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SUBJECT: NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

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SECTION 25



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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October 17, 1956

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of October 10th has been received.

Although I would like to be of assistance, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy and I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have material in our files relating to the National Council of Churches or the World Council of Churches.

Sincerely yours,
W. Edgar Hoover

NCTR: Bufiles contain no record of correspondent.


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October 10, 1966

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C. 20250

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am a member of The Methodist Church and am deeply concerned about the church's being a part of the National and World Council of Churches. Like a large number of the laity throughout Methodism, I am curious to know what connection the above councils have with communists and/or the Communist Party. There is cause for disturbance when, for instance, activities or Pronouncements of the WCCA or of high officials within it seem to parallel propaganda of the communists. The WCCA is becoming a mighty force in our country, more political than religious, I fear; therefore, it behooves all of us to try to find out more about it and its co-worker---World Council of Churches.

I shall be grateful for any information you may send me.

Sincerely,


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October 12, 1966 .

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Your letter of October 6th has been received.

I regret I cannot advise you of a source from which you can obtain the information you desire. I am enclosing, however, literature which I trust will be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (3)

Let's Fight Communism Sanely!

Communism and The Knowledge To Combat It!

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NOTE: Correspondent was written on 9-30-63 regarding his inquiries on [REDACTED] magazine and [REDACTED] and advised of the confidential nature of our files.

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October 6, 1966

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Thank you for your letter of September 30, regarding my request for information regarding possible communistic affiliation in connection with those documents I enclosed. I can readily understand why information contained in the files of the FBI must be kept confidential.

Is there any organization in the United States where one could obtain this information? I am particularly interested in possible communistic affiliation with Fact Magazine and the Methodist Council of Churches. I have a letter from my cousin who is a Free Methodist Evangelist who says that the National Council of Churches has had a communistic background for the last eight years, that she knows of. Following are the first and second paragraphs of her letter:

"I received your disturbed letter and was glad for it. I wish more of the layety in the Prest. and Meth. Churches would get disturbed. We are asleep at the switch and preachers haven't got the guts anymore to stand on their own two feet for God and the right-they would rather 'go with the crowd' and mumble God is dead and the bible a mythe and let it go at that."

"Believe me, the Free Meth. Church does not have any part of the N.C.C.-I have known about it's communistic background now for over 6 years. This is satan's way of getting into our strongest foundation and eating it out from under us. We belong to the National Association of Evangelicals and I am sure the Christian Missionary Alliance does too, anyway we have quite a large group that are joined in this way-fighting communism."

Any help which you can give me in connection with this matter will be greatly appreciated.

REC 11

Sincerely,

[Redacted signature block]

October 4, 1966

REC 20

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of September 27th, with enclosure, has been received.

In response to your inquiry, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Bufiles contain no record of correspondent.

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TRUE COPY

Sept 24, 1966

J. Edgar Hoover
Director F.B.I.
Washington, DC.

Sir

I am the President of the [REDACTED] Christian Church, a Country Church near my farm home. We send Mission Money to associations which help support the "National Council of Churches."

I have literature which I have received stating certain ministers associated with the "National Council of Churches" have aided and supported organizations which are known Communist organizations. I would appreciate it if you could send me a confirmation or repudiation of these charges.

I would appreciate names of those ministers who have been found to be aiding these organizations and also their addresses. I would also like to know if "Walter W. Sikes" of Indianapolis, Ind. and a "James D. Wyker" of whom I have no address has been found to be aiding any of these organization by any State or Federal Investigation Committees?

I would certainly appreciate it if I could have a statement on this situation as soon as possible.

REC 20

I am sending a self addressed envelope for return reply.

OCT 5 1965

Thanking you in advance for your cooperation and service

I am

[REDACTED]

P 11.2

Sept 27, 1966

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

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Any State or Federal Investigating Committee.

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for return reply.

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Cooperation and Service

I am

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[REDACTED]

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October 6, 1966 .

[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Your letters of September 29th and 30th have been received, and I want to thank you for your kind wishes and expressions of confidence in my administration of the FBI. Your comments are indeed appreciated.

Regarding your inquiries, this Bureau is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, neither makes evaluations nor draws conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. Therefore, I am sure you will understand why I cannot furnish the information you desire.

In response to your request, I am enclosing material I trust will be of interest. Limited quantities are available for public distribution. Please feel free to contact me should you desire additional copies.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (4)

Director's Statement Concerning 18th National Convention, CP, USA
Communism and The Knowledge to Combat It!
Let's Fight Communism Sincerely
Domestic Intelligence

NOTE: Bufiles contain no record of correspondent. National Council of Churches is well known to the Bureau. National Sunday School Association is an inter-denominational service group which publishes religious material. We have maintained cordial relations with them. Bufiles contain no derogatory information concerning Advocate Press or Standard Publishing.

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TRUE COPY

[REDACTED]

Sept. 30, 1966

Dear Sir:

I wrote to you yesterday for some information on communism, but there is a few things I failed to ask you.

I go to Church at a [REDACTED] and we get our S. School Literature from Advocate Press, Franklin Springs, Ga. Inside of the Adult Sunday School Book for each person is written these words: (These lessons are developed from outlines prepared by the Committee on Uniform Lessons of the National Sunday School association. The outlines are used by permission.)

What I would like to know Mr. Hoover, is, this: who is the National Sunday School Association & what is Uniform Lessons mean. Does it have any connection at all to the National Council of Churches or Communist.

Also our Primary Sunday School Literature is outlines by Standard Publishing and they use it by permission, at the Advocate Press, at Franklin Springs Georgia.

Do you have any information at all on the National Sunday School Association, & Uniform Lessons, and Standard Publishing. The reason we want this information we are fighting communist & having Anti-Communist Rallies, and I want to keep my eyes open & see that the Communist don't slip any thing over us at our church.

Thank You.

Sincerely,

/s/ [REDACTED]

OCT 10 1966

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UNIFORM LITERATURE

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Communist don't slip any thing over us at church.
Thank you. Sincerely,

October 5, 1966

REC-3 ST-10

Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of September 26th has been received.

In response to your inquiry, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Bufiles contain no record of correspondent. The American Council of Christian Laymen is known to have published a brochure implying certain individuals affiliated with the National Council of Churches were subversive. As a result, considerable controversy has resulted among Christian laymen. Our files contain a number of public inquiries concerning the National Council of Churches. There are also numerous references in Bufiles to [REDACTED] and his efforts to bring Russian churchmen into this world organization are well known to the Bureau.

JRP:acp

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TRUE COPY

[REDACTED]
September 26, 1966

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

Dear Sir:

I view with deep concern the actions of the National Council of Churches. I am a member of the Methodist Church and as such am contributing to the support of this organization.

Recently a leaflet from the American Council of Christian Laymen, Madison, Wisconsin has come into my possession. This leaflet exposes the National Council of Churches as Socialistic and Communistic.

Will you please answer the following questions:

1. Are there known Communists in the leadership of the National Council of Churches?
2. Is the N. C. C. aiding and abetting Communism and Socialism in our Country?
3. Is the American Council of Christian Laymen a non-communist organization? Are the charges made in their leaflet, "How Red is the National Council of Churches" well founded?

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Sincerely

/s/ [REDACTED]

September 26, 1946

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

Dear Sir

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REC-23

October 5, 1968

REC-23

Dear [REDACTED]

I have received your letter of September 29th,
with enclosure.

In response to your inquiry, information contained
in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with
regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will under-
stand the reason for this policy. I hope you will not infer either
that we do or do not have material in our files relating to the
National Council of Churches.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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September 29, 1966

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Numerous members of our church are quite upset with regard to the National Council of Churches of which the Methodist Church is a denominational member. This feeling has been brought about by accusations being made against the National Council of Churches that its programs and policies are dominated by communists.

Many of our people have read such books as "None Dare Call It Treason" by John Stormer and "Collectivism In The Churches" by Edgar C. Bundy. Also I am enclosing, for your information, a copy of "The Truth About The National Council of Churches" by Peter R. Branton, First Presbyterian Church, Chattanooga, Tennessee. This publication is a reply to the one by the same title prepared by the Presbyterian Church U.S., 341 Ponce de Leon Ave., N.E., Atlanta, Georgia.

This situation is so tense in our church that several families have already pulled out to join another church not affiliated with the National Council. Others are upset but yet need to have their minds put at ease by someone who knows.

Any statement you can give us with reference to the charge that the National Council of Churches is dominated by the Communists would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



REC-23

The Truth About The National Council of Churches

Under this promising title, *Presbyterian Survey*, official publication of the Presbyterian Church, U.S., devoted fifteen pages of its December, 1961, issue to a one-sided defense of the National Council of Churches hereafter identified as NCC. Five of these pages bore the title, "The Charges and the Answers." The questions and answers were prepared by the Sub-committee on the National Council of the General Assembly's Committee on Inter-Church Relations -- a committee dominated by those who favor our continued involvement with the NCC. It is apparent that many of the questions were adroitly phrased in a way that would enable them to be answered with a minimum of harm to the NCC. We have been informed that our Committee on Inter-Church Relations paid the *Survey* \$2,400. for publishing this "report."

The 1961 General Assembly adopted the recommendation of the Standing Committee on *Presbyterian Survey* -- "that the Board of Directors of *Presbyterian Survey* be requested, in case of controversial subjects, to give opportunity for the presentation of both sides, as is done in our church courts." (Page 60 Assembly Minutes.) In line with this action we asked Dr. Felix B. Gray, Chairman of the *Survey* Board, to grant space for articles presenting our views. This request was denied! It is apparent that the *Survey* Board intends to ignore the expressed wish of the General Assembly and plans to use this official church publication to promote only their point of view -- which we sincerely believe does not reflect the opinion of the vast majority of the members of our Church.

Therefore it becomes necessary for us to answer the questions raised, presenting the true facts as we see them. We quote each question, summarize briefly the answer given in the *Survey* "Special Report," followed by our answer. To avoid any feeling that we are quoting out of context we recommend that you send 10¢ to *Presbyterian Survey*, 341 Ponce de Leon Avenue, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia, for the reprint of their complete report.

Here Are The Questions:

QUESTION: "What is the actual monetary support provided the National Council by the Presbyterian Church U.S.?"

SURVEY ANSWER: "In 1963 . . . only \$8,361 . . . In addition, our major boards 'invested' in 1963 the sum of \$20,715 in departmental programs of the National Council, including \$55,895, through the Board of World Missions . . ."

OUR CONTENTION: The *Survey* obviously made a mistake in re-writing only . . . \$55,895 through the Board of World Missions . . .

Page 130, Board of World Missions Annual Report for 1963 section, "F -- Overseas Relief and Inter-Church Aid-Projects" gives a total of \$287,088, listed for various Church World Service (an agency of NCC) causes, plus \$66,375, for World Council of Churches causes. Section "G -- Cooperative Work in Connection with other Boards" reports additional disbursements of \$70,968, to National Council and World Council causes.

We realize that a large part of the disbursements by the Board of World Missions to NCC and WCC are used in overseas relief or other world mission related projects, often in cooperation with the efforts of our own missionaries, but the NCC's own report states that \$8,361 was used for direct administrative report.

QUESTION: "Is the National Council of

SURVEY ANSWER: "No. It is not and never has been."

OUR CONTENTION: The *Survey* report attempted to prove its point by quoting a pronouncement of the NCC's General Board stating that the NCC "is and always has been unalterably opposed to Communism," by quoting a letter from J. Edgar Hoover saying that he had never made any statement criticizing the NCC, and by quoting a report of the Joint Committee on Ecumenical Relations of the Episcopal Church stating that they were not able to discover any fact or record that would support the charge that the NCC harbors Communist sympathizers.

The Subcommittee failed to report that Mr. Richard Arens, Staff Director of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, during a hearing on evidence of Communist activity in the religious field, testified as follows: "Thus far, of the leadership of the National Council of Churches of Christ in America we have found over 100 persons in leadership capacity with either Communist-front records or records of service to Communist causes."

Many of the pronouncements of the NCC in recent years, placed side by side with the announced objectives of the Communist Party in the U.S., leave little doubt in the minds of thinking persons that were NCC leaders who shape its policies and programs are sympathetic to the causes which the Communists advocate -- recognition of Red China, unilateral disarmament, abolishment of universal military training, suspending atomic testing, abandoning of military alliances, repeal of the McCarran Act restricting immigrants, replacing the capitalist system with Socialism, agitation on behalf of convicted spies such as Morton Sobell, opposition to anti-communist efforts such as the film "Operation Abolition" to mention only a few.

Rev. Edwin F. Dahlberg, president of NCC in 1953, was identified with the Citizens Committee for Harry Bridges, a Communist front, which sought to prevent Bridges' deportation and his name was linked with "National Committee to Repeal the McCarran Act" (cited as a Communist front by both the House Committee on Un-American Activities and the Senate Sub-Committee on Internal Security. He signed the infamous "Pacifist Pledge").

The NCC, unintentionally or not, has associated itself with persons who have not been above suspicion as far as Communist influence is concerned. If having its President identified with subversive organizations, and engaging in activities and making utterances that closely parallel those of the Communist conspiracy can be termed "being soft on Communism," then there is ample evidence to support the belief that Communist sympathizers have infiltrated the NCC.

QUESTION: "Does the National Council of Churches maintain a 'lobbying' office in Washington, D.C.?"

SURVEY ANSWER: (No "Yes" or "No" answer is given. The reply does state that 1. A Washington Office of NCC does exist. 2. The purpose of that office being to "keep churches informed of pending legislation, etc.")

OUR CONTENTION: It has been repeatedly denied that the Washington office of NCC engages in lobbying to influence legislation. Apparently our Sub-Committee which "answered" these charges does not believe this denial, for they "answered" this question by defending the right of the NCC to maintain a Washington office.

...the right of the National Council of Churches to support or oppose legislation.

Webster defines "lobby" as "to address or solicit members of a legislative body in the lobby or elsewhere, with intent to influence legislation." The lobby bulletin published by the NCC is entitled *Memo* and can be ordered from NCC, 110 Maryland Ave., N.E., Washington, D.C.

We see nothing wrong in such lobbying if it is limited to legislation involving moral and spiritual issues. On such issues we think church organizations should make their voices heard. But we think it is wrong for the NCC to lobby for or against legislation which deals with national defense, disarmament, right-to-work laws and other purely political and economic matters. This the NCC persists in doing.

QUESTION: "Does the National Council of Churches claim to speak for forty million Christians?"

SURVEY ANSWER: "It does not and it never has."

OUR CONTENTION: This answer is a true answer to the question as it was phrased. The NCC has always denied that it speaks for its membership. If the question had been asked, "Does the NCC give the impression that it speaks for forty million Christians?" an honest answer would be an unqualified "Yes, its pronouncements do lead the reader to believe that they represent the thinking of the members of its constituency." When spokesmen of the NCC appear before Congressional committees in support of or opposition against legislation, they appear in their capacity as officials of a body representing a large segment of the Protestant community of America.

The Vestry Committee of St Mark's Episcopal Church of Shreveport, Louisiana, which devoted ten months to a careful study of the NCC, says: "We have proved beyond a reasonable doubt that it (the NCC) has made a practice of speaking on behalf of all members of the 34 denominations comprising the NCC, when it is in fact not specifically authorized to do so. In this regard it has been deceitful in that it actually did desire the impression to be made on the public that it spoke officially for the '40 million'."

The pronouncements of the General Board of the NCC are presented to the churches and the public in a manner that often gives the impression that they represent the thinking of the 34 constituent communions and their 39 million members. Examples of this are so numerous and obvious that it seems superfluous to repeat even a few. However,

NCC News Release No. 22 GA 3/14/61 "New York, March 11, 1961. The National Council of Churches today released the full text of an official policy statement on the question of Federal aid to education; issued as a pronouncement adopted by the Council's General Board, representative of the 34 Protestant and Eastern Orthodox Communions in the Council.

We find it interesting that the official Presbyterian U.S. representation to the General Board of the NCC (the very people who "answered" these "charges" and say "It does not and it never has") felt called upon to request the NCC to "make clear its public statements." We refer to page 171, Minutes of the General Assembly, April 1961:

"The official representatives also recommended that the General Board, insofar as possible, make clear in its public statements that the General Board was not speaking or acting in behalf of all Protestant denominations unless the denomination gave specific authorization."

This is an inconsistency that is difficult to under-

statements." But this "Special Report" they deny that the NCC ever has been guilty of such actions.

QUESTION: "Did the National Council of Churches sponsor an 'invasion' of Mississippi last summer by northern student volunteers?"

SURVEY ANSWER: "It did not."

OUR CONTENTION: The *Survey* report says, "The NCC did not sponsor COFO's Mississippi Summer Project, did not recruit the student volunteers and had no control over COFO's policy, strategy, rationale, or personnel." Then in the next paragraph it is stated, "The NCC undertook to provide training and counselling for the volunteers in an effort to safeguard their lives, prepare them for their dangerous tasks, offer spiritual guidance and provide local assistance when needed."

The NCC sponsored two-week-long orientation courses at Western College for Women, Oxford, Ohio, last June and recruited minister counsellors and lawyers to be with the students in Mississippi. The fact that the NCC may not have initiated the project seems beside the point. The NCC certainly aided and abetted the project. Moreover, the NCC continued its support of COFO after Martin Luther King's Southern Christian Leadership Conference and NAACP had withdrawn their support of some of COFO's local activities.

The question was, "Did the NCC sponsor an 'invasion' of Mississippi?" The word "sponsor" is defined to mean "one who is responsible for a person or thing." It seems that the NCC took considerable responsibility when it recruited volunteers, conducted voter registration projects, provided training for volunteers, etc. It also seems a strange policy for the NCC to become so involved in a project which it "had no authority to encourage or restrain" and when it had "no control over COFO's policy, strategy, rationale, or personnel."

As we read the *Survey* answer we wondered if the Sub-Committee raised and answered this question about the "summer project" to divert attention from the far more important "Mississippi Delta Project" that they dismissed with a brief statement in the last paragraph. This Delta Project for which the NCC and World Council seek to raise \$100,000 per year is a continuing project. It has the potential of causing far more trouble than last summer's limited effort. We have in our files a letter from the NCC which says, "The idea of a Mississippi Delta Project originated with the Division of Home Missions of the NCC." There is no question therefore that the NCC did originate this project, that the NCC board approved it and that the NCC staff is doing its utmost to promote it.

An interesting sidelight to this question is that one of the instructors at the NCC "sponsored two-week-long orientation courses for Summer Project volunteers at Western College for Women in Oxford, Ohio, June 13-27, 1961" was Mr. Myles Horton, head of the notorious Highlander Folk School formerly of Monteagle, Tennessee.

QUESTION: "Does the NCC advocate recognition of Red China?"

SURVEY ANSWER: "No. . . . In its founding this conference spoke for itself only, not for the crowd."

OUR CONTENTION: An official body of the NCC, the "Fifth World Order Study Conference" held in Cleveland, Ohio, November 13-24, 1959, was called by the General Board of NCC; work papers for the conference were prepared by the NCC's Department of International Affairs; and the results of the conference were published by the NCC. Page 13 of this report states, "The Fifth World Order Study Conference was planned by the National Council of Churches with the

recognition by our government of its policy in regard to the People's Republic of China. While the rights of the people of Taiwan and Korea should be safeguarded, steps should be taken toward the inclusion of the People's Republic of China in the United Nations and for its recognition by our government."

The Committee of One Million Against the Admission of Communist China to the United Nations headed by Congressman Walter H. Judd, a former medical missionary to China, conducted a poll to determine whether the findings of the conference met with the approval of the ministers in the United States. Of the 8,000 ministers who responded to the poll, 87% opposed both admission of Red China to the United Nations and recognition by the United States.

It is disappointing to note that those who supplied the "answers" to these "charges" have, in stating "this conference spoke for itself only, not for the Council" followed the "escape clause" so often used by the NCC as it has failed to accept responsibility for actions and statements of its official bodies and personnel.

QUESTION: "Did the National Council of Churches copyright the Revised Standard Version of the Bible?"

SURVEY ANSWER: "Yes, it did . . ."

OUR CONTENTION: This answer requires no comment.

QUESTION: "Is it true that the National Council is a clergy and church-agency dominated organization?"

SURVEY ANSWER: "So in terms of actual numbers of people involved, there are more clergymen and church-agency people than laymen."

OUR CONTENTION: A study of the composition of the General Board of the NCC revealed that in 1960, 74.1% of the members of the General Board were ordained persons. The action of June 30, 1955, of the General Board of the NCC disbanding the National Lay Committee laid the foundation for the feeling that the General Board was determined to shut off the "lay voice."

QUESTION: "Has the National Council advocated 'free love' for young people?"

SURVEY ANSWER: "Emphatically, it has not."

OUR CONTENTION: This question was very adroitly phrased. If the question had been put "Has the National Council of Churches published a booklet in which young people were told that there is nothing actually wrong about extramarital sex relations" the answer would be "Emphatically it has."

Among the materials prepared by the NCC's Department of Youth Work for Youth Week in 1962 was a booklet entitled "Called to Responsible Freedom: The Meaning of Sex in the Christian Life." Its text was in the form of a heart-to-heart talk between a church leader and a teenager. At one point the church leader says to the youth,

"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, to seek to force everyone under one massive legal umbrella. You and I know perfectly well that there are many marriages that are simply matters of convenience, that such sex as goes on 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 occasion beautiful." (The italics are ours.)

In another paragraph the youth is told:

"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 it means."

Again—end:

"In a personal individual sense, then, what justifies and sanctifies sexuality is not the external marital status of the couple 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."

It seems inconceivable that any responsible church organization should condone this booklet encouraging young people to disobey the Commandment "Thou shalt not commit adultery," but the pamphlet bore on its cover the statement that it was published for the United Christian Youth Movement, National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA and it was copyrighted by the NCC. It caused such a furor that it was withdrawn from circulation but the harm had been done.

We feel that the NCC must accept full responsibility for any publication that it (1) has written; (2) publishes; (3) holds the copyright; and (4) sells. We find it almost unbelievable that this Sub-Committee in answering these "charges" could defend this publication.

QUESTION: "Did the National Council publish a reading list which recommended obscene books?"

SURVEY ANSWER: "No. This false charge is frequently made with regard to a bibliography on 'The Negro American' prepared in 1957 by the council's Department of Racial and Cultural Relations. It was intended solely for the information of church leaders and students of Negro history. The list was a cross-section of available reading on the subject, *presented without comment.*" (The underlining is ours.)

Apparently, the person who wrote that answer has never seen the list. The list was classified—Books for Primary Children (pre-school and grades 1-3), Intermediates (grades 4-6), Juniors (grades 7-9), Seniors (grades 10-12) and Adults. The introduction to the list urges:

"Read for enjoyment and information. 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 friends. Urge church, Y, PTA and other organizations to circulate copies."

The "answer" also states that there are "no books on this list that have been declared obscene by any duly constituted and competent agency" and points out that the book *Without Magnolias* by Bucklin Moon was not banned from the mail. This is a poor defense in that many publications that have not been banned from the mail or officially "declared obscene" are in fact by most standards of common decency, obscene! The book that is defended in this "answer" contains some of the vilest language ever put in print and depicts an act of adultery between a Negro woman and a white man in such a manner that the act was actually condoned.

Alfred S. Kramer, associate executive director of the Department of Racial and Cultural Relations of the NCC, states in the foreword that its compilers "have done an admirable piece of work." It says the list contains the names of books "about Negroes which are safe to recommend for children—safe because they qualify as literature."

Thirty-four books on this recommended list were written by Communists or authors identified with Communist-front organizations. Nine books were written by Langston Hughes, identified as an active Communist, a member of approximately 70 Communist-front organizations. He is the author of the poem "Goodbye Christ" which states in part:

Goodbye, Carl Jesus, I'll be a Jehovah
 Beat it out away from her
 Make way for a new with no religion
 at all
 A real guy named
 Marx, Communist, Lenin, Peasant, Stalin,
 Worker, Mr.
 I said, ME.

The "answer" in the *Survey* defends this poem by stating, "Moreover, Mr. Hughes himself contends that the poem is not intended to be satirical." We would consider it is a normal reaction for Langston Hughes and can't attempt to argue the point.

Another author was Victor Perlo. His Book "The Negro in Southern Agriculture" was published by the Communist Party's major printing firm. The Senate Internal Security Sub-Committee described Perlo as "an open propagandist for Soviet World conspiracy." Perlo has been identified as a member of the first Communist cell established within the U.S. Government.

Herbert Apthorpe who wrote one of the recommended books admits that he is a Communist. He has 13 citations for Communist activity. He was editor of "Political Affairs" the Communist Party's official theoretical organ.

W. E. B. DuBois, who authored several books on the list, was cited in 1919 for 29 Communist affiliations, and his name made news as recently as January 4, 1965, as Mr. J. Edgar Hoover identified the "W. E. B. DuBois Clubs of America" as a "new national Marxist youth organization" initiated by the Communist Party with recently organized chapters on several of our college campuses. DuBois had repeatedly attacked churches and clergymen and defamed the United States.

QUESTION: "If charges levelled against the National Council in None Date Call It Treason are false, why have they not been refuted?"

SURVEY ANSWER: "... they have been refuted -- and soundly, by responsible, impartial agencies and individuals."

OUR CONTENTION: The refutation quoted was by Dr. Henry M. Bullock, editor of Church School Publications for the Methodist Publishing House. Since Storrer devoted much space to criticisms of Methodist literature, we would hardly say that Dr. Bullock's approach would be "impartial." We have read Dr. Bullock's lengthy "refutation" published in the South Carolina *Christian Advocate*, practically all of which deals with the criticism of literature prepared by his department. Since we have not read the literature, we are not in position to comment.

The question as to why the NCC has not refuted these charges remains unanswered.

QUESTION: "Did the National Council of Churches in Nashville, Tennessee, Consultation on Youth and Race advocate 'subversion' on parental authority?"

SURVEY ANSWER: "There were several successful persons from various civil rights organizations invited on the basis of their professional experience in the race struggle rather than religious affiliation. These persons provided expert background information and gave consultants a critical and objective 'outside view' of church activity in the field of civil rights. The consultation has no power to formulate policy for the National Council of Churches. One reporter apparently came concerned with strong pro-segregationist sentiments. From his embittered and biased report of what was said, spread the tempest that quickly filled the temple."

January 10, 1961, reported that Dr. Colin Williams, NCC director in Birmingham, told the group that he thought the United Christian Youth Movement, an NCC organization, should organize pickets and "if this involved conflict with local law, all the better."

The same report stated that Jay Moore, a director of NCC's Commission on Religion and Race suggested using experienced racial agitators as leaders in summer camps for high school youth. It reported that the associate editor of Youth Magazine of the United Church of Christ suggested that instead of bringing demonstrators to the camps, the camps themselves should be "blooded" that they should participate in demonstrations. She was quoted as saying, "All over the nation parents have restrictive influence. Summer camp is the time for the youth to get away, free to do as they like."

Another leader was quoted as suggesting that there should be more conflict in the church and he wanted the young people to be involved in it. He was quoted as saying, "Parents in the north would get as mad at seeing their kids in a labor picket line as in a civil rights line. We need to get the kids politically involved."

This consultation was held in Nashville, Tennessee, January 7-9, 1961, and was sponsored by the NCC with the following NCC leaders present:

John Wood - NCC Youth Dept.

Dr. Colin Williams - Director, NCC, Dept. of Evangelism

Jay Moore - Asst. Director of NCC, Commission on Religion and Race.

The Ad Interim Committee Report to Red River Presbytery, April 18, 1961, concerning the National Council of Churches stated on page 6:

"From personal interview with persons present at this meeting in Nashville the committee took as fact:

"a. *Subversion by Teaching Concerning Parental Authority* - These NCC leaders at this meeting advocated plans for the holding of camps and conferences for youth where workshops on "sit-ins" and racial demonstrations could be conducted and where actual sit-ins and demonstrations could be staged in an atmosphere and environment where youth's were "free" from "harmful" parental restraint.

"b. *Subversive Teaching Concerning Law and Order* - These NCC leaders advocated activities which would bring young people into conflict with local law and bring about clashes with what was termed "the system." Jail was held forth not as a calculated risk, but as a goal to be desired. An excellent way to wait them (the young people) up to what is going on in the world."

QUESTION: "Are any steps being taken by the National Council to respond to and profit by the constructive suggestions and criticisms being made of its program?"

SURVEY ANSWER: "The answer is a definite Yes."

OUR CONTENTION: We would say "Amen." It is high time that the leaders in the NCC realized that their programs and procedures have caused the churches far away from their basic mission of winning the unsaved to Christ and nurturing all Christians in the Faith. But in the light of the survey it is difficult to believe that this will be done.

Peter R. Banton

Elder, First Presbyterian Church
 of Chattanooga, Tennessee

October 5, 1966

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[REDACTED]
Dear [REDACTED]

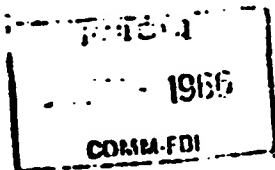
Your letter of September 29th has been received and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

While I would certainly like to be able to answer your inquiries, I must advise information contained in the files of this Bureau is maintained as confidential pursuant to regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy, and I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have material in our files relating to the National Council of Churches.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: [REDACTED] is on the Special Correspondents' List. Bufiles contain no derogatory information concerning him and last outgoing dated 10-29-64.

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MAIL ROOM ☐ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

September 29, 1966

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Your offices have been kind enough to put me on the mailing list for your monthly bulletin and other material. I would ask that if you have any information within the realm of my question that it be forwarded to me. I am concerned with whether or not the F. B. I. has found any and to what extent infiltration of Communist oriented people in any churches, church organizations or in the National Council of Churches. I am not naive enough to feel that they have over-looked the opportunity to express their opinions and use their power within the framework of such institutions. However, since the National Council of Churches will be meeting in Miami Beach during the month of December, we will have many extremists on the right mis-quoting you and many others concerning the infiltration into these organizations. I would like to be able to have an objective opinion with sound and accurate data to back my opinion.

I would be very appreciative of your help.

Sincerely,

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REC 26

October 5, 1966

[REDACTED]
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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of September 28th has been received.

In response to your inquiry, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy. I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have material in our files relating to the National Council of Churches.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. Our files contain a number of public inquiries concerning the National Council of Churches.

September 26, 1966

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Fifth and Pennsylvania Ave., N. W.
Washington, D. C.


Gentlemen:

A number of my parishioners are concerned about National Council of Churches, especially in regard to rumors and information circulating, which claim that the N.C.C. is somehow affiliated with (or infiltrated by) communists.

Do you have any information which will support or negate the rumors as well as the fears?

Thank you for anything you do for me in this situation.

Sincerely yours,



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October 5, 1966

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Dear [REDACTED]

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With respect to your inquiry, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy. I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have material in our files relating to the National Council of Churches of Christ.

Mr. Howard D. Smoot was employed with the FBI as a Special Agent from March 23, 1942, until June 15, 1951. His personal ventures as well as his opinions and comments since he left this Bureau are strictly his own, and I am sure you will understand why it is not possible for me to comment on these in any way whatsoever.

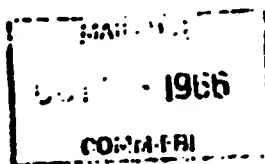
Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: We have had one prior outgoing letter [REDACTED] dated 11-15-61 regarding an inquiry concerning the John Birch Society.

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

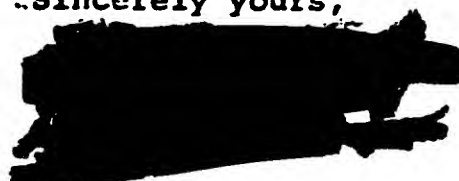
Dear Mr. Hoover,

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A former F.B.I. Agent named Dan Smoot is now living in Dallas, Texas, and has his own television program on Sunday evenings. He seems to be ultra-conservative and makes statements which seem to be less than accurate. If possible, we would appreciate your analysis of his program.

Also, in the same letter, if you can give me something that the F.B.I. has said about the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. in relationship to what some people have called communistic influences, this would help me a great deal. I am in favor of the National Council of Churches in general but certainly not completely in agreement with every statement they make.

Sincerely yours,



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September 28, 1966

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Dear [REDACTED]

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Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Bufiles contain no information identifiable with correspondent.

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Sept. 20, 1966
Hon. Edgar J. Hoover:
F. B. I.
Washington D. C.


Dear Sir:

Our Church has been paying into
the National Council of Churches, and
we want to know if any of the ~~Secretaries~~
Leaders of it, are Communist or even lean
toward Communist, if so we want to stop
paying into The N. C. C.

Sincerely


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Sept. 20, 1966

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F. B. I.
Washington D. C.

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Sincerely

/s/ 

Address per envelope:



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September 30, 1966

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J. Edgar Hoover

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September 30, 1966

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

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (2)

How Red China Spies on U.S.

Director's Statement Concerning the 18th National Convention, CP, USA


September 26, 1966

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Several years ago I wrote your office concerning the apparent infiltration of Communists into the Christian Churches. At that time your office mailed several pamphlets and brochures concerning Communists and the part they play in undermining some of the Church leaders.

Of late, there has been much said concerning the National Council of Churches. Is the Bureau at liberty to say that there are Communists active in this National Council?

If you have any information which is available to the public, could you please send it to me?

Sincerely yours,


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October 3, 1966

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of September 24th has been received.

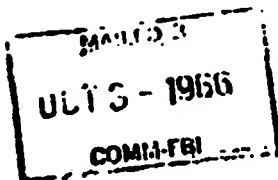
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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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September 24- 1966


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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

The writer of this letter is a World War I Veteran and a retired railroad man. I have written you once before and that was to extend my best wishes to you on your 65th birthday. (September 24, 1966)

I am one of a large group of loyal Americans who believes that Communism is a real menace to our Country. Naturally I do not wish to contribute in any manner to any Communist front organization. I have been suspicious of the "National Council of Churches" since the riot against the un american activities Committee in San Francisco a few years ago.

We do not wish to contribute to the NCC through our churches if any officers or promoters of NCC are known Communists or Communist sympathizers. We hope it is not against your policy to give us some information on this matter or how we can obtain such information. Please help us.

Yours sincerely


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Please see "Whos Who in the South and Southwest (Marquis) 1950 edition.

September 24-1966

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Washington D.C.

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Sincerely,

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Pls help us.
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Please see "Who Who in the South and Southwest (marquis) 1950 edition."

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September 30, 1966

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[REDACTED]
Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of September 23rd has been received.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover.

9-23-'66

Dear Mr. Hoover Sir:

It has been brought to our attention that the National Council of Churches is a subversive organization and that several of their high executives have been or are Members of Communist front organizations.

I would like to have the Names of these Men, their position with the Council and the organizations to which they have belonged that are Communist affiliated. Also any other information in regards to the Council that you could pass on to Me would be appreciated very much.

My interest in this is as a Member of the Methodist Church which helps supports this organization and I would like to have facts instead of rumors to report to interested parties in our church. Any help you could give us in this matter would be greatly appreciated. Mr. Hoover, we are interested in the fate of our religion and of our country. So please don't fill this letter in the trash can because there has been Much concern expressed by some of our church members in regards to Communist infiltration in the National Council of Churches.

Thank you.

Regards



/s/

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Respectfully,


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September 28, 1966

Dear [REDACTED]

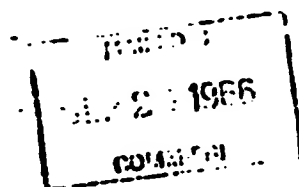
Your letter of September 28th has been received and enclosed is some material on the subject of communism which I hope you will find of interest.

With regard to your request, this Bureau does not have a booklet such as you mentioned available for distribution. You may wish to secure a copy of "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," prepared and released by the House Committee on Un-American Activities. In it are listed groups and periodicals which have been cited by various state and Federal agencies, and a copy of it can be purchased for seventy cents from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C. 20540.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



Enclosure: (2)

Statement on Communism

18th National Convention, CP, USA


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September , 1966

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director of FBI
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Sir


It is wonderful to know that we have men such as you are to work for the freedom of our great country and to expose the evil forces that have set out to try to destroy this great land of ours that God has so wonderfully blessed.

If you can send me a booklet on the infiltration of Communist in different organizations I would appreciate it very much. Could you say or give information on whether the National Counsel of Churches are infiltrate or not?

May I hear from you soon.

Your very truly,

/s/ 


September 1966

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Director of F B I
Washington, D. C.

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Yours very truly
[redacted] [redacted] [redacted]

September 27, 1966

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Dear [REDACTED]

I have received your letter of September 21st.

In response to your inquiry, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy. I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have material in our files relating to the National Council of Churches.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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September 21, 1966

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

Dear Sir:

I have been elected by 4 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] among other items, the Proposed
Merger with the Methodist Church will be voted on and, I understand,
the National Council of Churches is actively promoting this merger.

I have been reading various articles and statements
as to some of the Pronouncements of the N. C. C. and the officials'
possible link with socialism and/or Communism.

As you know already some of the officials who are now,
or have been, in this N. C. C. are Edwin T. Dahlberg: Roy S. Ross:
Edwin Espy: James Wine: S. Bromley Oxnam: Virgil A. Sly:
Robert W. Spikes: Eugene Carson Blake; W. Russel Bowie:
Francis J. McConnell: Reinhold Neibuhr, etal.

I would greatly appreciate any documented evidence
you can furnish me with reference to the above named or anyone
else in this organization.

I plan to consider offering a resolution at this
general conference as to our possible withdrawal but, as you
know, it would be necessary for me to prove any statement I would
make.

If you so desire, I would hold in strict confidence any
and all information you send to me.

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I am greatly alarmed about our Churches becoming affiliated, even in the remotest way, with these isms.

Time is of the essence. I would greatly appreciate your prompt reply.

Very Truly Yours



September 21, 1966

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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September 23, 1966

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of September 19th has been received.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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MAIL ROOM ☐ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

September 19, 1966


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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have heard from a number of sources that the National Council of Churches is a subversive organization, at least to some extent. I would appreciate some information from the F.B.I. concerning this as soon as possible. I am writing on behalf of several friends as well as myself.

Sincerely yours,


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September 26, 1966

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FBI - NEW YORK

Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of September 20th has been received.

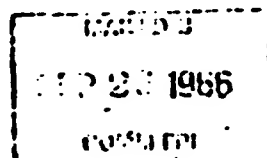
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September 20, 1966

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

Dear Mr. Hoover,

Last night at the Atlanta Biltmore Hotel Mrs. Julia Brown addressed 400 or 500 people. She says that for 9 months she was a member of the Communist party and for 9 years an under cover agent for the F.B.I.

She slurred upon Martin Luther King, claiming that she knows he is using Communist methods; she called the Supreme Court of the U. S. a "phoney Supreme Court." She says that the National Council of Churches is rotten to the core and that there are, in her judgment, more communists in the National Council of Churches than there are non-Communists. She says that she is a member of the John Birch Society. Have you not, Mr. Hoover, at sometime made a statement, or perhaps several statements, in which you have said that the National Council of Churches is not Communistic? Please send me a statement in which you say what the truth is about Communism being in the National Council of Churches. I am [REDACTED] of The Methodist Church and I have difficulty in dealing with some of the people of my district who insist that The National Council of Churches is filled with Communists. You could help greatly with our church people if you could, and would, give us the facts.

Mrs. Brown says that there are many preachers who are Communists. Do you know of any Methodist preacher who has ever been proved to be a Communist? I know Bishop Oxnam was accused, and ^{I know} that other Methodist ministers have been accused, but I have never known of a minister of The Methodist Church being proved a Communist; I have never heard of a Minister of The Methodist Church being convicted of any Communistic activities. Please give me a statement about Methodist preachers and their membership in the Communist Party.

One great evil in our land is the tendency of some suspicious Americans to call a Communist any one who disagrees with them.

I shall greatly appreciate hearing from you, Sir, regarding these matters.

Sincerely,

/s/ [REDACTED]

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Wick	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
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Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
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Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

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

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a statement about Methodist preachers
and their membership in the Communist
Party?

One great evil in our land is the tendency
of the suspicious Americans to call a
Communist any one who disagrees with them.

I shall greatly appreciate hearing
from you, regarding these matters.
Sincerely,

September 23, 1966

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of September 20th has been received.

In response to your inquiry, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy. I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have material in our files relating to the National Council of Churches.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Bufiles contain no information identifiable with correspondent and no record identifiable with [REDACTED]

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 Miss Holmes _____
 Miss Gandy _____

September 20, 1966

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

The church of which I am a member has begun a study of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. Yesterday, a member of the John Birch Society showed a filmstrip, "Crisis in Our Churches", which contained a statement by you. The statement itself did not mention the National Council of Churches. However, within the context of the filmstrip, it left the impression or implication that the National Council of Churches was at worst a Communist front organization, or at best that it was controlled by Communist Party members.

I would guess that you have had many inquiries about the National Council of Churches, and that you probably have a printed statement regarding the National Council of Churches. I would like to have a copy, or a letter giving the facts as the Federal Bureau of Investigation has found them.

Sincerely,

[Redacted signature]

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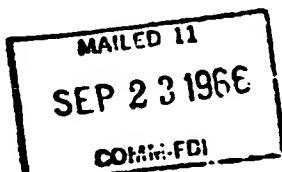
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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of September 17th has been received.

In response to your inquiry, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy. I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have material in our files relating to the National Council of Churches.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



TRUE C' PY

September 17, 1966

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Am interested in learning the Pro and Con.
of the National Council of Churches. As a Member of a
Church, [REDACTED] Church, affiliated with the
N. C. C. I would appreciate any information your Bureau
can send. Thanking you in advance.

Sincerely yours

[REDACTED]

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Sept 17, 1966

J. Edgar Hoover
FBI Director
Washington DC.

Dear Mr Hoover

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and Con. of the National Council of Churches. As a
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Thanking you in advance.

Sincerely yours

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September 20, 1968

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Dear [REDACTED]

I have received your letter of September 14th.

In response to your inquiries, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy. I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have material in our files relating to the National Council of Churches.

Enclosed is material regarding communism which I hope you will find of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (2)

Let's Fight Communism Sincerely!

Director's Statement concerning 13th National Convention, CP, USA

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. Our files contain a number of public inquiries concerning the National Council of Churches.

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MAIL ROOM ☐ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

[REDACTED]
September 14, 1966

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

Dear Sir,

I am a concerned American and a Minister of the Gospel and
am writing in regard to the "National Council of the Churches
of Christ in the United States".

Could you please give me this information:

1. Please tell me about the present and past leadership
of this vast organization and their relationship with
Communist Front Organizations.
2. Please give to me the information as to their policies
adapted and how these policies are in agreement with
the communist line.
3. Also if you have any material on how the communist
are using their efforts to pervert it (the Council)
into a vast tool for the destruction of America.

Any material you have, that you can send me, will be very
much appreciated!

Sincerely,
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September 21, 1966

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of September 17th has been received.

In response to your inquiry, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy. I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have material in our files relating to the National Council of Churches.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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COMMENT: Bufiles disclose no record identifiable with correspondent. The National Council of Churches is well known to the Bureau.

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

Mr. Hoover:

I would like to know if the F.B.I. has ever cleared The National Council of Churches as some ministers have made that remark? Is there any reason for us to be concerned as our church may in a year or so think of joining this organization or would you give them a clear track? Is it true they have a Communist background?

I would appreciate as much information as it is possible for you to give me. I would hope you could answer some questions for me as a citizen of the United States of America.

Thank you.



Address per envelope:



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SEP 22 1966

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

Mr. Hoover:

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Thank You.

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CORRESPONDENCE

September 20, 1956

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of September 14th has been received.

In response to your inquiry, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy and I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have material in our files relating to the National Council of Churches or the World Council of Churches.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Bufiles contain no record of correspondent. Our files contain a number of public inquiries concerning the National Council of Churches and the World Council of Churches.

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September 14, 1966

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


Dear Sir:

It has come to my attention that you have recently revised your position on the National and World Council of Churches.

I am a member of a Lutheran church which is a part of the Lutheran Church in America, which in turn is a member of the above named council.

If you have a published statement which describes your position, I would appreciate your sending it to me. Please advise of any charges too. Thank you.

Yours truly



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Dear [REDACTED]

I have received your letter of September 4th, with enclosure.

In response to your inquiries, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy. I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have material in our files relating to the National Council of Churches. Further, this Bureau is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, neither makes evaluations nor draws conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. No record in Bufiles for Christian League of Decency. Enclosure was a five-cent stamp which is being utilized in reply.

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MAIL ROOM ☐ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

Sept 4, 1966

Dear Mr. J. Edgar Hoover:

Would you and your staff be so kind as to help us out a little.

We have heard and I assume it is correct that there are many (over 100) COMMUNISTS in the position of leadership in the NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES OF AMERICA. We also assume that some are deceived, some are of the pink order, some are definitely pink, and some are definitely RED (COMMUNISTS)

If the church people do not know who they are, what position they hold, where they live and work -- It is rather difficult to warn the church people of the harmful enemy in their midst.

If you knew there were a hundred or more rattle snakes in the grass, you would not send your or your neighbour's children into that area to play.

It is even more important that all CHRISTIAN CHURCHES know who these Communists are, to guard the Churches against such an enemy as they are.

Let's be real and practical and do our best to warn the people of them in our midst.

If at all possible could you send us a list of all people who have a Communist front record, and those who give service to the Communist causes: That are in the National Council of Churches in America and those who had part in the work of the REVISED STANDARD VERSION OF THE BIBLE. I have also heard that

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that a few of the people that had part in the publication of the Revised Standard Version of the Bible, carried Communist cards and were full fledged members of the Communist party. I do not know who they were, but I would like to know who they were..

Any help that you can give us will be very greatly appreciated.

I do not know what charges you make for your services of this kind, but I will be willing to pay a reasonable fee to get the information to warn the people of these enemies of the Christian Churches.

To me this is a very serious matter, and it is a life or death struggle to save the Christian Churches, of which in the past we canbe justly proud of them.

Trusting to hear from you ,

SINCERELY,



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August 30, 1966

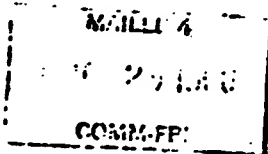
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[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of August 24th has been received.

With respect to your inquiries, while the quotation to which you referred contains the substance of remarks which I have made in the past, this Bureau does not issue clearances or nonclearances of any type. I trust you will understand the necessary reasons for this policy, and it is hoped you will not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the Federal Council of Churches and the National Council of Churches. In addition, it is contrary to my long-standing policy to comment as you desire regarding any material which has not been prepared by this Bureau.



Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: We have had one prior outgoing to [REDACTED] dated 3-10-66 in which she was furnished some reprint material on communism. There is no record for Frances Furlow and this statement has been brought to the Bureau's attention in the past.

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MAIL ROOM ☐ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

August 14, 1960

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

Dear Mr. Hoover,

The report of the hearing of the House Un-American Activities Comm. met in executive session on February 25, 1960 and ordered this report published, on "Issues Presented by the Air Reserve Center Training Manual" constitutes my planned program for a church discussion group on next Mon., August 29. Miss Frances Furlow, an associate editor of the official magazine of the Presbyterian Church, U.S., THE PRESBYTERIAN SURVEY, disqualifies it as "loose charges made under immunity before a committee which has said such testimony is unevaluated" and does not represent its own conclusions." She said, "Mr. Arens... made his statements under the full protection of Congressional immunity, which means he could not be sued for spreading libel. It is my understanding that he has never repeated his charges outside committee immunity, and if this is true, the reasons are obvious." Since she cannot believe him she said in a letter today, "We could perhaps agree on Hoover and the F.B.I. who have given the NCC a clean bill of health."

In her editorial written in December, 1964, she said, "Wild accusations of communist infiltration in the NCC have long been laid to rest by no less a national authority than J. Edgar Hoover." She deduces this from a quote from a letter by you, "I want you to know that neither on this occasion nor at any other time, have I made any statement criticizing the Federal Council of Churches or the National Council of Churches." This statement says nothing to me about possible or actual communist infiltration, and bears no date to authenticate the statement as of that date, though of course we all know the NCC is not itself a proscribed organization.

This is not a battle of wits or a witch-hunt; we are both sincere seekers of truth in order to better serve our Lord. If she is correct I shall cease my efforts as a member of the "intelligentsia" trying to carry out your directive, as expressed in MASTERS OF DECEIT, to alert Christian Americans to the ever-present dangers of communism actively seeking to undermine our faith. It is not my wish to divide my church, but if the truth please does this it will have a biblical and historical precedent and I shall be an active agent of the truth. I can see no possible reason for Mr. Arens to perjure himself in this desperately important matter.

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I have ordered the official list of documents about communism from the Superintendent of Documents, Gov't. Printing Office. Is this evaluated material which I may rightly call the truth? I want my next discussion to be "The Red Drive Against the Anti-Communist Program", Senate Internal Security Subcommittee hearing July 11, 1966, which to me is the basis for evaluation all we read, see, and hear today.

I shall certainly cooperate as prompt as possible, for this is an urgent matter to me as a Christian and a citizen. I am and cannot be a neutral on the basis of authority for truth.

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Wick	✓
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
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Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

August 1, 1966

Dear [REDACTED]

I have received your letter of July 25th.

In response to your inquiries, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy. I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have material in our files relating to the National Council of Churches.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Bufiles contain no reference to correspondent.

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[REDACTED]
July 25, 1966

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

Sir:

I have been handed literature which contends that the National Council of Churches is a communist organization. I support this organization through the Christian (Disciples of Christ) Church and would like to know if there are any facts supporting such contentions.

Very Truly Yours
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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CORRESPONDENCE
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[REDACTED]
July 25, 1966

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

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Very Truly Yours

/s/ [REDACTED]

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Dear [REDACTED]

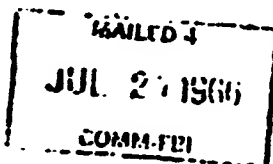
I received your letter of July 24th, and I want to thank you for your kind comments which are a source of encouragement. I trust our future endeavors will merit your continued approval.

In response to your inquiries, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy. I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have material in our files relating to the National Council of Churches. Further, this Bureau is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, neither makes evaluations nor draws conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover


NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. Methodist Student Movement has not been investigated by the Bureau. The National Council of Churches has been the subject of numerous public inquiries.

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July 24, 1966


J. Edgar Hoover
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

It has been brought to my attention that the National Council of Churches, of which the Methodist Church is a member, is highly infiltrated with Communists. This is hard to believe. If your Organization has any proof of this, I would appreciate hearing from you.

I am also concerned about an article in our paper concerning the Methodist Student Movement and their criticizing the Saigon Government. They are calling on U. S. students to seek an end to the Viet Nam war. Is this organization also being backed by the Communist Party?

I have always been very respectful of the Bureau, having had two very good friends under your direction, and hope that you and the American people can rid our country of the Communist menace.

Very truly yours,


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REFERENCE

July 27, 1963

[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

I received your letter on July 25th.

In response to your inquiry, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with the regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy. I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have material in our files relating to the National Council of Churches.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Bufiles contain no record of correspondent. Bureau has received numerous citizens' inquiries regarding the National Council of Churches, and we have not investigated this organization.

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Washington, D.C.
Dear Sir:

We have information which
states you consider - The
National Council of Churches
Communist. If this true
please, send us literature to
enlighten our Unit

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J. Edgar Hoover
F. B. I.
Washington, DC

Dear Sir:

We have information which states you consider -
The National Council of Churches Communistic. If this true
please, send us literature to enlighten our unit

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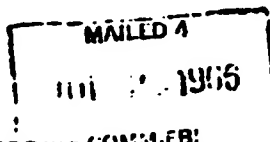
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Dear [REDACTED]

I have received your letter of July 18th.

In response to your inquiries, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy. I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have material in our files relating to the National Council of Churches. Further, this Bureau is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, neither makes evaluations nor draws conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover



NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. Our files contain a number of public inquiries concerning the National Council of Churches.

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18 July 1966

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover (or Administrative Assistant)
Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Several persons in our congregation have begun to raise questions regarding the participation of our denomination in the National Council of Churches. Their primary accusation is that the National Council of Churches is so dominated by men who have been members of subversive organizations or who at present have "communistic leanings" that we cannot in good faith continue to give financial support to the National Council of Churches.

Since they seem convinced of the accuracy of their accusations primarily on the basis of statements made by you and quoted (or misquoted) by various publications, I shall very much appreciate hearing from you concerning the following question: "In your opinion, is the National Council of Churches so dominated by men of communistic leanings that you would advise a church to withhold its financial support from the Council?"

We wish to make any decision that we make on the basis of accurate information rather than rumor. For this reason we shall very much appreciate receiving your personal statement or any official statement of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Sincerely yours,

[Redacted signature block]
[Redacted name]
[Redacted title]
[Redacted address]

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July 13, 1966

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Dear [REDACTED]

I have received your letter of July 8th.

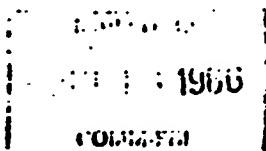
In response to your inquiry, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy and why I am unable to furnish the data you requested. I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have material in our files relating to the National Council of Churches.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: We have had previous correspondence with [REDACTED] who wrote on 8/28/64 advising he was a member of the John Birch Society and wanted information on that organization. His letter was acknowledged 9/2/64 and he is not otherwise identifiable in Bufiles.

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Dear Mr. Hoover,

I hear so much pro and con concerning the National Council of Churches. Is there any evidence that present leadership is or has been connected with communist fronts?

What should a Southern Baptist do?

Yours truly



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Dear Ann Hampton,

I have so much to say and care concerning
the National Council of Churches. Is there
any evidence that present leadership
is or has been connected with communists and
what about a Southern Baptist?

Yours truly

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July 13, 1966

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EX-103

Dear [REDACTED]

On July 11th I received your letter, with enclosure.

You may be sure I have no present thought of re-
tiring, and it is my hope to remain in my current position as
long as I can be of service to our Nation.

In response to your request, I am enclosing some
material that I trust will be of interest to you, as well as the
self-addressed envelope which you so thoughtfully sent.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (3)
God and Country or Communism?
Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion
Correspondent's Self-Addressed Envelope

NOTE: Bufiles contain no record identifiable with correspondent.

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July 1 - 1966

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
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Can, or will you, help me in any way at your command supply this young man with proper information to encourage him to try to make of our country a Christian Nation worshipping God and not the Council of Churches - If you want to look me up - altho I'm not at all important - I have lived here all my life - [REDACTED] - have taught first grade children for 43 years - am retired - am very worried about present conditions - Would like to do something about it - I am a DAR - PEO - belong to the Library Board - and used to teach Sunday School - have several other groups - am married (to the same man for 45 years) go to Washington quite often - am acquainted with our Senators and members of the House - altho they probably couldn't place me unless I were present - knew ex house member J Edgar Chenoweth very well - he was a peach -

I'm sorry you are leaving the FBI. Hope they put in somebody who has worked with you.

Sincerely
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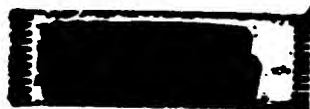
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July 13, 1966

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Dear [REDACTED]

I have received your letter of July 7th and appreciate the interest that prompted you to write.

In response to your inquiries, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy and why I am unable to furnish the data you requested. This Bureau does not have any publications that are available on a subscription basis.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Bufiles contain no record identifiable with [REDACTED]

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Box 820
Ozona, Texas
July 7, 1966

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir;

Please send me anything you have on
communist infiltration into the National Council
of Churches and also the NAACP. If there is a
charge I will gladly pay it. Do you have any
regular publications that we could subscribe to?

Thanking you, I am

Very truly yours,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

CORRESPONDENCE

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June 30, 1963

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[REDACTED]
Dear [REDACTED]

I have received your letter of June 27th, and I want to thank you for furnishing me your observations. You may be sure I did not make the statement attributed to me.

In response to your inquiries, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy and why I am unable to furnish the data you requested. I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have material in our files relating to the National Council of Churches. Further, this Bureau is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, neither makes evaluations nor draws conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual.

Enclosed is a copy of my speech, "The Faith of Free Men," which I hope you will find of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosure

NOTE: Bufiles contain no record of correspondent. Our files contain a number of public inquiries concerning the National Council of Churches.

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MAIL ROOM ☐ TELETYPE UNIT ☐


June 27, 1966

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

Dear Mr. Hoover,

Would you be kind enough to confirm or deny that you gave a communist clearance for Milton Mayer, of the National Council of Churches, to Dr. Kermit Long, formerly of Central Methodist Church in Phoenix?

In discussing a Dan Smoot report with a fellow member of a Methodist church here, in which Dan Smoot quoted Mayer as having said he was a communist, as were all members of society... this friend told me that at one time, when Milton Mayer was to speak at Central Methodist here, that Dr. Long had inquired of you about him.

You are reported to have sent a telegram saying: "Milton Mayer is not and has never been a communist, nor is he a fellow-traveler." Perhaps I don't understand the problem, but if you were willing to make that statement about me, I'd certainly call someone to task if they publicly accused me of being even a sympathizer, and my public stature is not that of Milton Mayer, regardless of his associations good, bad, or indifferent.

If you did in fact send such a report on him, I suppose I must then believe he chose to ignore what Dan Smoot said. I am however interested as well as plain curious to know if you really did send such a report.

Much confusion reigns in the minds of Americans, as is, and it seems almost impossible to believe or disbelieve anyone anymore, on anything, which might smack of cynicism were it not for the fact that people of trust have betrayed the trust, and created so much of this feeling.

It seems to me, in the absence of real proof to the contrary, that if John Birchers are indeed "radical" and "extreme" that at least the cause is one of dedication to fighting the evils of communism, whose ideas would certainly have the same label for wrong-doing.

If in fact, the National Council of Churches and its affiliates support communist front organizations, it would seem to me that as a member of a church who is a member of that Council, I should withdraw support, as one individual, at least.

May I have your comments to help as a guide to my decision?

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Sincerely,

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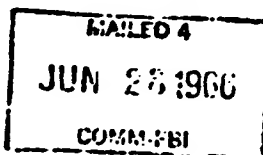
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[REDACTED]
Dear [REDACTED]

I have received your letter of June 23rd. The quotation to which you referred contains the substance of remarks which I have made in the past.

In response to your other inquiry, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy and why I am unable to furnish the data you requested. I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have material in our files relating to the National Council of Churches.



Sincerely yours,

Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. We have received numerous citizen inquiries regarding the National Council of Churches; and we have not investigated this organization.

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

You have been quoted in publications of the National Council of Churches as follows:

"I want you to know that neither on this occasion nor at any other time, have I made any statement criticizing the Federal Council of Churches or the National Council of Churches".

Is the above statement attributed to you a correct quotation? What was the date of the quotation and why was the statement made?

In the light of the involvement of the National Council of Churches in the 1964 marches in Mississippi and Alabama, is the organization still clean as far as Communist association is concerned?

Your reply will be appreciated and you may be assured that it will not be published anywhere. I need the information so that my own church can consider whether or not to support the National Council of Churches.

Yours very truly,

[REDACTED]

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June 13, 1966

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[REDACTED]
Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of June 4th has been received.

In response to your inquiries, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy and why I am unable to furnish the data you requested. I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have material in our files relating to the organizations you mentioned.

You may wish to secure a copy of "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," prepared and released by the House Committee on Un-American Activities. In it are listed groups and periodicals which have been cited by various state and Federal agencies, and a copy of it can be purchased for seventy cents from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C. 20402.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
June 4, 1966

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

There are many hate groups & organizations in the United States. They attack one organization & then another. The press, in many cases, is slanted. How can anyone know what to believe?

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422 N. Prospect St., Weston, Ill., 60187
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was found?


I Am - M. Throckmorton I am
concerned that there are Charges that
there is Communist infiltration in our
church literature & that some pastors are
Pink". Has the F.B.I. investigated the
Methodist Church or any portions of the
church or any Pastors? If so, please
inform me of the findings.

Are there lists of subversive groups
in the United States? Is it possible to
obtain a copy? If so, what procedure
must I follow?

I shall greatly appreciate a
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Yours truly


TRUE COPY


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June 8, 1966

Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of May 31st, with enclosure, has been received.

With respect to your inquiry, I did not make the statement as attributed in the quotation you sent me. In accordance with your request, however, I am enclosing material which contains my views on communist influence in racial matters from my testimony on March 4, 1965, before the House Subcommittee on Appropriations and a copy of my message to all law enforcement officials from the June, 1965, issue of the FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin.

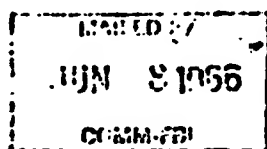
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NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles.

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MAIL ROOM ☐ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

[REDACTED]
May 31, 1966

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

The Commission on Christian Social Concerns of our Methodist Church recommended to our Official Board not to support the request of the Commission on Religion and Race of the National Council of Churches for financial support and direct participation in the racial struggle in America. The Commission used a quote of yours in their recommendation. The quote and action are given in the enclosed paper. We have been unable to document the quote.

Our [REDACTED] District Superintendent has asked for the source of this quote. We feel it very important to supply him with this information. We would appreciate very much if you could advise us where it was used and if possible, in what publication it was printed. Any other material you could send us on this subject will be greatly appreciated, since there is an opportunity to inform persons in official capacity.

Thank you very much.

Yours very truly,
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THE METHODIST CHURCH

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Report on Christian Social Concerns on Religion and Race

The commission of this church discussed the request from the commission on Religion and Race of the National Council of Churches for financial support and volunteer participation in direct action in the racial struggle in America.

There was agreement that the racial struggle is one of the crucial social issues of this century. However, we did not agree with the entire policy of active involvement in race demonstrations since there is much evidence that communists have infiltrated the ranks. J. Edgar Hoover has said, "the communists are using the demonstrations in Civil Rights to their own purpose; that much of the agitation is part of a diabolical scheme contrived by the Communist Party, U.S.A. (CPUSA), an integral Communist conspiracy, the materialistic, godless ideology dedicated to ruling the world."

The commission felt that Christians should not lend dignity to such activities or be a part of this "license of evil." The commission fully supports active involvement in the field of education, civil rights through due process of law, and Christian responsibility toward brotherhood, realizing the race problem is fundamentally moral and spiritual.

Acts 10: 34-35 "God shows no partiality, But in every nation any one who fears Him does what is right and acceptable to Him."

The commission voted unanimously to suggest to the Official Board that the church should not participate in the special request.

The Official Board of the Church voted to accept the report of the commission on Christian Social Concerns. Therefore, the one cent (1¢) per member money will not be paid.

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June 8, 1966

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of June 1st, with enclosure, has been received, and it was thoughtful of you to write.

In response to your inquiry, I am enclosing a copy of the document entitled "The Communist Party Line" which I prepared for the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, and I direct your attention to my remarks appearing in the last two paragraphs on page 6. I hope my complete statement on the subject of communism being furnished will be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosure

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[REDACTED]
June 1, 1966

Dear Mr. Hoover,

A minister's wife in the Presbyterian Church sent the enclosed pamphlet to me as an anti dote on the National Council of Churches.

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**The Radical Right-
True Conservatism?**



A LIVING FAITH PAMPHLET

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THE COVER: The "Radical Right" is a way of thinking and acting which is here symbolized by signs in various languages. All the signs point to the right.

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The Radical Right: True Conservatism?

Making History

The "Radical Right" does not represent true conservatism. FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover has noted that Hitler and Mussolini were ardent opponents of Communism.

"However," this well-known Presbyterian elder has observed, "it was by what they stood for—not against—that history has judged them."

Hoover's words were specifically directed against that group of militant anti-Communists which has been described as the "Radical Right." He asserted:~

"They are merely against Communism without being for any positive measures to eliminate the social, political, and economic frictions which the Communists are so adroit at exploiting."

Seeds of Suspicion

In the name of anti-Communism, the "Radical Right" continues to work dili-

gently to spread the seeds of suspicion against the most cherished institutions in our democratic society. That includes the church.

And the Communists appear to be delighted. One Soviet journal, for example, had this to say:

"Lenin said that the most ardent foes of Communism will eventually become frightened and suspicious of anybody who does not agree with them.

"In this manner these extremely nationalistic capitalists will actually work for the cause of Communism by eliminating some of the largest obstacles on the road toward a worldwide Communist way of life."

The "Radical Right" Advances

Yet the strength of the "Radical Right" continues to grow.

The United Presbyterian General Council has recognized that Presbyterian church members can be attracted to this movement. In 1962, it made this grave observation:~

*"With pseudoevangelistic fervor
and misguided zeal,
some church members*

*seek to convert Christians--
not to a former allegiance
to Jesus Christ, but to a campaign
of anti-Communism based on
a distrust of our free
American institutions."*

The observation continues, "In the name of preserving American freedom, they subvert it more effectively by their reckless attacks on the churches, and press and constitutional government, than the Communist conspiracy has been able to do."

What, then, is the attraction of the "Radical Right"?

Our Festering Frustrations

We live in an age of great frustration. On the international scene, there is the constant threat of Communist intrigue, the lingering cold war, and the ever-present danger of nuclear attack. And, here at home, we are faced with unemployment, spiraling taxes, a grave racial crisis, and scores of other complex domestic problems.

We Americans want simple, direct, quick solutions for such perplexing ques-

tions. But they simply do not exist and can't be produced.

Not so with the "Radical Right."

It assumes that there are always solutions at hand capable of forcing international victories and of resolving our social problems. When such solutions are not found, it attributes the failure to conspiracies led by evil men and their dupes.

Those who dare to disagree with the "Radical Right" are branded as liberals, pinks, eggheads, and fellow travelers—if not downright Communists.

Sincere Christians will not be deceived by such emotional condemnations if they are mindful of the true situation in which we live.

Negative Attack of the "Radical Right"

ONE—The "Radical Right" is always negative in its outlook. One Republican Senator, for example, has noted that this movement has no confidence in the inner strength of America, since it has no courage of its own. Moreover, he added, the "Radical Right" preaches a doctrine of hate, since it is shot through by its own fears.

The rampageous right sees Communist

intrigue at work in some of the strongest institutions dedicated to world peace and democracy—the United Nations, the United States Supreme Court, the Federal Reserve System, the traditionally conservative American press, and America's Foreign Aid program.

Even the majority of the American people cannot be trusted because they elect the President and Congress, respect the courts, support the churches and schools, buy newspapers, and belong to labor unions.

No wonder that one Congressional leader has remarked that the "Radical Right" makes "common cause with anarchy."

It would be well for Christians who are attracted to this movement to remember that "God did not give us a spirit of timidity but a spirit of power and love and self-control."

Name-Calling

TWO—Many right-wing leaders have hurled the charge of Communist sympathy at such men as Chief Justice Earl

Warren of the U.S. Supreme Court; Allen Dulles, former director of the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency; and the late UN Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjöld.

One New England rightist has gone so far as to accuse President Eisenhower of being "a dedicated, conscious agent of the communist conspiracy." There is little wonder that many of his disciples dissociated themselves from so reckless a charge.

At the same time, it is useless for distinguished leaders to answer such patent lies because the "Radical Right" has little or no concern for the truth.

Notice, however, that most of these extremists are careful not to accuse a person categorically of being a Communist. They merely imply that he might be, thereby sidestepping charges of libel.

Happily, the majority of Americans are not deceived by such tactics. When, for example, a Bible-quoting rightist charged that a Colorado clergyman was "unfit to hold a pulpit" because he was a "fellow traveler," the highly respected *Denver Post* sprang to the minister's defense.

Attacking the "vileness" of the charge, *The Post* noted that the agitator "can hop

a plane . . . and leave town," while the clergyman "must stay and attempt to live down the sparks of suspicion" that the unfounded allegation kindled.

It is incredible for a man who professes loyalty to the gospel of Jesus Christ to traffic in such slander. For Christians are called upon to put away falsehood and to speak the truth with their neighbors.⁸

Action in Reverse

THREE—The "Radical Right" does irreparable damage to the conservative cause. Or, as Episcopal Bishop Horace Donegan once remarked:

"To call such programs which sow ill will and suspicion conservative is a misnomer. They endeavor to reverse our American tradition of democratic action to promote the general welfare, and in other ways to turn back the clock in defiance of our national history and experience."

*Unlike the radical rightist,
a true conservative seeks
to promote national self-confidence,
orderly growth, and the abolition
of social tensions.*

About all, he considers it his duty to spring to the defense of the Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

~"The church is for the conservative who would preserve the best of the ancient values. This means that the church will resist the radical left as much as it must resist the radical right," the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly of The United Presbyterian Church U.S.A. has observed. He goes on to say, "But it must resist every conservative who prates about ancient values as a smoke screen to protect his own selfish advantages."

• Antidemocratic

four—The "Radical Right" is also guilty of being antidemocratic, if not dictatorial, in structure and program. Its leaders believe that they alone have the wisdom to determine what is right. In fact, one self-appointed vigilante has gone so far as to declare:~

"Democracy . . . in government or organization . . . is merely a deceptive phrase, a weapon of demagoguery and a perennial fraud."

So it is that most right-wing groups are controlled by one individual, or, at most, by a handful of power-hungry men. In many instances, there is no accounting of dues or contributions, and members have no voice in determining programs or in defining positions.

One of the great strengths of America lies in the fact that both liberals and conservatives are forced to defend their viewpoints on any given issue in the marketplace of ideas. But the "Radical Right" insists that any deviation from its position is not only wrong but treasonous.

It would be well for those who clothe their bigotry in pious phrases to remember the injunction of Paul:

"I bid every one among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith which God has assigned him."*

• Communistic Techniques

FIVE—It is somewhat ironical that the "Radical Right" has even adopted many of the methods employed by the Communists themselves.

To show that it "means business," the

"Radical Right," like the Communists, often advocates formation of cell groups, infiltration of community and religious organizations, creation of local "front" groups, and implication of guilt by association.

In some cases, the "Radical Right" may actually aid the Communist conspiracy. For example, the Soviet Union seeks to control the United Nations by use of the veto. The "Radical Right," on the other hand, insists that the United States should withdraw from membership in the United Nations.~

*If this happened,
the Soviets could conceivably gain
complete control
of this international body.*

Those who give more than lip service to their belief in the Bible will think twice before resorting to tactics that are less than Christian. For the most powerful forces are defeated "not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, says the Lord of hosts." 4

Tampering with the Gospel

six—However, one of the most disturbing aspects of the "Radical Right" in-

volves its exploitation of the gospel to promote its own political, economic, and social schemes. Yet it would deny responsible church bodies the right to apply Christian principles to these same areas of human concern.

A classic example of this exploitation involves a Bible-quoting right-wing leader who once declared: "The business of the clergy is to preach the gospel and to change the inner life of man rather than to go off on economic, diplomatic, and political tangents."

Yet this same individual has charged that the State Department is Communist-ridden, that the Girl Scouts of America has published subversive propaganda, that the late John Foster Dulles was pro-Communist, and that even the United Church Women has been "collectivized."

All this from a man who insists the "business of the clergy is to preach the gospel and change the inner life of man"!

Countless other rightists pretend to "go back to the Bible" to promote dissension and find support for their own pet political theories.

For example, one "apostle of discord" cites Biblical "evidence" to support his

contention that there is a "solemn responsibility" resting upon the free world to strike the first nuclear attack.

Charles C. Parlin, a prominent Wall Street lawyer and a president of the World Council of Churches, has deplored such distortion and exploitation of the Scriptures. He has pointed out that these attacks are sometimes made under the misapprehension that the word "Protestant" stems from the English verb "protest."

"A little more research," says the well-known Methodist layman, ". . . would have produced the fact that the term 'Protestant' stems from the Latin *pro testare*—to testify for or be for something." Thus, in a true sense Jew and Christian—Roman Catholic, Orthodox, and Protestant—stand together. We are all for justice, truth, and freedom, "under God."

It has been in just such a positive spirit that the major church bodies have sought to apply the gospel to the social evils of the day.

"If voicing such a concern brings the church under attack, that is to be expected," says J. Irwin Miller, president of the National Council of Churches. "Jesus was sent to the cross because he persisted

in saying things that offended the custodians of the *status quo*."

This does not mean that Christians will always be in agreement regarding social, economic, and political matters. But it does mean that their common loyalty to Jesus Christ and to one another as members within his body will be more binding than their loyalties to party, class, or race. Christians are not followers of the "left" or the "right"—they are followers of "the way, and the truth, and the life."

PAUL R. CARLSON

* II Tim. 1: 7; * Eph. 4: 25; * Rom. 12: 9; * Zach. 4: 6; * John 14: 6.

For Further Reading

The Protestant and Politics, by William Lee Miller. The Westminster Press. \$1.00.

Race and the Renewal of the Church, by Will D. Campbell. The Westminster Press. \$1.25.

The Secular Relevance of the Church, by Gayraud S. Wilmore. The Westminster Press. \$1.25.

(As this pamphlet is published, the above books are available at the prices indicated. Neither their continued availability nor the prices can be guaranteed.)

Dear [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

In response to your inquiry, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy and why I cannot furnish the data you requested. The FBI has not investigated the National Council of Churches.

J. Edgar Hoover

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May 20, 1966.

Federal Bureau of Investigation,
9th St. and Penn. Ave.,
Washington, D. C.

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Gentlemen:

The National Council of Churches, 475 Riverside Dr. New York 27, N.Y.
is composed of some 30 Denominations, embracing over 40,000,000 church members.
This Council, is reported to have a managerial personnel in excess of 600 persons, whose duties it is, to supervise and direct most, if not all, phases of church activities, both home and a broad. It reportedly, has gone afield of church delegated authority, and is actively injecting, money, prestige and influence into State and National affairs, and perhaps is engaged in other unwarranted activities, some of which, allegedly, has been secretive or possibly underhanded.

The foregoing assumptions, has aroused suspicion, in the minds of many church members in this area and perhaps throughout this Country, that some of the Councils activities, may have been motivated by communistic leaning by or in Council's personnel.

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Recently, at an open meeting in this City, a representative of the Council, said that your distinguished service, had made a thorough check and investigation of Council's personnel and found no present nor past members of the communist party.

MAY 27 1966

If it is within the province of your good office, I would like to know, if the foregoing statement by the Council representative is true.

Cordially,

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CORRESPONDENT

May 26, 1966

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Dear [REDACTED]

I have received your letter of May 19th.

In response to your inquiry, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy and why I am unable to furnish the data you requested. I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have material in our files relating to the National Council of Churches.

The quotation to which you referred was taken out of context from remarks I delivered before the Committee on Un-American Activities of the House of Representatives on March 23, 1947. I can assure you that I have never made any statement criticizing the work of the National Council of Churches.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Correspondent appears to be identical with an individual of the same name who along with more than 200 other clergymen from Chicago signed a petition during 1960 to urge President Eisenhower to act in the interest of Morton Sobell. The Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell has been cited as a subversive organization. We have received a number of citizen inquiries regarding the National Council of Churches. The Director's full statement referred to above is as follows: "I confess to a real apprehension so long as Communists are able to secure ministers of the gospel to promote their evil work and espouse a cause that is alien to the religion of Christ and Judaism."

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51 JUN 9 1966 TELETYPE UNIT ☐

May 19, 1966

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I regret having to write you on a matter about which I believe your position is well known. Nevertheless, recent events impelled me to check once again about your investigation or your opinion with regard to the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A.

A paper from a Church in our community carries this line, "and right now there is little doubt that the greatest single friend the Communists Reds have in the U.S.A. is the National Council of Churches. The National Council is little more than a Communist-front organization."

I have a reprint of an article Loyalty of Lay and Clerical Leaders published by the National Council in which the following is stated:

"Part of the evidence quoted by critics of the Council when they allege communist sympathies consists of quotations from former FBI agents or even the present chief of the FBI, Mr. J. Edgar Hoover. The following is an example:

'I can confess to a real apprehension so long as Communists are able to secure Ministers of the Gospel to promote their evil work...'

In explanation of this remark, Mr. Hoover has stated over his own signature:

'The quotation which you set forth was taken out of context from remarks I made before the Committee on Un-American Activities of the House of Representatives of March 28, 1947. I want you to know that neither on this occasion nor at any other time, have I made any statement criticizing the Federal Council of Churches or the National Council of Churches.'

I will appreciate any statement you can make regarding the loyalty of the National Council or infiltration by communists in the Council either in the past or at the present time.

MAY 27 1966

Sincerely,

RESPONSE

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May 12, 1965

REC- 31

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of May 10th has been received. Your kind remarks and expressions of confidence in me are indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiries, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy and why I am unable to furnish the data you requested. I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have material in our files relating to the National Council of Churches.

This Bureau is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, neither makes evaluations nor draws conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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

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MAY 12 1965 ☐

TRUE COPY

May 10, 1966

Dear Mr. Hoover,

I have just read, with some misgivings, a rather alarming article on the National Council of Churches. As a veteran, citizen, and church member, I am quite naturally concerned with events taking place in our Country today. Therefore, I would greatly appreciate any and all information your office can send me on this organization, and its leaders, particularly the backgrounds of these people, and what their affiliations have been.

I would also like to know whether the F. B. I. has had occasion to investigate these people, and what conclusions, if any, were reached. I firmly believe one of the darkest hours this Nation will have to face, will be the day you finally have to give up your post.

Thank you for your years of devoted loyalty, and countless ways of protecting her.

Sincerely,

A large, solid black rectangular redaction mark covering the signature of the sender.

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Sincerely,

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May 13, 1966

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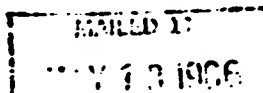
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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of May 9th has been received.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bureau files. The National Council of Churches has been the subject of numerous public inquiries.

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MAIL ROOM ☐ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

May 9, 1966

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

Dear Mr. Hoover;

As clerk of Session of the [REDACTED]
Presbyterian Church, I have been commissioned to
request certain information from your Bureau.

If it is within the confines of the regulations
of your department, we would like to be advised of
the communist background (if any) of the present
and immediate past directors of the organization known
as the National Council of Churches. It would also
be of great interest to know if any of these men are
now active or in any way affiliated with known or
suspected communist groups.

Your early reply will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours
[REDACTED]

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May 12, 1966

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of May 7th has been received and I appreciate your kind comments.

In response to your inquiry, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy and why I cannot furnish the data you requested. I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have material in our files relating to the National Council of Churches.

I was pleased to learn that you and your associates found my book, "Masters of Deceit," to be instructive and helpful. You may also desire to refer to my latest book, "A Study of Communism," which is a comprehensive history of the development and expansion of communism throughout the world. It may be available at your local library. In addition, I am enclosing literature which I trust will be of interest.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosure

Fifth of Free Men

NOTE: On the basis of information available, correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. National Council of Churches has been the subject of numerous public inquiries.

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MAIL ROOM ☐ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

May 7, 1966

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Chief Of The FBI
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I realize that you are a mighty busy man and I dislike to impose further burdens upon you. However, I am so deeply concerned over the way Christian people are allowing themselves to be led down the road toward communism that I am making this appeal to you for your assistance. I feel that you do not want to become involved in the affairs of the church as long as there is any possibility of them taking care of their own problems, but it now seems to me that there is little hope unless you can step into the picture and give your stern warning as to just how they are being misled.

Personally, I believe that the National Council of Churches is one of the worst, if not the worst, that has ever happened to Christianity in America. The sad part of the whole thing is, in spite of all of the evidence that plainly shows that the NCC is more interested in political matters than it is in Spiritual or Christian, many ministers of the Gospel and church leaders can not see it that way. My stand has been, that the action of the NCC in objecting to having prayer and Bible reading returned to the public schools is enough in itself, to condemn the organization as being of a Christian nature! Yet, look at all of the other things which they have become involved in. I am sure that you are fully aware of all of this, and I need not go into that.

The President of the NCC, Bishop Mueller, has just recently toured this state, and I understand that he is to be at the yearly conference of the Methodist Church to be held in Lakeland, Florida soon, to make a talk. I feel that the proper procedure would be to have a good old fashioned debate on the matter so the people could get both sides of the matter, and not just be continually fed up with the one side, of the matter.

I have read your book, "Masters of Deceit" and think it is good. I discussed it some at our church, and the results were that I was asked to order several copies so they could be passed around for all to read that we desired. After reading the book our pastor used several sermons in review of it. If all of the preachers could or would read this book they might begin to realize the terrible menace of Communism.

MAY 13 1966

If you agree with me that the NCC is giving aid and comfort to the communist, I would greatly appreciate it if you can suggest ways by which I may be more able to present the facts to those that can see no fault in the NCC.

My many thanks and deep appreciation to you for your wonderful work in behalf of Christianity and our great nation.

Sincerely yours, CORRESPONDENCE

May 5, 1966

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Dear [REDACTED]

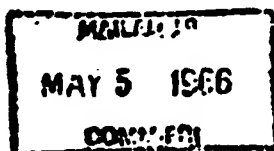
Your letter of May 2nd has been received.

In response to your inquiry, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy and why I cannot furnish the data you requested. I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have material in our files relating to the National Council of Churches.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Bufiles contain no derogatory information regarding correspondent.

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54 MAY 19 1966

[REDACTED]
May 2, 1966

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

Dear Sir:

There are many reports relative to the National Council of Churches, that they are affiliated with Communists.

Since I have been asked to join a church which is associated with the Nat. Council of Churches, please advise me if these reports are true and what connections this organization has. I do not want to support such a organization, either directly or indirectly.

Yours truly,
[REDACTED]



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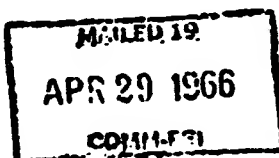
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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of April 25th, with enclosures, has been received, and I want to thank you for your favorable remarks regarding Mr. Victor Turyn.

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. I trust you will understand the necessary reasons for this policy and why I cannot comment as you desire regarding the National Council of Churches. It is hoped you will not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to that organization.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



- 1 - Buffalo - Enclosures (3)
- 1 - Los Angeles - Enclosures (3)

NOTE: We have had prior correspondence with [REDACTED] and there is nothing derogatory concerning her. She has been sent material on communism. Our relations with officials of the Committee of Christian Laymen, Inc., of Woodland Hills are most circumspect as they have tried to use the Bureau as a tool in their fight with the National Council of Churches of Christ. The Bureau has had to have an Agent contact an official of the organization to admonish him to desist from conveying the impression that the FBI endorsed his group's activities and publications. Her enclosures were DFC:cms (5) tracts about the National Council of Churches distributed by the Committee of Christian Laymen, Inc.

52 MAY 12 1966

TRUE COPY

[REDACTED]
April 25, 1966.

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

Honorable Sir:

I am enclosing two papers, "Facts about the National Council of Churches of Christ," Pub. # 142 & a paper concerning Bishop C. Fainé Kyle. At the bottom page of one of the papers, they claim you were sent a copy. I am wondering before I give this information to people whether or not this is true. It seems to be documated.

Perhaps you can let me know. I know you work through the Buffalo Office -- Mr. Turen. He spoke very well over WJTN "Opinions Please" Program a few months ago.

Thanking you to reply. I am
Sincerely,
[REDACTED]

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ENCLOSURE

P. S. I hope the F. B. I. positions will
never be political ones.

Facts About

The National Council of Churches of Christ

No individual church is directly a member of the National Council of Churches. The N.C.C. is a grouping of denominations. If your local church is a member of any one of the denominations listed below then you are supporting the Apostate National Council of Churches.

Member Denominations

African Methodist Episcopal Church
African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church
American Baptist Convention
Armenian Church of America, Diocese (including Diocese of California)
Christian Churches, International Convention
Christian Methodist Episcopal Church
Church of the Brethren
The Evangelical United Brethren Church
Five Years Meeting of Friends
Greek Archdiocese of North and South America
Hungarian Reformed Church in America
Lutheran Church in America
The Methodist Church
The Moravian Church in America
National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc.
Philadelphia Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends
Polish National Catholic Church of America
Presbyterian Church in the United States
Protestant Episcopal Church
Reformed Church in America
Romanian Orthodox Episcopate of America
Russian Orthodox Greek Catholic Church of America
Serbian Eastern Orthodox Church
Seventh Day Baptist General Conference
Syrian Antiochian Orthodox Church
Syrian (Orthodox) Church of Antioch
Ukrainian Orthodox Church of America
United Church of Christ
United Presbyterian Church in the USA

Cooperating with the N.C.C. in some areas

United States
1. Advent Christian Church
2. American Lutheran Church
3. American Holy Orthodox Catholic Apostolic Eastern Church
4. Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church
5. Brethren Church (Ashland, Ohio)
6. Brethren in Christ
7. Church of Christ (Holiness) U.S.A.
8. Church of God (Anderson, Indiana)
9. Church of the Nazarene
10. Churches of God in North America (General Eldership)
11. Cumberland Presbyterian Church
12. Evangelical Congregational Church
13. Evangelical Covenant Church
14. Free Methodist Church of North America
15. Friends, Kansas Yearly Meeting of
16. Friends, Ohio Yearly Meeting of
17. General Baptists
18. General Conference of the Mennonite Church
19. Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod
20. Mennonite Brethren Church of North America
21. Mennonite Church
22. National Primitive Baptist Convention of the U.S.A.
23. North American Baptist General Conference
24. Pilgrim Holiness Church
25. Progressive National Baptist Convention of the U.S.A.
26. Reformed Episcopal Church
27. Salvation Army
28. Schwabfelder Church
29. Seventh Day Adventists
30. Southern Baptist Convention
31. United Brethren in Christ
32. United Missionary Church
33. Wesleyan Methodist Church of America
Canada
34. Anglican Church of Canada
35. Baptist Federation of Canada
36. Presbyterian Church in Canada
37. United Church of Canada

An AP dispatch, February 28, 1964, from Baltimore, Maryland, entitled "Churches Urged To Get Involved In Politics," reads: "The general board of the National Council of Churches yesterday adopted a resolution calling on its 31-member denominations to get involved in politics."

The National Council of Churches supported and commended the Supreme Court decision which removed Prayer and Bible reading from our public schools. The suit was brought by an *Atheist* and the American Civil Liberties Union, described as a 'transmission belt for the Communist Party' (4th Report Un-American Activities in California), furnished the legal talent to take the case to the Supreme Court. This close affiliation between the participants is indicated in the publication of the *Atheists* as noted below:

The American Atheist

(August - September issue 1964)

On its front cover quotes Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, chief administrative officer of The United Presbyterian Church U. S. A., as follows:

"With prudent management, the Churches ought to be able to control the whole economy within the predictable future."

A Coalition headed by Walter Reuther and including N.C.C. Church leaders, Negro leaders, Socialists and others met on June 30, 1964. They elected officers at their meeting in February 1965 with Walter Reuther, Chairman; Dr. Eugene Carson Blake and Martin Luther King are Vice Chairmen - See United Auto Worker publication "Solidarity" March 1965 for complete report on final organization meeting. This Coalition now has voting control in the House of Representatives—See U.A.W. Solidarity January 1965.

You can not, as a member of a church belonging to one of the N.C.C. affiliated denominations listed above, by withholding funds from N.C.C., affect its policy one iota. Of its budget of over \$20,000,000 only \$153,000 was contributed by individual churches. The interest of the National Council of Churches, in our opinion, is in the number of members which it claims to represent (over 40,000,000), which membership gives it tremendous political power. This political power may very well enable it to control our entire economy as stated by Dr. Eugene Carson Blake.

You may rest assured, if this happens, the economy will be Socialistic.

Copies mailed to the F.B.I. and the House Committee on Un-American Activities
COMMITTEE OF CHRISTIAN LAYMEN, INC., OF WOODLAND HILLS
P. O. BOX 285
WOODLAND HILLS, CALIFORNIA

OBJECTIVES OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

A point by point comparison with the objectives of the Communist Party. (See next page).

We publish this certified accurate information as a public service to our readers.

Reprints of these two pages only can be obtained for distribution at 3c each by writing

to: THE TRUMPET PRESS, Inc. Box 21011, Dallas 11, Texas.

1. **PEACEFUL CO-EXISTENCE, PEACE**
(Communist Peoples World, 3/5/60, page 3) also
("Recognize Red China", Church Riders, Inc., pages 2-8-15)
 2. **DISARMAMENT**
(Communist Peoples World, 3/5/60, page 3, also
"Recognize Red China", Church Riders, Cincinnati, Ohio.)
 3. **NO NUCLEAR TESTING**
(Communist Peoples World, 8/17/57, page 7)
 4. **ABOLISH LOYALTY-SECURITY LAWS**
("Communism in the Churches", by J. B. Matthews, page 7)
 5. **ABOLISH LOYALTY OATHS**
(Communist Peoples World, 9/13/54, page 3)
 6. **ABOLISH ALL INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEES ON COMMUNISM**
(American Legion newspaper, "Firing Line", 1/15/58)
 7. **INTEGRATION, racial amalgamation.**
(Article by Marcus Barth in Peasby, magazine, "Social Progress")
(Rev. Martin Luther King, Peoples World, 3/5/60)
 8. **CHANGE THE SOCIAL ORDER**
(The National Council of Churches, Approval, Carl McIntire, p. 40)
 9. **INCREASE FOREIGN AID AND FOREIGN AID TO COMMUNIST COUNTRIES**
(("News and Views", Whoson, Illinois: October, 1958)
 10. **RECOGNITION OF RED CHINA**
(Dr. R. A. Sybil, Congress. Record of 2/25/59, and Peoples World 2/5/60)
 11. **ADVANCE PROPAGANDA EFFORTS THROUGH COMMUNIST FRONTS**
("Communism in the Churches", by J. B. Matthews, page 9)
 12. **RECRUIT OTHERS TO THE CONSPIRACY**
("Communism in the Churches", by J. B. Matthews, page 9)
 13. **JOIN POLITICAL AND LABOR MOVEMENTS**
(Economic Council Letter No. 440, 10/1/58)
 14. **DISCREDIT J. EDGAR HOOVER AND THE F.B.I.**
("Communism in the Churches", by J. B. Matthews, page 21)
 15. **DESTRUCTION OF IMMIGRATION AND PASSPORT LAWS**
** (H. U. A. C. Report No. 187, 3/8/59, p. 45 "News & Views" June, 1955.)
 16. **CLEMENCY FOR CONVICTED SPIES**
("Recognize Red China", Church Riders, Cincinnati, Ohio, page 16)
 17. **SMEAR SENATOR JO McCARTHY**
("Communism in the Churches", by J. B. Matthews, page 7)
 18. **RECONSTRUCT RELIGION ON BASIS OF SCIENTIFIC MATERIALISM**
(Economic Council Letter No. 440, 10/1/58 — "Theology for Progress", Time Magazine, 3/16/59.)
- ** H. U. A. C. — House Un-American Activities Committee.



OBJECTIVES OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY

Compare the purposes and objectives of the Council as they seek to aid the Reds in World wide Conquest.

The program is aimed directly to confuse, and then paralyze us from within. Both the Council and the Reds have the same purpose to promote a world wide organization.

1. **PEACEFUL CO-EXISTENCE, PEACE**
** (Amaz. Bar Assoc. Report, Congress. Record of 8/22/58, page 6
H. U. A. C. Report No. 1251, page 12)
2. **DISARMAMENT**
(Peoples World of 10/10/59, page 5 — Report of the Judiciary Committee, 3/20/60, page 5)
3. **BAN NUCLEAR TESTING**
(Report of the Judiciary Committee, 3/20/60, page 5)
4. **ABOLISH LOYALTY-SECURITY LAWS**
(Amaz. Bar Assoc. Report, Congress. Record of 8/22/58, page 6)
5. **ABOLISH LOYALTY OATHS**
** (H. U. A. C. Report No. 187 of 3/8/59, page 54)
6. **ABOLISH ALL INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEES ON COMMUNISM**
** (H. U. A. C. Report No. 187 of 3/8/59, page 54)
7. **INTEGRATION, incite racial strife**
("Subversion in Racial Unrest", Public Hearings State of Louisiana, March, 1957 — H. U. A. C. Report No. 1251 of 3/8/60, page 67)
8. **CHANGE THE SOCIAL ORDER, social revolution**
("Blueprint for World Revolt", by Peter Smole, 1919-1956)
9. **INCREASE FOREIGN AID AND FOREIGN AID TO COMMUNIST COUNTRIES**
(Report of the Judiciary Committee of 3/20/60, page 6)
10. **RECOGNITION OF RED CHINA**
(Amaz. Bar Assoc. Report, Congress. Report of 8/22/58, page 8)
11. **ADVANCE PROPAGANDA EFFORTS THROUGH COMMUNIST FRONT**
** (H. U. A. C. Report No. 257 of 4/3/59, page 73 — "Communism in the Churches", by J. B. Matthews)
12. **RECRUIT OTHERS TO THE CONSPIRACY**
** (H. U. A. C. Report No. 187, p. 54 (1959) — No. 259, page 57 of April '59)
13. **JOIN POLITICAL AND LABOR MOVEMENTS**
(Judiciary Committee Reports of 3/20/60 pages 18 to 22, and of 12/21/55, pages 90-91)
14. **DISCREDIT J. EDGAR HOOVER AND THE F.B.I.**
(Edward J. Mooney, L. A. Times 4/19/59 and "The Nation" of 10/18/58)
15. **DESTRUCTION OF IMMIGRATION AND PASSPORT LAWS**
** (H. U. A. C. Report No. 187 P. 45, 3/8/59 and No. 1251, page 45, 1960)
16. **CLEMENCY FOR CONVICTED SPIES**
(Peoples World of 10/3/59, page 12 and the government document, "The Shameful Year" H. U. A. C., 1950)**
17. **SMEAR SENATOR JO McCARTHY**
("Political Affairs", Sept., 1951. Daily Worker 10/9/51 and 4/5/58)
18. **RECONSTRUCT RELIGION ON BASIS OF SCIENTIFIC MATERIALISM**
("Blueprint for World Conquest", Human Events 1946)

MANY PEOPLE DO NOT REALIZE THEIR CHURCH BELONGS TO THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES. DOES YOURS?

Bishop C. Fain Kyle, is a conservative Negro Georgian who recognizes Martin Luther King as a dangerous, false leader for the Negro people. He with the help of the National Council of Churches are creating an atmosphere of hatred between races.

**A News Release
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**From: DISCARD, INC., et al
P.O. Box 1366
Richmond, California
Phone: (415) 233-1731**

(Richmond, California) Bishop C. Fain Kyle, serves as Executive Director of Dedicated Independent Society Committee Against Racial Demonstrations, Founder - Conservative Christian Churches of America, President - Conservative Broadcasting Corporation, Chairman - California Recall Committee, and National Director - Christian Conservative Party.

All 5 of the above named organizations are California Nonprofit Corporations, which recently went on record charging Dr. Martin Luther King as being directly or indirectly responsible for the chaos, anarchy, insurrection and rebellion brought about through demonstrations and rioting throughout the United States in recent years, months and weeks and days.

This includes the Selma and Montgomery, Alabama mess, shame and murders, the Americus, Georgia debacle and murder, riots, injuries and murders in the State of Mississippi, lawlessness in both Chicago and Springfield, Massachusetts, and the fair city of Los Angeles, where the nation recently witnessed the greatest catastrophe of its kind during its history take place.

The organizations severely criticized, condemned and censored King for being the inspiration and instigator directly or indirectly of all these sordid affairs, and further condemned King for his hypocrisy in posing as a non-violent leader when in reality just about every move of King's has almost always inevitably resulted in both violence and bloodshed.

The organizations further censored and condemned King for his noticeable failure or refusal to go or even send word to Los Angeles ordering the rioters to cease and desist from all violence and lawlessness since this was both morally and legally wrong.

Furthermore, the organizations took note of the fact that instead of King's trying to do something, anything to bring about a halt to the recent Los Angeles war which has brought shame upon our nation, King left the country for a sort of vacation speaking engagement instead of putting first things first, which he should have done by putting forth an effort to bring an end to the rebellion and insurrection in Los Angeles of which he was the direct or indirect cause.

According to the five organizations which authorized Bishop Kyle to issue this news release, the whole world is now aware that King is a false, hypocritical, wolf in sheeps clothing, who, knowingly or unknowingly is being used by the Communist to provoke a general frightening "race war" in this country that could result in the destruction of America.

During the past several years, Bishop C. Fain Kyle, has repeatedly warned and sought to alert the American people that King is the most dangerous man in the world today, and that such disasters as the one that recently struck Los Angeles are inevitable under his kind of leadership, and that in due time the entire nation will become locked in a hopeless, devastating "race war" unless King, who has openly defied both Municipal, County, State and Federal Court edicts and injunctions, and gotten away with it - is shorn of his power and imprisoned for his criminal acts and deeds for defying the courts of the land.

The leaders of The National Council of Churches who have been promoting the "Negro Revolution" and urging disrespect for the law through Civil disobedience, should assume responsibility for the riots in Los Angeles and elsewhere. If their intent is to create a state of anarchy, and we believe it is, then they are serving the cause of Communism.

Committee of Christian Leaders, Inc., P.O. Box 288, Woodland Hills, California

April 25, 1966.

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2 ENCLOSURE
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April 22, 1966

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of April 19th has been received.

In response to your inquiry, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy and why I am unable to furnish the data you requested. I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have material in our files relating to the National Council of Churches.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Bufiles contain no information identifiable with [REDACTED]. We have received a number of public inquiries concerning the National Council of Churches which have been handled in the above manner.

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[REDACTED]
April 19, 1966

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have recently seen a copy of a newspaper from a town in Texas listing the objectives of the National Council of Churches and the objectives of the Communist party. I was somewhat amazed at the similarity of the two.

I have also read a report from Master of Deceit listing some of the ways Communist fronts can be recognized. Here again I was surprised at the similarity of this list with that of the objectives of the National Council of Churches.

I have been asked to serve on a committee in my local Methodist church making a study of the National Council of Churches due to the accusations that it has become Communistically infiltrated and that this organization help finance the race riots in the South last year. Do you have anything in your files in regards to these two accusations that could help us in our study?

Any information or findings of any work that your office has done would be of help to our committee.

Sincerely yours,
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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CORRESPONDENCE

April 20, 1966

REC-105

[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of April 14th 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. I trust you will understand the necessary reasons for this policy and why I cannot comment as you desire. 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.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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1 - San Antonio - Enclosure

NOTE: We have had one prior outgoing to correspondent dated 4-6-65 and there is nothing derogatory concerning him. The Bureau has received numerous inquiries regarding the National Council of Churches.

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April 14, 1966

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Mr. Sullivan _____
Mr. Tavel _____
Mr. Trotter _____
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Miss Holmes _____
Miss Gandy _____

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

For the past week Mr. Edgar C. Bundy has been making a series of public appearances in our section of Texas. One of his main themes has been an attack upon the National Council of Churches. He charges that the N.C.C. is, in effect, a communist front organization.

Since he quotes statements by you as one of his chief authorities, would you please let me have a statement regarding your estimation of the National Council of Churches. Is there any basis, in your judgment, for the accusation that the National Council of Churches is "communistic"?

Naturally, I would want to have the freedom to use your statement in public.

I am already aware of Mr. Sullivan's speeches in 1961. However, something of more recent date and more explicitly dealing with the National Council of Churches, would be of real value.

Thank you for any assistance that you can give in counteracting the malicious type of insinuation propagated by Mr. Bundy.

Sincerely,

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CORRESPONDENCE

April 8, 1966

REC-47

Dear [REDACTED]

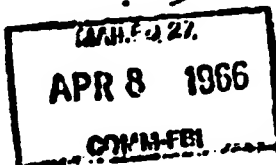
Your letter of March 31st, with enclosure, has been received.

In response to your inquiry, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy and why I am unable to furnish the data you requested. I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have material in our files relating to the National Council of Churches.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Bufiles contain no record of correspondent. Our files contain a number of public inquiries concerning the National Council of Churches. Correspondent's self-addressed, stamped envelope is being utilized in reply.

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TRUE COPY

March 31, 1966

Dear Sir:

I would like some information on the National Council of Churches. I have heard the leaders of this organization are known communists. Is this true?

Any information will be appreciated.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

/s/

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Any information will be appreciated
Thank you

Sincerely



CORRESPONDENCE

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

DEAR MR. ROSEN:

I WANT TO THANK YOU VERY
MUCH FOR TAKING THE TIME TO READ
AND ANSWER MY LETTER. THIS MEANT
A LOT TO ME. IT SHOWED ME, THAT
A VERY BUSY MAN CAN READ A
LETTER FROM A COMMON CITIZEN.

THANKS TO DIRECTOR

I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO SAY I WILL
ALWAYS BE INTERESTED IN THE TESTS
ABOUT THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHARITIES.
I DON'T THINK THIS COUNCIL IS WHAT
SOME PEOPLE THINK IT IS. AND I DISAGREE
WITH IT.

Respectfully,
[Redacted Signature]

THANK YOU FOR YOUR RESPONSE
[Redacted Signature]

April 1, 1966

REC-101



Dear 

Your letter of March 23th has
been received.

In response to your inquiry, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy and why I am unable to furnish the data you requested. I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have material in our files relating to the National Council of Churches or the World Council of Churches.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover




March 20, 1966

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

Dear Sir:

Could you furnish me with or tell me where I might obtain Government Documents or Pamphlets pertaining to the operation of the Communist party within the National Council of Churches and the World Council of Churches. I would appreciate any information you can give me as to their operations and etc.

Sincerely yours,



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March 31, 1960

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of March 28th has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

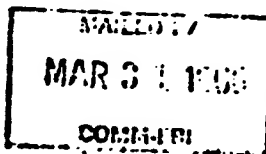
In response to your inquiry, data in our files must be maintained as confidential pursuant to regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand why I cannot comment as you desire, and I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have material in our files relating to the National Council of Churches.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
1 - Philadelphia - Enclosure

NOTE: Correspondent cannot be identified in Bureau files.

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TRUE COPY

March 28th 1966

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

Dear Mr. Hoover

I don't know how to say or write this, but I have been very disturbed with the church I attend. The church wants me to become a member, the reason why my wife is a member. But I have heard this church belongs to the National Council of Churches and I have heard that Dr. Eugene Carson Blake is one of the top men of the N.C.C. and I have read where he is a good supporter of Martin Luther King. So, I can see no good in the National Council of Churches and why they are bringing false teachings into our churches. Mr Hoover I was very hurt inside a month or so ago when I asked my Sunday School teacher where the missionary money goes after it is sent to the church conference. He told me that he wrote and tried to find out, but the conference would not tell him of no source. Now, if this is right then I'm wrong.

Mr. Hoover, may I ask this of you, would you tell me as far as your knowledge is of the National Council of Churches whether you would advise a American citizen to join such an organization that has such an erupted American religion.

Mr. Hoover I know you are a very busy man, but I do hope I will hear from you on this matter. As well as for myself these church people need to know. Thank you very much for a part of your time.

Sincerely yours

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MAR 31 1966

MR J ELLIOT HOOVER
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON DC.

DEAR MR. HOOVER

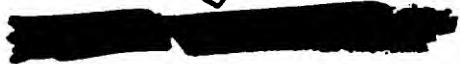
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MR. HOOVER I KNOW YOU ARE A VERY
WY MAN, BUT I DO HOPE I WILL HEAR
FROM YOU ON THIS MATTER. AS WELL AS

Myself these papers, I hope
to know. Thank you very
much for a part of your time.

Sincerely Yours



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March 28, 1966

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of March 21st has been received.

In response to your inquiry, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy and why I am unable to furnish the data you requested. I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have material in our files relating to the National Council of Churches.

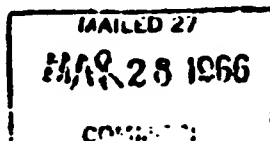
Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: [REDACTED] previously wrote to the Director on the subject of communism, and this was acknowledged by letter of 7/27/61. He is not further identifiable in Bufiles. Our files contain a number of public inquiries concerning the National Council of Churches.

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March 21 - 66
[REDACTED]

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Mr. Edgar J. Hoover:

Dear Sir:

The First Christian Church of [REDACTED]
is a member of the National Council of Churches.

Since I am an elder in the church, it is my
responsibility to inform our youth and rear them right.

Is the National Council of Churches a
Communistic movement?

Any literature would be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

/s/ [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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March 21-66

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Mr. Edgar J. Hoover:

Dear Sir:

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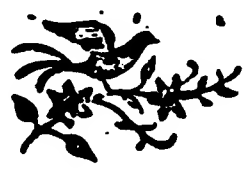
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March 26, 1966



Dear Mr. Hoover:

Just a note to apologize
for not answering your letter
of February 10th in regard to
the National Council of Churches.

Your speech, "Faith of Free
Men" is a prized possession
for which we are deeply grate-
ful to you for sending it. We
shall use it in programs,
share it with our friends
of the community. Our country
is indebted to you more than
we can realize, and may the
Good Lord bless you and keep
you.

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National Council of Churches

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March 24, 1966

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of March 21st has been received.

In response to your inquiry regarding the National Council of Churches, information in FBI files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy and will not infer from our inability to be of help either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to this group.

Enclosed are publications which I hope you find of interest.

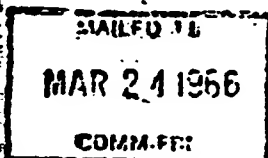
Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures (2)
"The Faith of Free Men"
93 Facts about the FBI

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[REDACTED]
March 21, 1936

Information Department
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

Our United States Government Class recently became involved in a discussion of the National Council of Churches. Our instructor claims that your agency has investigated this organization and found it to be infiltrated by the Communist Party of the United States. However, our local clergy claim that this is not true. I would greatly appreciate your sending me a copy of the results of your investigations of the National Council of Churches, if such investigations were made.

I thank you for your cooperation in clearing up this matter.

Sincerely,
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March 18, 1966

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Dear [REDACTED]

I received your letter of March 11th, with enclosure, and want to thank you for your generous remarks concerning my administration of the FBI. It is hoped our future endeavors will continue to merit your support and approval.

For your information, the FBI has not investigated Dr. Charles E. Poling or Dr. Daniel A. Poling. Therefore, I know you will realize I cannot comment as you suggested about them.

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. Further, it is contrary to my long-standing policy to comment on material not prepared by personnel of this Bureau. Therefore, I am certain 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 to you. I am also returning the page you forwarded.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (3)

1 - Springfield - Enclosure

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55 MAR 25 1966

TRUE COPY

March 11, 1966
[REDACTED]

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
F. B. I. Headquarters
9th & Pennsylvania Ave.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am enclosing a page from a pamphlet written by Charles S. Poling one the the well known ministers of the Presbyterian Church. The name of the pamphlet is "Sowers of Discord" and is a part of an address delivered by Dr. Poling January 22, 1962 in the assembly hall of the Phoenix College.

Charles S.

Calif. Arizona

When Dr. Poling took a stand in opposition to the National Council of Churches he was denounced & discredited by his wheels in the Council & since that time has continually talked against this organization.

I presented his veiw & my own views at our small church (Presbyterian) in [REDACTED] because we give so much money each year to the N. C. C. My question is why must or should we give money to the NCC if they have commupistic tendencies & in a subtle way are trying to lead our church down the road to first socialism & then finally the ultimate result Communism?

To me this is a serious thing & should be discussed in all churches affiliated with the NCC if the statements Dr. Poling made are true.

MAR 21 1966

I have personally known Charles S. Poling for years. My husband & I were "married by him in Nov. 1942 in Long Beach Calif I also know he is a loyal American serving in twb world wars & on the front lines as chaplain in World War II. His family was written up as one of America's outstanding Christian families when Clark V. Poling, son of Daniel Poling was one of the 4 Chaplains who, when the Dorchester was torpedoed, lost his life when he gave his life jacket to service men aboard.

2-ENCLOSURE

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Daniel Poling is Editor of Christian Herald & one of the ladies of our church says he is a known Communist. Is that true? I just can't believe it.

The reason for this letter is because I dropped a bombshell when I brought up the possibility that the N. C. C. bears watching & investigating because when our church supports it with money we are actually a part of it. In our small town of 2600 people are complacent, they don't want "their bed of roses" disturbed. They don't want to be involved, when we are all involved up to our necks if we are loyal Americans. Please help me by giving me your personal view p on the N. C. C. Not a form letter please because I think you are one of our finest Americans today & have also been under fire that is a disgrace. I respect anything you say & believe that you can help clear this thing up.

Please return the page I enclose as it is the only copy I have. Our next meeting is April 5th & I would appreciate very much a letter from you that I can read at our next meeting.

Sincerely yours,



March 11, 1966

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
F.B.I. Headquarters
9th. Pennsylvania Ave.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am enclosing a page from a pamphlet written by Charles Peling and the the well known ministers of the Presbyterian Church. The name of the pamphlet is "Saviors of Slicord" and is a part of an address delivered by Mr. Peling January 22, 1962 in the assembly hall of the Phoenix College.

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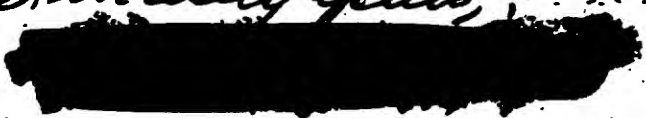
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NATIONAL COUNCIL FOLLOWS COMMUNIST LINE

The Communists are against the Bricker Amendment — so is the National Council;

(Ref. previous note on Fourth National Study Conference on Churches and World Order, Oct. 1953, on page 4.)

The Communists are opposed to the Connally Reservation — so is the National Council;

From "Pronouncements Issued by the N.C.C." 25.2-2, the following is part of the Policy Statement adopted by the General Board June 2, 1960:

"The United States should respect the competence of the International Court of Justice, without self-appointed powers of reservation, such as the Connally Amendment."

The Communists are eager to kill Selective Service — so is the National Council;

Policy Statement adopted by the General Board, Jan. 30, 1952, Pronouncement No. 23.1-1:

"It is not in accord with our heritage as a free nation under God, permanently to recruit our youth under the banner of the military. To do this would be to take a long step in the direction of a garrison state."

"The National Council of Churches . . . reaffirms its opposition to permanent universal military training."

—Pronouncement No. 23.2-1, March 2, 1955

From "Christian Responsibility on a Changing Planet," Report of the Fifth World Order Study Conference, page 21:

"Abolish the system of military conscription and allow the authority of the Selective Service System to draft men to lapse on its expiration next June."

The Communists want a ban on nuclear testing — so does the National Council;

Policy Statement adopted by The General Board, June 4, 1958, Pronouncement No. 24.2-3:

"We favor the control and limitation of all nuclear tests by international agreement with a system of international inspection and safeguards under the United Nations . . . We reiterate our concern for persistent negotiation on the various aspects of an effective international system of reduction and regulation of all armaments."

From "Christian Responsibility on a Changing Planet," Report of the Fifth World Order Study Conference, page 32:

"We believe the United States Government should continue its present suspension of tests, unilaterally if necessary, for a sufficient period of time to permit full exploration of the possibilities of arriving at a definite international agreement."

The Communists are against the Right to Work Laws — so is the National Council;

Policy Statement adopted by the General Board, Dec. 2, 1959, Pronouncement No. 21.2a-2c:

"It is the opinion of the General Board of the National Council of Churches that union membership as a basis of continuing employment should be neither required nor forbidden by law. . . . Union membership as a condition of continued employment is not supported by this statement as a subject of collective bargaining unless the union concerned is recognized by established procedure as representative of all employees in the bargaining unit." (Italics are added).

The Communists have sought to discredit J. Edgar Hoover and the F.B.I. — the National Council joins them on this front;

In the National Council pamphlet — *The National Council of Churches — What it is — What it does* — we read:
"There are 954 local and state councils of churches, and more than 2,000 ministerial associations, which work with the Council at the community level. State and local councils of churches also are represented officially in the council."

Dr. Joseph B. Hunter, Executive Secretary of the Arkansas Council of Churches (local affiliate of the N.C.C. in Little Rock) was quoted in the *Arkansas Democrat* on December 28, 1960, as saying:

"The film 'Operation Abolition' is a complete distortion of facts and a deliberate propaganda move by the House Committee on Un-American Activities and the F.B.I." "After all, the F.B.I. is just a secret police network which infringes on the individual rights of man."

The Communists seek to abolish the American loyalty-security laws — so does the National Council;

A N.C.C. statement of Feb. 28, 1959 urged Congress to strike out the Loyalty Oath provision in the 1950 National Defense Education Act. . . . The Council said that the American system of government rests on "trust in the integrity and loyalty of its free, unchained citizens."

— Christian Reason, March 19, 1959

From "Christian Responsibility on a Changing Planet," pages 22-23.

"Christians have a loyalty which transcends the nation. The security they seek cannot be limited to any nation or group of nations."

"Some aspects of life in the United States could, without loss, perish, just as some characteristics of life in nations opposing us are worthy of survival. Nor should Americans claim that this nation, taken as a whole, is better for human life than any other nation."

"It is implicit in what we have said that security should not be thought of primarily in national terms."

See also anti-McCarthy Act statement issued in the report of the Fourth World Order Study Conference.

The Communists want recognition of Red China by the United States and her admission to a seat in the United Nations — so does the National Council. (And knowing well that this nation slaughtered over thirty million of her own people, gives millions of acres to the cultivation of the opium poppy with which to corrupt her own and the peoples of the world rather than convert this land to the raising of grain that her starving millions may be fed.)

From "Christian Responsibility on a Changing Planet," pages 22-23 and 28:

"With reference to China, Christians should urge reconsideration by our government of its policy in regard to the People's Republic of China. While the rights of the people of Taiwan and of Korea should be safeguarded, steps should be taken toward the inclusion of the People's Republic of China in the United Nations and for its recognition by our government."

The Communists, with a record of rape and slaughter, pleads for peaceful coexistence—the National Council joins them in this plea.

Reference: The Nov. 1958 "Message to the Churches" called for "stronger efforts . . . to find ways of living with the Communist nations," etc.

POLITICAL MEDDLING DIVIDES CHURCHES

Now, the question is not whether you and I are in agreement upon any or all of these issues. For example, several of my critics have referred to the fact that former President Eisenhower and John Foster Dulles, expressed opposition to the Bricker Amendment. But, thank God, this is still America and not Russia. Here little people walk as kings and can question the infallibility of a President, no matter how great, proved, and patriotic he may grant that President to be. But here is an illustration as to why we insist that the National Council has no business meddling in political affairs. Two great, loyal American patriots disagreed with other great and wise American statesmen upon this issue. But a church agency drags this and many other such controversial political questions into the church, thus dividing the church into two camps, stirring up controversy among laity and clergy, laity and laity, and clergy and clergy. "Where," do you still ask, "shall we lay responsibility for the division and rebellion in the church?"

SAC, Jackson

3/14/66

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Director, FBI

1 - Mr. Kleinkauf

DELTA MINISTRY
NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES
MT. ECULEH, MISSISSIPPI
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

On 3/1/66, Senator James Eastland of Mississippi, furnished the following information to a representative of the Bureau.

He stated he has received a number of reports from Mississippi constituents indicating that the Delta Ministry of the National Council of Churches had been instrumental in organizing farm labor, particularly around the Mt. Eculah, Mississippi, area. These reports indicated that a number of members of the Communist Party have visited meetings of the Delta Ministry. According to his constituents, the Delta Ministry organized the recent seizure of the Air Force Base in the Mt. Eculah area and there was considerable publicity regarding the forced removal of the groups of individuals that took over the Base. Senator Eastland stated that

Senator Eastland, in furnishing the above information, advised he was only doing this in order that the Bureau would have the benefit of this information.

In view of the general nature of the information furnished by Senator Eastland, no information could be located in Bureau files regarding the above. The Jackson Office is instructed to furnish the Bureau any information which would substantiate the data furnished by Senator Eastland. In the event it is necessary to contact the New York and Louisville Offices regarding [REDACTED] respectively, this should be handled on an expedite basis in order that the requested information from Jackson will not be delayed in reaching the Bureau.

JHK:cmk

APR 4 1966

SEE NOTE PAGE TWO

MAIL ROOM ☒ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

Letter to Jackson
RE: DELTA MINISTRY
NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES
MT. PULASKI, MISSISSIPPI

NOTE:

Senator Eastland furnished the above information to Assistant to the Director C. D. DeLoach, the results of which contact were set forth in Mr. DeLoach's memorandum to Mr. Tolsen dated 3/1/66, captioned as above. It is felt we should have Jackson furnish us information as to whether the data furnished by Eastland is substantiated in order that Bureau files can be complete in this respect.

Memorandum

MR. TOLSON

DATE: March 1, 1966

FROM: C. D. DeLoach

SUBJECT: DELTA MINISTRY
NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES
MT. BEULAH, MISSISSIPPI

Senator Jim Eastland, Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, asked me to see him at 11:30 a. m. in his office.

The Senator told me that he had received a number of reports from Mississippi constituents indicating that the Delta Ministry of the National Council of Churches had been instrumental in organizing farm labor, particularly around the Mt. Beulah, Mississippi, area. These reports have indicated that a number of members of the Communist Party have visited meetings of the Delta Ministry.

According to Senator Eastland's constituents, the Delta Ministry organized the recent seizure of the Air Force Base in the Mt. Beulah area. There was considerable publicity regarding the forced removal of the group of individuals that took over this Base. Senator Eastland also stated that

Senator Eastland told me that he was not asking for any information but that he merely desired to refer the above facts to the FBI so that we would know of such activities. I told him his information would be made a matter of record.

ACTION:

The Domestic Intelligence Division will check files regarding the above facts and will ascertain if there is any confirmatory information in Bureau files regarding this matter. Senator Eastland's comments should thereafter be transmitted to the Jackson Office for information.

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Wick
- 1 - Mr. M. A. Jones

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March 14, 1966

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

I received your letter of March 2th and want to thank you for the interest in writing.

With respect to your inquiry, the FBI being strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government does not issue clearances or nonclearances of any type. In view of the foregoing, I can assure you I have never made the statement contained in your communication. 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.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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Mr. DeLoach	_____
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Mr. Rosen	_____
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Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

March 9, 1966

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

The "Interchurch News" published by the National Council
 of Churches for December, 1965, carries a little item on Page
 7 from Raleigh, N.C. which says, concerning a Rev. W.W. Finlater,
 Baptist minister:

"Critics of the National Council", he said, have ignored facts
 about it and a statement by FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover clear-
 ing the National Council of "any taint of subversion or Com-
 m." "

This would be contrary to your past statements that the FBI
 never "clears" anyone. I'm working on a book and would appreciate
 whatever you can do to clarify this.

Respectfully yours,

[Redacted signature]

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March 11, 1966

Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of March 7th has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is appreciated.

In response to your inquiry, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy and why I am unable to furnish the data you requested. I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have material in our files relating to the National Council of Churches.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. The booklet "Has the Methodist Church Gone Mad?" by A. H. McGregor is well-known to the Bureau. This publication strongly advocates segregation and represents an attack upon the Methodist Church for alleged leftist leanings. Our files contain a number of public inquiries concerning the National Council of Churches, and previous acknowledgments have been as set forth above.

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MAIL ROOM ☐ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

March 7, 1966

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

A number of us Methodists from First Methodist Church of [redacted] urgently request that you advise us concerning the National Council of Churches.

A publication by A. H. McGregor titled "Has the Methodist Church Gone Mad" is before us. This publication makes use of your name and other well respected names in condemning the National Council of Churches.

We merely seek the truth concerning this organization. We urgently request that you give us the following information:

1. Is the National Council of Churches identifiable with the Communist party or any organization which renders any amount or kind of financial support, aid, or comfort to Communist interests?
2. Does the National Council of Churches have leaders or men serving in high offices who are known communists, or who have been known to support or render any kind of service to communists or communist interests?
3. Is the National Council of Churches being used by the communist party or by people serving communist interest in a subtle manner which may not be apparent to some Methodist church members?

Please answer these questions and give us any additional information available on the National Council of Churches organization which would place the true facts before us.

Sincerely yours,

[redacted signature]

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March 1, 1966

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[REDACTED]

Your letter of February 26rd, with enclosure, has been received.

In response to your inquiry, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy and why I am unable to furnish the data you requested. I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have material in our files relating to the National Council of Churches.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Bufiles contain no record of correspondent, and our files contain no derogatory information concerning the National Council of Churches. Correspondent's stamped, self-addressed envelope is being utilized in reply.

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MAIL ROOM ☐ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

TRUE COPY

Feb. 23, 1966

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

Dear Sir,

As the leader of the young people of [REDACTED]
Community Church I would appreciate any information you
could give me about the N. CC.

Please find addressed, stamped envelope
enclosed. Thank you.

/s/ Sincerely
[REDACTED]

ADDRESS PER ENVELOPE:
[REDACTED]

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

Dear Sir,

In the interest of the young people of [redacted]
community I would appreciate any information
you could give me about the KKK.

Yours kind address, stamped envelope enclosed.
Thank you.

Sincerely,
[redacted]

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March 1, 1966

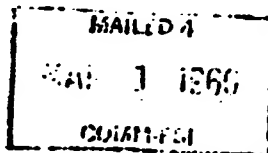
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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of February 21st has been received.

In response to your inquiry, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy and why I am unable to furnish the data you requested. I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have material in our files relating to the National Council of Churches.

Sincerely yours,



NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. Our files contain no derogatory information concerning the National Council of Churches.

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TRUE COPY

Feb 21, 1966

Dear Sir,

Can I get this information from you. Has the F.B.I. ever been asked to investigate the activities of the National Council of Churches for Communist affiliations and if you have what were your findings.

My reasons for wanting to know is because my Church is helping to finance the National Council of Churches and we do not want to help any communist. Thank you.

Yours Truly

/s/

[REDACTED]

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ST-100

Feb 21, 1966.

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CORRESPONDENCE

February 23, 1966

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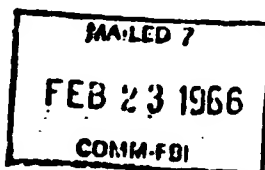
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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of February 18th has been received, and I want to thank you for the kind sentiments you expressed regarding my work.

In response to your inquiry, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy and why I am unable to furnish the data you requested. I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have material in our files relating to the National Council of Churches.

Enclosed is a copy of my speech, "The Faith of Free Men," and I hope you will find my remarks of interest.

Sincerely yours,



Enclosure

NOTE: Bufiles contain no derogatory information concerning [REDACTED] although our files do reveal he was a victim in a hit and run automobile case where the subject was never apprehended.

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RECORDED TELETYPE UNIT ☐

Mr. Tolson	
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Mr. Conrad	
Mr. Felt	
Mr. Gale	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Sullivan	
Mr. Tavel	
Mr. Trotter	
Tele. Room	
Miss Holmes	
Miss Gandy	

February 16, 1966

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am an active member of [REDACTED] Church, [REDACTED] AS one of the officers of this church, I am concerned about certain activities of the National Council of Churches because of their leaning toward Communism.

I do not wish to contribute any money to the National Council of Churches that could be used for the spreading of Communist doctrine.

I would like for you to advise if your organization has any authentic information that the officers of the National Council of Churches are influenced in any way by people engaged in Communist activities.

As an individual, I would like to express my appreciation to you and your Bureau for the fine service that you are rendering this nation and wish you continued success.

Yours very truly,

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February 18, 1966

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of February 14th has been received, and I want to thank you for the complimentary remarks you expressed concerning the work of this Bureau.

In response to your inquiry, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy and why I am unable to furnish the data you requested. I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have material in our files relating to the National Council of Churches.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosure
"The Faith of Free Men"

NOTE: Bufiles contain no record of correspondent.
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MAIL ROOM ☐ TELETYPE UNIT ☐


Dear Mr. Hoover:

Being active in Church work of Christian Churches in our State of Missouri, I have need of your enlightenment.

Continued attacks, ~~that~~ and accusations that the National Council of Churches is Communistic infected falls on my ears quite often. So I write this letter to you in hopes that you will confirm, or deny these statements. Knowing that your office is capable of knowing more on these matters than any other source in this land of ours.

Always I am grateful for you people of the F. B. I. and the tremendous role you play in the internal security of these United States of America.
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Sincerely,


TRUE COPY

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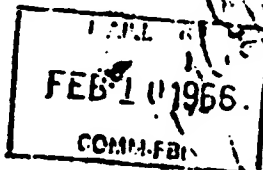
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Dear [redacted]

I have received your letter of February 6th, with enclosures, and the kind sentiments you expressed mean a great deal to me.

In response to your inquiry, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy and why I am unable to furnish the data you requested. I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have material in our files relating to the National Council of Churches.

Enclosed is a copy of my speech "The Federal Free Men," and I hope you will find my remarks of interest.



Enclosure

1 - Dallas - Enclosures (3)

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NOTE: Bufiles contain no record of correspondent or her husband.

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TRUE COPY

February 4, 1966

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am enclosing two clippings from wire services
concerning the 'Delta Ministry' of the National Council of Churches.

Sir, would you tell me if there are communists in the
N. C. C., and if they are responsible for this action. This action
was inspired last fall, but I'm sure you are well aware of it.

My husband and I try to be good members of
Presbyterian Church U. S. A., but some of the goings-on of the
hierarchy strains my religious up-bringing.

Thank you, and may God bless and keep you.

Respectfully,

/s/

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ENCLOSURE

February 4, 1966

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

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Respectfully,

CORRESPONDENCE

Negroes Invade Deactivated Base

GREENVILLE, Miss. (AP) — A small band of Negroes invaded the deactivated Greenville Air Force Base Monday saying "we are here because we are hungry and cold and we have no jobs or land." Andrews said he was kicked in the shin by one of the Negroes. Andrews, the only Air Force officer on the base, said he had talked to the White House and the Air Force chief of staff about the situation. The first group of about 35 Negroes carried blankets and clothing and moved into an un-

heated building near the main gate. Later in the day another group of about 15, including old women and small children, joined them. Andrews called city and county law enforcement officers. They came quickly, joined by FBI agent Walter Prosper of Greenville. None of the officers took any action. "We don't want charity," said the Negroes inside the one-story building, once used as the base's Air Police headquarters. "We are willing to work for ourselves if given a chance."

City and county police moved out at noon on orders from County Atty. John Webb. Andrews said the Negroes caught the civilian guards by surprise and marched on to the base over their objections. He said he tried to talk to the invaders and was kicked in the shins. Later, however, Andrews described the incident by saying, "I got bumped on the ankle." He said he didn't know if the bumping or kicking was intentional. Andrews said he had given the Negroes a letter formally

advising them they were on "to stay until their demands for federal property and had been met. I don't think they knew the law."

The Negroes identified themselves as "The Poor People's Conference." FBI agent Prosper said the Negroes violated a federal law by breaking a lock on the

Snow remained on the ground around the air base from a record cold spell over the week-end. The temperature at noon was 2 degrees.

The second group of Negroes lugged a portable stove and food into the T-shaped building. Miss Mimi Shaw, an official of the National Council of Churches' delta ministry, said the Negroes were on the base

The Air Force shut down operations on the base last March but still maintains control of it with Andrews having charge of 27 civilians.

KARACHI — Pakistani schools will be open all year long.

ENCLOSURE

Tallahassee Morning News

Arms Thursday, February 3, 1966
Civil Rights 'Live-In'

Air Policemen Oust Negroes From Base

GREENVILLE, Miss. (UPI)—Air police have dragged a group of kicking, screaming, biting civil rights workers from a deactivated Air Force barracks where they were staging a "live-in."

The demonstration was for the purpose of dramatizing a plea for more federal aid for Negroes.

A force of 150 air policemen evicted the squatters and marched them outside the gate of Greenville Air Force Base after the demonstrators refused to leave.

The demonstrators then marched eight miles to the city of Greenville, where they said they would meet to decide future plans.

Maj. Gen. R. W. Puryear told the squatters he sympathized with their problems and would see that the correct authorities received their pleas for more food and aid for Mississippi Negroes.

But he said they could not remain in the empty building they took over after forcing their way onto the base Monday. When they refused to leave, he sent in air police flown into the inactive base earlier in the day.

"Send the children out, at least," he asked. The demonstrators refused, and locked the door of the building where they had camped out for more than a day.

About 40 unarmed military policemen then left the detachment, crashed through the door, and began to physically carry out the demonstrators.

Most were dragged out, kicking, cursing, screaming and spitting at the helmeted military policemen. More than a dozen men were bitten.

The air policemen were under strict orders to use only what force was necessary to evict the demonstrators.

The demonstrators called in Negro airmen to help them. The children with the group walked quietly out another door and joined the adults.

The airmen had carbines and billy clubs nearby, but did not use them.

One of the demonstrators carried out was Art Thomas, director of the Delta Ministry Project of the National Council of Churches, who accused the airman of brutality.

Puryear, stiff and formal, told the demonstrators they had to leave "for your own safety." He said the building had no toilet facilities and the stoves the demonstrators had brought were a fire hazard.

Isaac Foster, a worker for the Freedom Labor Union which has worked to organize Negro plantation workers, told Puryear he would have his answer later as to when the demonstrators would leave.

"I will give you 20 minutes," Puryear replied. He took a list of grievances from the demonstrators, and asked they give their address as Greenville Air Force Base.

"This means you are not going to vacate?" he asked. Foster said this was true. Puryear then ordered the military policemen into action.

Greenville AFB, a 2,000-acre installation, was in the process of being deactivated under the military's economy program. Only a small housekeeping force was on duty Monday when the demonstrators drove onto the base, disregarding orders to halt.

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February 4, 1966

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of January 30th has been received.

In response to your inquiry information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy and why I am unable to furnish the data you requested. I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have material in our files relating to the National Council of Churches.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles.

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MAIL ROOM ☐ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

January 30, 1966

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

Dear Sir;

Our church has been having a discussion concerning the National Council of Churches, more particularly, concerning the governing board of this organization. Several of our members have literature stating that some members of the governing board of this organization are either Communists, members of Communist front organizations or have supported such organizations.

This discussion has created some anxiety among our congregation as you can well imagine, especially since our church (United Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.) is a member of the National Council of Churches.

Would it be possible for you to help us in this dilemma by informing us if, to your knowledge, any of the above allegations are true?

We would appreciate any help you could give us.

Yours truly,

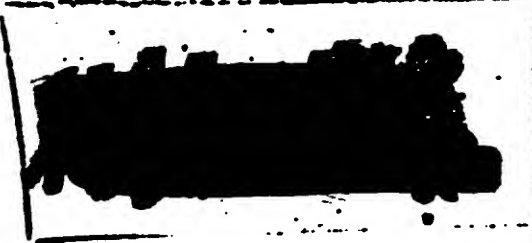


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January 31, 1966

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[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of January 25th has been received.

In response to your inquiry, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy and why I am unable to furnish the data you requested. I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have material in our files relating to the National Council of Churches.

Sincerely yours,


J. Edgar Hoover

APR 1966

NOTE: Correspondent is possibly identical with an individual who inquired regarding acts of violence relating to civil rights in the South. At that time he stated he was formerly a sergeant in the Air Force and resided in [REDACTED] Correspondent is not further identifiable in Bufiles.



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TRUE COPY


25 Jan 1966

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

Dear Sir:

I am a member of the department of Christian
education at the  AME Church here in 

I have heard that the National Council of Churches
is a communist inspired organization. What does your department
think of this charge?

I will gladly accept an answer through your
representatives in this area. Thank you very much.

Very Truly Yours,
/s/ 

REC-47

25 Jan 1966

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

Dear Sir:

I am a member of The department of
Christian education at The [REDACTED] AME
Church here in [REDACTED]

I have heard that The National Council
of Churches is a Communist inspired Organization.

What does your department think of this charge?

I will gladly accept an answer through your
representatives in this area. Thank you very much.

[REDACTED]

Very Truly Yours
[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

January 26, 1966

REC-61

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[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of January 22nd has been received.

In response to your inquiry, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy and why I am unable to furnish the data you requested. I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have material in our files relating to the National Council of Churches.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles.

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JAN 26 1966
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Dear Sirs:

Could you send me any of your reports on the National Council of Churches? So much controversial information abounds that I seek unbiased, honest information. If any cost is involved, I will remit gladly.

Thank You VeryMuch .

A Church Member

22 JUL 1961

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[REDACTED]

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of your reports on the National
Council of Churches? So much
controversial information abounds
that I seek unbiased, honest
information. If any cost is
involved, I will remit gladly.

Thank you Very Much
A church member.

[REDACTED]

: January 19, 1933 .

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of January 1933 has been received.

In response to your inquiry, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy and why I am unable to furnish the data you requested. I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have information in our files relating to the National Council of Churches.

Sincerely yours,

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

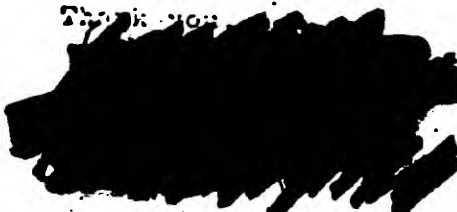
I have before me report that Dr. Harry F. Ward is a recognized leader of the National Council of Churches and also a member of the communist party.

I also have before me a report that the same Dr. Ward is not, and has never been a member of, nor a leader in the National Council of Churches, and that he was cleared of any charges of Communism, when it was found that his accusers had been paid to make this statement before the House Un-American activities Committee.

As I am interested in facts, not rumors, I would appreciate it if I could know the results of any investigations of these statements that your organization might have made.

Also, is there any evidence of Communist leadership or influence within the National Council of Churches?

Thank you



January 26, 1963

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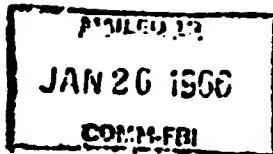
Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of January 17th has been received.

In response to your inquiry, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy and why I am unable to furnish the data you requested. I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have material in our files relating to the United Council of Churches.

Enclosed is a copy of my speech "The Faith of Free Men" which I hope you will find of interest.

Sincerely yours,



Enclosure

The Faith of Free Men

NOTE: Bufiles contain no record of correspondent. Our files reflect the United Council of Churches is also known as the National Council of Churches.

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Jan. 17, 1956

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

I am writing your office because I wish a truthful and unbiased answer to a question.

I have read and heard that the United Council of Churches is a subversive organization. That it was organized by the communist and is being used as a tool by them just as UNRRA and UNESCO etc.

The reason for my inquiry is we wish to start our 3 small boys to Sunday School and we also wish to attend Church. However we do not want our children brainwashed in Sunday School by UCC literature. I have some of these papers and I feel that parts of it should not be taught in Sunday School.

Will you please let me know about this organization and if the information I have is correct. Would you also be kind enough to send me a list of the Churches that do belong on a list of those that do not.

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Thank you so much for your help in this matter.

Yours very truly,

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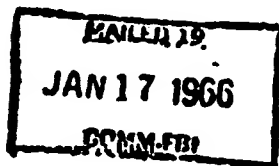
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Dear [REDACTED]:

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Jan 11, 1966

TRUE COPY

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

For many years, I have been deeply concerned with the activities of the National Council of Churches in America of which my church, the Protestant Episcopal Church, is a member. This has been a great interest to the majority of laymen and laywomen in the Diocese of Upper South Carolina and the Bishop in response to this arranged a debate between Mr. Fulton Lewis, Washington commentator, and Mr. Erwin Miller, past president of the N. C. C. A.

This debate left me just as confused as before with each many denying the accusations of the other, so I am looking to you and your department, of which I have the greatest admiration, for an answer. Is the NCCA in any way involved or in any way helping the communistic party?

I love my church but I don't want it to be a party to any organization, regardless of whatever good the organization might do, if at any time it has been or ever will be an aid to communistic fronts or ideologies.

Would you please send me at your earliest convenience any information that your department has on the matter.

Sincerely,
[REDACTED]
JAN 17 1966

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

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Jan 11, 1966

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Would you please send me at your earliest convenience any information that your department has.

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January 4, 1966

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of December 29th has been received.

In response to your inquiry, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy and why I am unable to furnish the data you requested. I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have material in our files relating to the National Council of Churches.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Bufiles contain no record of correspondent.

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Dear Sir,

It has occurred to us that you might be able to give us some information as to whether or not there is any truth in these assertions. Our plan is to defend the N. C. C. and inform our people of it's function and value.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dec. 27, 1965

Dear Sir,

I am writing in behalf of the Commission on Christian Social Concerns of the Methodist Church. Recently the National Council of Churches has been receiving some very vigorous attacks, the strongest and most disturbing of which is the accusation that it is a communist organization.

It has seemed to us that you might be able to give us some information as to whether or not there is any truth in these accusations. Our plan is to defend the N.C.C. and inform our people of its functions and values.

We will appreciate any information or help you may be able to give.

Very truly yours,
[Redacted Signature]

CORRESPONDENCE