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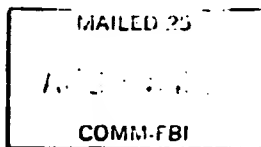
I received your letter of July 31st and want to thank you for your expression of confidence in my administration of the FBI. It is hoped our future endeavors will continue to merit your support and approval.

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Enclosed is some literature I trust will be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



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July 31, 1964

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

Dear Sir:

I am writing this letter as secretary of the Board of Elders of this Church to ask your respected opinion on the possibility of a communistic influence in the National Council of Churches. This possibility has been brought to the attention of this Board by many concerned members of the congregation, who have been subjected to many different opinions, and have received a good deal of unofficial information.

Because of your informed position and known interest in such matters, we respectfully solicit your opinion on whether the policies of the National Council of Churches are under the influence or control of communists.

Letters similar to this are being sent to Bishop Sheen, the Honorable Barry Goldwater, and Governor George Wallace. It is hoped that these combined opinions will either dispel an unfounded concern or if it be the case that there is an influence, result in a serious Christian concern and further prayerful action.

Respectfully,
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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau Of Investigation

Dear Sir:

As you know, our Methodist Church is a member of the National Council of Churches in America. There is some criticism, across the South at least, of the organization, and you have been quoted as saying that "there are some Communists in the organization or at least, some of the members have communistic 'leanings'".

Do you have a pamphlet or some material that would help me to intelligently weigh this matter so that I can give an answer to my people about this matter. I would be most grateful if you could help me.

Most sincerely yours,
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Dear [REDACTED]

I received your letter of July 29th and certainly want to thank you for your offer to be of service to this Bureau.

While I would very much like to be of assistance to you in this instance, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. Further, it is contrary to my policy to comment on material not prepared by the FBI or by me. I regret I am unable to be of help in connection with your inquiries, but trust you will understand the necessary reasons involved.

While this Bureau does not have material available for distribution bearing directly upon the subjects of your interest, I am enclosing literature which I trust will be an aid to you when considering these issues.

The cooperation and support your paper has extended to this Bureau in the past are indeed appreciated and it is my hope that our future activities will continue to merit your confidence and approval.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Managing Editor of this paper, is on the Special Correspondents' List. While it is normally to the Bureau's interest to instruct a Special Agent to contact the news media whenever a sensitive issue such as the one involved is brought up in order to decline furnishing information, due to the controversy existing in North Carolina over this issue, it is felt that the above answer and method of reply is best in this instance. Stormer and his book, "None Dare Call It Treason," have been the subjects of considerable inquiry in the recent past. It was reviewed by the Domestic Intelligence Division and described as a right-wing indictment of American leaders in government, religion, education, communication media, psychiatry, politics, economics and labor.

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July 29, 1964

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

In recent months several citizens of Rocky Mount have expressed concern about the activities of the National Council of Churches. Such concern has grown out of various reports, plus some of the material being distributed to children in Sunday School classes in some of the churches.

I am not familiar with the NCC personally, but some one recommended Chapter 7 of "None Dare Call It Treason," by John A. Stormer. I read the chapter, and must admit it is disturbing.

If you are familiar with that publication, would you be in a position to tell me if that chapter, entitled "Subverting Our Religious Heritage," is authenticated to the degree that I could quote it safely?

Also, I would appreciate very much your own opinion about the activities of the National Council of Churches, as to whether there is indeed some infiltration of either Communists or fellow-travelers, or both.

Do you have available any published, authenticated, material on the NCC which you could send? Anything of this nature would be greatly appreciated. I deplore rumors and half-truths as much or more than the next responsible citizen, and I cannot reply to any queries I receive about the activities of the National Council of Churches without documentary proof, from some responsible agency such as yours.

Thank you very much, and if I can be of any service to you in any way, please call upon me.

Sincerely,

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August 4, 1964

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of July 28th, with enclosure, has been received.

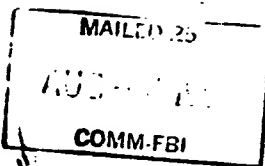
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July 28, 1964

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Many accusations have been made, and are being made, by some people concerning the infiltration of communism into our churches. They would have the public believe that the leadership of our churches has already fallen into the hands of the communist. They have convinced many that the National Council of Churches of Jesus Christ of America has been infiltrated and influenced by the communist.

This has resulted in creating a distrust of the clergy and has undermined our churches. Already we are being divided and weakened by this concept.

Sir, please answer these few questions for me, that I might pass the answers on to others who are interested. Can you tell us if the National Council of Churches has been infiltrated by communist, and if so, to what extent? Have any Methodist ministers been convicted of being communist? If so, how many?

Our people are being bombarded constantly by these ideas and accusations from Rev. Carl McIntire, of Collingswood, N. J. and his followers.

Inclosed is a little booklet "Communism in our Churches" by J. B. Matthews. Will you please evaluate this for me, with special reference to: "...some 7,000 Protestant clergymen have been drawn during the past seventeen years into the network of the Kremlin's conspiracy..." p. 7; also, "...I will say that 2131 of the 8,673 clergymen were Methodist..." p. 7; and, "...The largest single group supporting the communist apparatus in the United States today is composed of Protestant clergymen..." p. 7.

I realize studies and investigations have been made by other groups. Many people do not believe other investigations on the subject. Perhaps they will believe the F.B.I. if you can reveal the information.

Let us know before the churches are broken into so many fragments until they will be ineffective.

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ENCLOSURE ATTACHED

COMMUNISM IN OUR CHURCHES

By

J. B. MATTHEWS

*Former Chief Investigator for the Committee on
Un-American Activities of the United States
House of Representatives*

Address delivered March 22, 1958
in the

Bible Presbyterian Church, Collingswood, N. J.

Under the auspices of

THE 20th CENTURY REFORMATION HOUR

Rev Carl McIntire, D.D., Director

J. B. Matthews



The coming of Dr. J. B. Matthews to Collingswood, N. J., on Saturday night, March 22, 1958, has been used by Almighty God to stir people to more diligence in defense of freedom and their Christian heritage. In a magnificent and brilliant address, this defender of liberty won the affection of the great congregation.

Dr. Matthews' gracious, careful, factual presentation of the issue concerning the Communist use of the churches stunned people. At his conclusion the entire congregation stood and in prolonged applause expressed their tribute and appreciation to this man. He looks like a patriarch and is an American of the true individualist school.

John T. Flynn first gave the appellation, "Mr. Anti-Communist," to Dr. J. B. Matthews and it has stuck. He is the one who made the Dies Committee, gave it its foundation, and set up its research files. In the days when he led in developing the anti-Communist movement, he was virtually alone and truly a pioneer. He possesses a massive photographic memory, and his brilliant intellect, together with his meticulous care in handling facts, has made him the outstanding authority in America today on the question of Communist infiltration and conspiracy. He was the man who was behind the factual exposures in the State Department of John Stewart Serves, Owen Lattimore, and the others who gave away China to the Reds.

In the address, which is here printed in full, Dr. Matthews brings out new, fresh, and additional information. It all supports his article which caused such a storm, "Reds and Our Churches," *American Mercury*, July, 1953. His facts have stood; they stand today.

Let Christian people ponder these facts.

The Christian public owes an undying debt of gratitude to Dr. J. B. Matthews for the service that he is rendering to the cause of religious freedom and in the battle against Communism.

Communism in Our Churches

BY DR. J. B. MATTHEWS

I can think of no better illustration of carrying coals to Newcastle than my addressing an audience of the Collingswood Bible Presbyterian Church on the subject of Communism and the Churches. For years, your distinguished pastor, Dr. Carl McIntire, has hammered away on this subject, citing chapter and verse of the Communist infiltration of the Protestant churches. Anyone who has listened attentively to Dr. McIntire and read the meticulously accurate columns of the *Christian Beacon* on this subject is presumably a well-informed citizen. I cannot hope to add any new facts to the mass of information that is already in your possession.

Five years ago, when an article that I wrote became the subject of a national discussion in the

press, the President of the United States entered the controversy. There was an exchange of telegrams between the President and the leaders of the National Conference of Christians and Jews. A wide section of the press led the public to believe that the President's telegram to the National Conference of Christians and Jews resulted in Joe McCarthy's firing me as executive director of the Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations. Nothing was farther from the truth. Not wishing to hurt Joe McCarthy, I quit over his emphatic protest. And, it was *after* that fact had been made known to politicians high in the Republican administration that a phony exchange of telegrams between the White House and the National Conference of Christians and Jews was arranged.

How well I remember reading a dispatch from Honolulu stating that the Rev. Dr. Carl McIntire agreed with my estimate of the extent of the Communist infiltration of the ranks of the Protestant clergy.

TERMS DEFINED

In order that you may better understand me, I wish at the outset to comment briefly on the terms Communism, socialism, statism, and world government.

When I speak of Communism, I mean the Soviet slave state, its satellites, and its fifth column in the United States.

Socialism, whether of the Fabian, ADA, or Republican variety, has the historic role of producing such disintegration of the economy and deterioration of the national morale as to hasten the appearance of a totalitarian receivership.

Statism, under whatever name, is the accumulation of power—both economic and political—in the hands of a gigantic bureaucracy, with the resultant whittling down of liberty.

World government means the surrender of national sovereignty essential to the preservation of our basic freedoms, and the placing of American destiny in the hands of those who envy or hate us.

Over against all of these four outriders of the four horsemen of the Apocalypse, we have the uniquely American economy of a free competitive

market in which the free choices of unregimented and sovereign consumers provide the impersonal and unplanned basis for all our freedoms. The gradual wearing away of this distinctively American economy under the corroding impact of Communism, socialism, statism, and world government is the tragedy of the 20th century and a grievous and irreplaceable loss to mankind.

INFILTRATION OF CATHOLIC PRIESTHOOD

In 1953, when I ran into some unsought publicity over an article that I wrote for the *American Mercury*, I received several thousand letters and telegrams. The commonest complaint of my correspondents was that I had not mentioned Catholics and Jews in the article. There were broad hints that I was afraid to do so.

As a matter of fact, I have written and spoken on the subject of the Communist infiltration of the Catholic priesthood. The Catholic priests who have been affiliated with Communist-front organizations are negligible in number, but they prove that priests are not absolutely immune to the wiles of the Communist apparatus. According to my card file, 48 have had such affiliations, but the large majority of these have had only one affiliation.

When Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam was confronted by the Velle Committee with the fact that he had been a sponsor of the National Committee to Abolish the Poll Tax, cited by the Committee as a Communist front, he called attention to the fact that the Most Reverend Robert E. Lucey, Archbishop of San Antonio, had also been a sponsor of this Communist outfit. Archbishop Lucey was also listed as a member of the council of the Southern Conference for Human Welfare, cited by the House Committee as a Communist front. The fact of Archbishop Lucey's connection with the National Committee to Abolish the Poll tax was not a part of the House Committee's record until the testimony of Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam placed it there. This means that Bishop Oxnam became an informer!

I have not forgotten that the first smear book on the Dies Committee was written by Father August Raymond Ogden and published by the Catholic University of America.

In 1944, the Dies Committee published long reports on the extensive Communist penetration of the

CIO Political Action Committee. Subsequent history has attested the meticulous accuracy of those reports, a fact in which I find some satisfaction because I wrote them. The CIO unions which I named as Communist-dominated in those reports were expelled from the CIO five years later, with the exception of two or three which threw off the Communist yoke. The Catholic weeklies, *Commonweal* and *America*, denounced the findings of those reports; and the *Daily Worker* of October 27, 1944, picked up their denunciations and reprinted them.

I must register my dissent from a widely held assumption that all Catholics are of one mind on the question and methods of resisting the encroachments of Communism. No such unanimity exists. There is no monolithic Catholic line on the subject of freedom based upon the free competitive market, commonly but inadequately known as Capitalism.

I have in my library a book entitled, *Catholicism, Capitalism or Communism*, written many years ago—but since the emergence of the Soviet slave state—by Father Jeremiah C. Harrington of the Saint Paul Seminary. It bears the imprimatur of the Archbishop of St. Paul. In this book, Father Harrington wrote: "Capitalism is a comparatively new economic system but we believe that the influence of the Church will be the gradual diminution and eventually the abandonment of Capitalism, because the spirit of the Catholic Church and the spirit of Capitalism cannot permanently coexist together."

Father Harrington said further: "We do think that the abuses of Capitalism are as dangerous as Socialism or Communism." The left-wing World Council of Churches echoed this plague-on-both-your-houses doctrine in its report at Amsterdam in 1948 which read as follows: "The Christian churches should reject the ideologies of both Communism and laissez-faire capitalism. . . ."

Father Harrington's error is a common one. It is predicated on the belief that an evil Capitalism replaced a lovely agrarian Utopia. He wrote of the transition from a predominantly agrarian economy to the free competitive economy, as follows: "Heart-rending it must have been indeed for the poor people

to tear themselves away from their native fields and cottages, where like their fathers gone before, they had enjoyed so many happy days." That is sheer sentimental twaddle and an unwitting falsification of history. But even conservatives—political and economic as well as religious—have accepted without question this left-wing folklore of the intellectuals, and have based their notions about Capitalism with its factory system and free market upon it. In a recent book entitled, *Capitalism and the Historians*, edited by Hayek, a serious effort has been made by responsible scholars to dispose of the myths which surround the advent of the factory system and the free market.

But, to get back to Father Harrington. In his conclusion, he wrote: "Capitalism is dying of dry rot." That is also the Marxist conclusion.

"AMERICAN MERCURY" ARTICLE

In that much-discussed *American Mercury* article, I wrote: "Some seven thousand Protestant clergymen have been drawn during the past seventeen years into the network of the Kremlin's conspiracy." Actually, my card file contains the names of 8,673 such clergymen, the greater number of whom naturally belong in the category of unwitting dupes of the Communist-front apparatus. The comparable number of rabbis is 353, which is approximately 14 percent of the total number of rabbis in the United States.

While I am on the subject of figures, I will say that 2,131 of the 8,673 clergymen were Methodists; 1,439 were Protestant Episcopal; and 626 were Presbyterian, U.S.A.

The opening sentence of my *American Mercury* article on "Reds and Our Churches" read as follows: "The largest single group supporting the Communist apparatus in the United States today is composed of Protestant clergymen." There was a myth circulated during the uproar which followed the publication of the article that I did not write that sentence. Let me say here and now that this myth was utterly without foundation. I wrote every word of the sentence, and did so after many hours of reflections on precisely how it should be worded. The rough drafts of the article leave no doubt that I

wrote it. I customarily file the first, second, third, fourth, and fifth drafts of my articles.

The article was completed in March, 1953. I stand today on the complete accuracy of that opening sentence, as of that date. Anyone who followed the operations of the Communist apparatus from day to day, during a period of approximately 30 months prior to March, 1953, knew that there were five major propaganda and agitation campaigns under way: (1) The repeal of the Internal Security Act of 1950; (2) The repeal of the Smith Act and amnesty for all Smith Act defendants; (3) The fake peace offensive organized around the Stockholm pledge; (4) Clemency for the Rosenbergs; and (5) The repeal of Joe McCarthy.

PROTESTANT CLERGY DUPES

In each of these five major Communist campaigns, Protestant clergymen were morally, strategically, and numerically in the forefront. Anyone who denies this, be he Republican Herbert Brownell or Democrat Harry Byrd, does nothing more than demonstrate his ignorance of what the Communists were doing in those months.

The *Daily Worker* complained repeatedly and bitterly that labor leaders were not supporting the objectives of these campaigns. The *Daily Worker* also hailed in hundreds of headlines and articles the support that Protestant clergymen were giving.

But, you may ask: Were not these clergymen duped into supporting these Communist campaigns? I reply that the overwhelming majority were dupes. In certain stages of the revolutionary schedule of the Communist conspiracy, the Party accomplishes its ends primarily through dupes and unwitting handmaidens, among which it rejoices at times to number United States Senators.

Unfortunately, there are those who think that Communism is not a threat until the stage of street fighting has started, and the overthrow of government by infiltration or violence is imminent. The propaganda or pre-violence stages of the Communist revolution are equally important in the conspiratorial strategy, and are preparatory to the conquest of power.

Many people have overlooked the important psychological advantage achieved by the Party when it has succeeded in signing up an ecclesiastical dupe, or any other dupe for that matter, in support of one or more of its propaganda enterprises. The dupe, thereafter, becomes an enemy of all anti-Communists who expose the deceitfulness of the Communist-front technique and the dupe's gullibility in falling for it. The dupe has not been won to Communism; but he has been won to anti-anti-Communism, and that is a major revolutionary triumph for the conspirators. Furthermore, the dupe's friends feel called upon to shield him from the embarrassment of his folly, and they, too, join the ranks of the anti-anti-Communists. For every clergyman who has been enlisted as a dupe in the Communist-front movement, there are at least ten other clergymen who will rally to his defense against exposure. Thus, under the covering fire of the anti-anti-Communists, the legions of hell march to victory over the forces of freedom.

Unwitting dupes, regardless of the purity of their motives, cannot reasonably disclaim all responsibility for their acts in aiding the Communist conspiracy by supporting its Communist-front organizations. If the Communist fronts lost all the support of clergymen, their usefulness to the conspiracy would be greatly reduced, and in some cases reduced to complete ineffectiveness. One of the major uses of the Communist front is to serve as recruiting agencies for Party membership. A recent study of ex-Communists was published by the Princeton University Press under the title, *The Appeals of Communism*. It disclosed that 54 per cent of all the ex-Communists interviewed had first joined a front organization, as compared with 35 per cent who joined the Party directly and 11 per cent who first joined the Young Communist League. It is evident, therefore, that the ecclesiastical supporters of the front apparatus, witting and unwitting, not only further the propaganda objectives of the evil conspiracy but also bear a definite measure of responsibility for the recruiting of conspirators. Is this not a terrible burden of responsibility for a minister of the Gospel to bear, and one which cannot be shrugged off with the comment that he was innocent of wrong intentions?

In estimating the extent of the Communist penetration of the Protestant churches, we must take into account the organizational affiliations of clergy-

men on the one hand and their ideological infection on the other. One ecclesiastic may have a score of Communist-front affiliations without having become the carrier of ideological infection in the slightest degree. Another may be in an advanced stage of Marxist malignancy without ever having allowed his name to appear on the letterheads, petitions, and manifestoes of the Communist-front apparatus. Many clergymen, of course, act as frontiers for the Communist conspiracy and also accept the postulates of the conspiracy.

J. PIUS BARBOUR

I spoke earlier of the manner in which some clergymen deal with Joe McCarthy. Let me give you an example. The *National Baptist Voice* is a monthly religious journal that professes to speak in the name of 27,000 preachers and 4,526,847 members of the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A. In its issue of November, 1953, the *National Baptist Voice* had the following to say in an editorial: "Take the current hysteria over spies. McCarthy and his gang have so deluded our minds that any man who does not agree that General Motors should take over the country is branded as a spy. Hence they have pushed nearly half of the country into the place where they sympathize with the Communists." The editor-clergyman who wrote that was the Rev. Dr. J. Pius Barbour. The language, the lies, and the line of that statement could have been lifted right out of the Communist Party's *Daily Worker*. The Rev. Dr. J. Pius Barbour was the highest editorial representative of the third largest Protestant denomination in the United States. What difference does it make whether a man is a member or not a member of the Communist Party, whether he is a witting dupe or an unwitting dupe, as long as he propagates the views of the Communist conspiracy? It makes a lot of difference. If the Rev. Dr. J. Pius Barbour had dropped his ecclesiastical title, taken off his priestly robes, and openly joined the Communist Party, his purpose would have been clear and his influence for evil negligible. Nobody would be deceived. He would be subject to prosecution by the federal government under the Smith Act. But, operating as a prominent clergymen of the third largest Protestant denomination in the United States and, so far as I know, as an unwitting dupe, he is immune from prosecution. He is even immune from exposure by any

congressional committee. We do not have, and should not have, statutes for the prosecution of unwitting dupes. God and government must suffer fools to go their way unmolested, even though they imperil freedom more surely than do the professional agents of the Kremlin's world-wide conspiracy.

Let us take another look at the Rev. Dr. J. Pius Barbour. I quote from his editorial in the February, 1955, issue of the *National Baptist Voice*, as follows: "The Church is changing the social order. . . . It is making war and unrelenting war on the profit motive as the best dynamic of society and showing that society can use other motivation." The statement as it stands, with its sweeping and unqualified assertion, is, of course, false.

Before I take leave of the Rev. Dr. J. Pius Barbour, allow me to quote from his editorial in his journal's issue of August, 1951, on the subject of Ben Davis, member of the Communist Party's politburo, who was sentenced to five years imprisonment for advocating and conspiring to advocate the overthrow of the United States government by force and violence. The Rev. Dr. Barbour hailed Ben Davis as "a burning and shining light in this day of 'Cadillac leadership.'" The editorial continued: "Ben turned his back on what could have been a life of leisure to fight for a dangerous and to him a just cause. And for his conviction, he is now serving five years in prison. But he is not surprised. He has been told this by his friends for years. Every seduction has been offered him to 'take it easy' and avoid what his friends knew was a certain road to prison. But with his face set like flint he chose to 'suffer with his people rather than be called Pharaoh's son.' What shall we say about him? . . . If you are really called to preach and know something about the prophets, you must say: OUT OF SUCH MATERIAL COME SAINTS!"

Incidentally, the Rev. Dr. J. Pius Barbour has been affiliated with only one Communist-front organization, namely the Committee for Peaceful Alternatives to the Atlantic Pact. Out of 1,068 individuals who were affiliated with this Communist front, 700 were Protestant clergymen and thirteen were rabbis. The fact that the Rev. Dr. Barbour has had only one Communist-front affiliation suggests a most important observation. The full signif-

icance of a man's service to the Communist cause should not be gauged solely by the number of his Communist-front affiliations.

FRED D. WENTZEL

Continuing on our weary way through some of the documentation to be found in the national publications of the major Protestant denominations, I come to *The Messenger*, national organ of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, a denomination which currently reports 761,335 members. In the issue of *The Messenger* for February 22, 1955, I find an article by the Rev. Dr. Fred D. Wentzel, director of publications, Board of Christian Education and Publication of the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

Dr. Wentzel's slant on Christian education is reflected in the following statement: "I mean to say that our national administration waited far too long to bring decency and order and gentleness into the hearing rooms of its investigating committees. If it had become excited, for instance, about the long-drawn-out hounding and defaming of Professor Lattimore, it would in all probability have had no need of rescuing General Zwicker from barbaric treatment in 1954. I mean to say that the church was late in recognizing that the darkness which began to descend on our land back in the days of the Dies Committee had anything to do with the message and the life and the public responsibility of the church."

"Hounding and defaming of Professor Lattimore"! But not a word about the hundreds of millions of Chinese doomed to slavery, or the 125,000 casualties—American boys dead and maimed in Korea.

"Rescuing General Zwicker from barbaric treatment." But not a word about the promotion and honorable discharge of a Communist in the uniform of the United States Army.

"The darkness which began to descend on our land back in the days of the Dies Committee"! But not a word about the exposure of hundreds of traitors which would never have occurred without the patient investigation of congressional committees, always conducted under the exasperating harassment of ecclesiastical hostility—Protestant, Jewish, and Catholic.

FBI CHIEF'S WARNING

A year ago, Mr. J. Edgar Hoover warned the nation's churches and other religious organizations to be on guard against Communist infiltration.

"Because they despise the Church, the Communists continually attempt to infiltrate unsuspecting religious organizations," the FBI chief said. "What better cloak of legitimacy can be found for their programs than to present them as the offerings of clergymen and churches? The strategy of the Communists to get others to front for them and do their dirty work cannot be underestimated."

Mr. Hoover recalled that a brief *amici curiae* filed with the United States Supreme Court in 1955, urging that the Internal Security Act of 1950 be declared unconstitutional, was signed by 360 persons of whom "some 100" were clergymen. It may be added that the next largest group was made up of professors, of whom there were 89.

"PRESBYTERIAN OUTLOOK" AND "THE CHURCHMAN"

Soon after Mr. Hoover's address, the *Presbyterian Outlook* took him to task editorially. This organ of the Presbyterian Church, U.S., and the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., accused Mr. Hoover of the "planting of seeds of suspicion of all ministers who dare to challenge any situation." The editorial of the *Presbyterian Outlook* was reprinted by *The Churchman* (Protestant Episcopal) whose editor, the Rev. Guy Emery Shipley, has an unusually long record of supporting the fronts and other enterprises of the Communist Party.

The *Presbyterian Outlook* based its editorial on a familiar alibi, namely, that by mere coincidence some clergymen and some Communists happen to take the same position on a given question. Mr. Hoover did not, of course, refer to such coincidences as "Communist infiltration." He was speaking of those cases in which clergymen take a position in direct response to Communist appeal and do so under Communist auspices.

The *Presbyterian Outlook* wittingly or unwittingly distorted the meaning of Communist infiltration in the following sarcastic manner: "After all, the Com-

munists believe in eating and it is no result of infiltration that a great many of us insist on having food."

The kind of defense which the *Presbyterian Outlook* put forward on behalf of those who support the Communist-front apparatus is itself a substantial aid to the Communist conspiracy, although the editors of this religious journal undoubtedly consider themselves good anti-Communists.

MISUNDERSTANDING

There are many ways in which non-Communists and anti-Communists may aid and abet the Communist cause, among which is action or word which represents a fantastic misunderstanding of the Communist leaders.

In a current controversy with a prominent Quaker, the New York Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends has published the following statement in the *American Friend*: "We find ourselves unable to sit in judgment on our brothers, 'the men of the Kremlin,' in whom there is also the 'seed of God,' and to deny them the possibility of response to suffering love undertaken in their behalf."

Fortunately, for the world and civilization, this Quaker viewpoint does not prevail in the Pentagon.

The idea that the "men of the Kremlin" might respond to "suffering love" or to other demonstrations of goodwill is not peculiar to the Quaker sect. A news item dated Houston, Texas, reads as follows: "A shipment of 52 heifers and three bulls was sent from here to Odessa, Russia, by the Heifer Project of New Windsor, Maryland. Agency officials said the herd, the first Heifer Project shipment destined for Russia, had as its purpose 'to show that basic goodwill exists throughout the world.'"

The donation of these heifers and bulls was made to the Soviet government.

During the past year, the leaders of the World Council of Churches and the National Council of Churches have proceeded on the assumption that personal contacts with the church leaders of the Iron Curtain countries would be productive of better understanding and genuine fraternity. This theory

ignores the fact that the church leaders under a Communist regime are the tools of the state.

The Rev. John A. Mackay, president of Princeton Theological Seminary, whose Communist affiliations have been numerous, is now urging that a delegation of clergymen from the United States visit Red China to re-establish contacts with the heads of the churches in that country. "It is absolutely imperative that this be done," says Dr. Mackay.

It is well known that the Communist regimes, whose countries are visited by these delegations of clergymen, exploit their visits for Communist propaganda purposes.

Grave doubts may be entertained about the value of any tourist jaunts to Communist countries. Tourist impressions brought back to this country are often painful beyond endurance.

The Rev. Lloyd R. Gillmett, rector of St. John the Evangelist, St. Paul, Minnesota, has recently published an article entitled, "A Rector Reports On Russia." Here are some of the things Mr. Gillmett reported: "They are on the march. Russia is on the march, economically, educationally, culturally, and her standard of living is rising continuously.

Russia is advancing culturally too. Almost everywhere you go in the cities you find parks. You go around a corner and there is another park. And almost every night in almost any of these parks you will find a band concert or a concert by a symphony orchestra. I went into one on a Sunday evening, and there it was, a band of men playing very fine classical music, and I found out that the orchestra was from a small military unit not far away. . . . I met some people who were leaving Russia on the train as we went through Finland. I don't know where they were going. They were Russian people traveling, and they asked me about how much of the Russian literature I knew. I told them two or three names, and then they began to say that they knew Shakespeare and all of the English writers, and they knew our writers too. Hemingway and all of the people present and in the past. These Russian people are reading practically all the literature in the world, book after book. They are advancing culturally." And so on, *ad nauseam!*

Giralda Forbes, described as a churchwoman of Boston, writes an article entitled, "The Secret

Weapon of Russia." Miss Forbes perpetrates the following: "But that secret weapon is only work. That is Russia's soul force, and with it she is building her vision into reality. Russia believes in, and has proved, the magic of work. She wars no more against men in the field, but inertia in her land. That is the secret of her progress, of her tremendous strength. It is with this weapon she has accomplished so much during and since the war."

The Rev. Herman F. Reissig, of the Council for Social Action of the Congregational Christian Churches, reports the following concerning his recent tour in the Soviet Union: "On a collective farm, in a large factory, in a hospital, at the ballet, on visits to an outdoor amusement park and to a children's playground, in both Orthodox and Baptist churches, in casual associations on the streets, we met with smiles, outstretched hands and unfailing courtesy. So much so that we talked and wondered much about it."

The Witness had long been notorious for its pro-Communist bias and propaganda. A recent editorial will come as a shock even to those who have been acquainted with the journal's pro-Communist slant over the years. "On the whole," says *The Witness*, "your editor currently would be inclined to put rather more stock in a unilateral Russian declaration that bomb-testing had ceased than in an American." And, for good measure, the editor of this religious paper adds: "We would be well satisfied if India and the rest of the neutral world were to say 'a plague on both your houses.'"

With reference to the loyalty program and the military preparedness of the United States, *The Witness* says editorially: "We firmly hold that our country is embarked on what is potentially a more destructive and inhumane course of action than the Nazis were."

In its anti-American diatribes, the Communist Party's *Daily Worker* has never used stronger language than *The Witness*. The managing editor of *The Witness* is William B. Spofford, whose publicly recorded Communist affiliations number at least 69. His associate on the editorial board, the Rev. Kenneth Ripley Forbes, has been affiliated with at least 62 Communist projects and enterprises of public record.

Is there any wonder that J. Edgar Hoover has seen fit to warn against the Communist infiltration of the churches?

The average American who does not see any sizable section of the religious press is naturally unaware of the nature and extent of the Communist infiltration of the ranks of the Protestant clergy.

But, enough of quotations from the religious press. I could give you thousands similar to those I have quoted, some more crude, some more subtle. All would tend toward the same end, namely, to show that powerful church agencies are propaganda media for Communism, socialism, statism, and world government.

UNITED NATIONS

In the matter of the United Nations, the churches generally have become an agitprop department of this international hoax.

UN apologists and propagandists among the clergy are effectively brain-washing their parishioners into acceptance of the greatest peace hoax since the Kellogg-Briand Treaty outlawing war was signed in 1929. These supporters of the UN do not blush, even a little bit, when they claim as one of its single achievements a victory against Soviet aggression in the Korean war. They speak of that conflict as a war of the UN *versus* Communist aggression. In reality, it was a war of North Korea, Communist China, Soviet Russia and UN *versus* the United States, and the decisive one of those enemies in the defeat of the United States was the UN.

Imagine, if you can, a chief of police praising one of his cops who, when face to face with an armed bandit, snapped handcuffs on his own wrists, in order to prevent the extension of violence. Such a cop would be sent to a mental institution. The only significant role of the UN in the Korean "police action" was to snap the handcuffs on the military might of the United States. The most competent military authorities who were directly concerned in the Korean conflict have testified to this. Nothing like it ever happened before in history.

A maudlin sentimentality about peace has infected a large segment of the clergy. They would buy the

Brooklyn Bridge if you labeled it "peace." A UN-imposed cease-fire in China and a policy of peaceful coexistence with Soviet handiwork are two facets of a wicked conception, apparently held by the overwhelming majority of clergymen. Peaceful coexistence is a lovely arrangement in matrimony; and cease-fire should be imposed on the juvenile gangs of New York streets. But, in the world-wide struggle between freedom and slavery, peaceful coexistence and cease-fire mean nothing more than freezing the status quo—dooming more than one-third of the human race to perpetual tyranny and torture. The employment of American armed power to such an end would be to serve notice on the Soviet-enslaved peoples of the world that the United States is unfriendly to their self-liberation.

"ETHICS AND ECONOMIC LIFE"

Not long ago, a subsidy was given to the National Council of Churches by the Rockefeller Foundation, to be used for the publication of a series of volumes on "Ethics and Economic Life." Six of the volumes have already appeared. You will not find Mises or Hayek among the contributors; but you will find G. Bromley Oxnam, Reinhold Niebuhr, John C. Bennett, Walter G. Muellder, and F. Ernest Johnson—all familiar names in left-wing religion.

I cannot take time for more than one quotation from these imposing volumes. Reinhold Niebuhr writes: "Thus the characteristic prejudices of middle-class life, its tendency toward extravagant individualism, its lack of a sense of community or justice, its devotion to the principles of laissez faire, are falsely raised to religious absolutes; and confusion is worse confounded. Recently there has been a strong recrudescence of this type of thought in Protestant circles; and it has been so heavily financed by interested political and economic groups that its ideological corruption is even more evident than was the religious support of traditional 'natural law' concepts at the rise of modern commercial society."

Much of the Communist, socialist, statist, and world-government ideological contamination of the churches is traceable to the social gospel which became a vogue in many theological seminaries a generation ago.

SOCIAL GOSPEL

More than twenty years ago, a social gospel group, having its center in Union Theological Seminary, set up an organization called the Fellowship of Socialist Christians. The Rev. Prof. Reinhold Niebuhr was chairman. The chairman of the small executive committee of nine members, one Francis Henson, was a Communist. I mean Communist as distinct from socialist. Other members of that small executive committee have gone places in the ecclesiastical world. One of them, Roswell P. Barnes, is now associate general secretary of the National Council of the Churches of Christ. Another was the Rev. Prof. John C. Bennett, who was "academic adviser" to Ralph Lord Roy while the latter was writing his *Apostles of Discord* two years ago. Still another was Buell G. Gallagher, now president of the College of the City of New York (CCNY). A fourth was Henry P. Van Dusen, now president of Union Theological Seminary. Four of these—Niebuhr, Barnes, Bennett, and Van Dusen—are men of commanding influence in the World Council of Churches as well as in the National Council of Churches.

The Fellowship of Socialist Christians published a magazine called *Radical Religion*, under the editorship of Reinhold Niebuhr. The magazine is still published under the more ambiguous title, *Christianity and Society*, and still under the editorship of Reinhold Niebuhr. The name, Fellowship of Socialist Christians, has been changed to Social Action. This group has done me the honor of attacking me for almost twenty years.

Reinhold Niebuhr's socialism, more than his theology, has influenced the thinking of thousands of Protestant clergymen. From Niebuhr's Fabian socialism to Harry Ward's Marxism has been an easy step for many of the students and graduates of Union Theological Seminary. I note in passing that 504 faculty members, students, and graduates of the Seminary have had affiliations with Communist-front enterprises. Arnold Johnson, one of the convicted so-called second-string Communist Party leaders, is a graduate of Union Theological Seminary, class of 1932, and a protégé of Harry Ward.

The social gospel was little more than a modern version of the ancient heresy of Pelagius who coun-

tered St. Augustine's doctrine of original sin with a much more optimistic view of human nature. The social gospellers generally, Niebuhr excepted, have found the intellectual climate of Pelagius and Rousseau more congenial to their thinking than that of St. Augustine. The result has been that many Protestant churches have come to have the atmosphere of a personality beauty parlor, whither men may repair to have their egos massaged. The soteriology of Christianity has been diluted into social workers' prescription of vitamin pills, interior decorating, and smart haberdashery as the cure for sin. The resemblance of this prescription for human salvation to that of the Marxist propaganda is obvious.

PERVERTED PULPITS

The emergence of the modern Communist slave state suggests that the Bishop of Hippo was not far off in his view of human nature. Communism has plumbed the depths of human depravity, and dredged up its most evil components to organize them into a way of life: lying greed of power, arrogance, theft, slavery, torture, and murder. In this light, remember that a Gallup Poll found some 30,000 Protestant clergymen who were either unwilling or unable—for reasons of their own—to affirm the utter incompatibility between "being a good Christian," on the one hand, and membership in the Communist Party, on the other.

Gresham's law that the cheap drives out the dear is applicable in more fields than money. The vital message of Christianity has been driven from some pulpits by the cheap propaganda drivel of socialism, statism, and world government. Such propaganda goes by the name of topical preaching.

A few weeks ago, I dropped into the Sunday morning service of a church in our neighborhood. The pastor of the church is a vice-president of the World Presbyterian Alliance, which sufficiently attests his ecclesiastical prominence. His sermon was divided into three parts. The first was a ten-minute sophomore account of how the United States grew out of 13 divided colonies. The second ten minutes were taken up with an account of the formation of the United Nations and its allegedly glorious achievements. The final portion of the so-called sermon dealt with the rosy promise of ecumenism. God appeared in the sermon only in the nebulous form of

an "oblong blur," as Walter Lippmann characterized Harry Emerson Fosdick's concept of God in a famous debate of the past generation. In an auditorium which must seat at least five hundred, I counted 58 worshipers besides the richly gowned choir. The place looked empty. Is there any wonder? If the preacher's listeners grasped what ecumenism meant, they probably didn't give a hoot.

EDLER G. HAWKINS

On March 3, 1958, the Presbytery of New York elected the Rev. Edler G. Hawkins as its moderator. The Presbytery of New York, a section of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., has 62 churches under its jurisdiction, including the prominent Fifth Avenue and Madison Avenue Presbyterian churches.

Few clergymen in the United States have a more extensive and intimate record of collaboration with the Communist apparatus than the Rev. Edler G. Hawkins, newly elected moderator of the Presbytery of New York. Mr. Hawkins is a graduate of Union Theological Seminary. He is the first Negro to be elevated to this high position in the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.

I cannot take the time necessary to recite all of Mr. Hawkins' Communist activities and connections. A few must suffice to indicate the seriousness of the many.

Mr. Hawkins sponsored the Communist Party's Jefferson School of Social Science. He has served as a member of the New York State executive committee of the Communist-controlled American Labor Party and was the ALP's candidate for a seat in the New York State Assembly in 1948. He sponsored the notorious Waldorf Astoria Conference of the National Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions which even the State Department branded as "an instrument of Soviet propaganda." He signed the brief *amici curiae* which was submitted to the United States Supreme Court on behalf of the Communist clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church, the Rev. William Howard Melish. He supported a unit of the Communist apparatus known as the Negro Leaders' Defense of the Communist Party. He is currently a member of the executive committee of the Communist-front organization which calls itself the Religious Freedom Committee.

GARDNER CALVIN TAYLOR

Early this year, the Rev. Dr. Gardner Calvin Taylor was elected president of the Protestant Council of the City of New York. His elevation to the highest position in Protestantism in Greater New York was hailed by the city's press. He has jurisdiction over 1,700 churches of 31 denominations.

Mr. Taylor is vice-president of the Urban League of Greater New York. He was a member of the assembly of the National Council of the Churches of Christ at the organization's St. Louis meeting in December, and is slated to become the new member of the New York City Board of Education.

Quietly formed in 1951, the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee was formally launched by the Communist Party five years ago, with the Rev. Dr. Gardner Calvin Taylor as one of its sponsors. The ECLC, which is the most active Communist organization in the United States today, was launched at a three-day meeting which was convened in the First Presbyterian Church in New York City. There were no voices in New York City's Protestantism raised in protest against the use of church premises for the launching of a Communist organization, even though the left-wing Committee for Cultural Freedom branded it as a Communist front prior to its convention. In November, 1957, the House Committee on Un-American Activities published a special report on the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee which declared that the ECLC was "in the vanguard" of "a newly mounted campaign to cripple the antislavery programs of the Congress, to shackle or abolish the Committee on Un-American Activities, and to discredit J. Edgar Hoover and the Federal Bureau of Investigation." Such are the nature and the objectives of this organization which saw its initial propulsion in a Presbyterian church, with New York City's most prominent clergyman as one of its sponsors.

But, here is an even more fantastic incident in the recent career of the Rev. Dr. Gardner Calvin Taylor. The incident took place in the Concord Baptist Church of Brooklyn, of which Mr. Taylor is pastor. The funeral services of one of this country's most prominent Communist leaders were held in that church with its pastor, the Rev. Dr. Taylor, deliv-

ering the funeral sermon. Dr. Taylor was reported to have paid homage to this outstanding Communist leader "as one who dared to dream and work for the new world every good person desires."

The deceased Communist Party leader who was the subject of this high praise from the head of New York City's Protestant Council was Edward E. Strong.

The National Committee of the Communist Party, U.S.A., issued an official statement on the death of Edward E. Strong which read, in part, as follows: "Returning from his service in World War II, Ed Strong became a leader of the Communist Party. As a member of its national committee, as chairman of the Eastern Pennsylvania District, as Southern Regional Secretary, he enriched the Party with the high quality of leadership which had won the admiration and respect of scores of thousands in the youth movement. . . . Above all, he was a man of sterling personal character. He was a fitting prototype of the new Communist man." That was the official eulogy of the Communist Party, U.S.A. And, to that eulogy, the Protestant leadership of New York City added that he was one who "dared to dream and work for the new world."

Among the pallbearers were Communist Party leaders Benjamin J. Davis, James W. Ford, Claude Lightfoot, Louis Burnham, and William L. Patterson.

Using a Christian church for the burial rites of one of its leaders reflects the current line of the Communist Party, the chief aspect of which is to get its conspiratorial apparatus back into the main stream of American life—to end, at whatever necessary compromise of principle, its isolation of recent years.

CONCLUSIONS

Where does all this leave us, and what conclusions may we draw?

It is more difficult today than at any previous time since the Bolshevik revolution of 1917 to expose the true nature and extent of Communist operations and propaganda in the United States. Mark you well, the forces of freedom have suffered disastrous setbacks during the past two years. The anti-anti-Communists, who include large numbers and influ-

ential men in the churches, are in the ascendancy. We are losing the war against Communism, and no reversal of the trend is in sight.

Ignorance and apathy, not anti-Communist hysteria, prevail.

Whether the multitudes can be aroused in time to resist the increasing pressures of subversion, I do not know. I have only this assurance: that individual men and women will stand up against the foe, not counting the cost of calculating the risk. In the Soviet Union itself, I have met with young men and women, as well as old, who were the harried prisoners of uncertainty, not knowing from hour to hour what price they would have to pay for their religious faith. The last I ever heard of many of them was that they had been shipped off to a living death in the Arctic. They were members of the Tolstoy Society. Twenty-eight years ago this summer, I smuggled their records, dating from Tolstoy's own time, out of Moscow and took them to London.

We may be certain that some other group of high school boys, somewhere behind the Iron Curtain, will battle Soviet tanks and machine guns with cobblestones.

Some other Russian schoolteacher will jump to almost certain death from the fourth floor window of some Soviet consulate, in a bid for freedom.

Some other young Polish pilot will take his plane aloft and streak westward through the skies, daring, against almost insuperable odds, to strike for liberty.

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

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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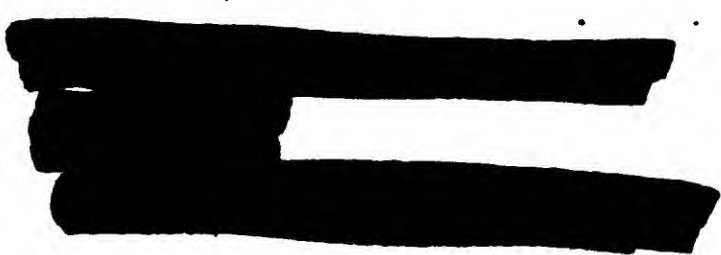
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infiltration. I have read and heard many
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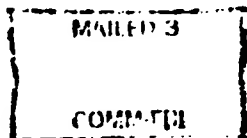
Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of July 27th has been received.

Pursuant to regulations of the Department of Justice, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential and is available for official use only. For this reason I am sure you will understand why it is not possible for me to comment in the manner you requested concerning the National Council of Churches of Christ in America. I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files regarding this organization.

In response to your request I am enclosing literature I hope will be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,



Enclosures (5)

Let's Fight Communism Sanely!
The Communist War Against Human Dignity
"Keys to Freedom"
"Faith in Freedom"
Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion

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July 27, 1964

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Recently, in our section of the country, as well as others, the National Council of Churches has come under heavy attack, and has been smeared as being communistically oriented and infiltrated. Not only has this been the case, but the Protestant Ministry in America has been similarly maligned and condemned. I am very much concerned with this growing state of affairs, and desire more information in order to be more reliably and intelligently informed as to these matters, and to have much needed information at hand in order to make proper answer and defense to these flagrant charges, if not true. The purpose of this writing, then, is to get from you all the available information on these subjects, to know who our subversives are as to groups or persons, and to know your position with regard to the National Council of Churches of Christ in America. If you would forward this information to me with regard to this matter, and to give me any additional information as to helping me be better equipped and more intelligently informed concerning the great issues which face us at this time, I shall greatly appreciate it. Or, if you can make certain references to other people or sources of beneficial information, I shall greatly appreciate this too.

Thanking you with regard to this matter, and with best personal regards, I remain:

Sincerely yours,

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EX 110

Honorable G. Elliott Hagan
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

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My dear Congressman:

I received your letter of July 24th
enclosing a communication from [redacted]

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While I would certainly like to be of service to your constituent, 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 be of help in this instance but trust Mr. Eyler will understand the necessary reasons. It is hoped he will not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the National Council of Churches and the World Council of Churches. He may be assured, however, that this Bureau has not issued a statement along the lines he indicated.

I am enclosing some literature which I trust will be of interest to [redacted]

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (4)

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach - Enclosures (2)
- Faith in God-Our Answer to Communism
- Lets Fight Communism Sanely!
- 4-1-61 LEB Introduction
- 4-17-62 Internal Security Statement

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G. ELLIOTT HAGAN
FIRST DISTRICT, GEORGIA

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

July 24, 1964

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National Council of the American People
Chairman, The American People

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am enclosing a copy of a letter from one of my constituents which is self-explanatory.

I would appreciate your comments concerning the findings of the Federal Bureau of Investigation which I may pass on to [REDACTED]

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely,

G. Elliott Hagan
G. Elliott Hagan
MEMBER OF CONGRESS

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1 ENCLOSURE

CORRESPONDENCE

July 22, 1964

Dear Elliot:

For some time now I have been hearing accusations against the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U. S. A. and the World Council of Churches as being communist infiltrated and leaning to the communist side. It was my impression that sometime ago the Federal Bureau of Investigation issued a statement that they found nothing to substantiate these facts.

Would you do me a favor and have someone check with the FBI concerning what their investigation, if any, showed with regard to these two organizations. Also if they have any literature on them which would be enlightening.

Has the House Committee on Un-American Activities developed anything for or against these organizations?

Your assistance would be much appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Sen. Elliot Hagan
Member of Congress
Washington, D. C.

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter dated July 21, 1964, has been received.

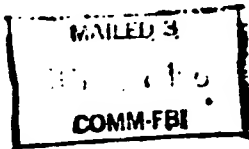
Although I would like to be of service, information in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. I regret I am unable to help you and trust that you will not infer either that we do or do not have data in our records relating to the National Council of Churches.

For your information, Mr. Smoot was employed by the FBI as a Special Agent from March 23, 1942, until June 15, 1951, when he voluntarily resigned. His personal ventures and his opinions and comments are strictly his own and do not represent this Bureau in any way.

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

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



Enclosures (4)

Faith in God--Our Answer To Communism
Let's Fight Communism Sanely!
Faith in Freedom, 12-4-63

The Communist Menace: Red Goals and Christian Ideals

NOTE: Correspondent cannot be identified in Bufiles!

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July 21, 1964

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

Dear Sir,

I am writing you for some information concerning the National Council of Churches, of which our denomination is a part.

Many charges concerning the National Council of Churches have been brought to my attention recently. It was at first my idea to ignore them, but for me I realized that the NCC's stand on integration made it most unpopular in this section of our nation. But at the present time more and more statements are being spread concerning alleged connections between the NCC and Communism. For example, one of my stenographers recently told of reading a paper which claimed that over 600 NCC officials are either Communists or Communist sympathizers.

I want to find out, if possible, what officials of the NCC are on the FBI's list of subversives, and why. If any of them are listed as members of pro-Russian groups, I would like to know if they joined during World War II, when Russia was our ally, and if they have dissociated themselves from these groups since then. DISAS -

I would also like to know just which groups in America are considered subversive, and, if possible, just why they are so considered.

One more question; much of the material appearing in the NCC comes from the pen of Mr. Dan Smoot, who says that he is a former agent of the FBI. I would like to know what his connections with your department were, and whether the separation was at his discretion or yours.

As a Christian Minister, I am violently opposed to any form of Communism. But I also find myself violently opposed to the character assassination of religious leaders who appear to me to be effectively fighting Communism. Can you help me to get the facts straight?

Sincerely,

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REC-9 100-50869-1195 July 22, 1964
 EX 110

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of July 17th, with enclosure, has been received.

In response to your inquiry, I would like to point out that information in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files pertaining to the National Council of Churches.

I am enclosing a copy of Assistant Director Sullivan speech in Macon as well as some other material I hope you will find of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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- Enclosures (5)
- Christianity and Communism-Sullivan's Speech
- Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
- Deadly Duel
- Faith in God--Our Answer To Communism
- Lets Fight Communism Sanely

NOTE: On the basis of information furnished, [REDACTED] is not identifiable in Bufiles.

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July 17, 1964

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am sure that you and your staff are aware of the attacks which are being made on the National Council of Churches here in Savannah, Georgia. Of course, one of the major thrusts of the attacks is that the Council is Communistic.

I am enclosing a Resolution which my official board passed in my absence last Sunday. For your information and help, some parts of the Resolution concerning the Constitution and Articles of Religion which you will not need to comment on.

However, I would like to have from you a statement concerning the National Council of Churches and Communism. Some of our people think that the National Council is a Communistic Front. If your office has available a list of such organizations that are considered communistic front organizations, I would appreciate your sending me a copy, if your office releases such information.

I heard Mr. Sullivan speak at the rally in Macon, Georgia, last year on Communism and the Church. This was a most helpful address and I believe if we had that in print to distribute or something similar it would help.

Thanking you for your help, I remain

Cordially,

W. Aubrey Alsobrook
Pastor

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A GROUP OF MEN INTERESTED IN THE WELFARE OF THE METHODIST CHURCH AND CONCERNED WITH THE GROWING DISAPPROVAL OF THE ACTIONS OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, HAS MADE A LONG, CAREFUL AND PRAYERFUL STUDY AND INVESTIGATION OF THEIR ACTIVITIES AND RESOLUTIONS.

THE PASTORS AND OFFICIALS OF THE CHURCH WERE NOT INCLUDED IN THIS STUDY BECAUSE WE DID NOT WISH TO EMBARRASS THEM OR JEOPARDIZE THEIR POSITIONS IN THE CHURCH OR CONFERENCE.

AFTER MUCH THOUGHT AND EXTENSIVE RESEARCH, THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS ARE PRESENTED TO THE OFFICIAL BOARD.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS; THE CONSTITUTION OF THE METHODIST CHURCH, SECTION TWO, PARAGRAPH NINE STATES, "THE GENERAL CONFERENCE SHALL NOT REVOKE, ALTER OR CHANGE OUR ARTICLES OF RELIGION, OR ESTABLISH ANY NEW STANDARD OR RULES OF DOCTRINE CONTRARY TO OUR PRESENT EXISTING, AND ESTABLISHED STANDARDS OF DOCTRINE.

AND WHEREAS; THE ARTICLES OF RELIGION, ARTICLE XIII OF THE CHURCH STATES, "THE VISIBLE CHURCH OF CHRIST IS A CONGREGATION OF FAITHFUL MEN IN WHICH THE PURE WORD OF GOD IS PREACHED, AND THE SACRAMENTS DULY ADMINISTERED ACCORDING TO CHRIST'S ORDINANCE, IN ALL THOSE THINGS THAT OF NECESSITY ARE REQUISITE OF THE SAME."

AND WHEREAS; ARTICLE XXIII OF THE AFOREMENTIONED ARTICLES OF RELIGION STATES THAT THE PRESIDENT, THE CONGRESS, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLIES, THE GOVERNORS, AND THE COUNCILS OF STATE AS THE DELEGATES OF THE PEOPLE, ARE THE RULERS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ACCORDING TO THE DIVISION OF POWER MADE TO THEM BY THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES AND BY THE CONSTITUTIONS OF THEIR RESPECTIVE STATES, AND THE SAID STATES ARE A SOVEREIGN AND INDEPENDENT NATION, AND OUGHT NOT TO BE SUBJECT TO ANY FOREIGN JURISDICTIONS.

AND WHEREAS; THE METHODIST CHURCH HAS BEEN AND IS CONCLUDING AND HANDLING THROUGH ITS OWN PRONOUNCEMENTS AND RESOLUTIONS AND THROUGH MEMBERSHIP IN AND SUPPORT OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, PROPOSITIONS, INSTRUCTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS WHICH ARE NOT ECCLESIASTICAL, BUT POLITICAL AND CIVIL, AS SHOWN IN THE ATTACHED DETAILING OF RESOLUTIONS AND ACTS.

AND WHEREAS; ALL OF THESE RESOLUTIONS ARE NOT ECCLESIASTICAL, BUT ARE CIVIL AND POLITICAL AND NOT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ARTICLES OF RELIGION OF THE METHODIST CHURCH NOR IN ACCORD WITH THE UNIVERSAL, TIME-TESTED DOCTRINE OF SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE, WHICH IS A CONCERN FOR ALL PROTESTANT CHURCHES.

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE OFFICIAL BOARD OF ABBURY MEMORIAL CHURCH, IN SAVANNAH, GEORGIA SO ON RECORD AS BEING OPPOSED TO THE METHODIST CHURCH CONTINUING TO BE A MEMBER OR IN ANY WAY SUPPORTING THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT THE OFFICIAL BOARD INSTRUCT THE TREASURER OF THE CHURCH TO WITHHOLD ALL FUNDS SENT TO THE SOUTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE, EXCEPT THOSE FUNDS USED IN THE LOCAL CHURCH AND BENEVOLENCE USED IN THE SOUTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE AREA, THE SAID FUNDS TO BE HELD IN ESCROW UNTIL THE METHODIST CHURCH IS NO LONGER A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES OF CHRIST OF AMERICA.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION BE SENT TO THE BISHOP OF THE SOUTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE AND THAT IT BE PUBLICIZED IN ALL NEWS MEDIA.

Be it further resolved, that after approval of the Official Board, this Resolution be submitted to a Church Conference for approval.

**DETAIL OF NON-ECCLESIASTICAL, CIVIL AND POLITICAL RESOLUTIONS
OF THE METHODIST CHURCH AND THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES**

1. NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES OF CHRIST OF AMERICA, "RESOLUTION ON RACIAL JUSTICE NOW," ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL BOARD ON JUNE 5TH, 1964 AND, "RESOLUTION ON RELIGION AND RACE," ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL BOARD ON JUNE 5TH, 1964.
2. THE CALL OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES OF CHRIST OF AMERICA, FOR MINISTERS TO COME TO WASHINGTON TO LOBBY FOR THE PASSAGE OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS BILL. ~~CIVIL RIGHTS BILL~~
3. THE SUPPORT OF CLEVELAND CONFERENCE WHICH PASSED A RESOLUTION IN FAVOR OF RECOGNITION OF RED CHINA AND ITS ADMITTANCE TO THE UNITED NATIONS.
4. RESOLUTION IN FAVOR OF THE HART-CELLARS BILL WHICH WOULD ALLOW 1,000,000 IMMIGRANTS TO ENTER THE U.S.A. PER YEAR ON A POPULATION BASIS. THIS WOULD DO AWAY WITH THE McCARRAN SECURITY ACT. PRONOUNCEMENT U. S. IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION POLICY ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL BOARD ON MARCH 21ST, 1962.
5. RESOLUTION PROPOSING THE ABOLITION OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON THE UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES. THIS EVIDENCE IS PUBLISHED IN "REPORT SUPPLEMENTED TO HOUSE. REPORT No. 2225, EIGHTY SIXTH CONGRESS, SECOND SESSION, UNION CALENDAR No. 546."
6. PRONOUNCEMENTS IN FAVOR OF A WORLD GOVERNMENT AND A WORLD COURT.
7. PRONOUNCEMENT INTERNATIONAL REGULATION AND REDUCTION OF ARMAMENTS. ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL BOARD NOVEMBER 26TH, 1951.
8. PRONOUNCEMENT IN OPPOSITION TO PERMANENT UNIVERSAL MILITARY TRAINING. (ADOPTED BY GENERAL BOARD MARCH 3RD, 1955.)

July 16, 1964

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Dear [REDACTED]

I have received and carefully noted the contents of your letter dated July 6, 1964, with enclosures.

In line with our long-standing policy, we cannot comment on material which we did not prepare. The quotations attributed to FBI officials were taken from remarks previously made by them on other occasions.

Enclosed is literature I hope will be of interest to you and I am returning the material you sent.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (7)
Correspondent's four enclosures
Faith in Freedom
Faith in God our Answer To Communism
Let's Fight Communism Sanely

NOTE: Correspondent's enclosures were her correspondence with Reverend Gordon Spaugh, President, Provincial Elders Conference, Moravian Church; Louis Cassel's article regarding communism in the churches from the April 29, 1961, "New York World-Telegram and Sun", and a leaflet which has been distributed widely indicating a comparison


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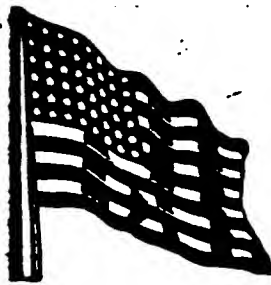
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between objectives of the National Council of Churches and the objectives of the Communist Party. Correspondent wrote the Director in April, 1962, and asked questions regarding communism. Her letter was acknowledged by communication dated 4/23/62.



July 6, 1964

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

Dear Mr. Hoover,

I am writing you in regards to a reprint of an article that I have attached to this letter that I received from Rev. Gordon Spaugh, President Provincial Elders Conference, Moravian Church in America, 500 South Church St. Winston-Salem, N. C. I wrote Rev. Spaugh, [redacted] in regards to withdrawing our membership [redacted] from the National Council of Churches and gave him what I thought was proof to substantiate my request which you will find also attached to this letter.

Somewhere, somewhere, someone is giving out wrong information, and I need some strengthening. In "A Manual for Survival" published by the Church League of America you are quoted many times and what you say is not the same as appears in this article sent to me by Spaugh nor does the testimony of Matt Cvetic (page 143) agree that there is no infiltration in the Churches.

Please sir help me with some statement strong enough to discredit this article by LOUIS CASSELL'S?

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I am well aware that wild claims an extremist help the Communist to accomplish their goals and for sure this is not my intentions. I welcome any investigation you would care to make to ascertain my sincerity and patriotism. My fore fathers helped to settle "Salem" and to build Winston. It is my earnest desire to keep our heritage and a free America.

With many thanks for your prompt attention to the above, and [redacted] my sincere thanks to you for all you and your department have done to maintain our freedom.
Sincerely,
[redacted]

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CORRESPONDENCE

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July 15, 1964

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of July 9th has been received.

With respect to your inquiry, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. I regret I am unable to be of help in this instance but trust you will understand the necessary reasons for this policy. It is hoped you will not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the National Council of Churches. In addition, this Bureau does not cite any organization or individual as subversive. The public identification of organizations as communist or communist-front groups is made by the Department of Justice after hearings are held by the Subversive Activities Control Board.

Enclosed is some literature I trust will be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (4)

"Faith in God-Our Answer To Communism"
Let's Fight Communism Sanely!
Internal Security Statement 4-17-62
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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director, F.B.I.
Washington, D.C.

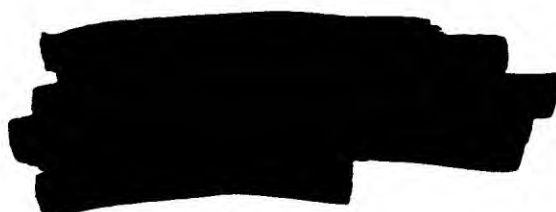
Dear Mr. Hoover:

I pray that this letter will somehow reach your desk, because you are in a position to give peace of mind to me and hundreds of my acquaintances by a simple, brief letter.

As Church School Superintendent of a large Methodist Church, I hear constant criticism of the National Council of Churches. This very ^{old} friend of mine told me that it had been officially cited by The F.B.I. as a subversive organization.

Like the vast majority of Americans, my fellow church members and I have the utmost confidence in you and your organization. Will you please give me a simple statement as to your opinion of the patriotism of the National Council of Churches and its activities.

Yours truly,



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CORRESPONDENCE

Ans 7-15-64
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July 15, 1964

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EX-104

Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of July 10th, with enclosure, has been received.

With respect to your inquiry, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. I regret I am unable to be of help in this instance but trust you will understand the necessary reasons for this policy. It is hoped 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 I trust will be of interest.

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Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (4)

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles.

"Faith in God--Our Answer To Communism"
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July 10, 1964

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

I am inalterably opposed to communism, as the term is generally known to the world today, inasmuch as communism is inalterably opposed to the plan of God.

For quite some time, I have had the knowledge that communism has infiltrated into certain church movements, particularly the National Council of Churches. However, I have no actual facts and proof. It is my desire to help my people recognize and defend against this deceitful type of aggression which can be so destructive to the Church.

Will you please send me information that will be helpful to me in my purpose? Thank you.

In His Service



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P.s. If you have short items of the filler type for newspapers, I may be able to get some of them in the local paper.

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CORRESPONDENCE

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July 13, 1964

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Dear [REDACTED]

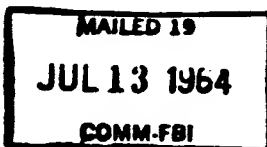
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I am enclosing some material which I hope will be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



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LEB Introduction, 4-1-61
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Internal Security Statement, 4-17-62
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July 6, 1964

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

Dear Sir:

I am writing this personal letter to you in order to ask a favor. I am a Methodist preacher in the city of Birmingham. Lately, there has been a great deal of discussion in our church and our area relative to the National Council of Churches. As you probably know, The Methodist Church is a member of that organization.

The trend of the discussions center around the question as to whether or not the National Council has been involved in any subversive activities - or whether or not any of its leaders have been involved in the same. I would certainly appreciate any information you could give me along these lines. And, I assure you, such information would be kept in strictest confidence.

Our local church here has withdrawn all support from the National Council both financial and otherwise. It would help me to know if they were justified in such action or not.

Would you let me hear from you soon regarding this matter?

Sincerely yours,

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of July 1st has been received, and I want to thank you for your best wishes and prayers.

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J. Edgar Hoover

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Law Enforcement Bulletin 4-61
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Internal Security Statement 4-17-62

NOTE: Correspondent is a former Special Agent who EOD on 2-5-40 as a clerk and on 10-22-54 as a Special Agent. He resigned on 10-22-54, services satisfactory. He was on the Uniform Crime Reports bulletin mailing list.

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New Orleans, Louisiana
July 1, 1964

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

The Session of the [REDACTED] Presbyterian Church, of which I am a member, has appointed me to develop information concerning the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U. S. A. Although the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States recently voted to continue its membership in the Council some members of our congregation have dissented from this decision in various ways ranging from simple protest to withdrawal from church activity and financial support of the church. The study which I am undertaking is intended to guide the Session in evaluating our problem and taking appropriate action. The complaints are principally directed at the Council's pronouncements and activities in racial matters, public school prayer and other social, economic and political matters of a controversial character.

I am reluctant to burden you with such a request at a time when you and the Bureau are being taxed so unreasonably by those extremists of right and left who have made a mockery of "civil rights" and the American concept of orderly justice under the law. However, in my preliminary research I have encountered much material that may be of a "whitewash" character on the one hand or inflammatory half-truth on the other. In order that my work will not be subject to serious attack on account of sources used, I wonder if the Bureau might provide me with a bibliography of reasonably accurate public source material reflecting communist connections of the Council and its officials. I have written to the Council for information concerning finances, officers, organizational structure and official pronouncements.

Be assured that any assistance will be gratefully received and will in no way be attributed to the Bureau. 100-51864-111

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With best wishes and prayers for your strength in these trying times.

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Sincerely yours,

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July 10, 1964

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July 7, 1964

J. Edgar Hoover
Washington D. C.

Dear Sir,

Please is there anything concerning the National Council of Churches-- in connection with the communist party and other organizations--that you are free to tell? That is published?

Our Church (Presbyterian U. S.) people are greatly disturbed in the part we are asked to take in the N. C. C. because we are sure (but have no proof.) That the leaders (not the organization) are connected with communism in some way.

We do not like what they are teaching our children (Y. P.) (U. CYM. & C. O. R. E. etc.) We are told that N. C. C. is responsible for the agitators who are being sent into the south. Presbyterian preachers it seems are causing most of the trouble. Sometimes I think they are the main fools and main communist (altho they may not know it. They are tools!) am I right?

If the agitators would stay home and behave themselves we would settle this thing sooner. They want the credit!

As a three times past president of the Women of the Church and a hard worker in the church I am deeply concerned.

We are being sold down the drain. We need your help. ^{SI-114} 100-50861-111

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I'm afraid we are already too late to do much. We are too deeply mixed up in N. C. C.. All our programs and even our Sunday School Lessons "The Covinent Life Curriculum" are mixed up in N. C. C.

Help us!

With God's help we are going to try to find out the truth!

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Sincerely & in His name

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I am not an agitator. I want facts.

I am a great grandmother interested in
the future of her Church and grandchildren.

J. Edgar Hoover
Washington D.C.

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July 8, 1964.

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Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of July 3rd has been received.

With respect to your inquiry, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. I regret I am unable to be of help in this instance but trust you will understand the necessary reasons for this policy. It is hoped you will not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the National Council of Churches of Christ in the United States of America.

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Enclosed is some literature I trust will be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Let's Fight Communism Sanely!
"Faith in God--Our Answer To Communism"
Internal Security Statement 4-17-62g
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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am writing you as a member of the above committee. It is our purpose to study the activities of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the United States of America.

We solicit your assistance in supplying us with any information you might have access to concerning the activities of the NCCCA. Specifically, we are trying to verify whether or not the Communists have definately infiltrated this Church Organization, and if so to what extent.

Any information will be greatly appreciated and we would like this information for our next meeting on July 15th. if at all possible.

Yours very truly,


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100-50867-1187

July 7, 1964

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Dear [REDACTED]

*H. W. [unclear]
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Your letter of June 30th has been received.

With respect to your inquiry, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. I regret I am unable to be of help in this instance but trust you will understand the necessary reasons for this policy. It is hoped you will not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the National Council of Churches.

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Sincerely yours,

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June 30, 1964

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Please tell me how I can find out the truth about the National Council of Churches?

I have read Dr. Billy James Hargis' "Fifty Counts of Treason to God and Country!", a sermon given in 1961 by an Episcopal minister in Texas, a copy of which sermon is in the Congressional Record, and a number of other articles, sermons, etc. giving evidence that the National Council of Churches has been infiltrated by Communists to such an alarming extent that it appears that they are in control. Recently a newspaper printed a letter to the editor protesting a film at the New York World's Fair. The film allegedly is sponsored by the National Council of Churches and shows Christ as a clown. I understand that the National Council of Churches has come out against the Becker Amendment, but before the Supreme Court decision on prayers and Bible reading in schools the ministers of various denominations not only did not complain about the prayers they often took part in religious exercises in the schools.

I have talked to several ministers who state that the National Council of Churches has not been infiltrated by Communists but that some "groups" in it may use the name for Communist purposes. How can a so-called religious organization be partly religious and partly Communist? If even one segment of the National Council of Churches is sponsoring communist causes, why do the bishops, ministers, and officials of the National Council of Churches not denounce such groups?

I have read your book, "Masters of Deceit" and I am reading John Storer's, "None Dare Call It Treason". I am willing to do all I can to fight communism, but in the case of the National Council of Churches I feel as though I am fighting communism with one hand and supporting it with the other. Others are just as confused as I am.

I shall very much appreciate any information that will clear up the confusion regarding the National Council of Churches.

Sincerely yours,

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100-30869-1186 July 2, 1964

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of June 29th has been received.

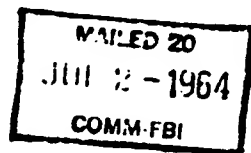
With respect to your inquiry, I would like to advise that this Bureau does not issue clearances of any type. In addition, information contained in our files is confidential and available only for official use, pursuant to regulations of the Department of Justice. In view of this, the FBI has not issued a statement along the lines you indicated. I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files regarding the National Council of Churches.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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**The Honorable J. Edgar Hoover, Director
FBI
Washington, D C.**

At a recent congregational meeting of the [REDACTED] Christian Church, one of our members made the statement that he could not support the National Council of Churches because it had communist in it.

Has the F.B.I. found communists in the National Council? If so, how many, and in what states, and from what Brotherhoods or communions?

This may seem like a small matter, but to me, and this Church - it is a grave matter.

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Most cordially,

[REDACTED]

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June 29, 1964

The Honorable J. Edgar Hoover, Director
FBI
Washington, DC.

Dear Sir:

At a recent congregational meeting of the [REDACTED]
Christian Church, one of our members made the
statement that he could not support the National
Council of Churches because it had Communists in it.

Now, the question is - if you would be so kind to answer
I would deeply appreciate it, and be grateful for
fruitful information to be passed on to others.

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sitting with our State Secretary, J. F. Beale,
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National Council on the matter of Communism. Is
this true? Do you have such a statement
might send to me, please?

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this Church - it is a grave matter.

... it is passed under the name of religion!
[REDACTED] it has been tried, condemned and
[REDACTED] program, without a trial by
formation you have in the above paragraph
permitted.

I am not defending the National Council, just asking
We love you for your work and reputation throughout
the Free World.

Yours cordially,
[REDACTED]

July 7, 1964

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of June 30th has been received, and I want to thank you for your thoughtfulness in writing.

While I would like to be of assistance, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. In view of the foregoing I trust you will understand why I cannot comment as you requested.

While I have always refrained as a matter of policy from recommending any literature which has not been prepared by this Bureau, it is a pleasure to enclose some material which I trust will be of help. Perhaps you may also wish to refer to my books, "Masters of Deceit," and "A Study of Communism." These were written to help Americans gain an insight into the strategy and tactics of Communists, both in this country and abroad. These books may be available at your local library.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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JUL 7 - 1964

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Enclosures (5)

4-1-61 LEB Introduction

4-17-62 Internal Security Statement

Let's Fight Communism Sanely

Faith in God--Our Answer to Communism.

One Nations Response to Communism.

NOTE: Bufiles contain nothing identifiable concerning correspondent with the exception of one prior outgoing on 12-6-63 in which he was furnished reprint material.

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June 30, 1964

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First I would like to know if in your opinion Billy James Hargis and Fred Schwarz and their organizations are extreme or are they dependable sources of material.

Secondly - you recommend checking if a group is lauded by the communist press or their material is published by the communist press. Where may I learn the names of communist printing offices? How may we know what the communist press is saying without subscribing and supporting their publications?

Thirdly, does your office issue a recommended reading list? If so please forward me one, that I may follow as well as distribute to my family and friends.

Fourth I would like any material or sources of material on the National Council of Churches and/or individuals holding leadership positions in that organization.

I have the HCUA material on the Air Reserve Training manual and "Operation Abolition." Personally I have had little respect for the N.C.C. because many of its spokesman cast doubts or deny the Bible as the Word of God, the virgin birth, deity of Christ etc. My minister has said to me that he holds the view I do. Recently I discovered that our Sunday School material outlines were copy righted by the National Christian Religious Education a division of the N.C.C. H 85

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My concern is that the Christian and Missionary Alliance is no better than the individuals and the separate churches are that make up this movement. I do not want our theology watered down till it means nothing. What evidence is there that I may give our people to show them that the N. C. C. is of questionable loyalty to Christian principles and American ideals? Is the N. C. C. and the men in it praised by Communist presses? I know they upheld the communist cause in regard to "Operation Abolition" but is this the only instance?

Any information you can give me or sources of information will be most appreciated.

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July 7, 1964

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[REDACTED]
July 1, 1964

J. Edgar Hoover, director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Wash., D. C.

Dear Sir,

As a member of "First Baptist Church" of [REDACTED]
I have been appointed, by our Pastor, to serve on his committee
to make a study of the National Council of Churches...

It is the belief of some responsible persons that this
organization is communist inspired. If your bureau has made an
investigation there of, we would appreciate a report of your findings.

This subject is causing much dissention, and a
division among the members of our Church. We would welcome
authoritative material regarding such.

Respectfully Yours,

/s/ [REDACTED]
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July 1, 1964

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Federal Bureau of Investigation,
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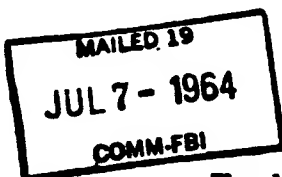
Your letter of July 1st has been received, and I want to thank you for your complimentary remarks concerning my efforts as Director of the FBI. It is my hope the future endeavors of this Bureau will continue to merit your approval.

While I would like to be of assistance, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. In view of the foregoing, I trust you will understand why I cannot comment as you requested.

Enclosed is some literature which I hope you will enjoy reading.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover.



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Dear Mr. Hoover,

 I am a member of the Methodist Church here in
I would like some information from your office.

There has been a lot of criticism against the National Council of Churches of which our Methodist Church is a member & supports financially also. One of the things leveled at this organization is that it is Communistically inspired and that there are members of the National Council that have been, or now known Communist. I would like to have the truth in this matter. If we have Communist on the National Council, I would like their names. If not please give me the information necessary to clarify this matter.

I have full confidence in your office and I'm proud to have you & your organization trying to protect the United States and her people from Communism & other evils.

Thank you for a job well done.

Very truly yours,




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Thank you for a job well
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Very truly yours,


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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of June 26th has been received.

With respect to your inquiry, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. I regret I am unable to be of help in this instance but trust you will understand the necessary reasons for this policy. It is hoped 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 I trust will be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



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

June 26, 1964

Dear Sir;

I am writing you because of my concern as a Methodist as to the Leaders and the movements of The national Council of Churches. This subject has come up in conversations around our Church and I feel that it will soon come before the Governing body of our Church and I want to know just where this organization stands.

I have read many articles in the newspaper that tend to make me think that the National Council of Churches is Communist inspired. I know there is not a person in this country more Qualified than you to set me straight.

Please send me any information on this organization that you can. My chief concern is the support that our church is giving the National council of Churches and if we should continue to do so.

Thanking you in advance for your attention in this matter, I remain;

Sincerely,



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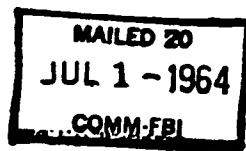
Your letter of June 23rd has been received, and I want to thank you for your complimentary comments concerning my efforts as Director of the FBI. It is my hope the future endeavors of this Bureau will continue to merit your approval.

In response to your inquiry, I have never issued a report regarding the National Council of Churches. In addition, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. In view of the foregoing, I trust you will understand why I cannot comment as you requested.

Enclosed is some literature which I hope you will find of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



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June 23, 1964

J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Dear Mr. Hoover,

I have recently read some disturbing articles concerning the National Council of Churches. I write this as a Christian man and the ideas these articles state as truth have me deeply disturbed. Your name is mentioned as having made reports on this organization. They state that the National Council of Churches began as the Federal Council of Churches with Bishop Ward, a card carrying Communist, as the head man. In the 1950's a man by the name of Oxnam (?) Headed up this organization and that he was one of Bishop Wards Protogee.

I would sincerely appreciate any information on this group, either pro or con concerning these statements. If it is a Communist front this is a matter of deep concern to all Christians.

My sincere thanks to you as an individual for the tremendous service you have given our Country. We shall certainly miss you when you no longer hold your present position. I know you have a most trying job, and according to the way our Supreme Court has been handing out decisions, a most frustrating one.

Again my sincere thanks for any information you can give me in this matter.

Most Respectfully Yours
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J EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

DEAR MR HOOVER,

I HAVE RECENTLY READ SOME
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OF CHURCHES. I WRITE THIS AS A CHRISTIAN MAN
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I WOULD SINCERELY APPRECIATE ANY
INFORMATION ON THIS GROUP, EITHER FROM OR FROM
CONCERNING THESE STATEMENTS. IF IT IS A
FRONT THIS IS A MATTER OF DEEP CONCERN TO
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ALL CHRISTIANS.

MY SINCERE THANKS TO YOU AS AN
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HAVE GIVEN OUR COUNTRY. WE SHALL
CERTAINLY MISS YOU WHEN YOU NO LONGER
HOLD YOUR PRESENT POSITION. I KNOW YOU
HAVE A MOST TRYING JOB, AND ACCORDING
TO THE WAY OUR SUPREME COURT HAS BEEN
HANDING OUT DECISIONS, A MOST FRUSTRATING ONE.

AGAIN MY SINCERE THANKS FOR ANY
INFORMATION YOU CAN GIVE ME IN THIS
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MOST RESPECTFULLY YOURS



306 Pyramid Building
Little Rock, Arkansas
June 26, 1964

Mr. Tolson
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Mohr
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Mr. R. H. Edwin Espy
General Secretary
National Council of Churches
475 Riverside
New York, New York 10027

Dear Mr. Espy:

As a member of a church that is a member of the NCC, I have become increasingly aware in recent years of an ever growing dissatisfaction with the policies of the council as it moves from its original 1950 high ideals toward active participation in the so-called "Civil Rights" movement.

This has generated a flood of literature from many quarters charging the NCC with everything from actual communistic infiltration to trying to get Red China in the UN. What value should be placed on these writings is not known, but even the FBI has recently revealed that it now has evidence that known reds have penetrated some of the various negro civil rights organizations.

As the NCC has now actively and openly embraced several of these latter groups and embarked on an ill-advised attempt to sponsor and train (in Ohio) some 175 students for "duty" in Mississippi, it would appear that a further grass-roots revolt may be in the offing. This can only hurt the member churches.

As a lay member of a member church, I resent these policies which to me are no more Christian in nature than the Soviet Union and can only result in more turmoil, confusion and resentment throughout our nation during this difficult period we are in.

Regardless of our personal feelings in this Civil Rights movement, it seems that the NCC has embarked on a most unfortunate course which should be terminated forthwith.

Certainly Christ never advocated breaking local laws - and that is exactly what these wild agitators are doing and plan to do. Certainly no informed person would seriously advocate using the street as the proper place to solve problems - unless we have regressed back to darkest Africa.

In closing, the Encyclopedia Britannica lists under the major goals and aims of the NCC, a strong stand against Communism in all

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forms. To sponsor such "Task Forces" into the South can only help the World Communistic conspiracy which will use the recent (and future?) events in their propaganda smears.

As Mr. J. Edgar Hoover said recently before the House Subcommittee on Appropriations (January 29, 1964):

"In this drive, Negroes have, over the years, been subjected to intensive and extensive Communist agitation and propaganda. The Communist Party has always depicted itself to Negroes as the champion of social protest and the leader in the struggle for racial equality. But the truth of the matter is that the Communist Party is not motivated by any honest desire to better the status or condition of the Negro in this country, but strives only to exploit what are often legitimate Negro complaints and grievances for the advancement of Communist objectives. Controversial or potentially controversial racial issues are deliberately and avidly seized upon by Communists for the fullest possible exploitation. Racial incidents are magnified and dramatized by Communists in an effort to generate racial tensions. As a result, such campaigns are actually utilized as a steppingstone to extend Communist influence among the Negroes." (emphasis mine)

Yours very truly,


B. C. Hulsey

E. C. C. Mr. J. Edgar Hoover

Reds Reported to Be In Some Civil Rights Groups

By JOSEPH ALSOP

An unhappy secret is worrying official Washington. The secret is that despite the American Communist Party's feebleness and disarray, its agents are beginning to infiltrate certain sectors of the Negro civil rights movement.

The infiltration is spotty, as yet. But it is a very serious matter, none the less, that the charges of Communist influence, which have been hurled for so long by anti-civil rights racists, should now be acquiring some color of truth.

The Southern Christian Leadership Conference, headed by the Rev. Martin Luther King; the Students Non-violent Coordinating Committee, more usually called SNICK, and the Congress on Racial Equality, more usually called CORE, are all affected in greater or less degree.

These, it should be noted, are all relatively new-fledged outfits. The older, more experience organizations of Negro civil rights-fighters, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and the Urban League, are quite untouched.

Both the Urban League and the NAACP learned their lesson the hard way in the late '30s and early '40s—the period which was also the high water mark of Communist infiltration in the labor movement. Like the CIO, both these civil rights organizations expelled the Communist infiltrators after a hard struggle, and with total success.

Very recently, the NAACP staged a repeat performance with Robert Williams, who had been active in the North Carolina branch. This is the man who went to Cuba after he got his comeuppance from the NAACP, there to become a Castro propagandist.

Of the infiltrated organizations, CORE has the least serious problem. A few Communists are reported in some of the local branches, but none are known to be in CORE at the national organizational level.

In the case of SNICK, the name, Students' Non-violent Coordinating Committee, is in itself deceptive; for the SNICK leader, John Lewis, though not a Communist, quite frankly believes in quasi-insurrectionary tactics. Thus, no great difference has been made in SNICK's tactics, because known Communists have also begun to play a certain role in SNICK.

The subject of the real head-shaking is the Rev. Martin Luther King. His influence is very great. His original dedication to non-violence can hardly be doubted. Yet his organization has accepted and is almost certainly still accepting Communist collaboration and even Communist advice.

In 1962-63, the issue of the Communists' role in the King organization was raised because of Hunter Pitts O'Dell, commonly called Jack O'Dell. This man, a known Communist, held posts in the Southern Christian Leadership Council, first in the South

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and then in the New York office, until the late spring of 1963. King finally dropped him when he was warned by U.S. government officials that O'Dell was the genuine Communist article.

Official warnings have again been given to King about another, even more important associate who is known to be a key figure in the covert apparatus of the Communist Party. After the warnings, King broke off his open connection with this man, but a second-hand connection none the less continues. Without much doubt, this is simply a mark of the Rev. King's political innocence, but it is disturbing all the same. The King organization and King himself are clearly the prime Communist targets.

Such, then, are the facts. What ought to be made of the facts is the almost precise opposite of the kind of thing the anti-civil rights racists will say about them. For despite these facts, the Negro civil rights movement is more emphatically not "run by Communists" or "inspired by Communists." Instead, the newer and more inexperienced Negro civil rights organizations have at length proved vulnerable to Communist infiltration.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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

DATE: 6/29/64

FROM : D. J. Brennan, Jr. *djb*

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The purpose of this memorandum is to record information volunteered to SA Papich by Dulles on 6/23/64, relative to Dulles's recent trip to Mississippi.

Dulles advised that he personally was surprised that the President had selected him for the mission. Before leaving for Mississippi, he had a clear-cut understanding with the President that he would not become involved in any way whatsoever with investigation being conducted to determine the whereabouts of the three missing students. The President had emphasized to Dulles that he was to look into the over-all law enforcement picture and try to come up with recommendations which would not involve the use of U. S. Marshals or troops. Dulles described his meetings with the Governor of Mississippi, other subordinates, state officials, and several business and civic leaders. He was treated very cordially. The Governor invited him to stay at the Mansion, but Dulles politely declined. He explained that he was concerned that before he left, it might become necessary to confer with Negroes and obviously such discussions would never be condoned in the Governor's Mansion. He stayed at a local hotel and held most of his conferences in the U. S. Attorney's Office. He also had some talks with church leaders in the offices of a Catholic cathedral. Before he left Mississippi, he was a guest at a dinner given by the Governor which included several state government officials and civic leaders. Everybody in this group was firmly opposed to the project which has led to Northern students coming to Mississippi.

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The Governor and others referred to the pending Civil Rights legislation and asked Dulles if he would appeal to the President to delay the enforcement of the laws once they are enacted for an indefinite period. Dulles took the position that it would be impossible for the President to do so, explaining that once the legislation was law, it had to be enforced.

Dulles described his discussions with the Director prior to his departure for Mississippi and the discussion which he had with the Director while in the President's Office on 6/26/64. He referred to the

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Re: Allen W. Dulles

recommendations which already have been publicized and commented that the Director possibly was irritated with him for recommending the "Beefing up" of Bureau personnel in Mississippi. The Agents only comment was that if the Director was displeased with any statement made by Dulles, he, Dulles would certainly hear from the Director. Dulles then explained that he had no other recourse because the President had made it very clear that he wanted to avoid the use of Marshals and Federal troops. In Dulles's opinion he could only see the Bureau as serving as a deterrent force representing the Federal government. He recognized that the situation in Mississippi is so explosive that it will be impossible for all law enforcement agencies, including the FBI, to eliminate the current threat to Northern student visitors.

O Dulles advised that on 6/27/64 he conferred with leaders of the National Council of Churches. At this meeting, he emphatically told all present that although the church leaders claimed that they were training people in what appeared to be a noble mission, they should clearly understand that they were participating in a project which could lead to the deaths of any or all of these students going into Mississippi. Dulles stated that he made it clear that he wanted his views to go on record with the church leaders because he was acting on the instructions of the President. The church leaders advised Dulles that they recognized the gravity of the situation and that they would meet concerning this matter in New York City on the morning of 6/29/64.

Dulles volunteered some personal observations concerning the situation in Mississippi. He personally believes that the three students have been disposed of and he is inclined to discount the story that all of this may be a hoax. In his opinion, many of the people involved in the student training project are naive and completely incapable of appreciating or understanding the dangers in Mississippi. He thinks that most of the students are not mature enough to appreciate the realities involved. He also recognizes that some of these students are "Jerks" and are involved solely for adventure. He commented that worst of all so many of the integration leaders earnestly want incidents and will continue to provoke situations. Dulles is firmly convinced that such people want to force the President's hand so that he will have no alternative other than sending troops into Mississippi.

Dulles commented that he hoped he will not have to return to Mississippi and he personally believes it would be unwise for him to make another trip in that area in the immediate future. He was very complimentary concerning the reputation enjoyed by the Bureau in the South and he commented very favorably concerning the courtesies extended to him by the Resident Agent in Meridian, Mississippi.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON
MR. BELMONT
MR. ROSEN
MR. SULLIVAN
MR. DE LOACH

I returned an earlier call from the President. He stated Allen Dulles was there making his report and he wanted him to go over with me his recommendations to the President before I read about them and he thereupon put Mr. Dulles on the phone.

Mr. Dulles stated he felt, after he had viewed the situation down in Mississippi, that if the President concurred and he, Dulles, realizes it is difficult for me, he thinks I ought to review the number of Agents we have in that State as I am the only one who can do it. He stated he realizes that we have an excess number there on account of the Philadelphia, Mississippi, matter, but he thought that when it comes time to withdraw those, we should look at the whole situation because there are about a half dozen other situations there and there might be terroristic activity of some kind. He said he had made that recommendation to the President and the President wanted him to repeat it to the press but he wanted my views. I commented that it is going to be an almost superhuman task and Mr. Dulles stated he realized that.

I stated you have about 1,000 youngsters going down there in the next thirty days or so. Mr. Dulles said there are 200 or 300 now and he understands that the 1,000 number has been cut down substantially. I commented that maybe some fear has gone into them.

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Mr. Dulles said one of the other recommendations made to the President, which he has approved, is to have a talk immediately with the National Council of Churches to impress them with their responsibility; that they are sending people into a situation where despite all attempts at law enforcement, there may be really serious attempts on their lives. I said that is the thing that makes it physically difficult because as I understand it, after being trained at Oxford, Ohio, they are going down to Mississippi and live in the homes of the colored population. Mr. Dulles said that is the case. I stated that is what is irritating a lot of the white people and, in addition, they will hold meetings in each community to give them an education that they are supposed to have to be registered. I said it practically means that in order to prevent

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Memorandum for Messrs. Tolson, Belmont, Rosen, Sullivan, DeLoach

anything, in view of the geographic nature of the land down there, you almost have to keep an Agent with these individuals as they come into the State because of this Klan crowd and you have as members down there some of the Mississippi Highway Patrol, a number of the Chiefs of Police, and many of the sheriffs. Mr. Dulles stated he realizes that. I said you cannot count on the local people to extend enforcement when you get back into the rural areas. Mr. Dulles said he realizes we can't be perfect but from his little experience down there, if I had a few more people down there it would make a tremendous difference.

I stated my only thought is whether it ought to be FBI or United States Marshals as was done down in Alabama. Mr. Dulles said that was something I would have to work out with the Department. I stated the United States Marshal in there would be a symbol of authority as they are a part of the Department of Justice and at the same time he does not have to conduct investigative work which we have to do. Mr. Dulles stated he understood and at this point asked if he could call me from another office as he thought the President needed that office.

However, the President came back on the line and stated that what they are doing, in substance, is saying he wants to cooperate with the local authorities and the Governor and that he is going to cooperate through my people. I stated we have the Mississippi Highway Patrol participating in the search along with the Navy people. The President continued that he wants to do that to avoid having Marshalor troops and the Governor is agreeable and for me to just have my top man down there stay in close touch with the Governor in everything, and if there is anything that we are going to do, for my man to tell the Governor.

The President said that secondly, he wants me to review the matter to be sure we have ample people down there; that he rather thinks we ought to send some more in just so it can be said to these pressure groups that the situation was reviewed several weeks ago and this was anticipated and more men were sent in and then Mr. Dulles went down and now we are going to send some more in and just let them know we mean business.

I told the President that in regard to the case at Alta Dena, Mississippi, if we can get the Department to authorize it, we can arrest those hoodlums down there. The President stated he would tell Deputy Attorney General Katzenbach.

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Memorandum for Messrs. Tolson, Belmont, Rosen, Sullivan, DeLoach

I stated we can have a complaint filed in the Federal Court on them which will be a deterrent because they told these two white boys that if they did not get out of town, the same thing would happen to them as to the three in Philadelphia. The President said for us to go ahead and he will tell Mr. Katzenbach, but for me to consider sending more people in to supplement the ones there because the more we have, the more we are going to prevent from happening but he does not want to send the Marshals or troops as he would rather I would send in 15 or 20. I told the President I would do that right away.

The President said Mr. Dulles was going to talk to the National Council of Churches to try to get them to control their people better. The President inquired if I thought these recommendations were all right and I concurred. He asked that I get my men in there and to tell my man to tell the Governor. I told him I would.

I took occasion to tell the President that there are plans for picketing the hall in Detroit today where he will be, starting at 4:00 PM and they will demand that the President send Marshals to Mississippi to protect the civil rights workers. I told him that we had advised the Secret Service so they will have the necessary protection there.

The President concluded by saying that they would say there that they have asked for additional men and I am going to send them.

Very truly yours,

J. E. H.

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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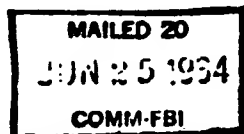
Your letter dated June 22, 1964, has been received.

The statements set forth in your communication are erroneously attributed to me since I have not commented as indicated. In connection with the National Council of Churches, I have made no statement since information in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. However, I have indicated on many occasions that the communist party in this country has attempted to infiltrate and subvert every segment of our society.

Enclosed is literature I hope will be of interest to you. Your attention is directed to page 40 of my Appropriation Testimony and page 5 of the speech I delivered last December.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



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June 22, 1964

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

It is being reported in our community that you have indicated that: (1) The National Council of Churches organization is heavily infiltrated with Communists and that the leadership of this organization is abetting the Communists cause; (2) The efforts of the Negroes in the United States to change their status and secure the rights and privileges of full citizenship is a Communist inspired movement.

I would like to know if these reports reflect accurately your opinions on these two matters. Your answer will be greatly appreciated.

Yours truly,
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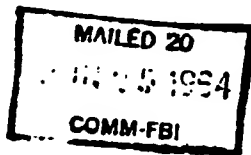
Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of June 22nd, with enclosure, has been received.

With respect to your inquiry, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. I regret I am unable to be of help in this instance but trust you will understand the necessary reasons for this policy. It is hoped 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 trust will be of interest, along with the stamped, self-addressed envelope you so thoughtfully forwarded.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover



NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles.
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June 22, 1964

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

Re: National Council of Churches

Dear Sir:

It is my understanding the Federal Bureau of Investigation has made a comprehensive study of this organization with a subsequent report which was carried in various news media. Unfortunately, I missed this report.

Would you please have someone forward any available information on this subject, and for your convenience, I enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

I will be most grateful for any information pertaining to this organization.

Cordially yours,

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of June 17th has been received.

With respect to your inquiry, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. I regret I am unable to be of help in this instance but trust you will understand the necessary reasons for this policy. It is hoped you will not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the National Council of Churches and its activities.

Enclosed is some literature I trust will be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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June 17, 1964

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

Dear Sir:

Extreme right-wing groups in this area are circulating pamphlets and sponsoring radio broadcasts which assert that the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U. S. A. is heavily influenced by the Communist party. It is claimed that Communists have infiltrated the Council and many of its member denominations, including the Methodist Church.

Could you advise me of any information you have regarding these organizations and their political perspectives. Also, any public information leaflets, etc., on the nature and extent of Communist infiltration in religious groups in this country would be appreciated.

With best regards,

Sincerely, [REDACTED]

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CORRESPONDENCE

June 19, 1964

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Dear [REDACTED]

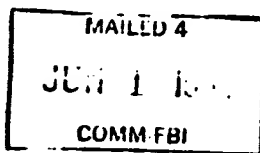
Your letter of June 14th has been received.

With respect to your inquiry, this Bureau has not issued the statement you mentioned. Information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. Therefore, I trust you will understand why I am not in a position to be of help in this instance 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 I trust will be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



Enclosures (4)

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June 14

Dear Sir.

We have been distressed with all the name-calling and "Communist" labeling going on in our community and church. We particularly have been upset over the attacks on the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U. S. A. and its member organizations.

One of our members stated today that the F. B. I. said that "90 % of the N. CC officials were Communists" We find this statement hard to believe and are therefore writing to you. Will you please send any information you have pertinent to the subject. Was the above statement a misunderstanding or a false conclusion of the data the man received? It would certainly seem that if the information were true the government should be doing something about it!

Thank-you for your help.

Sincerely,

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June 14

Dear Sir

We have been distressed with all the name calling and "Communist" labeling going on in our community and Church. We particularly have been upset over the attacks on the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. and its member organizations.

One of our members stated today that the F.B.I. said that "40% of the NCC officials were Communists". We find this statement hard to believe and are therefore writing to you. Will you please send any information you have pertinent to the subject.

CORRESPONDENCE

Has the above statement a
misunderstanding or a false
conclusion of the data the man
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was true, the government
should be doing something
about it!

Thank-you for your
help.

Sincerely,

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June 18, 1964

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Dear [REDACTED]

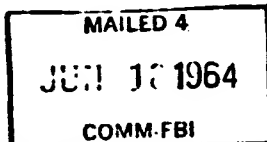
I received your letter of June 15th, with enclosure, and want to thank you for your thoughtfulness in writing.

While I would like to be of assistance, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. In view of the foregoing, I trust you will understand why I cannot comment as you suggested.

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

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



Enclosures (5)
Let's Fight Communism Sanely!
"Faith in Freedom"
Internal Security Statement, 4-17-62
"Faith in God--Our Answer to Communism"
One Nation's Response to Communism

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. The Committee of Christian Laymen, Inc., of Woodland Hills is well-known to the Bureau. The American Coalition of Patriotic Societies was founded in 1929 and made up of about 100 separate patriotic associations. The founder of the group, John Trevo is well-known to the Director and is strongly anticommunist.

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Dear Sir:

I write with much concern about
the state-ments in this page called a Paul Revere
Message.

Does the statements agree with your
findings?

Could you send me any of your investigation
findings that would help me in this matter:

Thanking you in Advance

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Dear Sir:

I wrote with much concern
about the statements in the
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Thanking you in advance





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Dr. Harry F. Watson, identified as a Communist, is Credit with Initiating the Social Gospel of
The National Council of Churches of Christ

The *Social Gospel* is defined as *Socialism* disguised by a light Cloak of religion. Members of the N.C.C. denominations have been deceived by the religious trappings but not so with the Communist who is more perceptive. *The Worker*, official publication of the Communist Party, in the issue of July 10, 1962 states:

"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?"
The National Council of Churches and its predecessor, the Federal Council of Churches, has had a long record of supporting Communists and Communist causes. The Federal Council of Churches was cited by the Office of Naval Intelligence as far back as 1935. The citation appears in the Congressional Record of September 10, 1935 in case you wish to verify this statement.

The Negro American — A Reading List

Put out by the National Council of Churches in 1957 contains the works of a number of Communists. The introduction 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." — This reading list has never been recalled to this day.

More of the writings of Langston Hughes were recommended than any other writer yet Langston Hughes had been identified, under oath, by Louis Budenz as a Communist on December 23, 1952 five years earlier. The works of Dr. W.E.B. Du Bois, a founder of the N.A.A.C.P., who died a self confessed Communist were also included. Here is a poem by Langston Hughes in *The New York Sunday Mirror* of October 8, 1944.

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

(written by Langston Hughes, member of the CIO-Political Action Committee, for the 8th Convention of the Communist Party 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.
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 men,
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,
Hail, Communist land.
So stand up in battle and wave our flag on high
And shout out, fellow workers,
Our new slogan in 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.

It is interesting to note that Sidney Hillman of the C.I.O. back in 1932 Organized the Religion & Labor Foundation which tied the Clergy into the labor movement and Walter Reuther was his special assistant. The book, *Walter Reuther* by Eldorus L. Dayton on Page 127 states:

"Next to Browder, Hillman was closest to Moscow."

The Religion & Labor Foundation in its publication 'Economic Justice' ran a cartoon which later appeared in the Communist publication, *The Worker*, ridiculing Jesus Christ and picturing him as a wanted criminal. (The Worker, July 10, 1953)

After Walter Reuther became president of the C.I.O., the name of the Religion & Labor Foundation was changed to the Religion & Labor Council of America with Walter Reuther and two of his vice presidents, A. Philip Randolph and James B. Carey serving with him on the Executive Board.

Bishop Gerald Kennedy appointed Dr. Kenneth Watson, a Methodist minister, Executive Director of the Religion & Labor Council as reported in the press on June 8, 1961. This organization is the link between the National Council of Churches and the Negro organizations where A. Philip Randolph serves in a dual capacity as a Vice President of C.I.O. When questioned about religion, on his return from Russia in 1935 Walter Reuther is quoted in the press as saying:

"There is no God, but man is God" a Marxist concept

Just why pray, with such a background and record, should any Church member be surprised when the National Council of Churches supports the objectives of the Communist Party?

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June 17, 1964

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of June 12th has been received.

In response to your request, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. I regret I am unable to be of help in this instance but trust you will understand the necessary reasons for this policy. It is hoped 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 I hope will be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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June 12, 1964

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Head of FBI
Washington DC

Dear Mr. Hoover:

' One hears a great many accusations directed toward the National Council of Churches in regard to their activities in the civil rights movement and communistic affiliations.

I would like to receive a statement from you clarifying the unamerican activities of this organization. As you know, rumors concerning the NCC are causing considerable dissention in the churches in the South.

Yours truly,

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Head of FBI
Washington DC

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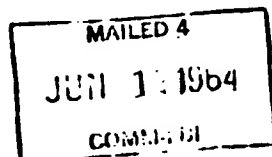
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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



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June 12, 1964

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

Gentlemen:

Will you please send me your report of the investigation of
the National Council of Churches.

Yours very truly,

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June 17, 1964

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of June 11th has been received.

With respect to your inquiry, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. I regret I am unable to be of help in this instance but trust you will understand the necessary reasons for this policy. It is hoped you will not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the United Council of Churches of Christ.

Enclosed is some literature I hope will be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

There has been quite a bit of concern and dissatisfaction in our church, (Lakeview Methodist), and all other Methodist Churches in this area, about the Methodist Church sponsoring the United Council of Churches of Christ in the United States.

This was brought about by the St. Mark's Episcopal Church Vestry Committee Report from Shreveport, Louisiana.

Is there any way a layman can get your report on the activities of the personnel and the United Council of Churches to determine whether we are being led or educated in Communist thinking.

Any help you can give along this line would be greatly appreciated.

Yours truly,
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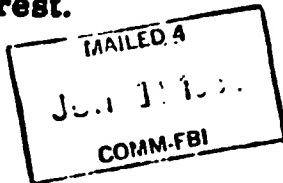
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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of June 2nd has been received.

With respect to your inquiry, I have not made the statement you mentioned. Information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. I trust you will understand the necessary reasons for this policy and hope you will not infer that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the National Council of Churches.

Enclosed is some literature I trust will be of interest.



Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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June 2, 1964

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

Dear Mr Hoover

At the official Board Meeting of my church this week, you were quoted as saying "The National Council of Churches was Communist inspired. All that I have read has surely been to the contrary, but will you please advise me if you have made such a statement or if it is true. 1

Yours truly

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June 2. 1964

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

Dear Mr. Hoover

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you were quoted as saying "The National Council of
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Yours truly

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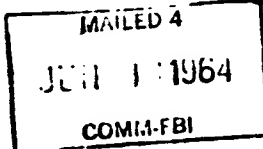
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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of June 4th has been received.

With respect to your inquiries, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. I regret I am unable to be of help in this instance but trust you will understand the necessary reasons for this policy. It is hoped you will not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the National Council of Churches and the individuals you mentioned.

Enclosed is some literature I trust will be of interest.



Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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June 4, 1964

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

As a former member of the [REDACTED] State Legislature and as a member of the Official Board of [REDACTED] Methodist Church, [REDACTED] I would appreciate your advising if your records indicate that any of the leaders or members of the National Council of Churches are affiliated with any Communist or subversive organizations which would be contrary to our true American way of life.

I would be interested to know if the names of Bishop Oxodom, James Dumbroski, Dr. Ward, Nevil Thomas and others connected with the Council have ever been investigated by your Department.

Yours very truly,

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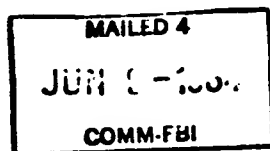
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Dear

Your letter of June 3rd, with enclosures, has been received and I want to thank you for your expressions of good wishes and kind prayer.

While I would like to be of service to you, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. I regret I am unable to be of help in this instance but trust you will understand the necessary reasons for this policy. It is hoped that you will not use our inability to furnish data as the basis for inferring either that we do or do not support the National Council of Churches.

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



Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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[REDACTED]
June 3, 1964

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

In our area of the State of Georgia there are several activist groups which are attacking the Methodist Church for belonging to the National Council of Churches of Christ. Also literature is coming in the mail from other area of the Nation which subjects the NCCCA to a profound criticism among the laymen in the Methodist Church in this area.

Earlier in this conference year (June 1963-May 1964) Mr. Sullivan was a part of an area wide program conducted by the Methodist Church in Georgia, held in the auditorium on Wesleyan College campus Macon, Georgia. His statements certainly did not incriminate the Methodist Church or the NCCCA. However, I realize the F.B.I. can't take an official position on something like this.

I personally know many of the accusations to be false. At the same time I certainly realize facts are not to be obtained either from the activist groups or from the NCCCA. Since in a sermon now in circulation you are quoted in a manner to suggest to laymen that you are not in sympathy with the NCCCA I feel it important to hear from you and received any materials that would be helpful with the laity of the Church. I am enclosing the sermon mentioned and I have marked the section concerning a letter from you and the implication.

With best wishes and prayer for you and your work, I am

Sincerely,

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THE NATIONAL COUNCIL
OF
CHURCHES OF CHRIST
—ACTIVITIES REVEALED

A Sermon
preached on April 23, 1961

by

Rev. John K. Leatherbury, Rector
St. John's Episcopal Church
Fort Worth, Texas

Among the sacrilegious books the National Council of Churches recommends for reading is one called "GOOD-BYE, CHRIST," by Langston Hughes which reads in part as follows:

"Listen, Christ you did all right in your day, I reckon, but that day's gone now. They ghosted you up a swell story, too; called it the Bible, but it's dead now. The Popes and the preachers've made too much money from it. They've sold you to too many kings, generals, robbers, and killers; even to the Czar 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 wore out. Goodby. Christ Jesus Lord God Jehovah, beat it on away from here now. Make way for a new guy with no religion at all—a real guy named Marx Communist Lenin Peasant Stalin worker me—I said, me; go ahead on, now. You're getting in the way of things, Lord, and please take St. Gandhi with you when you go, and St. Pope Pius, and St. Aimee McPherson, and big black St. 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. Goodby. Christ, good morning, revolution."—Langston Hughes.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES OF CHRIST

(Sermon preached in St. John's Episcopal Church, Fort Worth, Tex., Sunday, April 23, 1961, by the Reverend John R. Leatherbury, rector)

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

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

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

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

I asked the ushers to pass out a sheet of facts. These are facts that have come from the documents of the National Council of Churches of Christ. I ask you to take them home with you and use them at home. Where the quotes are they are definite quotes from their manual.

The National Council of Churches, in the last several years, has felt called upon to speak on every subject. It has been very controversial. The National Council in the last 5 weeks has spoken on: "Capital punishment," "ar-

tificial insemination" (which means mechanical birth control), "medicine for the aged," against the movie "Operation Abolition," and they "continue to say they speak for 40 million people."

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

And even though the pronouncements come out we constantly say they do not effect us. But when we have 82 representatives on this council, and when we spend \$500,000 per year, they had better speak for us. I bring that up because we are constantly saying that the Episcopal Church gives the National Council of Churches \$25,000 per year. Now this is church finance, you see. We gave over \$500,000 last year. Don't take my word for it. It is in the 1959 annual report of the Protestant Episcopal Church, starting on page 48! Now, you see if a banker were to make a mistake of \$475,000 something might happen to him. Church finance seems to be different. In fact, there is a saying "when is a business man not a business man." And the answer is, "when he is a vestryman of the Episcopal Church."

And so we find ourselves very much in this thing.

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

The general assembly is made up of 443 clergymen, 251 laymen. You see, the clergy are very generous with your money. We use the money of the laity and we have twice as many members on the board as do the laity. We are ordained to control these things. It is very generous of you to give your money into our keeping. We know we have your souls. And if we were to mess up your souls the way we mess up your money, may God have mercy upon your souls.

Well, the National Council of Churches of Christ has found itself, in the last several days, the object of ridicule—the object of questioning. And I do not plan to get into whether or not there are Communists in the National Council of Churches. Where you have 40 million people there is the bare possibility that a Communist might sneak in. We have on the board 10 bishops, we have 10 priests, we have 6 laymen, and 6 laywomen. We have 32 votes—again the clergy out voting the laymen and the laywomen 20 to 12. Some of the bishops who represent us on the National Council of Churches is the controversial bishop of California; another one is the bishop of Bethlehem who is taking J. Edgar Hoover to task about capital punishment, and I assure you, of the two, I imagine J. Edgar Hoover knows "just a bit more" about capital punishment than does the bishop of Bethlehem, Pa. Two of the clergy who are on this board are

extreme liberals, and one belongs to 14 organizations which are on the un-American activity list, which are known not to be sympathetic toward the American way of life. There are 32 people speaking for 2,123,110 Episcopalians. These 32 people have more say and more authority than the general convention. See, it is like the U.N. The U.N. has more say for us than our own Government.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

In addition to the above pamphlet, I am enclosing some material on the menace of communism available for general distribution by the FBI.

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

Sincerely,

J. Edgar Hoover.

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

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

"LORD'S PRAYER—TEENAGE VERSION

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

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

"Listen, Christ, you did all right in your day, I reckon, but that day's gone now. They ghosted you up a swell story, too; called it the Bible, but it's dead now. The Popes and the preachers've made too much money from it. They've sold you to too many kings, generals, robbers, and killers; even to the Czar 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 wore out. Goodby. Christ Jesus Lord God Jehovah, beat it on away from here now. Make way for a new guy with no religion at all—a real guy named Marx Communist Lenin Peasant Stalin worker me—I said, me; go ahead on, now. You're getting in the way of things, Lord, and please take St. Gandhi with you when you go, and St. Pope Pius, and St. Aimee McPherson, and big black St. 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. Goodby, Christ, good morning, revolution."—Langston Hughes.

It is very hard to give an impartial appraisal of people who are tearing down my God and my Jesus! I have had enough of it! I don't plan to ask the Bishop to get me out of the National Council of Churches I plan to tell him I am out of the Council of Churches. Like the Pennsylvania Dutch say "I Want O-u-t, Out!" "I want to be shut of it"! They didn't ask me if I wanted to get in, and I think I have the privilege of telling them I don't want to belong.

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

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

The diocesan convention will meet in May. I will tell you how this thing will go. A man named Dr. Hamilton, from Dallas, will get up and make a motion that the Episcopal Church come out of the National Council of Churches. Then there will be a substitute motion brought on by the clergy. You see, we must not "hurt" people. And the substitute motion will ask the National Council to "please not speak for us." Then some of us will get up on the floor and say, "Rt. Rev., Sir, this doesn't answer the purpose. Our petition is that we come out of the National Council of Churches." If withholding our money is the only way we can come out of the NCC then we will withhold our money. But we are coming out.

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

Jesus. And we say "O, daddy, O" and "Get going, Christ!"

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

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

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General assembly consists of 443 clergy and 251 lay delegates which meets every 8 years.

The general board meets 3 times a year and consists of 166 clergy and 90 laymen.

"Through the assembly and the board, the council speaks as a united voice on matters of ethical, moral, or religious concern to its membership."

How is the council financed? The council's funds come from the following sources: about 61 percent is contributed by denominations, local churches, and related organizations; another 12 percent consists of gifts from individuals, corporations, and foundations. Approximately 26 percent is derived from gross sales of council materials; and 1 percent comes from investments.

In 1960 the Episcopal Church gave to the NCC over \$500,000 (this does not include private gifts, but is represented in the general budget of the Episcopal Church, pp. 47, 48, 49, 50, 51).

Since 26 percent of their income comes from gross sales of materials I would like to list 3 books recommended in the "Negro American Reading List" published by the Council of Churches:

1. "The Walls Came Tumbling Down"—by Ovington.
2. "Color Blind"—by Halsey.
3. "Without Magnolias"—by Bucklin Moon.

These three books deal with integrated sex and excerpts from them cannot be sent through the mail. (If interested see pp. 234—ff in Book 1, p. 105 in Book 2, pp. 179—ff in Book 3.)

Is the NCC communistic? Since this group represents 34 major communions with a total membership of 40,-

000,000 there is the bare possibility that communism could sneak in.

They advocate:

1. Recognition of Communist China.
2. Admission of Communist China to U.N.
3. Do away with House Un-American Activities Committee.
4. Forbid showing of movie, "Operation Abolition"—which shows Communist infiltration in college ranks.

Does the NCC speak for the Episcopal Church? Yes.

The Episcopal Church has 32 members on the general assembly: 10 bishops, 10 priests, 6 laymen, 6 laywomen.

The above 32 people speak for and legislate for 2,123,110 Episcopalians.

How did the Episcopal Church get in the NCC? In 1950 the officers of the Episcopal Church, without consulting the individual parishes or asking for a vote, took us into the NCC.

How do we get out of the NCC?

1. We can memorialize General Convention asking them to take steps to remove the Episcopal Church from the NCC. This is a long and slow procedure and would take 6-12 years since General Convention meets only once in 3 years.

2. Since the Episcopal Church gives over \$500,000 yearly to the NCC we could withdraw our financial contributions by refusing to give to the budget of the National Church (this is the quota part of our giving). The quota of the diocese for 1962 is \$134,732 for the National Church. By refusing to pay this money we would not jeopardize the work of the diocese or the missionary effort within the diocese.

The above figures, notations, and comments are given to enlighten you on the National Council of Churches. In no way are they given to influence or to create dissension within the ranks, but to quote from the Bible, "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free."

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meetings where plans for the torture and murder of the American clergy were discussed.

What is our answer to the Communists and their sympathizers? We must brook no compromise with the Reds, or with those who aid and abet them in any way. Jesus Christ sounded the warning in these words: "A man cannot serve both God and mammon." Yes, it is time that the flock calls on the Red-fronting ministers to answer for their betrayal of God, by espousing Communism and Communist causes. "No man can serve two masters," adds Jesus Christ.

We must open our eyes and speak out against the godless Red tyranny. Let us rid ourselves of these "wolves in sheep's clothing" who, while hiding behind the holy cloth and the respectability of the Church, are carrying on their un-Godly and devilish work to destroy us.

- Christian Crusade Magazine, Tulsa, Okla.

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COMMUNISTS IN OUR CHURCHES

by Matt Cvetic

(For 9 years a Communist for the F.B.I.)

In this article, let me answer once and for all the question of whether or not there are Communists in our churches and church organizations.

I find it difficult to understand why some of our church groups, when they are so blatantly evident in any clergyman, or for that matter, any believer in God, can front for Red causes in the face of the murderous history of Communism, is also something that staggers the imagination.

Both Marx and Lenin considered religion their prime enemy, therefore the prime target for destruction. "Religion," they both taught, "is an opiate for the ignorant masses — it must be destroyed."

With this destructive thesis of the Reds on religion, how can any believer in the Supreme Being blind himself to the realities of Communism by joining Communist fronts, or by defending Communism in their evil conspiracy, when by so doing, he is contributing to his own murder? So-called "intellectuals," especially in the fields of religion and education, would do well to learn from history, which records that in every nation which was lost to Communism, most of the "intellectuals," even those who were in the forefront aiding, abetting and defending the Red cause, were murdered, thrown into political prisons, or sent to slave camps.

Are the Reds infiltrating the churches in the States? Of course they are — and in many cases with the help of the very clergy who would be tortured and murdered if the Reds took over.

As an example of Communist church infiltration, let me recall a Red meeting which I attended in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania in the Fall of 1949. At this meeting, Steve Nelson, a top Red agent, read a report from Joseph Stalin, the leader of International Communism at that time. In this report, Stalin laid out plans for the mass murder of twenty million people in China to solidify Red control of that country. This Kremlin report, and the ensuing discussion, also outlined plans for the murder of additional thousands in Poland, Czechoslovakia and Hungary. Where did the Communists plot this mass murder of millions? Was it in some deserted cellar, or some far-away secret hide-out? — No, the Kremlin plot was revealed in a most respectable place — the meeting room of one of the largest churches in the northside section of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania — and with the permission and knowledge of the pastor!

Many American clergy and church laymen are not aware that the Reds have a well worked-out plan for the infiltration of our churches and church organizations.

This infiltration is planned by a secret group of high level Red agents, labeled the "Clerical Commission of the Communist Party." This Red "Commission" is composed of Soviet agents and American Reds, posing as ministers, preachers and priests, who have fallen away from the church and joined the Communist Party, and lay Red agents. How do I know about the existence of this Red Clerical Commission? I have reason to know only too well, because in 1945, while posing as a Communist for the F.B.I., I was a member of this Red Commission. In the Pittsburgh district alone, this commission consisted of 12 well-trained Red agents. Similar Red commissions with orders to infiltrate and use the churches and church bodies exist in every section of the United States.

It might be apropos to point out that at this very moment, Red agents are well-entrenched in key positions of some

of our national church bodies. There, under the cover of respectability, they are zealously carrying on their Communist work, often aided and abetted by the very churches and church groups they are plotting to destroy.

"What about Red China?" I am often asked, "If we would recognize Red China we could send over our missionaries. We can't ignore 600,000,000 Chinese people." My answer to those who would play into the Red hands by recognizing Red China as a "spiritual must," can be given by posing this question: "How many missionaries have we been permitted to send to Soviet Russia since we so foolishly recognized Godless Red government in 1933?" The answer is, of course, none. If we recognize Red China, we may be assured that the Red tyrants will never permit us to preach our Gospel, which the Reds are sworn to destroy.

It is true the Reds in Russia permit a small percentage of the churches and synagogues to function, about 2 or 3% of the number in existence prior to the red take-over in that nation. However, this small exercise of Religion is permitted by the Reds in Russia solely to mislead visitors from free countries. The Reds plot calls for the ultimate destruction of all religion, including this 2 or 3%, when they find it no longer necessary to permit some display of religion behind which to hide their ulterior motives.

For a more recent picture of "Freedom of Religion" Communist style, let us take a look at poor Tibet. Since the Reds have stolen this little country, the Tibetan monks have been publicly tortured and murdered or imprisoned. The Tibetan nuns have been sent into brothels for the Red soldiers, and the children of Tibet have been taught to spy on their fathers, brothers and sisters, and report any spark of dissent to the Red tyrants.

If the Reds ever take over in our free nation, we may be certain that their plan for religion is the same as it is for Russia, Red China and Tibet. I personally sat in secret. Red

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of June 2nd, with enclosure, has been received.

With respect to your inquiries, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. I regret I am unable to be of help in this instance but trust you will understand the necessary reasons for this policy. It is hoped you will not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the National Council of Churches and the John Birch Society. Further, our inability to furnish data should not be used as a basis for inferring either that we do or do not support these groups.

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

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



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J. Edgar Hoover
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Dear Mr. Hoover.

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We have in our area people who are associated with the John Birch Society & others who claim the Council is soft on communism etc. The enclosed article upholds the Council. Can you give me any information backed by facts which would let us know whether there is any truth to statements made by the Birch Society & others? What is your opinion of the Birch Society?

I am a member of the Methodist Church and as Christian people I think we need to get these things clear in our minds as to what is true and what is false.

Most Sincerely, 

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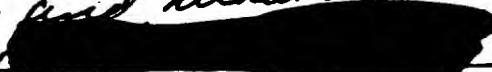
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what about the **NATIONAL COUNCIL of CHURCHES?**

Thoughtful church members all across the continent find themselves confused and disturbed these days by continuing attacks on the National Council of Churches. Rumors, innuendo, and outright accusations are certain to raise such questions as: What is the real story behind the council's pronouncements? Is the council involved in politics? Is it true that the council is "soft on Communism"?

Church members in my conference were among those who questioned. They demanded some answers and requested that a thorough study of the council be initiated. Consequently, at its regular session in June, 1963, the Memphis Annual Conference of The Methodist Church gave unanimous approval to a resolution expressing confidence in the National Council of Churches.

Presented by a special committee of the conference, including six ministers and six lay members, the report came out of a year's investigation for the purpose of arriving at an objective evaluation of the council.

Having been elected chairman of the committee to investigate the council—probably an office no one would have sought—I prepared myself for my work by visiting the National Council offices in New

York to conduct a preliminary investigation on my own. Here I found each staff member whom I interviewed quite generous in response to my purpose. Files were readily opened to my search. Answers to all my questions were freely submitted. Not only was I offered all the data I sought, but copies of charges brought by the detractors of the council were also put into my hands.

During this time other members of the committee were accumulating information elsewhere, and so that any member of the conference might present to us any information he had concerning the council, pro or con, meetings were held in two cities to hear testimony. In these meetings we not only heard testimony from interested people of the churches, we also heard, by special request, arguments against the council by a prominent minister of another denomination.

All the material we have gathered in our investigations, whether pro or con, oral or written, we prepared to take into full consideration in formulating our final report.

We then divided our committee into three subcommittees, each to study a specific area of our investigation. These areas were: criticism of the council's pronouncements, charges of lobbying, and accusations of being "soft on Communism." Each subcommittee brought its report back to the committee as a whole where it was fully discussed before its inclusion in the final committee report.

The substance of our final report follows.

Structure and work of the council. We acknowledged the sincerity of many persons who criticize the council through misunderstanding. We noted that large areas of the council's work are praised rather than criticized. These include the extensive work done in the relief of need and in the human rehabilitation at home and abroad through Church World Service; the impact made by the united agencies in evan-

gelism, in Christian education, and through the combined agencies of radio and television. The council, however, is not infallible. In so vast an enterprise some mistakes are inevitable. But, even so, the council makes it possible for the member communions together to do on a national scale what each local church is trying to do in its own community.

The governing bodies of the council are the General Assembly which meets once every three years and the General Board which meets every three months. It is important to note that every member of these bodies, whether clerical or lay, is a person in good standing in his own church and has been chosen for membership by methods established in his own denomination. Contrary to the opinion of some, the council has no control over its member communions. It has no authority beyond that given to it by its member communions. It does not decide their policies; they control the council's policies as the instrument of voluntary cooperation.

Pronouncements. A pronouncement is a statement of policy or an affirmation of principle approved by the General Assembly or the General Board. It is to be expected that these pronouncements fall in areas of controversy—politics, economics, social issues—for it is in these areas that human values are at stake. The voice of God must be heard outside the church as well as inside, granted that fallible men do not always hear clearly the voice of God.

Pronouncements have their origins in the social creeds of the churches. They are expressions of policy or conviction that generally have already been stated by the member communions in their various assemblies. When a matter is proposed for public statement in the council, not only must it have clear spiritual relevance to the contemporary situation, but it must also have backing in similar statements made by member communions.

Pronouncements do not speak for the churches, but for the coun-

cil and to the churches. They are statements of the representatives of the churches and not of the churches themselves. This distinction is important. Pronouncements are not mandates to the churches; rather they are in the nature of guidelines. Each individual member is perfectly free to seek a higher guidance.

Note: Only those persons who are members of the General Assembly or General Board through the choice of their own denominations have a vote on pronouncements. Staff members of the council do not have a vote.

Study groups sponsored by the council are composed of officially appointed representatives in good standing in their own churches. So varied a group, convened from all parts of the nation and from many walks of life, naturally brings to any broad study of national and world issues a wide diversity of interest and opinion. Reports of such groups, who try to discern for themselves the mind of Christ in the complex affairs of our time and who speak for no one but themselves, should not be confused with official statements by the council itself.

Lobbying. The office of the National Council of Churches in Washington, D. C., is maintained to interpret the mind of the council to congressional committees and to inform member communions of the activities of the U. S. Congress. Charges that this office "operates the biggest lobby in Washington" are not sustained by any analysis of lobbying as it is generally understood.

The significant difference is here: Lobbying agencies are required by law to register as such; the council is not required to register as such. Lobbying agencies are required by law to submit an expense account for government examination; the council is not required to submit an expense account. Lobbying agencies pay their employees to buttonhole congressmen to influence legislation; the council buttonholes no congressmen and spends no

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What About the National Council of Churches

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money to influence legislation.

The council does give testimony to congressional committees to interpret pronouncements and official positions, but only when it believes human values are involved. The council has no interest in legislation beyond human and spiritual concerns. When an individual is chosen to represent the council before a congressional committee, he testifies that he is speaking for the council and does not claim to be speaking for the 40 million members of the churches.

That the council testifies before congressional committees only on those subjects on which it has enunciated a clear statement of policy is seen in its response last year to an invitation to testify before two committees. In the case of one the council accepted the invitation because a clear statement of policy had been made on the subject, and in the case of the other the council declined because no policy had been formulated.

Communism. In answer to reports that J. Edgar Hoover had cast reflections on the patriotism of members of the council, our committee submitted a letter personally signed by Mr. Hoover in which the chief of the FBI disclaimed that he had ever made such statements against the council or any of its members.

We noted in our report that the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge makes an award each year to those who have given conspicuous service in promoting Americanism and opposing Communism. The Fifth Annual Award was given to the National Council of Churches!

Since no member of the council has ever been indicted on charges of subversion, let alone tried and convicted, we challenge any who charge the council with Communism to offer evidence that can be presented in court or to withdraw their unfounded accusations.

Recommendation. Our committee asked that our Annual Conference express confidence in the integrity of those who represent the churches in the council, that we acknowledge our need of the council as an agency of interdenominational cooperation, and that all officials of the council be quick to expose false reports and rumors concerning the council and its work. It was the mind of our committee that over-all support of the council did not mean the surrender of individual judgment on its policies and statements, but that all opposition be loyal opposition designed to avoid errors in the council and to strengthen its work.

We saw an urgent need that our own denomination create at once some means to carry out a program of education on the council and its work in order to avoid error and confusion among our members concerning the council.

We insisted that news releases to the public press make careful distinction between reports of committees, views of individual members, and official statements of the council.

When our report was submitted to the conference as the order of the day, our conference lay leader spoke and his remarks were received by a standing ovation. When the question was put before the house, it was received by a unanimous standing vote.

We believe some answers have been given to church members in our conference.

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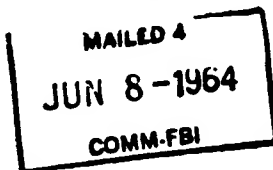
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Enclosed is some literature which I trust will be of interest.



Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Dear Mr. Hoover,

My church, The Main St. Christian Church of [REDACTED] is affiliated with the National Council of Churches. I have been told several times recently that this organization is headed by a communist. Could you please tell me if this is true. I have small children that I am concerned about.

Thank you.
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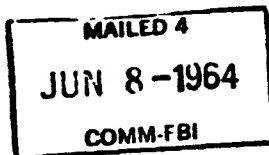
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Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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June 2, 1964

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Because of serious accusations against many of our Christian Churches and their ministers, and because I am a member of the Methodist Church which seems to be under most severe attack, I am hereby requesting that you answer the following questions:

- 1) Is there a serious infiltration of Communism into the activities of the clergy in America? I am particularly interested in any data that you have concerning the Methodist Ministers of our land.
- 2) In your judgment and upon investigation, do you find that the National Council of Christian Churches is infiltrated with Communist sympathizers and/or Communists?
- 3) What methods can best be employed to allay fears and suspicions which people have in regards to Communistic penetration of the Christian Churches of America?

I would deeply grateful for your answers to the above questions, and I would be most appreciative if you would send any pertinent material which would be helpful in the struggle of defending our great Church.

Sincerely,
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Dear [Redacted]

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Enclosed is some literature I trust will be of interest.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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June 1, 1964

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

Dear Sir,

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There have been many articles written and speeches made warning the American people of the dangers of the infiltration of the Communist Party into the National Council of Churches. Yet when I question our church leaders on this subject, I'm told the National Council of Churches far out does the good that the bad does.

I happen to be a Methodist, and religion (a worship of God) is very important to me and to my family. I have become quite concerned and confused over all the recent publicity concerning my church and the National Council of Churches.

I am writing directly to you in hopes of receiving authentic information from your records about the National Council of Churches.

Is this organization so Communist infiltrated that it is a threat in any way to our church or to America? If so, what is the best way in which to fight this?

I will appreciate any information you can send to me concerning this matter.

Sincerely,




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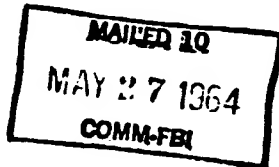
Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of May 21st has been received and I want to thank you for your very kind sentiments.

With respect to your inquiry, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. I regret I am unable to be of help in this instance but trust you will understand the necessary reasons for this policy. It is hoped that you will not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the National Council of Churches.

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May 21, 1964

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

There has been so much information going around the last few years on the National Council of Churches that I have been unable to distinguish fact from fiction. What is the F.B.I.'s official view of the N.C.C.? By this question, I mean is it or are the leaders thereof on any type of communist infiltrated list of organizations? Do you have any reports concerning the N.C.C. or its leader that I may have a copy of?

Your continuation as Director of the F.B.I. past the normal retirement age is great news to me and all Americans.

Very truly,

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of May 24th, with enclosures, has been received.

In response to your inquiry, I would like to advise that information contained in the files of the FBI is confidential and available only for official use, pursuant to regulations of the Department of Justice. I am enclosing a list of organizations cited by the Department as subversive under Executive Order 10450.

You may also be interested in referring to "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications" which was compiled and released by the House Committee on Un-American Activities. This booklet lists groups and periodicals which have been cited by various state and Federal agencies. A copy can be purchased from the Superintendent of Documents, U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C., for seventy cents.

The material you enclosed is being returned herewith.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Based on information furnished correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. Correspondent's enclosures were the January 13th issue of The Dan Smoot Report, a leaflet edited by Gerald L. K. Smith and a brochure by Carl McIntire regarding the National Council of Churches. Since the Bureau is familiar with all of these individuals, copies were not made for retention in Bureau files.

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May 24, 1964

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

The publishers of the enclosed "Hate" literature are certainly fostering suspicion and distrust of the major churches in this country and promoting divisive influences in religion. Are these organizations or publishers on the Attorney General's list of subversive organizations? I would appreciate a report. I daresay this is one aspect of "Freedom of the Press," but it is certainly a destructive influence.


Sincerely yours,


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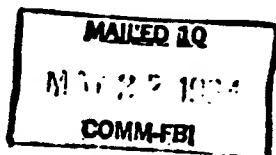
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J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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May 21, 1964

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am [REDACTED] in a small community of approximately 1600 people, more or less. I am faced with a problem that needs direction and facts.

A local Baptist clergyman, vice president of the American Council of Churches in Ohio, has published two articles in the local paper that have definitely attacked the National Council of Churches, charging it as being "socialistic, pro-communist."

Such a statement as this definitely puts questions and even distrust in the minds of some people. Since all three of the other clergymen in [REDACTED] generally support the National Council, such articles tend to lead a few to think or even suspect that the National Council and Church in general are filled with Communists.

Would you kindly make some statement relative to the problem? We of the [REDACTED] have enough problems working against evil without burning out our energies proving our loyalty.

I will greatly appreciate your comments....

Cordially,

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Encl.: Newspaper clippings written by the local Baptist clergyman.

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Baptist Church To Hold Prayer Service

In co-operation with the American Council of Christian Churches, the Immanuel Baptist Church Arcanum, will hold an evening prayer service Friday, February

14 at 7:30 p. m. This service will be conducted by leading laymen of the Church with Mr. Harold Mundhenk presiding.

The Immanuel Baptist Church believes that God's people should unite to pray for the salvation of souls, revival among the saints, the advance of the Gospel around the world and a return to the Christian principles upon which our great nation was founded. It can not condone the socialistic philosophies of the National Council of Churches; her "red-carpet" treatment of Communist agents parading as clergymen; the agitation for the recognition of Red China; nor her inclusion of blatant infidels as "brethren" in her ranks. Consequently, the Immanuel Baptist Church finds it impossible to join in prayer with those whose aims are inconsistent with Truth and extends a cordial invitation to all who share these convictions to join with them in the special planned for Friday evening.

ARCANUM, OHIO THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1964

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**Honorable Lister Hill
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510**

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United States Senate

Washington, D. C.
May 25, 1964

Respectfully referred to

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

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

By direction of

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May 21, 1964

Senator Lister Hill
Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C.

Dear Lister:

On May 13, 1964 I wrote to Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director of Federal Bureau of Investigation, copy of which is enclosed, requesting what information he could give me regarding the activities of the National Council of Churches and whether or not the leaders of these organization, now, or have been affiliated with Communist organizations. And whether or not they are aiding and abetting the Communist and Communist front organizations.

It is my report that this is true and that it is a scandalous situation that the Protestant denominations continue to support the National Council of Churches when they are working, actually, against the churches instead of for them.

Also, enclosed is a copy of a letter received from Mr. Hoover which seems to be a form letter and was not signed, but was from the office of the Director in which he tells me absolutely nothing. I am in hopes you can get this information since he states in his letter that it is for official use only and I assume you are an official. I would appreciate your getting all this information and getting it to me at your earliest convenience.

Thanks in advance for your help.

Cordially yours,

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May 13, 1954

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am wondering if you would personally help me to get out of the confused state in which my mind now rests about the criticisms of the National Council of Churches and its activities to encourage Communist and Communist front movements in our country. I am a Methodist and the Methodist Church helps to support the National Council of Churches. I am very gravely concerned about this and about the accusations against the National Council by Mr. Dan Snoot and by Dr. Billy James, President of the Christian Crusade Movement from Tulsa, Oklahoma.

It has been reported that the National Council of Churches, which was then the Federal Council of Churches, was cited by the Navy Intelligence Department as being a subversive organization during World War II. And then I heard from one of my church leaders or rather my Minister that this indictment was withdrawn by the Navy Intelligence Department. It is my understanding that the National Council of Churches recommends a reading list of books that contains some 240 books, many of which are by Communist authors and unfit for reading by any Christian, let alone our youth. Is this true and do you have a list of these books? Would you please underline the ones by Communist authors and send me a copy of this list. It would be a great help.

I have also heard that the National Council of Churches is now sponsoring an exhibit at the World's Fair in New York in which they show a movie depicting Jesus Christ as a clown. Is this true?

I am wholeheartedly behind my church and hope to help promote it to a greater organization for the good of humanity, but you can see that I am quite confused from the many reports that I have gotten. A very frank answer to the questions which I am asking and any further information you might have regarding the National Council of Churches and its aid to Communist and Communist front organizations would be greatly appreciated.

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover

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- I have more confidence in you to give me the true facts on these questions than anyone I can think of because I know you sit in a neutral position and have the respect of the entire United States population, unless it is the Communist.

I thank you very much for your assistance in this matter and please pardon me bothering a man that is as busy as you to answer questions for me, but I must get this confused state of mind straightened out. Many thanks in advance for your help.

Cordially yours,

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

May 19, 1964

Dear [REDACTED]

I have received your letter of May 13th and I want to thank you for your expressions of confidence in my administration of the FBI. It is hoped our future endeavors will continue to merit your support and approval.

With respect to your inquiries, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with the regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. I regret I am unable to be of help in this instance but trust you will understand the necessary reasons for this policy. It is hoped you will not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the National Council of Churches and the matters you mentioned.

Enclosed is some literature I trust will be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

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May 27, 1964

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of May 22nd has been received.

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J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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May 22, 1964

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I wish to make a personal inquiry in this letter about the National Council of Churches of Christ in the United States of America, in the hopes that you will be able to give some information about this organization's work. This letter should not be construed as representing any interests of the Denomination of which I am a part, but rather, is a personal request. My questions are:

1. Is the NCC deemed to be, in any way, subversive?
2. Is the NCC considered to be such an organization that lends aid to our nation in the fight against communism?

Our Denomination has already determined, to its satisfaction, such things as what effect on Denominational Autonomy would be experienced if we were members of the Council. Therefore, I am interested in getting factual information on the questions set forth above. My interest in so doing stems from what I consider to be biased and warped reporting in this section of the country. Therefore, I feel the need of your trustworthy counsel.

If you can release this information, I would appreciate an immediate reply.

Sincerely yours,

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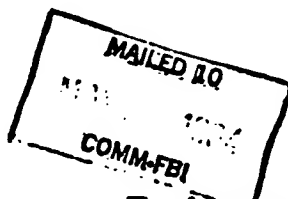
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J. Edgar Hoover

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May 22 - 1964

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Washington D.C.

Honorable Mr. Hoover.

For several days now I have been thinking of writing you, knowing you are a well informed man. My husband and I are very concerned over the National Council of Churches (N. C. C.) and have read many items concerning its infiltration of communism, we belong to the Methodist Church and think they cater more to N.C.C. than do most churches. All of our church material seems to come from the N.C.C. If what we read is true it seems bad that when we try to give to our church it must go through the N.C.C. channels & we are donating to the Reds, every time we help our church. I would like your views on this subject that is so important to us and any other information you may have about this matter, however, we wouldn't want our answers to come from the N.C.C. we prefer your answers. We know Walter Ruether was the first Vice Pres. of N.C.C. so are interested in what you know about this.

Anxiously waiting your reply - & thanking you.

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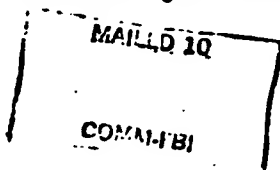
Honorable George Grant
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

My dear Congressman:

I have received your letter of May 25th,
with enclosures, relative to the request you have received
for assistance from [REDACTED]

Although I would like to be of service,
regulations of the Department of Justice require that
information in FBI files be kept confidential. We are
precluded from making such data available for general
public use and I am, therefore, unable to help your
constituent.

Although I wish I could give a more
favorable reply, particularly in view of your personal
interest, I trust you will understand my position. The
material you enclosed is being returned.



Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (3)

NOTE: The only record of [REDACTED] is in connection with
his inquiry of May 13th. Our relations with Congressman Grant
(Democrat-Alabama) have been good. [REDACTED] has also written
to Senator Lister Hill in connection with the same matter.

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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
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May 25, 1964

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Director
Congressional Liaison Office
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Sir:

The enclosed correspondence, which is self-explanatory, has just been received from Mr. [REDACTED] of Montgomery, Alabama, and it is being forwarded for your information and consideration.

It will be deeply appreciated if you would advise how I might appropriately respond to [REDACTED]

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

George Grant

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P.S.: Please return the enclosures with your reply.

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May 21, 1964


Mr. George Grant
House Office Building
Washington, D.C.

Dear George:

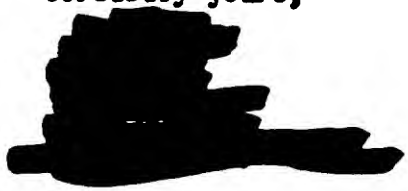
On May 13, 1964 I wrote to Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director of Federal Bureau of Investigation, copy of which is enclosed, requesting what information he could give me regarding the activities of the National Council of Churches and whether or not the leaders of these organization, now, or have been affiliated with Communist organizations. And whether or not they are aiding and abetting the Communist and Communist front organizations.


It is my report that this is true and that it is a scandalous situation that the Protestant denominations continue to support the National Council of Churches when they are working, actually, against the churches instead of for them.

Also, enclosed is a copy of a letter received from Mr. Hoover which seems to be a form letter and was not signed, but was from the office of the Director in which he tells me absolutely nothing. I am in hopes you can get this information since he states in his letter that it is for official use only and I assume you are an official. I would appreciate your getting all this information and getting it to me at your earliest convenience.

Thanks in advance for your help.

Cordially yours,





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PERSONAL

May 13, 1961

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am wondering if you would personally help me to get out of the confused state in which my mind now rest about the criticism of the National Council of Churches and its activities to encourage Communist and Communist front movements in our country. I am a Methodist and the Methodist Church has been supporting the National Council of Churches. I am very greatly concerned about this and about the accusations against the National Council by Mr. Dan Smoot and by Dr. Billy James Hargis of the Christian Crusade Movement from Tulsa, Oklahoma.

It has been reported that the National Council of Churches, which was then the Federal Council of Churches, was cited by the Navy Intelligence Department as being a subversive organization during World War II. And then I heard from one of my church leaders or rather my Minister that this indictment was withdrawn by the Navy Intelligence Department. It is my understanding that the National Council of Churches recommends a reading list of books that contains some 250 books, many of which are by Communist authors and unfit for reading by any Christian, let alone our youth. Is this true and do you have a list of these books? Would you please underline the ones by Communist authors and send me a copy of this list. It would be a great help.

I have also heard that the National Council of Churches is now sponsoring an exhibit at the World's Fair in New York in which they show a movie depicting Jesus Christ as a clown. Is this true?

I am wholeheartedly behind my church and hope to help promote it to a greater organization for the good of humanity, but you can see that I am quite confused from the many reports that I have gotten. A very frank answer to the questions which I am asking and any further information you might have regarding the National Council of Churches and its aid to Communist and Communist front organizations would be greatly appreciated.

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover


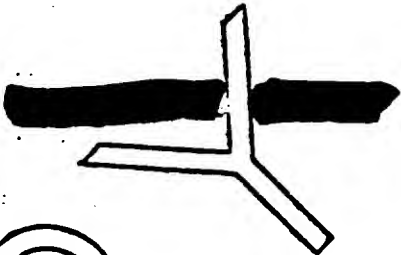
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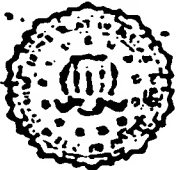
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I have more confidence in you to give me the true facts on these questions than anyone I can think of because I know you sit in a neutral position and have the respect of the entire United States population, unless it is the Communists.

I thank you very much for your assistance in this matter and please pardon me bothering a man that is as busy as you to answer questions for me, but I must get this confused state of mind straightened out. Many thanks in advance for your help.

Cordially yours,



COOPER

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

May 19, 1964

Dear [REDACTED]

I have received your letter of May 13th and I want to thank you for your expressions of confidence in my administration of the FBI. It is hoped our future endeavors will continue to merit your support and approval.

With respect to your inquiries, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with the regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. I regret I am unable to be of help in this instance but trust you will understand the necessary reasons for this policy. It is hoped you will not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the National Council of Churches and the matters you mentioned.

Enclosed is some literature I trust will be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

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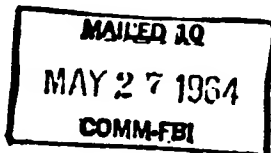
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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of May 21st, with enclosure, was received as Mr. Hoover was preparing to leave the city. He asked me to thank you for sending this material to him.

Sincerely yours,



Helen W. Gandy
Secretary

NOTE: Bufiles reflect correspondent was sent an in-absence in October, 1962. Enclosure to her letter was a pamphlet bearing the headline, "The National Council of Churches and the 'Bloody Race War' Planned this Summer!" This publication is highly critical of the National Council of Churches.

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Hon. J. Edgar Hoover
F. B. I.

Washington, D.C.

My Dear Mr. Hoover:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter by Dr. Billy James Hargis, of Tulsa, Okla., who has fought evil in our country for about fourteen years.

Besides the Civil Rights and the Council of Churches evil planning as told in Dr. Hargis' letter the Black Muslim movement in our country is a terrible wrong against our freedom. They want to not only cause trouble in Mississippi but

in other Southern States and take over the property of white people. You probably have read of the hatred being taught the youth of the Muslims -

I believe the National Council should be stopped - should have been stopped long ago by churches getting their contributions -

Thank the God above that our President wants you to stay on for another year.

Please help save the Southern States ^{like this} from being destroyed.

Yours sincerely,

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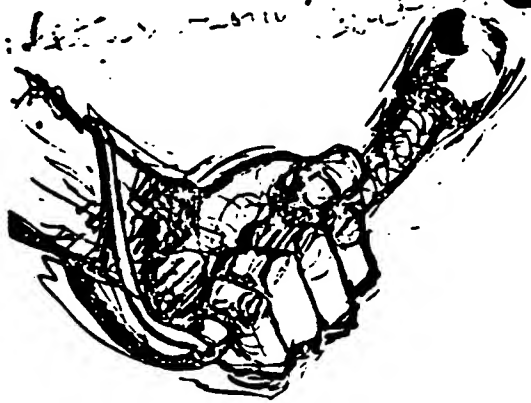
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Yours sincerely,

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The National Council of Churches and the "Bloody Race War" Planned this Summer!

Dear Christian Crusader:

This is the time to strike a blow for Christ's Gospel and freedom by breaking the back of the National Council of Churches financially. The communist-fronters, socialists and theologically apostate leaders of this would-be voice of Protestantism (which I contend should be called the National Council of Churches of Karl Marx since its trouble-making left-wing socialistic policies in no way represent the Christ of our Bible) has announced its support of an invasion of the Southland this summer by one thousand trained agitators which could well bring about what Harvard University's newspaper, "The Crimson", calls "a massive, daring, probably bloody assault" on a sovereign state -- Mississippi.

(I am enclosing with this newsletter an editorial written by a great friend of Christian Crusade, George Shannon, entitled "Churches Fuel Racial Uproar" which exposes this highly dangerous plan to inspire a possible bloody revolution in the Southland this summer instigated by the National Council of Churches.)

As one minister remarked to me the other day, "These liberal preachers have gone stark crazy. That they have -- crazy with their socialistic and revolutionary schemes that will divide our people and throw us at the mercy of a United Nations' occupation force which undoubtedly will be demanded by the liberals to maintain peace within the U.S. in event of a new civil war between now and the elections in November."

Add to these revolutionary schemes of our leading Protestant leaders their current effort in Washington, D. C., to pass the obvious socialistic proposal called the Civil Rights Bill. Although they are defying the laws of the land that govern "tax exempt" church-related groups such as themselves, which clearly prohibit lobbying by such groups in the Nation's capital, a small army of lobbyists representing the National Council is stalking the corridors on Capitol Hill button-holing Senators, coercing them to support the so-called Civil Rights Bill.

In keeping with its official socialistic-communistic social creed, which calls for the abolishment of private property, the National Council of Churches is throwing its full weight behind this bill which would virtually eliminate the use and enjoyment of private property -- the fundamental and Scriptural American right that distinguishes this country from slave states like Russia and Cuba.

Furthermore, this Civil Rights Bill, which is strongly supported by the National Council of Churches, is a dire threat to individual freedoms of both colored and white citizens which it purports to assure. It is a bold and unconstitutional grasp for power and is totally unwarranted either by good judgment or circumstances.

(Christian Crusade has received 10,000 informative, legal reports on this Civil Rights Bill the National Council is determined to ram down the throats of our citizenry which details: (1) the cruel and naked facts concerning this proposal; (2) the similarity of this Bill to the Communist Party Platform of 1928; (3) how the Bill fulfills many of the demands of Karl Marx's "Communist Manifesto"; (4) the pro-communist records of some of the authors and supporters of this Bill, etc., etc. This vital report, prepared by great legal minds in defense of the Constitution of the United States and against socialistic-communistic encroachments,

SPEAKING OUR GREAT VICTORY FOR CHRIST AND COUNTRY

In the past thirty days my team and I have held great Christian Crusade Rallies in South Carolina, Florida, Georgia, Alabama, Illinois, Minnesota, California, Idaho, New Mexico and Arizona. The Crusade Rallies in Miami and St. Augustine, Florida, and Dothan and Birmingham, Alabama, broke all records for supporting and underwriting new radio stations.

Realizing that we will win or lose this battle in 1964, Christian Crusade is going all out to reach the American people with our anti-communist and anti-National Council of Churches message. We were able to add 55 new stations to our radio chain last month and as of this date it looks as if we will add 100 new stations to carry our daily and weekly broadcasts this month alone. Our goal now is to add another one hundred stations this month, making a total of 255 new stations added to our network in 90 days.

We have offered thousands of American radio stations our daily broadcasts on a new basis. We must reach the uninformed with our message -- new people who are not already in the fight. WE CANNOT PAY REGULAR COMMERCIAL RATES. We have written these stations throughout America pointing out the importance of every station using its facilities to get the facts to the American people. We will pay \$40 a month (in advance) to those stations that will carry our daily broadcasts, or \$20 a month (in advance) to those that will carry our half-hour broadcasts on Sunday. Many, many stations are accepting...every day's mail brings new acceptances...Our phones are busy with calls from station managers accepting our proposal.

YOU...yes, you -- our friends who underwrite this work with your prayers and gifts -- can reach as many as 25,000 daily with our broadcast with a gift of ONLY \$40 a month. This challenge was accepted by many Crusaders in Miami. Our friends there pledged \$100 a month... \$50 a month...\$25 a month...\$10 a month...\$5 a month...some more, some less, and thus underwrote TWENTY-FIVE STATIONS FOR ONE YEAR! Thank God! (The volunteer Chairman of our Greater Miami Christian Crusade Committee, Dr. Maylon Watkins, Pastor, Metropolitan Baptist Church, called me this week to tell me that Miamians will underwrite an additional 25 stations...making 50 stations underwritten there alone.) Birmingham Crusaders underwrote 17 stations at \$40 a month for a full year at a great Rally there.

God is moving. People are realizing the URGENCY of our message and the lateness of the hour...and they are doing, praying and giving. This is indeed the secret for victory in this battle against anti-Christ forces. (I am enclosing clippings from Miami, St. Augustine and Dothan newspapers to show you the enthusiasm generated in these communities this month by our Rallies. We know that God is using your Christian Crusade more today than all the yesterdays combined.)

Dear friends, we need help. While I am on the road getting these new stations underwritten, please be faithful with your financial support by mail. Our mail is down again. Come on, folks...please, please stand with us in this battle for Christ's sake. We are fighting to preserve the Christian testimony and for the lives and freedom of our children and grandchildren. Stand with me. Stand up for America! Give...give...give. Even if you have to borrow, place as much as you can in our hands this month to do battle for God and country on your behalf.

Our Anti-Communist University at Manitou Springs, Colorado, will open for its summer sessions June 7. Dedicated youth will be coming to the Rocky Mountains from all over the land to be trained to do battle with us in this Christ vs. anti-Christ war. We need scholarships (\$100 pays for their room, board, tuition and text books for a two-week session) to give to deserving young people who earnestly want to attend but must have help. Oh, dear friends, help us influence these youths with training that will make them leaders for God and country on their high school and college campuses.

I am convinced that by radio this year we can encourage enough Christians to destroy the monstrous National Council of Churches' machine by withdrawing their financial support of this outfit and pulling their churches out en masse. (In the last few days 50 Louisiana Presby-

erian Churches and 25 Missions' Disciples' Churches have been cut out of the National Council.) Our only hope is to reach uninformed Americans with the truth. That's our job. Our broadcasts are TRUTH broadcasts with proven impact. Help us reach out...reach additional millions...Stand with us now.

on receipt of the biggest gift you can rush to Christian Crusade, Tulsa 2, Oklahoma, right now, I want to send you a tremendous package of vital material: (1) the above-mentioned report on the Civil Rights Bill; (2) the recommended "Reading List" of the National Council of Churches which it suggests as "safe for children", which actually recommends books by known communist and pro-communist authors such as Herbert Aptheker (editor of the communist "Political Affairs" monthly magazine), W.E.B. DuBois (founder of NAACP and admitted Communist Party member), DuBois' wife, Shirley Graham, and that author of the blasphemous poems "Good-bye Christ" and "Put One More 'S' In the U.S.A.", Langston Hughes (the NCC recommends nine of his books, more than any other author); (3) a full-length book by a great Constitutional lawyer, Earl Lively, entitled "The Mississippi Invasion", undoubtedly one of the most factual presentations of the liberals' declared war on the South and the shameful mistreatment of a great American, Edwin A. Walker, by, I'm afraid, a politically-motivated Attorney General.

is so vital that I hear from you within the next few days...Dig deep into your pocket for contribution to Christian Crusade this month...We are moving forward, but the whole movement could well be destroyed by lack of sacrificial support of all...Send \$1,000 if you can, \$500, \$400, \$300, \$200, \$100, \$50, \$40, \$25, \$20, \$10, \$5, \$4, \$3, \$2, or \$1...Do the best you can, but do it quickly. Enclosed is an envelope...Please rush it back with your gift to our Tulsa address. (Be sure and ask for the MAY OFFER or fill in the enclosed coupon and return it with your gift.)

member, this is "letter month"...please, please, let us hear from everyone on our mailing list this one time, and I am, in Christ,

Your Partner in Awakening,

Billy James Hargis
Billy James Hargis

Underline II Chronicles 7:14 in your Bible...this is God's prescription for TOTAL VICTORY!

Churches Fuel Racial Uproar

(Reprinted from The Shreveport (La.) Journal)

Citizens of Mississippi have been warned to expect a bloody assault upon their state this summer by the National Council of Churches, the World Council of Churches, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the Student Non-Violent Co-ordinating Committee and other integrationist, race-agitating groups.

The National Council of Churches has announced it will send a "task force" of men and money into the Mississippi Delta to wage war on what it describes as "persistent" poverty and racial injustice. The Delta project will call for a tentative annual budget of \$250,000, with the National Council paying for 50 per cent of the cost and the World Council picking up the tab for the remaining 50 per cent. Officials of the National Council of Churches are entering into this project with the frank acknowledgment that

they expect to become involved — on the Negroes' side — in clashes between white and Negro residents of Mississippi.

Complementing this racial agitation will be what The Harvard Crimson — Harvard University's daily newspaper — has described

as an invasion by militant young Negroes of the NAACP and SNCC. In its issue of March 11, The Crimson attributes to Claude Weaver, SNCC worker and Harvard student recently released from jail in Jackson, a statement that "Negroes might start killing the white people in Mississippi pretty soon."

"Yes," Weaver is quoted as saying, "if we wanted to get a small Mau Mau going, it wouldn't be difficult... Might be a nice summer project."

In an editorial of March 12, The Crimson speculates upon the coming invasion of Mississippi as follows:

"This summer will witness a mas-

sive, daring, probably bloody, assault on the racial barriers of Mississippi...

"The 1964 plan... calls for an invasion of 'over 1,000 Peace-Corps-type volunteers,' in order to 'shake Mississippi out of the Middle Ages.'"

So there you have it. There is the explanation of why the National Council of Churches is lobbying alongside the NAACP for passage of the infamous civil rights bill in the senate.

No longer content to sponsor such mild interracial activities as its annual observance of "Race Relations Sunday," the National Council of Churches now espouses an integration movement which it expects to end in violence.

If your church is a member of the NCC, part of every church donation you make will be used to finance this racial strife. Is this what you want?

THE DOTHAN EAGLE

South Turns Down Bait On Jury Trial



Dr. Hargis Flays War On South

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Methodists Aim For Integration

The Miami Herald

Local News

Section B

Addie Taylor Had 9 Days to Live

ADDIE TAYLOR, 72, of 1215 N. W. 1st St., Miami, died last night after a long illness. She was born in 1887 and was a member of the First Baptist Church. Her husband, John Taylor, died in 1945. She is survived by two sons, John and William, and two daughters, Mary and Elizabeth.



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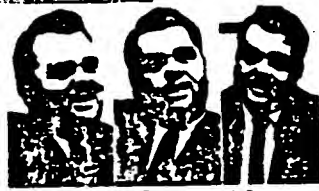
Five Arrested in Delivery Of The 'Whisky-to-Agency'

King of Jordan Yarns On Cape

Resignations Split Jax Biracial Unit



Evangelist Pushes 'Hard Sell' For God and the Hard Right



NCC Portrays Christ As Clown?

"IMPOSSIBLE!", no group would portray our Lord as a clown!

This would be the normal reaction of most Christians after hearing Dr. Billy James Hargis lash out at the National Council of Churches before 300 residents of St. Augustine and St. Johns County last night.

Hargis told the astonished crowd that in the new \$4,000,000 display placed in the New York World's Fair by the NCC, a film continually shown, called "Parable", portrays Jesus Christ as a clown.

PROTEST LODGED

The head of the governing body of the World's Fair lodged a protest with the NCC, according to Dr. Hargis, which was answered with: "The NCC doesn't feel that the World's Fair Committee has the right to tell us what we can show in our exhibit."

If Dr. Hargis' information is correct, (and we have no reason to doubt that it is), then all Christians and churches had better re-examine their roles within the National Council of Churches. Hargis brought out that the NCC op-

through various Protestant denominations in our country.

You may or may not agree with Dr. Billy James Hargis' approach to the NCC's many failing and pro-communistic leanings, however, you owe it to your church and yourself to hear what he has to say. Regardless of approach the important fact is that Christians be advised that there are shortcomings within the structure, doctrine and philosophy of the National Council of Churches, and that immediate steps are taken to do something about it.

FOR THE RESIDENTS OF HASTINGS who have an opportunity tonight to hear Dr. Hargis talk on the NCC we urge you to attend, regardless of your faith or religious conviction.

For residents of St. Johns County who missed Dr. Hargis' talk at the Mark Lance Armory last night . . . we urge you to take the short ride to Hastings tonight to hear this message.

A good American, Christian, and Floridian, by necessity must be an informed individual. BILLY JAMES HARGIS HAS

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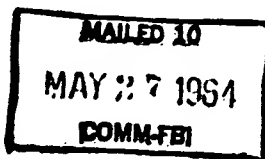
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Enclosed is some literature I hope will be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director



Enclosures (4)

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"Faith in God--Our Answer To Communism"

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May 20, 1964

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

Dear Sir:

As you know the National Council of Churches, because of its official position concerning civil liberties, racial equality, and other statements, is often called "Communistic in nature" or "communist infiltrated." Could you share with us what information your office may have concerning the results of investigations made of the Council concerning communist infiltration? Some responsible answer to these charges would be greatly appreciated by our group.

Thanking you for your help I am

Sincerely yours,

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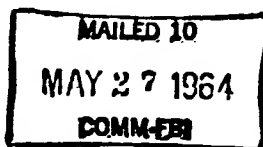
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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of May 24th has been received.

With respect to your inquiry, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. I regret I am unable to be of help in this instance but trust you will understand the necessary reasons for this policy. It is hoped that you will not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the National Council of Churches or the World Council of Churches.

Enclosed is some literature I hope will be of interest.



Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
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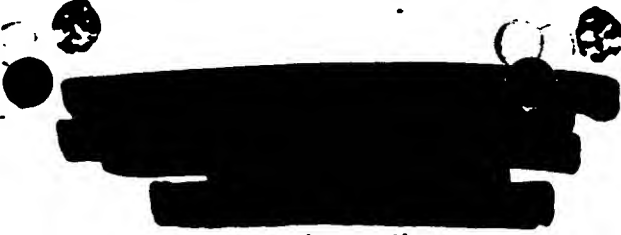
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May 24, 1964

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

Gentlemen:

If you have made any study at all of the World Council of Churches and the National Council of Churches I would appreciate a pamphlet or any information in any form on your findings.

The National Council is being attacked, I feel in an unfair manner, and I need to know all that I can about the sub-versive activities, if there be any, in connection with the National Council.

Any help that you can give me will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



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May 22, 1964

Dear [REDACTED]

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

With respect to your inquiries, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with the regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. I regret I am unable to be of help in this instance but trust you will understand the necessary reasons for this policy. It is hoped you will not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the National Council of Churches and the Committee of Christian Laymen, Inc., of Woodland Hills.

With regard to the document you mentioned, it is suggested you may wish to contact the Chairman, House Committee on Un-American Activities, Room 225, Cannon House Office Building, Washington, D. C. 20515.

Enclosed is some literature I trust will be of interest, along with the material you forwarded.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
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NOTE: Correspondent and Christian Current Event Study Groups are not identifiable in Bufiles. Enclosure was a flyer of the Committee of Christian Laymen, Inc., of Woodland Hills, which is affiliated with the American Coalition of Patriotic Societies, Inc., which is well known for its "rightest type" literature.

TRUE COPY

May 18

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director of the Federal Bureau
of Investigation.
Dear Mr. Hoover

As a true and loyal American who loves our Country and freedom very much have been attending Christian Current Event Study Groups. In these study groups we have been told that some clergymen in the Nation Council of Churches were Communist. I have reports on this that are supposed to be documented facts. I have tried so hard to get proof of this but so far have not been able to get any. I even ordered two Government Documents from Washington DC. but didn't get them. So I'm writing to you as my only hope of getting the proof. Will you please write me and tell me if this report I'm sending you is true. Also where can I get this document "Investigation of Communist Activities in the New York Area". Part 5 House Committee on Un-American Activities. And what would be the price.

Mr. Hoover please answer this soon. I just don't want to be brain washed. It's so important to me to know the truth. K

Thanking you in advance

Sincerely Yours



P. S. I would like to have the report returned

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director of the Federal Bureau
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Dear Mr. Hoover

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two Government documents to
from Washington D.C. but
didn't get them. So I'm
writing to you as my
only hope of getting the
proof. Will you please
write me and tell me
if this report I'm sending
you is true. Also where
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Thanking you in advance

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The Communist Party Praises The Stand of Its Affiliate Of The National Council of Churches of Christ

The statement is a complete and exact copy as taken from *The Worker*, an official publication of the Communist Party issue of October 20, 1963.

"The International Convention of the Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ) is deserving of the highest praise by all democratic Americans for warning its 2,000,000 members against the Ultra-Rightists, who use Anti-Communism to carry out their reactionary aims. But the Church leaders did more than warn the members of their congregations. They issued a document telling them how to identify these enemies of the people. The church members were told to 'use the utmost discretion' with these groups which:

1. Accuse anybody who disagrees with them of being Communists, pro-Communists, dupes of Communists, planks, and who claim any thing they disapprove of is part of Worldwide Communist plot.
2. Claim that all problems facing the world today are being caused by Jews, Catholics or Negroes.
3. Support segregation and racism.
4. Slander leaders of local Churches, Church agencies or the National Council of Churches.
5. Insist that their own economic philosophy is the only Christian one.

The guidelines set up by the Disciples of Christ for identifying the Ultra-Right will be useful for all Americans in dealing with such elements." (So says the Communist Party, U.S.A.)

The Communist Party apparently feel that the position stated above also represents the position of the National Council of Churches inasmuch as J. Irwin Miller, president of the National Council of Churches is a member of Disciples of Christ.

Can you imagine a Church organization with some 2,000,000 members not even mentioning the danger of Communism which in process of enslaving one-third the world's population has killed an estimated 60,000,000 people in Europe and Asia. Not only that they have echoed the words of Gus Hall, head of the Communist Party in the United States, who said:

"The danger to the U.S. is from the F.B.I., the Ultra-Right and Militarists" — *The Worker* (10-23-62).

The Above Statement Follows The Communist Party Line.

Not for one moment do we believe that the 2,000,000 members of *Disciples of Christ* would approve the above statement if they had had an opportunity to vote on it individually by secret ballot. The chances are that about 1,999,000 of the members did not know that a handful of their leaders were even taking such action. The action of the convention should be repudiated, President Kennedy has been assassinated since first printing.

Eighty-one Communist Parties of the world met in Moscow and on December 5, 1960 they issued a *Communist Manifesto*. This *Manifesto* called for the destruction of the growing *Anti-Communist* movement. They specifically called for complete elimination of *Anti-Communist* programs in schools, the military and from public meetings. The *Manifesto* equate *Socialism* with *Communism* as different phases of the same movement. One suggestion was to lump together all opponents of *Communism* (mild or tough) and brand them with such objectional labels as *Right Wing Extremists*, *Ultra-Rightists*, *Fascists*, *Birchers*, *McCarthyites*, etc. if you wish the whole story secure from U.S. Government printing office the pamphlet "*The New Drive Against The Anti-Communist Program* (a report of hearings before the Committee on The Judiciary United States Senate — released July 11, 1961.).

Prominent N.C.C. Clergymen Honor Identified Communist

On October 15, 1963 a birthday party was held at Carnegie Hall to honor Dr. Harry F. Ward, an identified Communist, who wrote the "*Social Creed*" first used by both the *Methodist Church* and by the *Federal Council of Churches* predecessor to the *National Council of Churches*. According to *Tocsin* — leading west coast *Anti-Communist* weekly, such notables as Dr. John Bennett, Bishop James Baker, Bishop John Wesley Lord, Dr. John A. MacKay, Bishop Walter Mitchell, Bishop Edgar A. Love, Rev. Henry Hitt Crane, Rev. Edward L. Peet, Dr. Ralph Seckman and many, many others were among the sponsors. *The Worker*, Communist publication, of October 15, 1963, states:

"Dr. Ward is a link between the Christian Socialist preachers of the late 19th century, who sought to end the Churches neutrality in the class struggle (or subservience to the capitalists) and the pastors of the 20th century, who have joined in humanity's struggle for peace and a decent life of brotherhood. Many Christian ministers who cast their lot with mankind were inspired and taught by Dr. Ward. He mobilized the Churches in support of the Unionists. He helped set up the American Civil Liberties Union in 1920, becoming its first chairman. He became a firm advocate of friendship with the Soviet Union. We are going to be at Carnegie Hall this Tuesday evening, October 15 to wish this grand man many more birthdays. We (the Communists) are sure we will see you there." (Secure our Pub. 70 for a complete report on Dr. Harry F. Ward).

The National Council of Churches is indebted to this, identified Communist, for its *Social Gospel* according to testimony by Joseph Z. Kornfeder. (See our Pub. No. 70). A Communist writer in *The Worker* of July 10, 1962 sees little difference between the position of *Social Gospel* clergy and the Communists. He states:

"They (the Clergy) 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?"

The headline in *The Worker* of October 22, 1963 is: "*Churchmen Assail Move to Water Civil Rights Bill*". The first sentence under the headline states: "*The National Council of Churches of Christ* last week called on the Kennedy administration, etc." After reading the above is it any wonder that the Communist Party praises an organization with 40,000,000 members which is doing so much to further Communist objectives? The above is N.C.C. thinking; is it also yours? If such thinking is truly representative of N.C.C.'s 40,000,000 membership then this nation will fall to the Soviets by 1973 as Khrushchev has predicted. It is up to the man in the pew.

Copies mailed to the F.B.I. and the House Committee on Un-American Activities

COMMITTEE OF CHRISTIAN LAYMEN INC. OF WOODLAND HILLS
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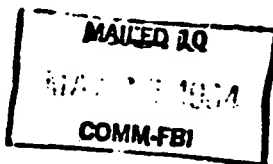
Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of May 16th has been received and I want to thank you for your generous remarks concerning my administration of the FBI. It is hoped that our future endeavors will continue to merit your support and approval.

With respect to your inquiries, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. I regret I am unable to be of help in this instance but trust you will understand the necessary reasons for this policy. It is hoped you will not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the organizations or individual you mentioned. You may be assured, however, that this Bureau has not issued a statement either in support of or against the National Council of Churches.

Enclosed is some literature I trust will be of interest.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover



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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

In recent year we have been hearing more & more from various groups and organizations concerning the National Council of Churches being infiltrated with Communist, supporting communist causes and subversive groups. Sir, as a member of the Methodist church, a Christian and a Patriotic American, I am requesting your department's help, for myself and some of the members of my Church, in answer to the following questions.

1. Is the National Council of Churches infiltrated with known communist or communist sympathizers?
2. Are they known to have supported communist causes or subversive groups which are not acting in the best interest of the United States Government?
3. Is Harry F. Ward a known communist and is he now or has he ever been connected with the National Council of Churches?
4. Is it true that the Federated Council of Churches was branded subversive by Navy Intelligence in 1935?
5. Have you ever stated publicly that the National Council was a subversive organization?

We are deeply concerned over this situation and will greatly appreciate any information or suggestions you may offer.

I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank you for your lifetime of service and devotion to our Country. It is my opinion that there are few living Americans today that have the love and respect of all our Citizens as you have and truly you deserve it.

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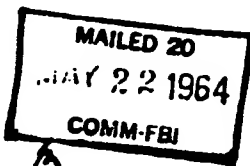
May 22, 1964

Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of May 18th, with enclosures, has been received.

With respect to your inquiry, a representative of this Bureau did talk to a group of church leaders such as quoted in the article you forwarded; however, they were not given any information from our files to substantiate their conclusions. Data in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. Therefore, I trust you will understand why we did not furnish any information to this group, and our inability to furnish such data should not be used as the basis for inferring either that we do or do not support their views. Any conclusions drawn by them were strictly their own.

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



Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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NOTE: No derogatory information appears in Bufiles concerning correspondent. Her enclosures pertained to the obvious public controversy concerning the infiltration by communists. The article she referred to quoted the Episcopal group as meeting with a representative of the FBI and were not able to discover any data which would support the charges against the National Council of Churches. This organization and controversy are well known in Bufiles.

May 18, 1964

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

The Aiken, S. C. UNITED CHURCH WOMEN unwittingly opened "Pandora's Box" by issuing an invitation to one of the local churches to join our organization.

Apparently, one of the objections to joining with us was that it is an integrated group. One of the reasons given was that the NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES has been accused of being infiltrated by communists.

Another incident which added to the furor was a newspaper article telling of Dr. Charles S. Poling's announcement of his withdrawal from the United Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. Dr. Poling also insinuated that the National Council of Churches is overrun with communists.

The John Birch Society has an active chapter in Aiken and I have been told that Mr. Jackson, author of the second letter enclosed is a member. I have not confirmed his membership in the John Birch Society, however. These letters appeared in our local newspaper, "The Aiken Standard And Review", recently.

I am White, a Southerner and a Protestant. I feel that the report of my denomination (Presbyterian U.S.) as stated in the official magazine, "The Presbyterian Survey", (quoted in letter #1) is a fair presentation of the benefits to be gained by being a member church of the National Council of Churches. I believe the report also revealed that the study of possible communist infiltration of the N.C.C. conducted by the Episcopal Church, determined such an allegation to be false.

I think it is crucial for our country to maintain its opposition to communism and I am convinced that it is vital to the life of The Church to extend its witness to all men even when such a witness may entail unpopularity or sacrifice.

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Can you or your Department help us in clarifying this question? We realize that it is futile to attempt to change the opinions of extreme rightists who are seldom objective about any issue, but there are many sincere persons who are confused by the controversy. The excerpts quoted in Mr. Jackson's letter (enclosure #2) from the hearings before the Committee on Unamerican Activities, House of Representatives, 86th. Congress, 2nd. session, February 25th., 1960, are especially puzzling to many of us.

CORRESPONDENCE
Sincerely,

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Open Forum

Editor
Aiken Standard and Review
Aiken, South Carolina

Dear Sir:

In your April 30, 1964 issue, you published in your Open Forum Column a letter from Mr. Harry A. Hardt, Clerk of Session, South Aiken Presbyterian Church and an article from Presbyterian Survey. Both the letter and article was very misleading concerning certain statements regarding to the infiltration of Communist influence in related church groups and certain issues concerning the Air Reserve Training Manual of 1960. The letter and article was high on opinions but very short on facts and documented evidence from authoritative sources.

The letter and article claimed that political extremists gave insinuations that Communism had infiltrated the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States and other church groups. The truth: Page 1303 of "Issues Presented By Air Reserve Center Training Manual," Hearing before the Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, Eighty-Sixth Congress, Second Session, February 25, 1960 states: "...Thus far of

the leadership of the National Council of Churches of Christ in America, we've found over 100 persons in leadership capacity with either Communist-front records or records of service to Communist causes. The aggregate affiliations of the leadership, instead of being in the hundreds as the Chairman (Chairman Walter of the House Committee on Un-American Activities) first indicated, is now, according to our latest count, into the thousands, and we have yet to complete our check, which would certainly suggest, on the basis of the authoritative sources of this Committee, (House Committee on Un-American Activities) that the statement that there is infiltration of fellow travelers in churches and educational institutions is a complete under-statement."

During his March 6, 1961, testimony before a House of Representatives Sub-Committee on Appropriations, Mr. J. Edgar Hoover stated: "They (the Communists) have infiltrated every conceivable sphere of activity: youth groups, television, radio and motion picture industries, church and school, educational and cultural groups, the press, nationality minority groups and civil and political units." Please note, Mr. Hoover said "every conceivable sphere of activity," including the church. Yet, the editors of Presbyterian Survey had the audacity to quote the Episcopal report declares, "The members of our study committee met with personnel of the House Committee on Un-American Activities and the F.B.I. but were not able to discover any fact or record that would support such charges. We conclude they are false."

The Presbyterian Survey claimed the Air Force apologized for the existence of the Air Reserve Training Manual. However, in testimony before the House Committee on Un-American Activities on February 25, 1960, Secretary of the Air Force Dudley C. Sharp testified that "we have not in the Air Force apologized to Mr. Wine that I know of," in Page 1221 of hearing. Mr. Wine being the associate General Secretary of the National Council of Churches.

General Lloyd P. Hopwood, Director of Personnel Procurement and Training on the staff of the United States Air Force, was asked by Mr. Richard Arens, Staff Director of the House Committee on Un-American Activities "General, did you then, or do you now, repudiate the essence of this paragraph which is to the effect that there has been infiltration of fellow-travelers in churches and educational institutions and attributed to authoritative sources? General Hopwood. "No, sir, I do not repudiate the validity of the sources." Page 1298.

Page 1304 of the Hearing by the House Committee on Un-American Activities we read: Mr. Arens, "Am I absolutely clear and is the record clear, that you are not now nor did you at any time intend a repudiation of the validity of the material attributed to this committee, attributed to the FBI or other intelligence agencies, which is quoted herein respecting Communist infiltration in churches and infiltration by fellow travelers in church groups? Secretary Sharp. "That is correct."

I think the documented record speaks for itself.

Sincerely,
Jack Jackson

Open Forum

Editor
Aiken Standard & Review
Aiken, South Carolina

Dear Sir:

In your April 16, 1964 issue, you published an article under the headline "Dr. Poling Withdraws From United Presbyterian Church" on page 8B. The article particularly attacks the National Council of Churches (NCC) to whom the United Presbyterian Church - U. S. A. (Northern Presbyterian) gives support. The article speaks of the Church uniting with the forces of evil and estimates that the NCC is infiltrated with Communists.

The Presbyterian Church US (Southern Presbyterian) also gives support to the NCC. The General Assembly, the highest court of the Presbyterian Church has stated that, although it does not agree with some of the policies of the NCC, it feels the organization is performing a worthwhile function.

The Session of the South Aiken Presbyterian Church has discussed this article and its possible influence on those who read it. To give your readers the opportunity to better understand the NCC and its work, we request that the enclosed article from the April, 1964 issue of Presbyterian Survey, the official magazine of the Presbyterian Church U. S., be published in the Aiken Standard and Review in its entirety.

Yours truly,
Harry A. Hardt, Clerk of Session
South Aiken Presbyterian Church

★ ★ WHAT OUR CHURCH DOES IN THE NCC

(From Presbyterian Survey)
The Presbyterian Church US became a member of the National Council of Churches when it was organized in 1950, replacing the old Federal Council of Churches to which the Presbyterian Church US had also belonged.

The NCC is governed by official representatives appointed by the 31 member denominations. It is not a church but a council of churches which exists independently. It functions through four divisions: home missions, foreign missions, Christian education, and Christian life and work. Staff personnel of our denomination's boards and agencies, with corresponding responsibilities in each of these staff personnel.

In the early years the NCC was financed by contributions from individuals, corporations, and foundations, as well as member churches. Now member churches are the chief source of support. Requests are made to the member churches for support of both of the general program and the work of divisions and departments.

Currently, the Presbyterian Church US contributes to the total program of NCC through General Assembly's budget; it also contributes to the work of the departments and divisions through its own corresponding agencies - e. g., the \$2,500 for the \$20,000 stewardship movie mentioned above.

Missionary outreach
"Our overseas missionary work would be badly crippled if we were not related to the NCC's Division of Foreign Missions," says Dr. T. Wilson Street, execu-

tive secretary of the Board of World Missions in Nashville, citing the following examples:

In the field of mass communications, one-third of the human race can be reached by the Radio Voice of the Gospel, a radio network opened in February 1963 in Ethiopia by the NCC. This network beams the gospel to more than 30 Asian and African nations in various languages every hour of the day and night. This is an expensive undertaking which our church simply could not assume alone. But cooperatively, we carry on such a program through RAVEMOCO, the NCC agency for mass communications.

Last year we contributed relief in the name of Christ to more than 50 nations. We simply could not have an agent in every country of the world to respond quickly to an emergency. Such a program must be done cooperatively, and we do it through Church World Service, an NCC agency. In a world where two-thirds of the people go to bed hungry, this work of compassion is not to be lightly dismissed.

About 44 per cent of the world's population is illiterate. Through another NCC agency, the Committee on World Literacy and Christian Literature (LW-LC) we conduct literacy campaigns around the world; publish Christian magazines, books, and literature; train national writers, artists, and editors; and set up book-stores, bookmobiles, and lending libraries.

Cooperative planning for new, unreached areas is possible through membership in the NCC. Our Board of World Missions, for example, has been considering entering into a new field. Where? A church in Indonesia, a mission board in West Africa, and a church in Jamaica have sought our aid. How do we evaluate these various calls? Who will do the research to determine just where the world is best well off and where it is least well off from the standpoint of missionaries and mission resources? Suppose we want to open a hospital in Korea. Where do we secure the information about where hospitals are located or where there is no medical work? Further, who shall work out county agreements? All this takes cooperative planning made possible by the NCC.

Another factor in the production of cooperative missionary educational materials. We estimate that it would cost us another \$200,000 per year to produce the necessary teaching books and materials, films and filmstrips, for effective education if we could not work with the NCC.

We are also involved through our staff personnel. Many of our folks serve as chairmen of committees, writers of books for missionary education, or administrative. This is true of all of the boards and agencies of our denomination.

Through its membership in the National Council, our denomination has a part in cooperative home missions projects such as the effective ministry to migrants and the summer programs in national parks.

According to Dr. P. D. Miller,

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What Church Does In The NCC

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executive secretary of the Board of Church Extension, "Many things now being effectively done in our church were developed by other denominations and then shared with our representatives who hold membership in the NCC's Division of Home Missions, its Central Department of Evangelism, its Department of Missionary Education, and other program units."

Christian education

Dr. Marshall C. Dendy, executive secretary of the Board of Christian Education, points out that the denomination's affiliation with the NCC provides educational help and materials and "encourages our staff in ways we cannot find anywhere else."

Staff members receive training through conferences, camps, and schools where they meet with leaders from other denomination and study with some of the most capable instructors in the field of Christian education in the nation.

In this area, also, Presbyterianism seems to exert an influence far beyond their numerical strength in the nation as a whole. The impact of the Covenant Life Curriculum in the NCC has been tremendous, according to a Christian education leader from another denomination.

From the beginning, Presbyterian women have participated in the policy-making group, the Board of Managers, and have served as members of each of the several department committees of United Church Women, another NCC department.

"Leaders in Women's Work in the Presbyterian Church US were instrumental in organizing the United Council of Church Women, which was one of the thirteen organizations that went together to form the NCC in 1950," says Miss Evelyn Green, executive secretary of the Board of Women's Work.

Mrs. Murdoch Macleod was a member of the Presbyterian Board of Women's Work when she accepted a call to be general director of the NCC's United Church Women and still maintains her membership in the Presbyterian Church US.

Members of the Presbyterian staff have planned and written materials for interdenominational occasions such as World Day of Prayer, sponsored by United Church Women and observed by thousands of Presbyterian women along with other Christians around the world.

A recent study of the NCC by a commission of the Protestant Episcopal Church called attention to the diverse communions that work together in the National Council: "Many points of view must be considered in the council's planning, and many traditions must be represented as it does its work. In the nature of things, it is not a neat and tidy organization; it is a parts-lar-ge part-of the visible Church of Christ as it exists today, bewildering in its changes are made constantly for better coordination of its activities. Its officers solicit the views and criticisms of the member churches as they continue to reappraise structure, program, policies, and procedure."

Some of the problems of the NCC have been inherent with its newness. Although widely divergent churches have been able to subscribe to its philosophy and purpose, there have been "growing pains" as the churches learned from experience what authority and functions they could assume together.

One of those growing pains has been administrative. Because the departments and divisions have raised most of their own budgets and have been directed by departmental and division committees rather tenuously related to the General Board and the General Assembly, they have been controlled in only the most general way by those policy-setting representative bodies. A recently adopted plan of reorganization is expected to correct this snarl.

Another growing pain has been public relations problem created by various study groups whose conclusions have been seized as representative of the NCC, despite repeated official attempts to make clear that study groups held under NCC auspices are composed of people sent by mem-

ber denominations, and that such groups, by their very nature, must be free to consider all issues and draw their own conclusions reached by study groups believe that, in the future, will appear more often as study and findings papers and less in the guise of authoritative-type pronouncements.

In 1960 the NCC came under widespread criticism because of charges of communism made in a U S Air Force manual, later withdrawn with apologies to the NCC. Since that time, charges of communism have been made or insinuated by political extremists. The Episcopal report, quoted above, declares, "The members of our study committee met with personnel of the House Committee on Un-American Activities and the F. B. I. but were not able to discover a fact or record that would support such charges. We conclude they are false."

Occasionally, literature produced by the NCC comes under fire in various places. But it is repeatedly pointed out that member denominations are not compelled to use the literature. As a matter of ironic fact, some of the books most roundly criticized in the South have been written by Presbyterians US!

Dr. Dendy, summarizing Presbyterian participation in the NCC, said: "We are strengthened by the consciousness of this fellowship with our brethren in Christ...We desire...to contribute our influence and services to the strengthening of the total work to which we as a church are committed."

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Your letter of May 15th has been received.

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Enclosed is some literature I trust you will find of interest.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Dear Mr. Hoover-

We are having a hard struggle in the deep South with a strong anti-clerical feeling from the laymen. Much of the venom now is on the National Council of Churches which they claim is full of Communism and teaching the youth of this country this philosophy.

Could you give me any kind of report from your department on The National Council of Churches. I certainly would be most grateful.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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Enclosed is a copy of the list of organizations which have been designated as subversive by the Department of Justice pursuant to Executive Order 10450, along with other literature I trust will be of interest.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director



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List of Subversive organizations
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May 13, 1964

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

I am in the process of doing research on the subject of communist infiltration into the National Council of Churches. Could you please inform me as to the present status of this organization in comparison to that of 1960 when the Air Force Manual warned that communists, their dupes and sympathizers had taken over its leadership.

If there are any government publications that would help me in this research I would appreciate knowing of them.

Also, do you have available a list of so-called communist "front organizations"? If so, may I please have a copy?

Your candid answers to the above questions will be most appreciated.

Thank you.

Sincerely,


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

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director



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May 13, 1964

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
9th Street at Pennsylvania Ave.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I served as [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] to the 104th General Assembly of the Presby-
terian Church in the United States, meeting at Montreat,
North Carolina, April 23-28, 1964.

One of the actions taken by this Assembly was to strongly support the continued membership of our denomination in the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. Since returning home from the Assembly I have received numerous comments from my fellow Presbyterians expressing their disapproval of our church's continued membership in an organization that had been denounced by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

I will appreciate it very much, sir, if you will tell me of your opinion of the National Council of Churches and whether or not, as a result of an investigation by your department, that there is any basis to the charges that the Council is either communist influenced or infiltrated with members, or ex-members of the Communist Party, or other organizations sympathetic to the Communist movement.

This is a matter of serious concern to all Christians, and one that I feel should be discussed discreetly by all of us and with especial care that the statements we make are well supported by fact.

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Sincerely yours, [REDACTED]

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of May 12th, with enclosure, has been received.

With respect to your inquiries, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with the regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. I regret I am unable to be of help in this instance but trust you will understand the necessary reasons for this policy. It is hoped you will not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the National Council of Churches.

With regard to Dan Smoot, he was employed by the FBI as a Special Agent from March 23, 1942, until June 15, 1951, when he voluntarily resigned. His personal ventures and his opinions and comments are strictly his own and this Bureau is unable to comment on these in any way whatsoever.

Enclosed is some literature I trust will be of interest.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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

Dear Sir:

I would appreciate information about the
National Council of Churches. Do you consider it to be infiltrated
c communists.

This Dan Smoot Report seems to be pretty well
documented.

What is your opinion of this particular Dan Smoot
Report & The Dan Smoot Report generally.

Thank you for any information that you can give me.

Yours very truly,

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

In a speech at Grand Rapids, Michigan, on January 6, 1964, Senator Barry Goldwater, saying that a "mind fed by communism" produced the assassination of President Kennedy, declared:

"To anyone who blames America for the tragedy which struck in Dallas, I say you libel our people and purposely misread our politics. It was not a mind nurtured by American philosophy that turned to violence

"Mark this well — the day we permit anyone to equate protest with hate, we will set the stage for one-party tyranny and the end of open debate. To anyone who says that honest opposition breeds hatred, I say you lie — that you pervert the very basis of our government."⁽¹⁾

America urgently needs leadership which expresses such wholesome national pride and such simple, forthright accuracy in evaluating momentous events. Compare the tone of Goldwater's remarks — in a fund-raising political speech — with that found in the pronouncements of America's "religious" leaders just a month before, when the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. met in its Sixth General Assembly at Philadelphia, December 1 to 7, 1963.

Much of the speech-making at the Assembly was devoted to commentary on the assassination of President Kennedy. J. Irwin Miller, retiring President of the National Council, said:

"And now in this last shocking week, like birds of ill-omen, all our fears, our unharnessed hates, our selfishness which we have tried to rename 'Liberty' — they have all come home in one dreadful act, and have forced us to our knees in shame"⁽²⁾

In a formal "Message To The Churches," the Sixth General Assembly of the National Council of Churches said:

"With the loss of our President we see . . . the disclosure of mounting hatreds in the nation which threaten our very structure as a democracy In recent days we have looked up on the incredible horror of hate in our nation the full extent of which remains unknown Surely we are under the judgment of God."⁽³⁾

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The Reverend Dr. Franklin A. Littell (official of the National Council who has a communist-front record) alleged that criticism of the National Council comes from "America's spiritual underworld" and compared it with "attacks" which can be found in communist newspapers and in the "captive press under the Nazis."⁽⁴⁾

The "racial question" in the United States was the principal topic of discussion and action at the National Council's Sixth General Assembly. The Assembly endorsed all provisions of the proposed Civil Rights Act of 1963, including specifically the controversial "public accommodations" section. It demanded that Congress "take every step necessary" to pass the Bill. It urged all Christians to write, call, or telegraph their Representatives; and it sent busloads of Assembly delegates to call on U. S. Representatives in Washington and demand speedy vote on the measure.⁽⁵⁾

The National Council of Churches represents church organizations whose total lay membership is estimated at 40 million. The implication is that 40 million American Christians approve of lobbying, on the part of their churches, for the Civil Rights Bill.⁽⁶⁾ The implication is false. The National Council of Churches utilizes the prestige of 40 million American Christians and of their churches, but does not express their will. It expresses the will of officials who control the National Council. Indeed, many activities of the Council are objectionable, if not repulsive, to the millions of Americans whose church donations help support the Council.

The Council Created Itself

The Federal Council of Churches was organized in 1908. By the middle thirties, it was so heavily infiltrated with communists that the Office of Naval Intelligence branded it a subversive group.⁽⁷⁾

By 1950, pro-communist extremism in the Council was so apparent that the organization

was losing public support. A change of name—but not of policy leadership—was effected. In November, 1950, the Federal Council merged with 7 other church organizations⁽⁸⁾ and formed the National Council of Churches. The old Federal Council leaders became the leaders of the National Council. The Federal Council *Bulletin* for December, 1950, officially announced that "All the work of the Federal Council will continue under the new auspices."⁽⁹⁾

This "constituting convention" was held in Cleveland, Ohio. Delegates of 28 church denominations took their whole church families into the National Council. Thus, denominational churches with a total membership of something like 28 million people became members of the National Council of Churches by the arbitrary action of a few score delegates at the Cleveland convention. The question was never submitted to individual church congregations for approval or ratification. Today, the National Council represents the hierarchy of 33 cooperating Protestant and Eastern Orthodox denominations⁽¹⁰⁾ whose total lay membership is estimated at 40 million.

The Repulsive

In 1957, the department of racial and cultural relations of the National Council of Churches published a 40-page pamphlet entitled "The Negro American—A Reading List." It was a recommended reading list of 240 books for church people—both children and adults.

On April 20, 1960, United States Representative Donald L. Jackson (Republican, California) discussed the National Council's reading list in a speech to the House. Some books on the list contain passages so filthy that Mr. Jackson, in deference to good taste, refused to put sample passages into the *Congressional Record*. He told of a California housewife who, trying to alert other adults, quoted passages from some of the books, but was told by Postal officials that the material was too obscene to mail. Mr. Jackson did, however, discuss a few of the authors:

(1) One of Victor Perlo's books is on the National Council's reading list. The book was published in 1953 by International Publishers, major communist book-publishing firm in the United States. Victor Perlo, a communist, was at one time head of a Soviet espionage group inside the U. S. Government.⁽¹⁰⁾

(2) One of Herbert Aptheker's books is on the National Council's list of recommended books for church people. Aptheker is one of the chief theoreticians of the communist party in the United States.⁽¹¹⁾

(3) The late W. E. B. Du Bois was for many years the leading negro communist in the United States, a hero of international communism. A few years before his death, Du Bois told an audience of Chinese communists, in Peking, that the United States is an enemy of Africa, saying, "Beware, Africa, America bargains for your soul." He urged Africans to "arise" and join the Soviet bloc. Commenting upon the trial of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg (Soviet spies), Du Bois said of the American people:

"We are the murderers hurling mud. We are the witchhunters drinking blood."⁽¹²⁾

In a poem praising communist China, Du Bois wrote these lines:

"Down then, religion and church . . . away myth and miracle, creed and dogma. Rejoice, honesty, God lives again! But not your God, Europe and America! Not that, not that; No Christ to kill, no faith to fan. What China worships is a man. A workingman."

One of W. E. B. Du Bois' books is on the National Council of Churches' list of "best" books "safe to recommend for children."

(4) Shirley Graham, wife of the late W. E. B. Du Bois, was also a leading American communist. The National Council of Churches' reading list recommends six of her books.⁽¹³⁾

(5) Gene Weltfish, who has an extensive communist front record, was dismissed from Columbia University in 1953 after she had accused the United States of waging germ warfare in Korea. The late Ruth Benedict also had an extensive communist record. A book by Weltfish and Benedict is on the National Council of Churches' recommended reading list.⁽¹⁴⁾

(6) Gunnar Myrdal is a Swedish socialist. His son is an official of the communist party in Sweden. Myrdal's book, *An American Dilemma*,

criticizes the United States Constitution as "impractical and ill-suited for modern conditions." It accuses the Founding Fathers of intrigue which made the "Constitutional Convention . . . nearly a plot against the common people." *An American Dilemma* is on the National Council of Churches' recommended reading list for American church people.⁽¹⁵⁾

(7) E. Franklin Frazier, a writer for communist publications who has been associated with dozens of communist fronts, has two books on the National Council of Churches' reading list. One of the two books—*The Negro In The United States*—has been favorably reviewed in at least two communist party newspapers, the *Daily Worker* and the *People's World*.⁽¹⁶⁾

(8) Alan Lomax has been associated with 15 or more communist fronts and has been active as an entertainer at communist meetings. A book by Alan and John Lomax is on the National Council of Churches' reading list.⁽¹⁷⁾

(9) Benjamin A. Botkin, who has been associated with 15 communist fronts, has one book on the National Council's reading list.⁽¹⁸⁾

(10) Langston Hughes, for years a leading communist,⁽¹⁹⁾ who wrote the blasphemous poem "Goodbye Christ," has 9 books on the National Council's reading list.⁽²⁰⁾

William Graham Cole wrote a pamphlet entitled *Called To Responsible Freedom: The Meaning of Sex In The Christian Life*. The Office of Publication and Distribution of the National Council of Churches (475 Riverside Drive, New York 27, New York) published the pamphlet in 1961 for The United Christian Youth Movement.

There are words in this National Council of Churches pamphlet which I will not, in respect to the good taste of my readers, repeat in my *Report*; but I have extracted enough to reveal not only a preoccupation with erotica, but a falsification of the meaning of Scriptures. The pamphlet is written as a dialogue between the author and a teenager, in a style and language which the author, apparently, considers suitable for American youth.

Here is some of the author's counsel to the im-

aginary teenager about sex and freedom and the Word of God:

"We are asking you to take a look at what the Bible has to say about this whole problem You may be surprised to discover how much sense this dusty old book makes. For instance, I am sure you think the Bible takes a dim view of sex in general — all that jazz about 'Thou shalt not' and anybody who even thinks about sex is already guilty. The fact is, however, that the Bible as a whole is not only strongly in favor of sex, but also surprisingly frank about it There is no suggestion anywhere that anyone should be celibate

"Jesus had his greatest difficulty with a group of characters known as Pharisees If they were around today (and some of them are!), they would have your relationships with the opposite sex regulated totally. Holding hands in the back seat of a theatre would be permitted as would a chaste good night kiss at the door, providing only the lips met without further bodily contact. You could neck in a parked car for six minutes and thirty seconds, but no longer, and there would be carefully detailed rules about what you could and could not do

"Well, both Jesus and the Apostle Paul were seeking to set men free from this sort of legalistic bondage

"You're being pulled in two directions today. One group says to you, 'Be free!' No rules, no holds barred, anything goes. On the other side, you are told, 'Be responsible!' Live according to the rules of society, the dictates of your parents, and the faith of your church. Now 'the Christian life' occupies a point in no-man's land between these two opposing camps. It says a yes and a no to both sides. For the Christian there are no laws, no rules, no regulations But this does not mean that the Christian is irresponsible, selfish, and capricious. He must always be concerned about the effect of his actions on those around him

"Do you think there are definite rules governing your behaviour on a date? If so, then you can stop right here. You have no problem. You know all the answers But if you are just a little bit unsure . . . then we can continue our discussion

"The trouble with most of society's codes of sexual morality is that they are almost entirely concerned with the group, forgetting about the needs and the problems of the individual

"Officially, Western civilization has for some

time now banned all sexual activity . . . before marriage and decreed that monogamous fidelity until death shall be the standard governing all men. It has tried to block irresponsible sexual activity by building up walls of guilt and shame and anxiety about the whole business, seeking to frighten the young into conformity with the rules. The net effect has been to make people feel that sex is 'dirty,' unclean, shameful — something nice people never discuss and seldom do except in strictest privacy and then primarily for purposes of parenthood.

"It is against this shadow of silence and shame that many a modern has revolted This revolt is, of course, correct. Sex is a God-given fact of nature

"Our culture declares that all sexual activity within marriage is legal, proper, and good, while any such activity outside marriage is illicit, sinful, and wrong. This is to ignore the personal dimension of life You and I know perfectly well that there are many marriages that are simply matters of convenience, that such sex as goes on within in them is selfish, exploitative, and evil. We know further that there is sexual contact between unmarried couples that is motivated by love and which is pure and on occasions beautiful

"The real essence of immorality, from the biblical standpoint, is for one human being to treat another as a thing and not as a person

"The crucial question to be asked about any sexual contact — from holding hands to complete intercourse — is not so much what is done as what is meant. A relatively mild necking session can mean a crude and selfish abuse of a person as a mere object while a more intense type of petting can mean that two human beings are expressing a genuine and deep love for each other. This is why the attempt to set up elaborate rules governing dating behaviour is so silly. Is it all right to hold hands but wrong to pet? Society seems to say so, but then society has only its external concern. It cares little or nothing for any motivation, only for results But as Christians we are very much concerned with inner motivation

"In the personal, individual sense, then, what justifies and sanctifies sexuality is not the external marital status of the people before the law but rather what they feel toward each other in their hearts. Measured in such a way, holding hands can be very wrong indeed while intimate sex-play can be right and good. . . .

"Christian freedom . . . involves inner transformation, a free acceptance of the law of love When you live by that law, there is no bondage and no struggle but spontaneous self-fulfillment You are not bound by detailed rules of behaviour, telling you it is 'all right' to go so far in expressing affection for a member of the opposite sex and all wrong to go farther. No one outside yourself can tell you that — not really. That is a decision you must make for yourself in each concrete situation. With one person it may be wrong to do anything at all because it would be false and cheap, while with another you may find yourself entering into a gradually deepening intimacy in which you discover yourself"

"You have got to make up your own mind, in the best light of your own conscience; what your own standards of conduct are going to be, and then do your best to live up to them. No one else can tell you. And face it, you may be wrong"

"The Christian faith is based on forgiveness, so this is not our real problem the Epistle to the Hebrews would have us continue to run the race, looking to Jesus the author and perfecter of our faith, rather than look back in remorse over the times that we stumble"

The Objectionable

There is probably no activity of the National Council of Churches more objectionable to most Americans than the Council's debunking of American patriotism and its relentless propaganda for a one-world socialist super-state which would eliminate not only the independence of our Republic but our identity as a nation.

Years before the Council adopted its present name, it was clearly on record as an advocate of reducing America to the status of a province in a socialist one-world.

On March 16, 1942, *Time* magazine reported the highlights of a report adopted by 375 delegates of the Federal Council of Churches attending a National Study Conference held that month at Ohio Wesleyan University. The report, submitted by the Commission to Study the Bases of a Just and Durable Peace, called for:

"Ultimately, 'a world government of delegated powers.' Complete abandonment of U. S. isolationism. Strong immediate limitations on national sovereignty. International control of all armies & navies. A universal system of money Worldwide freedom of immigration. Progressive elimination of all tariff and quota restrictions on world trade A 'democratically controlled' international bank 'to make development capital available in all parts of the world without the predatory and imperialistic aftermath so characteristic of large-scale private and governmental loans.'"

The conference concluded:

"Many duties now performed by local and national governments 'can now be effectively carried out only by international authority.' Individual nations . . . must give up their armed forces 'except for preservation of domestic order' and allow the world to be policed by an international army & navy"

"The ultimate goal: 'a duly constituted world government of delegated powers: an international legislative body, an international court with adequate jurisdiction, international administrative bodies with necessary powers, and adequate international police forces and provision for enforcing its worldwide economic authority.'"

Three years later — 1945 — the Federal Council of Churches was one of 42 national non-governmental organizations invited to send delegates to the international conference, at San Francisco, which founded the United Nations.⁽¹⁾ Support for the United Nations, and for efforts to "strengthen" and expand U N functions, has been a major policy goal of the National Council of Churches since the Council was formed.⁽²⁾ The UN represents a step toward a one-world socialist super-state, which is a primary goal of the Council (just as it is the primary goal of the international communist conspiracy).

The United Nations is a godless organization in which no Christian would ever be permitted to testify officially to the saving grace of Jesus Christ; in which no Jew would be permitted to expound the principles of his own religious faith. The governmental principles expressed in the

United Nations Charter are alien, and sharply inimical, to the governmental principles expressed in the American Constitution and Bill of Rights. Yet, large numbers of American Christians and Jews—and Americans of other faiths or of no faith—believe that the UN is a noble organization deserving praise and militant support. Responsibility for this wide-spread ignorance can be attributed in large measure to propaganda of the National Council of Churches (together with that of other "religious" organizations, Jewish and Catholic, which cooperate with the Council's political ecumenism).

National Council officials realize that mass support for world government can never be created in the United States until Americans abandon their *national* pride. Hence, debunking patriotism—subtly inculcating the notion that love of one's own country is somehow evil—is an insistent refrain in the National Council's pronouncements. This fact can be seen in speeches of Council officials at the December, 1963, meeting of the Sixth General Assembly. *America is a land of hate, violence, and bigotry, whose people have shown insufficient concern for the rest of the world*: this is a theme which can be found in major speeches to the Sixth General Assembly of the National Council of Churches.

Christians generally feel that their faith lays upon them a responsibility to share their material blessings—to give aid to others in need; but giving is an individual responsibility, which must be discharged voluntarily. The decision to give (when, how much, and to whom) must be made by the individual, prayerfully and in response to his own conscience. When the federal government confiscates the earnings of people for "giving" to someone else (at home or abroad) it not only violates the Constitution, but also robs individuals of the means of giving in response to conscience.

All of this should be obvious; but the National Council of Churches distorts the obvious. The Council supports every totalitarian welfare-state and foreign aid program, with the spurious argu-

ment that "we" as a nation have a Christian responsibility to help others less opulent. Some of the Council's most ludicrous misrepresentations of Scriptures are in its arguments for foreign aid. Note this passage from "The Message To The Churches" adopted by the Sixth General Assembly of the National Council:

"As churches, we must actively support the United Nations and adequate aid for developing nations . . . bearing in mind our Christian injunction to feed our enemies as well as our friends and neighbors."

Robbing Americans of the fruits of labor for aid to godless dictators abroad is a *Christian* commandment?

What To Do

The National Council of Churches is a powerful political and legislative lobby for socialism, hiding behind the facade of a Christian name. As a "religious" organization, it enjoys tax-exemption, which means, among other things, that contributions to the Council are tax deductible.

On page 7 of *Instructions for Preparing Your Federal Income Tax Return Form 1040 for 1963*, the Internal Revenue Service says that gifts to a religious or any other organization are not deductible for federal income tax purposes if the organization "conducts propaganda or otherwise attempts to influence legislation." Was the National Council not attempting to influence legislation in sending busloads of people to Washington to lobby for the Civil Rights Bill, and in urging all church people to lobby for it? If the Internal Revenue Service would apply, to the National Council of Churches, this rule which it enforces upon tax-paying citizens and other organizations, the National Council of Churches would die from want of revenue. The organization is not legally entitled to its tax-exempt status.

The people, through Congress, could compel the IRS to require National Council compliance with the Revenue Code; but it is unlikely that this will ever be done.

In a Resolution adopted by its Sixth General Assembly, the National Council of Churches urged all churches (in their corporate investments as well as in their purchasing and contracting) to institute an economic boycott against all business firms whose employment practices are not pleasing to officials of the National Council.⁽¹⁵⁾

Church members could use this same weapon of economic boycott. If your church supports the National Council, a portion of everything you give to your church goes to the Council. If all Church members who do not agree with policies of the National Council of Churches stopped their church giving until their churches withdrew from the Council, the National Council of Churches would probably die very soon, from lack of support. This can be done. In a small way, it has already been started.

You who want to help should make maximum effort to get copies of this *Report*, and similar material, into the hands of church people throughout the United States.

FOOTNOTES

- (1) AP dispatch from Grand Rapids, Mich., *The Dallas Morning News*, January 7, 1964, Section 1, p. 1
- (2) Press Release C-69 GA, National Council of Churches, December 7, 1963, 4 pp.

- (3) "The Message To The Churches, from the 6th General Assembly of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A.," December 6, 1963, 3 pp.
- (4) Press Release C-68 GA, National Council of Churches, December 6, 1963, 8 pp.
- (5) Press Release C-70 GA, National Council of Churches, December 7, 1963, 2 pp.
- (6) For detailed discussion of the Civil Rights Bill, see this *Report*, "Civil Rights Act of 1963," July 1, 1963
- (7) Remarks of U. S. Representative Clare E. Hoffman (R., Mich.), *Congressional Record* (daily), March 3, 1960, p. 3993-4
- (8) *The Encyclopedia Americana*, 1961 Edition, Volume XIX, p. 729
- (9) *The Triennial Report*, 1960, of the National Council of Churches lists the following 33 "Member Communions," on page 261:
 - 1) African Methodist Episcopal Church
 - 2) African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church
 - 3) American Baptist Convention
 - 4) American Evangelical Lutheran Church
 - 5) Armenian Church of America Diocese (including Diocese of California)
 - 6) Augustana Evangelical Lutheran Church
 - 7) Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ)
 - 8) Christian Methodist Episcopal Church
 - 9) Church of the Brethren
 - 10) The Evangelical United Brethren Church
 - 11) Five Years Meeting of Friends
 - 12) Greek Archdiocese of North and South America
 - 13) Hungarian Reformed Church in America
 - 14) The Methodist Church
 - 15) The Moravian Church in America

WHO IS DAN SMOOT?

Born in Missouri, reared in Texas, Dan Smoot went to SMU in Dallas, getting BA and MA degrees in 1938 and 1940. In 1941, he joined the faculty at Harvard as a Teaching Fellow in English, doing graduate work for a doctorate in American Civilization.

In 1942, he left Harvard and joined the FBI. As an FBI Agent, he worked for three and a half years on communist investigations in the industrial Midwest; two years on FBI headquarters staff in Washington; and almost four years on general FBI cases in various parts of the nation.

In 1951, Smoot resigned from the FBI and helped start Facts Forum. On Facts Forum radio and television programs, Smoot spoke to a national audience, giving *both* sides of controversial issues.

In July, 1955, he resigned and started his present independent publishing and broadcasting business — a free-enterprise operation financed entirely by profits from sales: sales of *The Dan Smoot Report*, a weekly magazine; and sales of a weekly news-analysis broadcast, to business firms, for use on radio and television as an advertising vehicle. The *Report* and the broadcast give only *one* side in presenting documented truth about important issues — the side that uses the American Constitution as a yardstick. The *Report* is available by subscription; and the broadcasts are available for commercial sponsorship, anywhere in the United States.

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| 16) National Baptist Convention of America | 31) The United Lutheran Church in America |
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| 18) Philadelphia Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends | 33) Unity of the Brethren |
| 19) Polish National Catholic Church of America | (10) Remarks of U. S. Representative Donald L. Jackson (R., Calif.), <i>Congressional Record</i> (daily), April 20, 1960, pp. 7842-6 |
| 20) Presbyterian Church in the United States | (11) <i>Review of the Scientific and Cultural Conference for World Peace</i> , House Committee on Un-American Activities, 1950, p. 36 |
| 21) Protestant Episcopal Church | (12) <i>Report on the National Council of Churches of Christ in the United States of America</i> , St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 908 Rutherford, Shreveport, Louisiana, May, 1961 |
| 22) Reformed Church in America | (13) <i>Report to the President on the Results of the San Francisco Conference</i> , Department of State Publication 2349, June 26, 1945, p. 264 |
| 23) Romanian Orthodox Episcopate of America | (14) <i>Triennial Report, 1960</i> , National Council of Churches of Christ in the United States of America, pp. 17, 235-7 |
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| 25) Serbian Eastern Orthodox Church | |
| 26) Seventh Day Baptist General Conference | |
| 27) Syrian Antiochian Orthodox Church | |
| 28) Syrian (Orthodox) Church of Antioch | |
| 29) Ukrainian Orthodox Church of America | |
| 30) United Church of Christ: Evangelical and Reformed Church; General Council of the Congregational Christian Churches | |

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Memorandum

TO : Mr. Mohr

FROM : C. D. DeLoach

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SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] called and spoke to Kemper in my office on May 13, 1964.

He stated that Dr. Charles Polling was going to speak in Orlando tomorrow night and that he has given out brochures stating that the National Council of Churches are the "apostles of deceit and subversion."

[REDACTED] said that this has split the community and caused a great deal of dissent among the "fine" people of Orlando and that they plan to publish the Director's Introduction to the Law Enforcement Bulletin dated April 1, 1961, in the Orlando papers tomorrow. (Copy of this Introduction is attached and it is the one which warns against vigilantism and spreading of rumors and gossip without having the facts.)

[REDACTED] wanted to know if they could add a statement to the advertisement that the FBI had approved the use of this Introduction for the purposes indicated.

Kemper advised the [REDACTED] that the Introduction was in the public domain and he certainly was free to use it. Kemper pointed out that the Director's statement speaks for itself and that in view of our position as a law enforcement agency that we could not be interjected into a strictly local situation by the added endorsement that he desired to make. The [REDACTED] said he completely understood and added that the situation has become intolerable in the area and he is faced with the situation of churches and groups being split asunder. He stated he would not use the added endorsement.

ENCLOSURE
RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

Enclosure
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Jones
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United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D. C.

April 1, 1961

TO ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS:

America, historically an impregnable fortress against tyranny, is engaged in a mortal struggle with world communism. It is time for both citizens and governmental authorities to confront this threat in a calm, realistic, rational, law-abiding manner.

The ingredients for communist coups in nations which have fallen under its spell always include a populace shaken with fear, hysteria, and confusion. Above all, however, is the danger of irresponsible counteraction by citizens who lend impetus to communism through inept attempts to fight this insidious menace.

The leaders of worldwide communism proclaim that even America can succumb to the "rules of revolution" conceived by Karl Marx and galvanized into the first successful communist revolution by V. I. Lenin.

Lenin said, "The more powerful enemy can be conquered only by exerting the utmost effort, and by necessarily, thoroughly, carefully, attentively and skillfully taking advantage of every, even the smallest, 'rift' among the enemies...."

There exists today in our land a vital "rift" which the communists are exploiting. Unfortunately, this involves certain people across the country who engage in reckless charges against one another. The label of "communist" is too often indiscriminately attached to those whose views differ from the majority. Those whose lives are not led according to what one segment of society might decree to be the "norm" are too frequently challenged as "Reds."

Attributing every adversity to communism is not only irrational, but contributes to hysteria and fosters groundless fears. Communism is, indeed, our paramount adversary, and it leans on its credo of invincibility and a concept of historical inevitability to accomplish its ends. The way to fight it is to study it, understand it, and discover what can be done about it. This cannot be achieved by dawdling at the spring of knowledge; it can only be accomplished by dipping deeply into thoughtful, reliable, and authoritative sources of information.

The job of curtailing and containing communism is one for legally constituted authorities with the steadfast cooperation of every loyal citizen. This is neither the time for inaction nor vigilante action. We must unite as a people, we must understand our basic American heritage under law, and we must face the communist menace with deliberation, quiet courage, and knowledge. These are the qualities which communism shrinks from-- these are the qualities against which communism can never succeed.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

May 19, 1964

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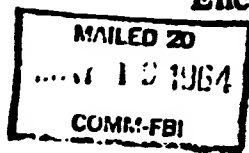
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Dear [REDACTED]

I have received your letter of May 13th and I want to thank you for your expressions of confidence in my administration of the FBI. It is hoped our future endeavors will continue to merit your support and approval.

With respect to your inquiries, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with the regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. I regret I am unable to be of help in this instance but trust you will understand the necessary reasons for this policy. It is hoped you will not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the National Council of Churches and the matters you mentioned.

Enclosed is some literature I trust will be of interest.



Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (4)

Let's Fight Communism Sanely!

4/1/61 LEB Introduction

4/17/62 Internal Security Statement

Faith in God--Our Answer to Communism

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PERSONAL

May 13, 1964

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am wondering if you would personally help me to get out of the confused state in which my mind now rest about the criticism of the National Council of Churches and its activities to encourage Communist and Communist front movements in our Country. I am a Methodist and the Methodist Church helps to support the National Council of Churches. I am very gravely concerned about this and about the accusations against the National Council by Mr. Dan Smoot and by Dr. Billy James Hargis of the Christian Crusade Movement from Tulsa, Oklahoma.

It has been reported that the National Council of Churches, which was then the Federal Council of Churches, was cited by the Navy Intelligence Department as being a subversive organization during World War II. And then I heard from one of my church leaders or rather my Minister that this indictment was withdrawn by the Navy Intelligence Department. It is my understanding that the National Council of Churches recommends a reading list of books that contains some 240 books, many of which are by Communist authors and unfit for reading by any Christian, let alone our youth. Is this true and do you have a list of these books? Would you please underline the ones by Communist authors and send me a copy of this list. It would be a great help.

I have also heard that the National Council of Churches is now sponsoring an exhibit at the World's Fair in New York in which they show a movie depicting Jesus Christ as a clown. Is this true?

I am wholeheartedly behind my church and hope to help promote it to a greater organization for the good of humanity, but you can see that I am quite confused from the many reports that I have gotten. A very frank answer to the questions which I am asking and any further information you might have regarding the National Council of Churches and its aid to Communist and Communist front organizations would be greatly appreciated.

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CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover



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I have more confidence in you to give me the true facts on these questions than anyone I can think of because I know you sit in a neutral position and have the respect of the entire United States population, unless it is the Communist.

I thank you very much for your assistance in this matter and please pardon me bothering a man that as busy as you to answer questions for me, but I must get this confused state of mind straightened out. Many thanks in advance for your help.

Cordially yours,



May 13, 1964

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of May 7th has been received.

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Enclosed is some literature I hope will be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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"Faith in God--Our Answer To Communism"
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May 7, 1964

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

The official board of our church is very disturbed
over current newspaper articles concerning the National
Council of Churches.

The Social Concerns Commission of our church is
conducting a study of this council. This commission would
like to know if there is any communist infiltration into
the ranks of the National Council of Churches.

Any information you could give us on this would be
greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,
[REDACTED]

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Dear [REDACTED]

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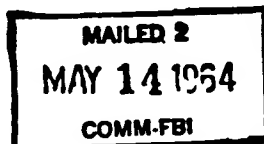
In response to your request for data regarding the National Council of Churches, I am unable to furnish any comment inasmuch as information contained in the files of the FBI is confidential and available only for official use, pursuant to regulations of the Department of Justice. I know you will understand my inability to be of aid.

I am enclosing some material on the subject of communism, including my remarks before the House Subcommittee on Appropriations on January 29, 1964. There is no charge for this data; therefore, the check you enclosed is being returned.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director



Enclosures (5)
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Dear Sir:

Dear Mr. Station, 6-9-64.

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

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6-7-64.

Dear Sir:

Our T.V. Station, Channel 53, Fresno, Reported this eve about your book of 1964, on Communism. He did not mention any price, So I will just inclose \$1.00 Check now & if it is more, I will mail it to you. I would like to have some pamphlet . or so on the N.C.C. I learned to know finally that is all left-wing stuff, and it is just to bad that we have to mess with that Literature in our Churches. I am a S.S. School Teacher & use only the King James Version, etc. like the S.S. Times. So it causes confusion in the classes etc I still remember what that Kruscheff said if he could win the Churches in the U.S.A. there would not be a shot fired. Cant we see it going on?--- Lets do all we can about it. I am trying my best. [REDACTED]
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Dear [REDACTED]

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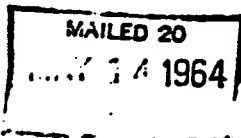
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Enclosed is some literature I trust will be of interest:

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director



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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I should like to have as much information as
is permissible for your office to issue on the
activities of the World and National Council of
Churches.

I hope you will see fit to do me this favor.

Sincerely yours,

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With respect to your inquiry, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. I regret I am unable to be of help in this instance but trust you will understand the necessary reasons for this policy. It is hoped you will not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the organizations you mentioned.

Enclosed is some literature I trust will be of interest, along with the stamped, self-addressed envelope you so thoughtfully forwarded.

Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

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May 8, 1964

J. Edgar Hoover:

I have finished reading your book entitled "Masters of Deceit", and feel it certainly should alert everyone who reads it, as to the dangers of Communism. I have grandchildren, being brought up to love the Lord and honor him with their lives, and I can think of nothing worse than them being brought into such a godless, evil regime. Certainly, we want to do all we can to keep that from coming to pass. Now, we have been hearing through seemingly accurate reports that the Communists have infiltrated the World Council of Churches, and also the National Council of Churches. As church people we would like to know if it is true, and what we can do, if anything. I know you are a very busy man, but we are very sincere in our desire to do what we can. I know of course we should continue to pray, and spread the gospel of Salvation.

Sincerely & prayerfully,

Am enclosing self-addressed envelope

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of May 5th has been received.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures (4)

"Faith in God--Our Answer To Communism"
LEB Intro 4-1-61
Internal Security 4-17-62
Let's Fight Communism Sanely!

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May 5, 1964

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

Dear Sir,

I am a member of the Official Board of [REDACTED] Methodist Church in [REDACTED]. For the past few months our affiliation with the National Council of Churches has come under increasing criticism by members of the board.

Does the Federal Bureau have any evidence that the ⁽³⁾ National Council of Churches is a Communist front organization or that it supports any of the various Communist Front groups?

Several board members have made accusations of the Council without citing any proof so I would appreciate any report the Bureau may have concerning this matter.

Yours truly,

[REDACTED]

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

DATE: 5-8-64

FROM : Mr. F. J. Baumgardner *FJB*

1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Baumgardner
1 - Mr. Kleinkauf

SUBJECT: NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

Memorandum Baumgardner to Sullivan 3-25-64, captioned as above, advised we were having the names of the new national officers of captioned Council searched through Bureau indices and a memorandum would be prepared analyzing whether any of the officers of the Council are under Communist Party (CP) domination or control.

A review of Bufiles concerning these new national officers, who were elected in the latter part of 1963 for the Triennium 1963 - 1966 does not disclose that any of them are under CP domination or control or that they have been CP members, either past or present.

The following is the list of the new national officers:

President-Reuben H. Mueller
Treasurer-David B. Cassat

Recording Secretary-Rev. W.J. Harper
McKnight

General Secretary-Dr. R.H. Edwin Espy
Associate General Secretary-Rev. David R.
Hunter

Vice-Presidents at Large -
Arthur S. Flemming
Andrew W. Cordier
Rt. Rev. William Crittenden
Archbishop Iakovos
Arthur S. Link
Rev. Malvin H. Lundeen

Robert W. Mance, M.D.
John Rogers
Mrs. S. Emlen Stokes
Mrs. Theodore F. Wallace
Bishop William J. Walls
Mrs. Frank C. Wigginton

Vice-Presidents for Divisions -
Rev. Harlie L. Smith
Rev. Norman J. Baugher

Rev. John Coventry Smith
Rev. Paul O. Madsen

No information of a subversive nature was located in Bufiles concerning any of the above officers except [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

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Memorandum to Mr. W. C. Sullivan
RE: NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES
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ACTION:

For information. We are remaining alert for any indication of communist infiltration or penetration of the National Council of Churches and you will be advised of any pertinent information received. There is attached a pamphlet of the National Council of Churches which lists the new officers for the Triennium 1963 - 1966.

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May 6, 1964

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Dear [REDACTED]

I have received your letter of April 29th and want to thank you for your generous remarks concerning my administration of the FBI. It is hoped that our future endeavors will continue to merit your support and approval.

With respect to your inquiry, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with the regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. Further, it is contrary to my policy to recommend literature not prepared by personnel of this Bureau. I regret I am unable to be of help in this instance but trust you will understand the necessary reasons for this policy. It is hoped you will not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the organizations you mentioned.

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Enclosed is some literature I trust will be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover.

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Enclosures (4)
Let's Fight Communism Sanely!
4-1-61 LEB Introduction
4-17-62 Internal Security Statement
Faith in God--Our Answer to Communism

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles.

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TELETYPE UNIT ☐


April 29, 1964

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

Dear Mr. Hoover;

I am writing you as I thought perhaps you could help me obtain the information which I desire. Several articles have come to my attention lately with reference to the World Wide Council of Churches and National Council of Churches and their infiltration and control by Communists. As a member of a church which supports both of these organizations, I would like to know the truth concerning these organizations, whether they are subversive etc., and I am at a loss to know where to find the truth. I would appreciate it very much if you could recommend reading material and also if you can furnish any information the F.B.I. might have on same.

I would also like to express my sincere appreciation for the fine work you have been doing in attempting to inform our country of the dangers within our government and country today. I realize this must be a tremendously frustrating job in view of the irresponsible attitudes on the part of many Americans today.

Sincerely,



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Honorable D. R. Matthews
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

My dear Congressman:

I have received your letter of May 1st
enclosing the communication from [REDACTED]
of [REDACTED] Florida. You may be certain we appreciate
your bringing this to our attention.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: [REDACTED] cannot be identified in Bufiles. In view of the
nature of [REDACTED] communication, it does not appear that we
should make any issue of the fact that the news clipping she described
was not enclosed by Congressman Matthews.

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D. R. (BILLY) MATTHEWS
5TH DISTRICT, FLORIDA

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

May 1, 1964

MEMBER
COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Belmont	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Casper	✓
Mr. Callahan	✓
Mr. Conrad	✓
Mr. Felt	✓
Mr. Gale	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Sullivan	✓
Mr. Tavel	✓
Mr. Trotter	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Mr. Holmes	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Enclosed you will please find correspondence which [REDACTED] Florida, [REDACTED] has asked that I bring to your attention for any action which you may deem necessary.

With highest esteem and kindest regards,

I am

Sincerely,

D. R. Matthews

D. R. MATTHEWS, M. C.

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April 24, 1964

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

Dear Mr. Matthews:

Thank you for your quick response to my letter of March 5 concerning anti-Communist lectures in St. John's County.

Until now I have been unable to obtain any newspaper clippings or names as you requested. However, enclosed in this letter is a newspaper clipping concerning the anti-Communist lectures to which I referred in my letter of March 5. Naturally, since I am a Methodist and am rearing my fifteen year old daughter and twelve year old son in the Methodist Church, I am concerned about the accusations Hargis is hurling at the Methodist Church. If these accusations ~~are~~ are true, I feel J. Edgar Hoover should investigate the Methodist Church and the National Council of Churches. However, if they aren't true, I feel Hargis should be investigated.

In closing, I appreciate your quick response to my letter of March 5.

Sincerely,



Housewife & Mother

Enclosure:

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May 6, 1964

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[Redacted]

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of May 1st has been received.

With respect to your inquiries, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with the regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. I regret I am unable to be of help in this instance but trust you will understand the necessary reasons for this policy. It is hoped you will not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the organization and individuals you mentioned.

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

Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures (4)

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4-1-61 LEB Introduction
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May 1, 1964

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

Dear Mr. Hoover,

Can you give us any information concerning infiltration of or influence by communists or sympathizers in the National Council of Churches - formerly known as the Federal Council of Churches until 1950. My husband and I are concerned as our congregation is faced with wheather to join.

Also if you have any information on the credibility of those who have publicly opposed the N. C. C. such as Major Edgar Bundy, Billy James Hargis, Dr. Charles Poling, J. B. Mathews, Carl McIntire, Myers G. Lowman, William Denton, Gerald L. K. Smith, Gerald Winrod and Merwin K. Hart. All the above mentioned except Dr. Poling are mentioned in a pamphlet put out by the N. C. C. They are portrayed as noisy detractors of dubious character. We would be very appreciative of any information you can give us to help clarify this matter.

Sincerely Yours


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Washington, D. C.


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give us to help clarify this matter.

Sincerely yours



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May 6, 1964.

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Dear [REDACTED]

I have received your letter of April 23th and want to thank you for your kind remarks concerning the FBI and for your interest in my book, "Masters of Deceit."

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 operate against the welfare of 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.

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Enclosed is literature I trust you will find of interest. You may also wish to refer to my latest book, "A Study of Communism." This book contains an analysis of international communist practices and contrasts totalitarian methods with life in a free country. It may be available at your local library.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (5)
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Enclosures (5)

Let's Fight Communism Sanelly!
The Communist War Against Human Dignity
Do You Really Understand Communism?
The Communist Party Line
Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion

NOTE: Correspondent cannot be identified in Bufiles. The pamphlet "Sowing Dissensions in the Churches," referred to in correspondent's letter has been brought to the attention of the Bureau before. It is put out by the National Council Protestant-Episcopal Churches, Department of Christian Social Relations, 28 Park Avenue, South, New York, New York. This contains names and activities of well-known right wing figures. The Director and the FBI are mentioned in this pamphlet but not in a derogatory manner. Dr. Fred Schwarz and Mr. Carl McIntire are well-known to the Bureau.

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April 28th, 1964

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I hope this letter because of its length does not discourage you from reading its entirety. To begin with I am not an antagonist a reactionary a right wing fringe lunatic or any other adjective that has been used to describe the cause to which I am a part of. I am a young christian Mother and Housewife and a very patriotic citizen of my country "the United States of America."

I have been discouraged lately over the tendency people have of downgrading a person who acts on their strong convictions of patriotism. I am anti-communist, naturally, because I do not advocate communism. I am conservative in my political views as many people are. I have educated myself to communism and its threat through reading material written by men whom I think are a thorities such as yourself (Masters of Deceit) and many others.

I have probably only touched the surface of a few of our many problems, but I feel all one has to do is look around in other countries in Churches and in the schools to find definite subversion, not just suspect but actual investigations and hearings have proved this to all America.

I also have a study group taking place in my home and a Gentleman who has shown various films; "operation abolition", "communism on the map" etc. We've heard tapes by Herb Philbrick and Cleon Scauson. I truly believe I'm on the right track to pulling our country back together. by this I mean sticking to the constitution and human rights and less government control.

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I was recently presented a paper by a relative who belongs to a church under the National Council of Churches. This paper was entitled "Sowing dissension in the Churches," written by a committee appointed by the council. After reading this paper I felt so defeated I wanted to cry. It seems everything I have been working for the past few months was suddenly torn down. They stated that this "dissension" was caused by a threat disguised as "anti-communism". It stated people are usually shown the movie "operation abolition" to gain their attention and then, as part of their program, plant seeds of doubt about their churches.

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Yours very truly



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Yours very truly,


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WITH RESPECT TO YOUR TELEGRAM OF MAY FOUR,
INFORMATION IN OUR FILES IS CONFIDENTIAL PURSUANT TO JUSTICE
DEPARTMENT REGULATIONS AND IS AVAILABLE FOR OFFICIAL USE
ONLY. IT IS HOPED YOU WILL NOT INFER EITHER THAT WE DO OR DO
NOT HAVE DATA IN OUR FILES RELATING TO THE NATIONAL COUNCIL
OF CHURCHES.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER, DIRECTOR
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION WASHDC

THE STATEMENT IS BEING MADE HERE THAT THE NATIONAL COUNCIL
OF CHURCHES IS COMMUNIST INFILTRATED AND COMMUNIST CONTROLLED.
IS THIS TRUE OR IS IT NOT TRUE? PLEASE WIRE BACK COLLECT

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MR. MOHR FOR THE DIRECTOR

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April 30, 1964

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of April 24th has been received.

With respect to your inquiry, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. It is hoped you will not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the National Council of Churches.

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J. Edgar Hoover

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John Edgar Hoover
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Enclosures (4)
Let's Fight Communism Sanely!
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April 24, 1964

Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sirs:

Recently we have been hearing charges that the National Council of Churches is infiltrated by Communists, or the Communist doctrines. Occasionally, the charge is made in such a way as to imply that the Federal Bureau of Investigation shares this suspicion of the National Council of Churches.

Have you and your agents not frequently stated that the Christian churches furnish the strongest possible bulwark against Communism in America? Have your investigations not cleared the National Council of Churches of any suspicion of disloyalty or subversion to/of American ideals?

This charge is so frequently made that we do need to have a statement which would protect the churches of America from irresponsible use of the prestige of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to undermine our churches, and subvert the loyalty of some of our best members.

We would appreciate very much your kind attention to this matter.

Yours truly,

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April 28, 1964

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Dear [REDACTED]

I have received your letter of April 20th.

The files of the FBI are confidential pursuant to regulations of the Department of Justice. For this reason, I am not able to comment in the manner you requested concerning the National Council of Churches. It is hoped you will not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files regarding this organization.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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NOTE: Bufiles contain no record of correspondent.

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April, 20, 1964

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

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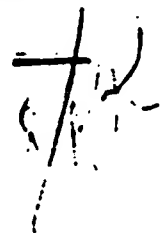
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April, 20, 1961

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

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 4/28/64

FROM : SAC, PHILADELPHIA (65-0-3111)

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]
INFORMATION CONCERNING - Internal Security

Reference is made to a letter of 3/21/64 to the Bureau by [REDACTED] who identified himself as Chairman, Citizens Committee, [REDACTED], and the Bureau's reply of 3/26/64 refusing to furnish [REDACTED] any information regarding the National Council of Churches.

For the completion of the Bureau's files, I am enclosing Xerox copies of two letters received from [REDACTED]. Reply was made to him re-quoting paragraph two of the Bureau's letter of 3/26.

It appears probable that [REDACTED] will continue to correspond with the Bureau and/or this office. It is noted that his letter to the Bureau of 3/21 reflected that copies were being sent to various other people. It is quite possible that refusal to comply with his demands for information will lead to unjustifiable complaints. Accordingly, his additional correspondence is being furnished to the Bureau since his thinking is evidenced therein.

Philadelphia indices contain no pertinent information regarding [REDACTED]

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April 24, 1964

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau Of Investigation
500 Widener Bldg.,
Phila., Pa. 19107

Dear Sir:

Recently I wrote to you requesting information on the National Council of Churches and their subversive activities.

We have made an intensive investigation into the Negro demonstrations and according to the paper a few days ago you confirmed our findings. There are church conferences who do not yet belong to the National Council of Churches but are leaning in that direction, ignorant of what is really going on with the N. C. C. leaders.

I have been writing to one particular church conference whose members were participating in Negro demonstrations, I think your article in the paper will put a stop to this, however, I can not get it across to these conference leaders the terrible influence the National Council of Church leaders are under, and I am badly in need of something from you before more churches are ignorantly drawn into the N. C. C. This particular church conference officials in their correspondence a few days ago were enthused that they were meeting with some Baptist Brethren from Russia. It is our understanding that the good Russians are not permitted to leave the country and the ones that are permitted to leave are doing so for the interest of the Kremlin.

So, will you please send me information as to the subversive activities of the N. C. C.

Most sincerely yours,

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CITIZENS COMMITTEE
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April 25, 1964

Phone 150

Federal Bureau of Investigation
500 Widener Bldg.,
Phila., Pa. 19107

Gentlemen:


We have been making our own investigation of the subversive activities of the leaders of the National Council of Churches. According to Fulton Lewis, Jr. last night, he confirmed some of our findings that these leaders are not representing their members. There are some churches who do not belong to the National Council of Churches but are leaning in that direction, they are ignorant of the activities of the N. C. C.

Will you please send me a list of the National Council of Church leaders in Pennsylvania or United States who are card carrying Communists that I may be able to prove the N. C. C. is Communist inspired.

Your prompt reply will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,


Chairman
Citizens Committee



PS: Please send me any material you may have on the National Council of Churches. ALSO, NEGRO DEMONSTRATION BEING COMMUNIST INSPIRED.

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April 28, 1964

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Dear [REDACTED]

I have received your letter of April 22nd, and it is a pleasure to enclose material about communism I hope will be of interest to you. We do not presently have copies of my testimony before the House Subcommittee on Appropriations available for distribution but my comments beginning on page 5 of my speech, "Faith in Freedom," pertain to the same subject.

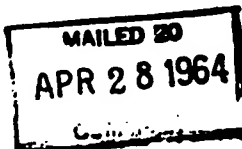
In connection with your inquiry regarding the National Council of Churches, information in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. I trust you will understand the necessary reasons for this policy.

Perhaps you will want to read my books, "Masters of Deceit" and "A Study of Communism," which were written to help Americans gain an insight into communist strategy and tactics, both in this country and abroad. Copies may be available at your local library.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director



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Enclosures: -

"Faith in Freedom"

Let's Fight Communism Sanely!

"Faith in God--Our Answer to Communism"

Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality

One Nation's Response to Communism

NOTE: Correspondent cannot be identified in Bufiles. A minister of Christian Education in the Baptist Church may be either ordained or not. Since there is no indication that correspondent has been ordained, he is being addressed as Mr. rather than Reverend.

[REDACTED]

April 22, 1964

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

Gentlemen:

Have you pamphlets available on the activities of the Communist party, its brief history, success, etc., in America?

I am especially interested in the main points of the report released recently by Mr. J. Edgar Hoover on the influence of Communism or its infiltration or lack thereof, of the leaders and movements of negro freedom organizations.

Also, have you any information appropos the charges of communism in the National Council of Churches?

Thank you for your attention.

Yours truly,
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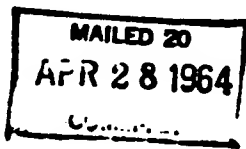
The letter of April 20th signed by you and your husband has been received.

With respect to your inquiry, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. It is hoped you will not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the organization you mentioned.

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

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director



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Enclosures (4)

"Faith in God--Our Answer To Communism"
4/17/62 Internal Security Statement
4/1/61 LEB Introduction

Let's Fight Communism Sanely!

NOTE: Correspondents wrote in March, 1963, for information on communism and were furnished Bureau reprint material, none of which is being duplicated, and at that time they were not identifiable in Bufiles.

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April 20, 1964

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

Dear Mr. Hoover,

We realize you are a busy man and we don't like to intrude on your time, but felt this of sufficient importance to warrant such.

Our church is a member of the National Council of Churches and has just recently replace the King James Bibles with the Revised Standard Version of same.

We would like to know if you can tell us if the National Council of Churches has been investigated by your organization or by either house of congress and if so, how can we obtain copies of such?

Can the Federal Bureau of Investigation give out any statements of there own investigations on inquiry?

Thank you for any help you can give us.

Keep up the good work.

Sincerely yours,

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April 29, 1964

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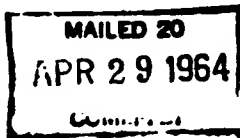
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John Edgar Hoover
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J. Edgar Hoover
Director, F.B.I
Washington 25, D. C

22 April 1964

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have been told many many times that several of the leaders in the National Council of Churches are Communist, or Communist influenced. This is of course, a most difficult question unless it is one that is not classified.

In regards to the above question, I have been told that it is a matter of record that the FBI have proven that there are communist leaders in the National Council of Churches and that one may secure a copy of a report made by the FBI regarding these facts. I would most certainly appreciate your reply to this question.

Thank you

Sincerely

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