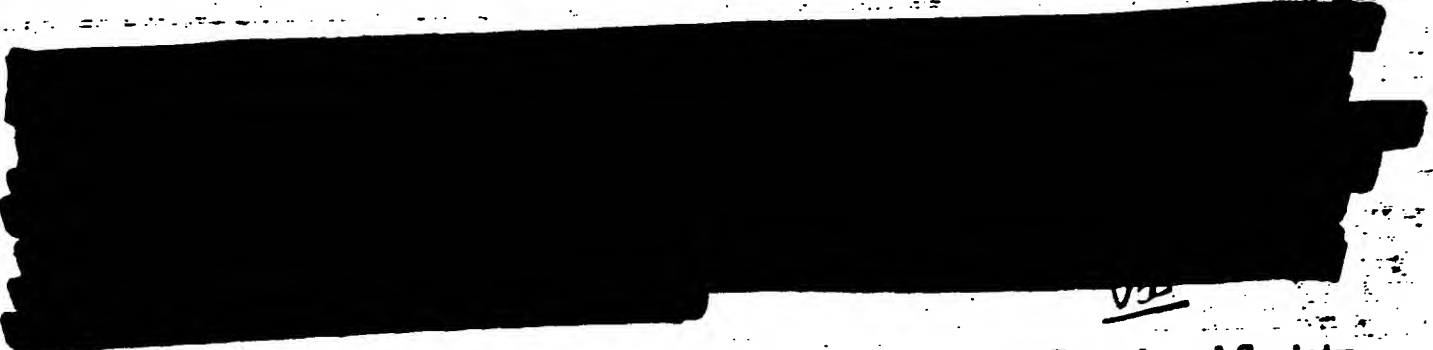
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Memorandum Mr. Mohr to Mr. Tolson
RE: HOUSE UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

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Two copies of the statement of the Department of Church and Society,
Council of Churches, National Capital Area, dated December 28, 1962, are attached.

The foregoing is submitted for record purposes.

JPM *V. Key RC*

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December 28, 1962

**STATEMENT REGARDING
THE HOUSE UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE
BY THE
DEPARTMENT OF CHURCH AND SOCIETY,
COUNCIL OF CHURCHES NATIONAL CAPITAL AREA**

In January 1945 the House of Representatives of the United States Congress amended its rules to establish the Committee on Un-American Activities as one of its regular permanent committees. (This committee was preceded for seven years by the ad hoc Dies Committee, the new House Un-American Activities Committee becoming a standing committee of the House.)

In the succeeding years the Committee, to some extent, has exposed Communist leaders and/or workers and has recommended some related legislation. It has also taken upon itself the role of punishing by defamation those persons whom it considers to be pro-Communist, or soft on Communism, or un-cooperative with the Committee. It has not, however, displayed any significant interest in un-American activities on the right wing of the political spectrum.

In moving from its role of investigating for legislative purposes to its role of indicting, prosecuting, finding guilty and punishing those in its disfavor, the Committee has failed to move from investigative procedures to the judicial and quasi-judicial procedures normally associated with the guilt-finding process. Thus, there are usually no charges against the defendant, no full right to legal counsel, no production of important witnesses, no right to examine and cross-examine witnesses, no sub-poena powers for the defendant, no rules of evidence as to either its admission or its weight, and finally no right of appeal. Yet the sentence against the defendant in terms of loss of reputation, loss of clients and loss of job is as serious as if passed by a court of law.

Having assumed judgeship without judicial safeguards, the Committee moved on and became a propaganda agency, interested in furthering its own concepts but with no attention to scholarship and with only scant attention to accuracy. Its rather recent film, "Operation Abolition," illustrates its now admitted propaganda function and also its willingness to omit, distort and mis-state facts to suit its own ends. As a result the Committee today does not have to any great extent the confidence of the public, and its so-called findings are of little value to the Congress or the nation.

In the same intervening years since 1945, the Communist menace within this country has diminished substantially. Many factors have contributed to

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this. The House Committee may, or may not, have been significant in this decline but the fact is that today the Communists are not an important internal threat to the United States.

Also during this period, many government agencies have developed security programs and personnel. The F.B.I. has long had the skill and the responsibility to identify subversive agents working in any walk of life for the downfall of the country. The Department of Defense, the State Department, the Civil Service Commission, and all related departments, commissions, boards, and agencies have their own bureaus of investigation and intelligence. They work in close cooperation with the F.B.I. in a vast network that is comprehensive and efficient in this field.

For Congress to maintain its own operational agency is an implied reflection on the F.B.I. and other agencies specializing in this area. It is also a duplication of effort and a waste of money. We note that it is costing the American tax-payer a third of a million dollars a year.

We are concerned also with the effect of the Committee upon the civil liberties, the dignity and the spirit of our American citizens. The recent attempt to label the Women's Strike for Peace movement as subversive is only the latest in a long series of acts well calculated to stifle dissent and immobilize the forces of protest. The irresponsible attacks upon churches and church leaders on the basis of unchallenged testimony quoted freely as authoritative and definitive has long played havoc with the spirit of confidence, unity and cooperation.

It seems to us that the Committee has become an un-just accuser. It has caused not so much concern for our nation and creative thinking for its welfare, as caution for one's own welfare. Instead of generous and expansive Christian love, it has tended to build fear and miserly self-concern. It has become an emblem of evil. It has marred our faith in God and in mankind.

For these reasons, after thoughtful consideration of the record as we know it, we have come to believe that the House Committee on Un-American Activities has out-lived its usefulness. We, therefore, recommend that it be dropped from the roster of committees at the opening session of the next Congress.

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Dear [REDACTED]

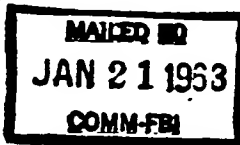
Your letter of January 14th has been received.

While I would like to be of assistance, the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI, which is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government, do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. I am sure you will understand the necessity for this policy and will not infer that we do or do not have in our files the information you desire.

Enclosed is some literature I hope will be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



Enclosures (5) Communism---Slavery of Mind and Spirit
Communism and the Knowledge To Combat It!
Let's Fight Communism Sanely!

Director's American Legion Speech, 10-9-62, "An American's Challenge"
The Current Communist Threat

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January 14, 1963

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

Dear Sir:

I have been asked by the Methodist laymen of a nearby community to write and request from you a statement and literature, if any, that would indicate pro-socialistic activities of the National Council of Churches. They have asked the leaders of their local Conference to censure and withdraw from affiliation with the National Council of Churches. These leaders have indicated a willingness to accept a statement from you as to the affiliation of the National Council of Churches with any communistic or subversive organizations. We have many statements from The Committee of Christian Laymen, Inc. of Woodlands, and others but the Conference will not accept these. So these Christian friends would appreciate any help you can give.

Sincerely yours,

Mr. Tolson
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan *WC3*

DATE: January 17, 1963

FROM : Mr. J. A. Sizoo *JA*

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

GENERAL SECRETARY, COMMISSION ON
ECUMENICAL MISSIONS AND RELATIONS (CEMR)
UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, USA (UPC)
NEW YORK CITY

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[REDACTED] and subsequently was in contact with him in connection with the activities of Joseph B. Zoltan, a panel source of the New York office who was employed by UPC and who had made statements to UPC officials concerning his relationship with the Bureau and also concerning certain personnel of UPC. As a result the New York office was authorized to confidentially advise [REDACTED] of available public source material concerning [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. As a result of public source information furnished concerning [REDACTED] UPC is taking steps to drop her as an employee. She is on the Security Index and probably was active in the underground from 1951-55.

[REDACTED] was in Washington last week and I had luncheon with him on 1/11/63. He was most appreciative of the information which the Bureau had made available and indicated that action being taken would be without any reference whatever to the FBI and only on the basis of public source data which was available.

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[REDACTED] He said this meeting was attended by representatives of the Russian churches, as well as other churches throughout the world. He said the relationship with the Russians was of some interest and he was surprised to find that many of the Russian church leaders had some knowledge of English, though most of their conversations were carried on through translators. When asked concerning church conditions in Russia, the Russian churchmen directed attention to reports which they had previously submitted to the WCC concerning the reduction in the number of churches, church members.

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seminaries, seminary students, et cetera, and said the facts spoke for themselves, that while they did not openly criticize the Russian Government they made it very clear that the Russian Government was out to crush the churches, calling attention to public statements made by Russian Government officials criticizing and hampering church activities. He said the Russian churchmen seemed to feel a responsibility to support official Russian position in some areas, though [REDACTED] said they did it with little vigor and with tongue in cheek. He said he had in mind the resolution which was passed by the WCC concerning atomic testing. At first the Russian churchmen advocated a position of cessation of tests without inspection but as soon as the representatives from the Free World insisted that full inspection accompany cessation of tests, the Russian churchmen went along with the majority and made the decision unanimous. [REDACTED] pointed out that the maintenance of lines of communication between the churches behind the Iron Curtain and the churches of the Free World might prove beneficial in the long run by demonstrating to the Russian clergymen what can be accomplished by the church if it has an outreach and attempts to influence society. He said in Russia the churches are drawn into themselves and seem to feel that they have heaven within the four walls of the church. They have no outreach and make no attempt to reach the masses or be a social force, and they expressed surprise at the freedom of action the churches of the Free World have and the ability of such churches to appeal and exert influence for the benefit of the masses of society.

Concerning the NCCC, [REDACTED] pointed out that the NCCC occupies a portion of the UPC building in New York at 475 Riverside Drive, and that he is in close liaison with NCC officials. [REDACTED]

He said the NCCC was an amalgamation of several organizations and that each separate breakdown within the NCCC was more or less autonomous; that there was little coordination, some freewheeling, and inadequate tight administrative control. The top officials of NCCC want to tighten the organizational setup and increase coordination and control and in furtherance of that had made several administrative changes and were seeking a person to assume the responsibilities of General Secretary. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] has impressed me as being a sincere and able person, anticommunistic in his thinking, and very desirous of removing from official positions in the church anyone with a communist background. In this connection, he said he would very much appreciate any additional [REDACTED]

Memorandum to Mr. Sullivan

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guidance from the Bureau in line with that which was given him concerning [REDACTED] in the event there was anyone else of her character at OPC headquarters. He said he has the clear understanding that he would receive no information developed by the FBI, but would only be directed to pertinent public source material which he might not otherwise be aware of. He assured me that any action which would be taken, as in the [REDACTED] case, would be on the basis of available public source alone and without reference of any kind to the FBI. In this connection, it should be noted that there is another employee, [REDACTED] who is on the Security Index and who is shown as having employment at Presbyterian Church Headquarters, 475 Riverside Drive, New York City. There is available public source information concerning her activities and a separate memorandum is being prepared concerning her.

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This is for information.

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of January 12, 1963, has been received.

While I would like to be of assistance, I must advise that I can offer no comment relative to your inquiry regarding Dr. Carl McIntire and the National Council of Churches since the FBI is strictly an investigative agency and does not furnish evaluations or remarks concerning the character or integrity of any individual, organization or publication. In addition, information in our files is confidential and available only for official use. I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files regarding these subjects.

Sincerely yours,

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J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
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January 12, 1963.

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have just read your article on "Combatting the Communist Campaign against America's Churches", reprinted from "Christian Herald" January 1962. Also, am hearing every day what may well be "attacks", on a radio program broadcast by Rev. Carl McIntyre from Collingswood, N. J.

In preparing a program for our Ladies' Society of our Methodist Church, I am at a loss, exactly what stand to take. This program supporting the National Council of Churches is in our Church literature. Could our Methodist literature be so wrong?

I'm sure you are well informed as to these campaigns that you mention, without naming the leaders. I wonder if you are familiar with this broadcast which is heard on 378 radio stations and a short wave around the world, according to Mr. McIntyre? If he is right in his various accusations about communism in the United Nations and National Council of Churches, we really need to know that we are cutting our own throats by supporting these two organizations. If he is wrong, can't some one take a legal, outright stand against his misuse of our American freedom of speech and religion?

His claim that in February the National Council of Churches will sponsor a group of Moscow police, headed by Metropolitan Nicholas, to visit Denver, Col. and other cities in the Robe of The Church is very disturbing. Why should the communist police come here in the name of The Church that believes in God when they claim to be Atheists? Maybe this Carl McIntyre is an instrument of "The Communist Party, U.S.A." ST-101

Please enlighten me on this issue. I'm sure if you don't know about it, you can find out. My program is January 29th. 6 JAN 17 1963

Thanking you,

Sincerely
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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of December 18th, 1962, with enclosure, has been received.

I want to thank you for giving me the benefit of your comments and observations. You may be assured your information will be made a matter of record in this Bureau.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Dec. 16, 1962

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

The enclosed copy of The Woman's Pulpit is for your perusal. Since the present President took office there seems to be a strange influence present, and it could be another sinister presence other than she, but the organization certainly has taken on a pinkish complexion.

I have been an ordained minister (California) for more than ten years and have been receiving The Woman's Pulpit almost ever since. At first I did not notice such leanings but when they joined The National Council of Churches I began to suspect that liberal causes were being espoused. Others objected to joining this group but it was too late.

I, personally have studied the communist conspiracies and have tried to expose their evilcaties wherever I could. I am a member of The Daughters of the American Revolution; my husband is a retired lawyer (Calif) and as world travellers, we have observed, first hand, the awful conditions of filth, poverty, disease and degradation of peoples in many lands. I wrote The Woman's Pulpit to read Masters of Deceit and to let their hearts bleed for the Arabs, Italians and the Latin Americans, but to please refrain from giving Red China a club to hit us with.

Please send them literature exposing communism or investigate them. Perhaps you already have.

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Please send them literature exposing Communism or investigate them. Perhaps you already have. Sincerely,

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Dear [Redacted]

I received your letter of December 7th, with enclosure, and want to thank you for your kind remarks and the sentiments you expressed.

The FBI, as an investigative agency of the Federal Government, does not make evaluations nor draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. In accordance with this policy, I have never endorsed the National Council of Churches. I would also like to point out that while I am a Presbyterian and at one time served as a Trustee of the church I attend, I am not an Elder.

Enclosed is some literature I hope will be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
Washington, D.C.

Re: National Council

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Thank you very much for your untiring efforts in behalf of our Glorious Nation against Communism and Subversion. May God continue to guide and PROTECT YOU.

I am sorry to intrude upon your precious time but I have something that disturbs me considerably. Our Presbyterian Minister of the [REDACTED] Presbyterian Church, [REDACTED] is constantly promoting the National Council of Churches and PRAISING IT AS THE GREATEST. HE CONSTANTLY MAKES THIS STATEMENT QUOTE " J. Edgar Hoover is a Presbyterian and an Elder and I am certain that this endorses the National Council of Churches as no one will challenge Mr. Hoover". I would

like to have a short answer to this. Please. B DEC 18 1962

I am a GOOD AMERICAN BUT I CANNOT CONDONE
 EVERYTHING THAT THE ADMINISTRATION DOES. I am also an Elder
 of the [REDACTED] Presbyterian Church but I do not agree
 with everything that they do, such as destroying a ten year
 old beautiful sanctuary to build a new one that will put us
 into debt One Million dollars and be a lovely monument for
 this ~~same~~ preacher. Thank you so much for your time.

ditional literature under the benevolent oversight of the National Council of Churches.)

It will more and more be recognized as the home "board" for all the foreign mission work of its denominations. It will more and more plan the location of local congregations as new churches are established "cooperatively" by home missions boards "working together." Higher education and seminary education in America will more and more conform to patterns established within its offices or by its consultants. One of these days military chaplains and chaplains for the House and the Senate may well be appointed by the appropriate department of the NCC—even as it has now begun to appoint overseas pastors of churches serving American personnel in various centers around the world.

And the tragedy of it all is that the whole operation is almost entirely to the left. The direction of movement is mostly liberal and hostile to the Reformed faith theologically, politically, economically and ecclesiastically. There is one super-Church aborning for the constituent denominations blindly following the NCC. And the signs are that it will bear little resemblance to the New Testament Church when it grows up.

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Journal, Weaverville, N. C.

The National Council of Churches

A Power Bloc in Protestantism

by
G. AIKEN TAYLOR, Ph.D.

It troubles us whenever we see or hear another defense of the National Council of Churches against alleged "slandorous attacks bred in ignorance and fed on misinformation"—when we have reason to believe the defense itself is bred in ignorance and fed on misinformation.

Such defenses of the NCC continue to appear in the Church papers. Invariably they are based on the value of the great work which the Churches are doing together — rejecting the criticisms by pointing to the cooperative accomplishments of the agencies of the Council: service to migrants, ministry in national parks, relief and rehabilitation of refugees, literacy programs, etc., etc.

Then the defenders usually repeat the denial that the NCC is trying to become a "super-Church" and dogmatically assert that the NCC is *not* a "pro-this" or "against-that" organization. Somewhere in the defense almost always a statement appears to this effect: "When the Council makes its views known on issues of Christian concern, it is the appointed leaders from the member denominations who do the speaking and who issue the considered statements."

HALF OF THE TRUTH

Such defenses of the National Council of Churches are only half of the truth. By that we mean they do not come to grips with the criticisms at all. We know of very few people who criticize the NCC's service to migrants, the relief and rehabilitation programs, in short the work that the Churches do together in the Council. And we know few who base the greater part of their objections to the Council on its

habit of speaking out on legitimate "issues of Christian concern."

The Council has made the greater part of its enemies by activities which are seldom mentioned in those spirited defenses one sees and hears. And there is a great deal that the Council says and does which is *not* the saying and the doing of those "appointed leaders of member denominations."

It is against the multitude of ways that the Council's divisions and departments, executives and secretaries, staff members and "experts"—by direct and indirect means — seek to mould and influence, guide and direct, and *control* the member Churches; as well as the direction taken in politics, education and economics, that the criticisms of the Council are mounting.

Most of the ways in which the NCC exerts its influence upon the Churches and upon the country are *outside* the official processes whereby "appointed leaders of member denominations" gather for joint action. Acting on their own initiative (and presumably "speaking only for themselves") those officials occupying offices at 475 Riverside Dr., New York, plan the programs, pull the strings and issue the directives that ultimately affect the lives of millions of people.

Orders go out — and the teen-age young people at Ann Arbor Michigan are treated to a raucous play, "For Heaven's Sake," which establishes a new worship "form" for the Protestant community.

Bulletins go out — and in due time state governments have appointed official commissions to study problems of unemployment, welfare, housing, or what have you.

Directives go out — and in the end legislation has been introduced in the United States Congress to change our government's policies on immigration, migratory labor, loyalty oaths, etc.

Who has done more to keep alive the "issue" of the film depicting the 1960 student riots in San Francisco, "Operation Abolition;" and the alleged opposition of the Churches to the House Committee on Un-American Activities? For months no other subjects received a fraction of the editorial attention that the NCC devoted to these. Almost every issue of *Religious Newsweekly* and of *News* (NCC Bulletins) reported to editors across the country the names of churchmen and church organizations falling into line with appropriate resolutions. No bulletins reported the possibility that there might be another side to the story. For months every issue of *Interchurch News* (NCC monthly paper) featured editorials and stories slanted to convey the impression of a monstrous danger embodied in anti-Communist groups and congressional investigating committees. Hardly a state or local council of churches failed to fall into line with resolutions of their own. And denominational conventions and assemblies followed suit.

The truth of the matter: the National Council of Churches *does* act independently of its member Churches; it is a "pro-this" and "against-that" organization; it already behaves as the headquarters of a super-Church — a sort of Protestant equivalent of the Vatican. In its areas of greatest influence it is — in our opinion — a distinct menace to the autonomy and integrity of its own member Churches.

EXAMPLES OF INFLUENCE

Here is a bulletin dated December, 1959, in which the Department of Religious Liberty of the NCC appealed to the churches and everybody else to write letters of protest against the imprisonment of Willard Uphaus, New Hampshire clergyman then serving a jail sentence for refusing to give the Attorney General a list of "guests" at his summer camp for "World Fellowship." In that same issue the Department also urged everybody to write the White House on behalf of Morton Sobell, convicted spy in the famous case of Claus Fuchs, Harry Gold, David Greenglass, Julius Rosenberg, et. al.

Was this communication issued by the "appointed leaders of the member denominations"? It was not. Nor was it an action of those member denominations and their representatives "working together." It was the brain child of a secretary in the Department of Religious Liberty, sent out on his own authority, not as a directive nor as an official communique, but with the same effect.

A landslide of correspondence presumably followed the appearance of this bulletin. Resolutions were adopted by local congregations and city and state councils of churches. Pressure was brought to bear upon the Attorney General of New Hampshire and upon the White House. And all on account of an *independent* action by a department of the NCC speaking only for itself.

This example serves to show how the NCC exerts the greater part of its influence upon the churches: by "messages" on every conceivable subject under the sun from race re-

lations to automation in industry; by pamphlets and tracts and study material and text books and articles; in the opinions of "experts" and "consultants" and "advisers" — executives, secretaries, staff members. In very few cases do the member denominations themselves have anything to say about the avalanche of material by which their boards, agencies and ordinary members derive their opinions, establish their policies, prepare their educational literature.

Missions policies, educational procedures, worship patterns, political action — all are influenced and conditioned by this vast headquarters of the Churches which manages to manipulate the Protestant bodies of America while preserving an image of "cooperative action" on the part of "all the Churches working together."

INFLUENCING JOINT ACTION

Even when the action taken is indeed the concerted action of the representatives of the Churches in a study conference or a consultation, the NCC manages to steer the deliberations and influence the outcome of the meeting.

Anyone familiar with the deliberative processes of large assemblies knows how much is prepared in advance and how little is actually done on the floor of the assembly. The NCC leaders are past masters at this sort of thing. Speakers carefully selected by those who plan and organize the meeting lay the groundwork in their addresses for the "resolutions" and "messages" to follow. Draft copies of the resolutions and messages are circulated with the

enthusiastic endorsement of officials and "experts." When the resolutions and messages come to the floor of the assembly for adoption, minor points of disagreement are quickly ironed out. And when the vote is taken it usually turns out to be a "unanimous" action.

This is quite likely the way it went in that famous Fifth World Order Study conference in which the representatives of the Churches voted to recommend the admission of Red China to the United Nations. The salient features of the "message" were determined by executives of the NCC (or "experts" selected by the staff) in the offices of the NCC. In the preliminary committee meetings the opposition which appeared to the controversial sections of the document was smoothly put down. In the assembly itself the final "message" passed without a dissenting vote (although we know delegates who did not concur in all of the recommendations). And it is quite possible that some of the delegates did not really know what they had voted for until the storm broke in the newspapers.

In other words, it was 475 Riverside Dr., New York, which acted in Akron, Ohio, in the Fifth World Order Study Conference, not the thirty-odd member denominations represented.

SPEAKING TO THE CHURCHES

The principal claim of the NCC — that it is a body speaking to the Churches rather than for the Churches — constitutes the ground for the severest complaints against the NCC.

Out of those New York offices pours a veritable flood of opinion-making material, all of

it designed to influence the thinking of Christian people and to influence the actions of Christian Churches. Most of it is not "official" in the sense of being the voice of some three dozen denominations speaking. Most of it is not even "official" in the sense of being the considered opinion of the representatives of the denominations. Most of it is only the voice of executives and staff members and "experts" selected by them, speaking to the Churches.

Here is a Labor Sunday Message — drafted by staff members of the NCC and sent out to be read in thousands of pulpits across the land. And here is a Race Relations Sunday message — drafted by staff members of the NCC and sent out to be read in thousands of pulpits across the land. Here are articles on migrants, on religious liberty, on Church and State problems, on the immigration laws of the U. S., on right to work laws, on medical care for the aged under Social Security, on the rights of conscientious objectors.

Here are study books for the denominations to use in their own programs; and films; and "authoritative" text books on everything from camping to economics; and worship materials to be used on special occasions such as the World Day of Prayer.

The denominations have very little to do with the preparation of most of this material; nor do they edit it before it goes out. Their representatives may offer suggestions (as Presbyterian US representatives offered suggestions for improving *Servants of God in People's China*, a World Missions study book for 1963) but the NCC is not bound to take them (as it didn't in the case of *Servants of God in People's China*).

Are the denominations bound to use the material? No, and when it is especially bad a sensitive denomination may leave a particular study book off its list (as the Presbyterian Church, US, finally left *Servants of God in People's China* off its list although leaders of the Department of Campus Christian Life have recommended it). Are the denominations compelled to adopt the teachings enunciated in the material? No. Then how can it be said that the NCC is dominating the denominations? Well how else do you dominate the thinking of people than by dictating what they read and hear?

Take another example: Last year the Labor Sunday message was on the danger of automation in industry; and about how the Churches should be interested in doing something about the evils of automation. That message was drafted in the offices of the NCC and sent out (as usual) to be read in thousands of pulpits, over radio, over TV; and printed in virtually all Church papers and magazines. Was it a binding pronouncement of the NCC? No. But it had the same effect. Churches passed resolutions on automation. City and state councils of churches passed resolutions on automation. More recently state governments have appointed committees headed by clergymen to study the evils of automation. Bills have been considered for introduction into Congress. And why? Because all of the Churches working together have said something? No. Because the Interchurch Center has said something.

Take another example: Last year an international conference on problems of immigration was held in Switzerland. Before that conference convened the National Council of Churches summoned its own conference on immigra-

tion. The representatives of the Churches dutifully came together. As is the case in all such study conferences, they first heard carefully selected speakers pointing out the "flaws" in U. S. immigration policies. Then they were offered a document critical of those policies to consider. How had the document been drafted? Under the auspices of the NCC, of course. When the final draft was approved by the conference, it went to the international meeting as an expression of the opinion of the American Churches. The upshot? Resolutions in churches and councils of churches on the "unfair immigration policies of the United States." Most important: resolutions were introduced into Congress designed to change the immigration policies of the United States.

Where did it all start? There's no telling where the original idea came from to involve the Churches in the business of immigration, but that idea was translated into action in the offices of the NCC.

We were recently studying an article on the problems of migrant workers in America, sent out by the Division of Home Missions last year. This article has no official status at all. It is introduced by remarks indicating that it was written informally by one of the lady-staff members of the Migrant Ministry office. It went to ministers, churches, editors of religious publications. It was a "timely" protest against the injustices visited upon laborers who work the great farms of our country, and a request that those interested write their Congressmen. It was issued just before the National Study Conference on the Church and the Migrant Labor Situation convened in Washington, D. C., and no doubt greatly influenced the "findings" of the conference.

A MENACE TO THE CHURCHES

It is for such as these that we believe the National Council of Churches to be a menace to its own constituency. It is *not* primarily — or even to any considerable extent — a spiritual organization. It is *not* primarily an organization through which the Churches work together. Its greatest influence is *not* exerted by the representatives of the denominations meeting together. It is in effect a closely-knit group of executives and other churchmen running the affairs of the Churches by direct and indirect means — looking toward the day when there will be one super-Church in America with a single headquarters.

It is patently untrue that the NCC does not seek to become a super-Church. This is possibly true of the vast majority of its constituents, but they have very little to do with determining their own plans and programs these days. It is almost certain that a proposal to allow the NCC to ordain ministers and administer the sacraments will be laid before the next General Assembly. This proposal was not brought before the last General Assembly mostly for reasons of strategy.

Meanwhile the NCC will continue to tighten its control over the programs and the planning of the denominations. Its youth meetings will continue to feature off-beat dramas and shocking films. Its denominations will continue to bring their Christian Education curricula closer and closer together by coordinating them under the authority of text books prepared by NCC "experts." (At this moment a dozen denominations, including the Presbyterian Church, US, are cooperating in the preparation of new edu-

December 14, 1962

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter postmarked December 10, 1962, has been received.

In response to your inquiry concerning the National Council of Churches, 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 either that we do or do not have related data in our files.

Sincerely yours,

[L. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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NOTE: The numerous references appearing in Bufiles on the name of [REDACTED] were not reviewed for the purpose of answering attached letter. It is to be noted that correspondent has written her letter by mistake on the back of a piece of paper she has previously used in outlining activities of a sorority. These remarks are of no interest to the Bureau and carry no pertinency to [REDACTED] inquiries made of the Bureau.

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November 19, 1962

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[Redacted Address Block]

Dear [Redacted Name]

Your letter of November 10th and the accompanying enclosures have been received, and the concern which prompted you to write is indeed appreciated.

Enclosed are some publications relating to the communist conspiracy and religion. In addition you may wish to refer to my book, "Masters of Deceit," wherein I have devoted several pages to the communists' attempts to infiltrate our churches, and communist opposition to religion.

In my latest book, "A Study of Communism," I have devoted certain portions to the same subject matter. Copies should be available in your local public library.

In addition to the enclosures mentioned above, I am returning the material you forwarded as requested.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (8)

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Enclosures (8)

- 3 - Correspondent's booklets**
- 2 - Two letters enclosed by correspondent**
Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion
God and Country or Communism?
"Faith in God--Our Answer To Communism"

NOTE: Prior correspondence with [REDACTED] in October, 1961. At that time she enclosed copies of letters she had written to Congressmen concerning the need for dissemination of information regarding communism. At that time she was furnished reprint material.

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Xerox copies of correspondent's letter to [REDACTED] and his reply were made for retention in Bufiles. / Correspondent also forwarded three booklets: (1) "St. Marks Vestry Committee Report on The National Council of The Churches of Christ in the United States of America;" (2) "Things you should know about Subversive Influences in Methodism" by Dalton J. Woods and a panel of Laymen of the First Methodist Church, Shreveport, Louisiana and (3) "Sowers of Discord" by Dr. Charles S. Poling.

November 10, 1962

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Mr. DeLoach
Mr. Evans
Mr. Gale
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Sullivan
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Miss Gandy

The Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
4936 - 30th Place
Washington 8, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

As the Communist conspiracy continues to seize each new opportunity to spread its deceitful propaganda and subversion, I am increasingly disturbed over its inroads into the church life of this country through the National Council of Churches and the World Council of Churches.

For your information I am enclosing my correspondence on this subject with my own minister. A single, well-timed statement by a man like [redacted] can from time to time lull a great portion of his congregation to sleep. Too many liberals along with the uninformed and the misinformed, welcome this kind of assurance from the one organization that could defeat communism with truth.

Do you have any new material that you can release to open the eyes of men like [redacted] who control the thinking of large numbers of citizens, and who, by openly defending and supporting either of the above mentioned organizations, actually provide the shield and cloak of respectability behind which this deadly enemy can operate to spread its evil ideology under the guise of Christian thinking?

I would like to be able to put together all of the pertinent information you have released on subversion through religion (via theological and training centers, the ministry, and National Council literature) to present in documented form to every minister here in [redacted] as well as to church members. We have some 2000 members in our [redacted] Presbyterian church.

I know that you cannot name names or particular institutions, but I would like to be able to confront [redacted] and any others like him, with your own statements that cannot be twisted in the insidious manner that has been employed in this answer to my letter without demonstrating an obvious distortion of fact.

I am more and more convinced that a good portion of our clergy have been so brainwashed into acceptance of the so-called "Social Gospel" that they can no longer see the difference between one world under Christ, and one world under the U.S.

Thank you for any information you may have that will help to counter this particular situation.

Sincerely yours,

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August 27, 1962

Dear [REDACTED]

Because of my concern over the policy statements and pronouncements of the National Council of Churches during recent years, I can no longer remain silent. The Council's own record of action in Washington indicates to me beyond the question of a doubt the pro communist thinking that dominates its leaders. (See page 13-14 of Dr. Poling's enclosed Address)

I have read many reports pro and con concerning the National Council, and I am forced to agree with the charge of Dr. Poling that the Council has not only "compromised" but also "betrayed the church, and abandoned the aims and purposes she originally announced would be her field of operation." I would go even further to claim that it is dishonest to claim to represent the wishes of 39 million protestants who have never been given a chance to vote on any of its official pronouncements, and therefore does not deserve support.

What bothers me now is, Where does our church stand in this matter? Are we going to be given all of the facts or are we going to sit back and continue to lend support to this ultra liberal group of clerics who use our numbers to promote socialism and communism under the guise of Christian teaching, and who provide a cloak of respectability beneath which subversion can operate?

The apostle Paul in his letter to the Ephesians 5: 6-11 instructs us in no uncertain terms.

"Let no man deceive you with vain words; for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience."

Be not ye therefore partakers with them.

For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light;

(For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth;)

Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord.

And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them."

Will you please present this letter to the session together with the enclosures. I have additional copies of the Poling statements. However, I would like the material marked file copy after the board has examined to be returned to me for my own files.

I sincerely believe that our church, if it is to remain strong for Christ, must have the courage to stand up and be counted in this struggle with the forces of atheism and socialism that are rapidly engulfing the globe. "There is none so blind as him who will not see." While we pause the forces of evil are continuously at work. It may soon be too late. We must talk about this problem, pray about it, and then act upon it. May God lead us in this vital decision.

Very sincerely yours,

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September 24, 1962

Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of August 27th concerning the National Council of Churches and our relationship thereto, with attached material, was presented to the Session at our meeting last Thursday evening. After a full discussion, the Session acted that inasmuch as the letter was addressed to me, I was instructed to give a report to you on the attitude of our Session. The Session would point out that we as a Congregation have not been associated with the National Council of Churches, however, we are associated as a Congregation in the Presbyterian Church, U.S. which has 32 men representing us on the National Council.

The repeated action of the General Assembly of our church has been to vote down any request that we withdraw from the National Council. This is because they believe the benefits of membership and the work of the Council far outweighs the weaknesses of the Council.

An interesting point was brought to light in our discussion. J. Edgar Hoover of the F.B.I. is probably better informed than any other American on the infiltration of Communism on the American scene. He is a man of courage and of conviction. It is unthinkable, therefore, that J. Edgar Hoover would in any way be associated with any group that is in the slightest degree "pink." The fact was noted that Mr. Hoover is an Elder of the Presbyterian Church, U.P.U.S.A., and that his church actively participates in the work of the National Council. Therefore, the Elders of this Church are following the lead of our own General Assembly and of J. Edgar Hoover as he continues to serve as an Elder in a church associated with the National Council.

We trust that we have had the leading of God in this decision. You may pick up your material at the office or I will deliver it when I am coming by your home.

The best to you and [REDACTED]

Cordially,

Signed [REDACTED]

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November 23, 1962

Dear [REDACTED]

I have received your letter of November 15, 1962, and it is always encouraging to hear from individuals who are aware of the menace communism poses to our freedoms and who desire to combat this evil.

With regard to the National Council of Churches, the FBI being an investigative agency of the Federal Government neither makes evaluations nor draws conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, individual or publication. In view of this, I am sure you will understand why I am unable to comment in the manner you have suggested. In addition, I assure you I have never made any statement concerning this group.

Enclosed is some material I hope you will find of interest. Some of these items contain suggestions as to how citizens can defend our democratic way of life against the false doctrine of communism. Perhaps you will also wish to refer to my books, "Masters of Deceit" and "A Study of Communism." The former was written with the hope that it would help its readers gain an insight into the true nature of communist activities. The latter is a comprehensive study of the development and expansion of communism throughout the world. These books should be available at your local library.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Internal Security Statement, 4-17-62.

An American's Challenge

Communism--Slavery of Mind and Spirit

[REDACTED]
November 15, 1962

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have heard the National Council of Churches discussed quite a bit, and some people say it is nothing but a Communist inspired organization.

As a true American, I am very concerned about the facts of what to believe, and what not to believe. In fact, one party used one or part of one of your statements in condemning the National Council of Churches, in which you said there were Communists in the churches. Did you mean the churches belonging to the National Council only, or all churches as a whole?

I hope to hear from you soon.

Yours truly,

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November 16, 1962

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Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of November 10, 1962, has been received, and the thought prompting you to write is appreciated.

With respect to your inquiry regarding the National Council of Churches, 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 addition, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I regret I am unable to help you and hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to this organization.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Department of Justice
Washington D. C.

Dear Sir

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In the event that this statement is false (I think it may be) could you tell me if some organizations are attempting to smear the name of the Council.

Yours Truly

/s/ [REDACTED]

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of November 9, 1962, has been received, and the thought prompting you to write is appreciated.

With respect to your inquiry regarding the National Council of Churches of Christ, 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 addition, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I regret I am unable to help you and hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to this organization.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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November, 9, 1962

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

Dear Sir,

It has come to the attention of the men of our church that the organization known as The National Council of Churches of Christ In America is infiltrated to a large degree with communists and communist sympathizers.

As our church is a member of this council, we wish to know the facts and what we can or should do about the situation.

Will you please send any information you may have on this subject, as well any advice you may be prepared to give to the following address?

Thanking you in advance, I remain,

Yours Truly,

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J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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J. Edgar Hoover
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Dear Sirs:--

Recently at a revival meeting at a rural church
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statement.

Yours very Resp.

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November 15, 1962

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of November 8, 1962, has been received, and the thought prompting your communication is appreciated.

With respect to your inquiry regarding the National Council of Churches, the FBI being 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 regret that I am unable to help you and hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the subject of your inquiry.

In addition, the public identification of organizations as communist action or communist front groups is made by the Department of Justice after hearings are held by the Subversive Activities Control Board. Therefore, I am enclosing a copy of the list of organizations which have been cited by the Department of Justice of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450. Also enclosed is some other material which I hope will be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

L. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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List of Subversive Organizations, EO 10450
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November 8, 1962

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am an elder in the Presbyterian Church here in my town as well as chairman of the Christian Education Committee for the church.

It has been brought to my attention many times recently that more and more of the literature used in the Presbyterian Church U. S. is following very closely the philosophy of socialism and dangerously close to out and out Communism. I feel personally responsible for the type of Christian Education the young people as well as the adults in my church are receiving. So far as I can determine, the National Council of Churches has a direct bearing on the literature used by our church.

Will you please tell me if the National Council is or ever has been in any way connected, even remotely, with any Communist or Communist front organizations? Are any of the Council's high ranking officials advocating in any way a friendliness toward the Communist aims? Or are my suspicions completely without foundation? (1)

I would be very grateful for a reply at your earliest convenience. If I am mistaken in my suspicions I am anxious to know, and on the other hand if I am not mistaken then I can be fairly sure of where many of our young people are getting, and being influenced by, the One World attitude which is growing in popularity throughout this country.

If any of the leaders and active people in the NCC are on your lists of doubtful organizations can you supply me with such a list? This is a matter which is very important to the spiritual life of our people as well as to the security of our democratic way of life. —

Very truly yours, NOV 16 1962

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October 17, 1962

Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of October 10, 1962, has been received.

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI being 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 regret that I am unable to help you and hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the National Council of Churches.

Enclosed is some literature which I hope will be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Enclosures (4) "An American's Challenge"
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October 10, 1962

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D. C.

Gentlemen:

I would appreciate it if you could furnish me with information concerning the National Council of Churches.

I have heard rumors to the effect that the National Council of Churches have been infiltrated by Communist elements. Me being a contributor to the National Council of Churches, I think I should know the truth so I can either continue or discontinue making contributions to the National Council of Churches.

Sincerely yours,

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The Communist Party, once again attempting to enslave the clergy affiliated with The National Council of Churches of Christ

The film "Operation Abolition" depicting the Communist-led riots against the House Committee on Un-American Activities in San Francisco, May 12-14, 1960, was so damaging to the Communists that word went out from party headquarters to destroy public confidence in the film in any and every way possible.

R. W. Moon, a Methodist minister, condemned the film before the Fifth General Assembly of the National Council of Churches. (Write Tocsin, 2490 Channing Way, Berkeley 4, California, for the report on R. W. Moon. You will find it most revealing. Price, 15 cents postpaid).

Christian Century magazine used the statement by R. W. Moon as the basis for an article, in the January 4, 1961 issue, titled "Operation Abolition". In the same issue appeared an editorial "Abolish H.U.A.C."

The Chicago Committee to Defend the Bill of Rights, Suite 811, 189 West Madison St., Chicago, Illinois, then had Christian Century prepare a one page reprint (front and back) of the above carrying this imprint "Published as a public service by The Chicago Committee to Defend the Bill of Rights. In January 1961 no one knew who was back of this Committee since it was specifically organized for the job at hand. House Report No. 1278, "The Truth about Operation Abolition," published December 27, 1961. Part 2, page 59, states "The board of directors of this organization is composed largely of persons with an extensive record of affiliations with Communist-front organizations".

All the Communist Party had to do was to see that the message by Methodist Minister R. W. Moon published in Christian Century, the most influential Protestant magazine, was given the widest possible circulation. The N.C.C. Clergy did the rest. It was one of the most effective smears ever perpetrated. This may very well be the first time that you have heard how it was done. Read F.B.I. Director Hoover's report on the riots in the pamphlet, "Communist Target — Youth".

The Communist Party is in process of organizing a much bigger drive which will involve abolishing H.C.U.A. and the repeal of the Smith and McCarran Acts. They are now setting up local committees by Congressional Districts all across this Nation, (The Worker, issues of June 17 and 24, 1962). This drive will reach its peak about January 1, 1963. The Communist Party claims that 50 Congressmen are ready to do their bidding if strong public support can be whipped up. They hope to line up enough more Congressmen before January 1, to vote against any appropriations to the Committee, thereby killing it.

Once again the Clergy and the N.C.C. affiliated Churches are expected to play an important part in this drive. Thousands of copies of a full page advertisement in the New York Times, issue of February 22, 1962, urging that H.C.U.A. be abolished will be distributed. This ad carries 610 signatures including that of Dr. Harold E. Fey, editor of Christian Century. Christian Century is so closely allied with the National Council of Churches that it appears that the Communist Party again has excellent ammunition to make it appear that the Protestant Clergy and Church organizations approve of the Communist objective of abolishing the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

We have in our possession a personal letter from Dr. Fey, Editor of Christian Century which includes this statement:

"The Christian Century is, and has long been, an advocate of ecumenical Christianity. As such, the present and former editors generally support the National Council of Churches. Indeed, we advocated its formation before it was organized. We think an independent paper is better able to defend the Council against its detractors as we have repeatedly done, than we could if we were a Council organ". Dr. Fey further states regarding Christian Century; "It has the reputation of being the most influential Protestant weekly magazine in the World."

Neither Christian Century, nor the National Council of Churches, made any attempt to enlighten church Lay People regarding the Communist Party smear of "Operation Abolition" in 1961. So you have no reason to think that they will assist in trying to stop the Communist Party in the present drive to abolish H.C.U.A., especially so when the editor of Christian Century is a signer of the advertisement in the New York Times, which will be an important piece of propaganda to be used by the Communist Party in its drive.

This material is documented. So take it to your local newspaper editor and your local radio station and ask them to alert the American public of this drive by the Communist Party to abolish H.C.U.A. and to repeal the McCarran Act. We still have faith that informed Christians can stop Communism.

There is no question in our minds that the top leadership in N.C.C. and affiliated denominations would like to see the Communist Party succeed in its drive to abolish H.C.U.A. Read our Publications Nos. 41, 42 and 43 and you will understand why we feel this way.

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The experience listed is not an isolated experience among churches affiliated with The National Council of Churches of Christ

The First Baptist Church, 34th St. and Clinton Ave., Berwyn, Illinois, is a Chicago suburban Church. Its pastor is Rev. Jack E. Jones.

Christian Century, a magazine with a circulation of over 40,000 largely among the Clergy, in its January 4, 1961 issue carried an editorial "Abolish the H.U.A.C. (Communist terminology for H.C.U.A.). It the same issue it carried an article by Methodist minister, R. W. Moon titled "Operation Abolition." (You may obtain a full report on R. W. Moon by writing Toccin, P.O. Box 784, Berkeley 1, Calif.)

The Chicago Committee to Defend the Bill of Rights, Suite 811, 189 West Madison St., Chicago 2, Illinois, had reprints made of this article and editorial, in *Christian Century*.

Rev. Jack E. Jones obtained these reprints and mailed them to the church membership along with the church news letter, "The Informer," in March, 1961. He defended this action in the April 1961 "Informer" with the following statement:

"Upon further investigation, I am convinced that Rev. R. W. Moon's statement in the January 4th *Christian Century*, challenging the distortion of the truth by the film 'Operation Abolition,' is correct. This position is supported by the National Council of Churches, the *Christian Century*, the *Jesuit Weekly American*, as well as the Committee's investigator Wm. Wheeler, who admitted there were distortions in editing because scenes are shown out of sequence and that Communistic influence on students is exaggerated."

The Chicago Committee to Defend the Bill of Rights, which supplied the *Christian Century* reprints, was set up in early 1961 and according to its own statements, it was to act as a coordinating center for the mid-west area in co-operating with the National Committee to Abolish the Un-American Activities Committee, (listed as a Communist front, page 115, House Document No. 398 "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications, December 1, 1961.)

House Report No. 1278 published December 27, 1961 titled The Truth About the Film "Operation Abolition" says this about the Chicago Committee to Defend the Bill of Rights; (page 59, part 2).

"The Board of Directors of this organization is composed largely of persons with an extensive record of affiliations with Communist-front organizations".

In March 1962, Rev. Jack E. Jones acted as sponsor, along with 35 others (14 of whom are listed on the letterhead of The Chicago Committee to Defend the Bill of Rights, as officers or directors) in mailing another piece of questionable literature along with "The Informer". The copy in this literature uses terms "Peace and Freedom", refers to the Ultra-Right and in general is the kind of thing generally seen in "The Worker", a communist publication.

Our Committee passed this information along to the Board of Deacons of this Church and also wrote a letter to Rev. Jack E. Jones to see if he would tell us how he became involved with some of these people and organizations, who certainly are not interested in perpetuating either the Church or our form of government. We think this information might very well keep other members of the clergy from the same pitfalls. Rev. Jack Jones did not see fit to acknowledge our letter.

During the period from January 1, 1961 to the time of this writing, the "Informer" has contained articles and quotations from Dr. Linus Pauling and such statements as the following:

"We must beware of Anti-Communism that is emotional and indiscriminating, that damages and destroys the very freedom that it sets out to save".

"The greatest loss from our renewal of atomic testing is the dramatic demonstration that the 'Christian' west is so little different from the Marxist world".

"This is just more evidence, which many of our Super-patriots never seem to see, that the most effective anti-Communist efforts are being carried on by and through the Church of Jesus Christ".

You people reading this will, for the most part, be very smug and think to yourselves this could never happen in our Church. We are quite sure that many of the members of the First Baptist Church of Berwyn, Illinois will have no inkling that the above has taken place in their Church until they read it in this publication. That is hard to believe, yet nevertheless true. Our N.C.C. leadership is largely responsible since it is within their power to provide sound leadership.

The Communist Party organized the smear against the H.C.U.A. and the film "Operation Abolition", but let the clergy and the N.C.C. affiliated Churches do the dirty work. They are now conducting another massive drive and again plan to use the clergy and N.C.C. Churches — Read our Publication 44 for details. Dr. John Bennett, prominent in N.C.C. circles, says "The Church should not fight Communism." They certainly are not as this publication points out.

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Publication No. 45

ENCLOSURE 112-50869-962

A "PAUL REVEREND" MESSAGE — SEND TO A FRIEND — SPREAD THE ALARM — DON'T DISCARD

In full control of the Ball but Headed for the Wrong Goalline **The National Council of Churches of Christ**

Let us consider the case of the great *Methodist Church* with its 10,000,000 members which is an important unit of the N.C.C. and its relation to Socialism.

The *Council of Churches* in Cuba, with support from the State Department and two New York newspapers, was so intent in its desire to supplant the Batista government with that of a declared socialist, *Fidel Castro*, that it ignored information in our governments' possession, that *Fidel Castro* was a known Communist as far back as the year 1948. The *Methodist Church* played its part as an important unit of the *Council of Churches* in Cuba. Let us now consider how *Castro* has responded to the *Methodist Church*.

Bishop James W. Henley of the *Methodist Church*, upon his return from a 10 day trip to Cuba as reported in *The Orlando Sentinel*, issue of July 30, 1962, stated "Religion is still free in Cuba and that he had no trouble in traveling throughout Cuba to visit all the parishes administered by 60 ministers and lay preachers". *Bishop Henley* also said that he ordained 10 Cubans to the *Methodist Ministry* during his 1500-mile trip and he hopes to make another trip to Cuba after Christmas. All this at a time when the papers have been reporting execution of Catholics for Anti-Communist activities. One can only conclude that *Fidel Castro* does not consider the *Methodist Church* as being Anti-Communist.

Now, if you will obtain a copy of the *Methodist Adult Student*, September 1962 issue, and carefully study its four Sunday School lessons. You may wonder if the *Methodist Church* is not convinced there is more good than bad in Communism. It is teaching this to our children. If you need further enlightenment get the *Methodist Adult Teacher*, September, 1962, issue, and read it and the reference books suggested, namely:

1. Christianity and Communism, by Dr. John C. Bennett, Dean of Union Theological Seminary; an avowed Socialist who says "Christianity should not fight Communism."
2. A Handbook on Communism, by The National Council of Churches. Described as a whitewash of Communism.
3. Communism and the Churches, by Rev. Ralph Lord Roy. (Methodist). This book was financed by the Fund for the Republic.

Ralph Lord Roy is one of the ministers who was jailed recently in Albany, Georgia. *The Fund for The Republic* is headed by *Dr. Robert Maynard Hutchins*. The vice president of the Fund, *W. H. Ferry*, recently belittled *Mr. J. Edgar Hoover* in a speech before the *Western States Democratic Conference* at Seattle. *The Worker*, Communist publication, issue of August 26, 1962, gave two full columns to reporting this defense of Socialism and the Welfare State by *W. H. Ferry*.

The Worker, issue of August 19, 1962, announces that *Bishop Love* of *The Methodist Church*, will preside at a dinner honoring *Louise Pettibone Smith*, Professor Emeritus of Biblical History of Wellesley on her 75th birthday at Hotel Astor in New York on October 12, 1962. *Norman Thomas*, head of the Socialist Party in the U.S.A. will be the principal speaker. *The Worker*, points out that *Professor Smith* is co-chairman of the *American Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born*, (listed as a subversive organization in House Document No. 398, "Guide to Subversive Organizations," December 1, 1961). *The Worker* also points out that the meeting will be used as a rallying point for opposition to the *McCarran Act* (an activity sponsored by the Communist Party along with abolishing H.C.U.A.)

The Worker, issue of June 24, 1962, reporting on a meeting of *Methodists* at Adrian, Michigan, states:

"One thousand delegates, representing 182,000 Michigan Methodists, adopted a resolution calling for abolition of the House Un-American Activities Committee."

The Communist Party under the direction of *Frank W. Wilkinson*, executive secretary of the *National Committee to Abolish the House Un-American Activities Committee*, is lining up church, union and other liberal groups behind the move to abolish H.C.U.A. and repeal the *McCarran Act*.

It really, in view of the record, is not surprising that *Fidel Castro* is dealing so kindly with the *Methodist Church* in Cuba. When are you good *Methodist* laymen going to get off the substitute's bench, fire the coach, and get into the ball game. Christianity and the free enterprise system are at stake. Will you enter the fight for God and Country?

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W. J. Sullivan

Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of September 29th has been received.

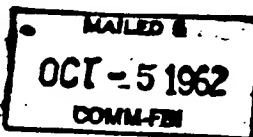
In response to your inquiry, I have never been a member of any committee of the National Council of Churches, although I am a member of the National Presbyterian Church, Washington, D. C. I would like to point out that the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and neither makes evaluations nor draws conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. Please do not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relative to the group about which you asked.

Enclosed is some literature which I trust will be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director



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FBI Jurisdiction Does Not Cover Making Evaluations
Statement on Communism, 7-15-62
Let's Fight Communism Sanely!
My Answer to Communism and Crime
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Sept. 29, 1962

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am aware of the subversive activities that are taking place in The National Council of Churches. It has come to my attention that a Presbyterian Minister of a church in Miami has told some members of his congregation that you are a member of a committee of The National Council and he added that since you do serve in this organization that The National Council of Churches is sound. Kindly let me know if what has been said is correct.

Very truly yours,

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Your letter of September 14, 1962, has been received, and the thought prompting you to write is appreciated.

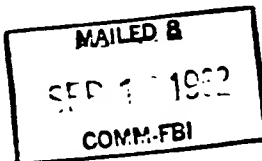
With respect to your inquiry, the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and neither makes evaluations nor draws conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. In addition, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I regret I am unable to help you and hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the subjects about which you asked.

No other sources come to mind where you could obtain the information you desire.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
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NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State, which has not been investigated by the Bureau, was organized in 1948 and currently maintains its headquarters in Washington, D. C. It is allegedly a nonprofit organization financed by voluntary contributions.

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NOTE continued: the purpose of which is allegedly to mobilize public opinion for separation of church and state and to support religious liberties embodied in the Constitution. It has been active in opposing legislation to use Federal funds for support of Parochial schools and has publicly attacked the Catholic Church.

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Sept. 14, 1962

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

Dear sir,

The Church that I attend belongs to the National Council of Churches. I have been hearing some very uncomplimentary things about the Council and its leadership.

Do you have available or can you tell me where I can obtain information regarding the National Council of Churches as well as any other information on Protestant Clergy and their membership in Communist Front organizations.

Thanks very much.

Very truly yours,
[REDACTED]

P.S. Do you have any information on the Protestants And Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State? Like so many organizations, its aims sound good, but are they a cover up for some other purpose?

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: September 14, 1962

FROM : Mr. F. J. Baumgardner

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[REDACTED] furnished the Bureau a leaflet (attached) entitled "Politics and The National Council of Churches" published by the National Committee of Christian Laymen, Phoenix, Arizona. This leaflet discloses that President Kennedy entertained Langston Hughes at a White House luncheon; that Louis Budenz in 1952 identified Hughes as a communist; that in 1957 Hughes' writings were recommended for reading by the NCC; set out two examples of Hughes' writings and stated James W. Wine and Langston Hughes by reason of their connections with NCC rated special attention at the White House. It is noted that Mrs. Day furnished this leaflet subsequent to a speech of Mr. Sullivan at Lake Junaluska, North Carolina, on July 28, 1962.

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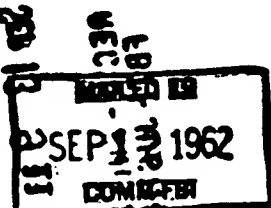
Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of September 7, 1962, with enclosure, has been received, and I want to thank you for your kind sentiments and prayers.

In response to your inquiry, I am enclosing a copy of Assistant Director William C. Sullivan's remarks at Lake Junaluska, North Carolina, on July 28, 1962. I do want to point out that 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 their remarks on communism do not repudiate in any way statements I have made in my speeches or that have been reflected in my book, "Masters of Deceit." Mr. Sullivan in his address at Lake Junaluska dealt with the subject of communism accurately and objectively.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



Enclosure

NOTE: Our only prior outgoing to correspondent was on 2-14-62 when she requested information on certain individuals and organizations. The confidential nature of our files was explained to her and she was sent reprint material on the topic of communism. Bufiles contain no record of the National Committee of Christian Laymen.

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September 7, 1962

National Council of Churches

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Bishop Hardin of Columbia, South Carolina, writes that he is trying to get a copy of the address made at Lake Junaluska, North Carolina, this summer on "American Heritage, Methodism, Communism, and the Future." The speech, given by Mr. Sullivan, appears to have assured our Bishop that there is no need to concern oneself about communism in the National Council of Churches, a subject on which I had not written him; instead, I had written to him about the enclosed leaflet. Since you are a member of a church, in all probability, which is in the NCC, perhaps you would be interested in this leaflet, if you haven't it.

If you have made any statement that could be used to dissipate some of the comfort that a few people, Louis Cassels among them, are somehow getting from you and Mr. Sullivan, please send it to me. Mr. Hoover, I know how hard you are fighting communism. I was disappointed, though, when you let Mr. Cassels get by with propagandizing your words.

My sympathy and prayers for you in the splendid fight you are making.

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Yours truly,

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Politics and The National Council of Churches

On November 3, 1961, President Kennedy entertained Langston Hughes at a White House luncheon. You have three good reasons for remembering Langston Hughes. **WASH. DC.**

1. On December 23, 1952, he was positively identified, under oath, by Louis Budenz, as a Communist.
2. In 1957, five years later, more of his writings than of any other writer were placed on its recommended reading list by the Department of Racial and Cultural Relations of the National Council of Churches. The introduction to this N.C.C. reading list is as follows:

"Read for enjoyment and information, remembering to note publication date. Read aloud to your children, or put the books where they will be picked up. Make recommendations to your children's teachers and to librarians. Share your copy of this list with your friends. Urge Church, P.T.A. and other organizations to circulate copies."

3. Here are two samples of Langston Hughes' writings.

GOODBYE CHRIST

"Listen, Christ,
You did alright 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 preacher've
Made too much money from it.
They've sold you to too many
Kings, generals, robbers, and killers—
Even to the Tzar and the Cossacks,
Even to Rockefeller's Church
Even to THE SATURDAY EVENING POST.
You ain't no good no more.
They've pawned you
Till you've done ware out.

"Goodbye,
Christ Jesus, Lord God Jehova,
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 Ghandi 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."

ONE MORE "S" IN THE U.S.A.

Now across the waters in Russia
They have a big U.S.S.R.,
The fatherland of the Soviets,
But that is mighty far
From New York or Texas or California, too.
So listen fellow workers,
This is what we have to do.

CHORUS

Put one more S in the U.S.A.
To make it Soviet,
One more S in the U.S.A.
Oh, we'll live to see it yet.
When the land belongs to the farmers
And the factories belong to the working man,
The U.S.A., when we take control,
Will be the U.S.S.A. then.

But we can't win out just talking
So let us take things in our hands,
Then down and away with the bosses' sway.
Hall, Communist land.
So stand up in battle and wave our flag on high
And shout out, fellow workers,
Our new slogan to the sky.

But we can't join hands strong together
So long as white are lynching black,
So black and white in one Union fight
And get on the right track.
By Texas or Georgia or Alabama led
Come together fellow workers,
Black and White can all be Red.

President Kennedy recently appointed James W. Wine, former official of The National Council of Churches, as Ambassador to Luxemburg. James W. Wine served on the Kennedy Campaign Staff to answer questions on Mr. Kennedy's stand on Church-State issues prior to the election. **WASH. DC.**

James W. Wine and Langston Hughes, by reason of their connections with the National Council of Churches, which presumably speaks in the name of 40,000,000 Protestants, (a substantial block of voters rate special attention at the White House for political reasons. Are you content to be counted among the 40,000,000, Protestants who are represented by The National Council of Churches? If not join with us and let's clean house. It is a sordid affair having no place in our religious life.

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September 5, 1962

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Interest.

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Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
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Enclosures (5)
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Statement on Communism, 7-15-62
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TRUE COPY

Aug. 29, 1962

F. B. I.

Dear Attorney General Tom Clark,

I have before me a booklet written by Carl McIntire
Director of 20th Century Reformation Hour and Pastor of the Bible
Presbyterian Church Collingswood, New Jersey.

Its title is The New Bible Revised Standard Version
Why Christians Should Not Accept it.

On page 15 I read Dr. Walter Russell Bowie of Union
Theological Seminary worked on the New Testament. And he has
been listed as subversive and communist by you. All together he has
been named on 15 communist or communist-front organizations.

Other names listed are Julius A Brewer Union Theological
Seminary 1930
Henry J. Cadbury Harvard, 1930 Edgar J. Goodspeed University of
Chicago James Moffat, Union Theological Seminary 1944 dead William R
Taylor University of Toronto 1931-51, dead George Dahl Yale University,
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Irwin, University of Chicago, 1937 Williard L Sperry, Harvard University,
1937 Leroy Waterman University of Mich. 1937 Miller Burrow, Yale
University, 1938 Clarence T. Craig, Oberlin Graduate School of Theology,
1938 Abdel R. Wentz Lutheran Theological Seminary, 1938 Kyle M. Yates,
Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, 1938 William F. Albright

There are more names mentioned.

I want to check on this information as to its accuracy before
making any changes as to my membership in a church which is a member
of the National Council of Churches. REC-11 100-52869-9

I have just spoken with a man who answered the F. B. I's
phone number. I told him what I wanted to know. He directed me to write
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National Council of Churches directed by people who are subversive and

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communists or is it controlled by people who are against our form of Government and against Christ and the Holy Bible.

I must know the true answer to this question as soon as possible.

Trusting you for a true answer I remain

/s/

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Aug. 29, 1962



J. B. J.

Dear Attorney General Tom
Clark,

I have before me a booklet
written by Carl McIntire Director
of 20th Century Reformation Hour
and Pastor of The Bible Presbyterian
Church Collingswood, New Jersey.

Its title is The New Bible
Revised Standard Version
Why Christians Should Not
Accept it.

On Page 15 I read Dr. Walter
Russell Bowie of Union Theolog-
ical Seminary would in the
New Testament. And he has

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been listed as subversive and
communist by you. All to-
gether he has been named on
15 communist or communist-

front organizations

Other names listed are

Julius A Brewer Union Theological
Seminary 1930

Merv J. Cadbury Harvard, 1930

Edgar J. Goodspeed University of Chicago 1948

James Moffat, Union Theological Seminary, died

William H. Taylor University of Toronto 1938-51, died

George Dahl Yale University, 1937

Fredrick C. Grant, Union Theological Seminary, 1937

William A. Irwin, University of Chicago, 1937

William L. Perry, Harvard University, 1937

Leroy Watuman University of Mich. 1937

Miller Burrow, Yale University, 1938

Clarence T. Craig, Aberdeen Graduate
School of Theology, 1938

Abdel R. Kentz Lutheran Theological
Seminary, 1938

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Kyle M. Gates, Southern Baptist
Theological Seminary, 1938, Abilene
William F. Albright.

There are more names mentioned.

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