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SUBJECT: NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

HQ FILE: 100-50869

SECTION 27



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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100-50869-1625

January 28, 1969

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Dear [REDACTED]

I have received your letter of January 20th, with enclosure.

In reply to your inquiries, information in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have material in our files relating to the National Council of Churches or its leaders.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Bufiles contain no information relating to correspondent. We have received several copies of her enclosure in the past.

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Jan. 20, 1969

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

O I am very disturbed at what I read and hear, about,
The National Council of Churches.

The church of which I am a Member, Is a member of the
American Baptist Convention, which is a member of the National Council
of Churches.

I am enclosing a phamplet on, How Red is the National
Council of Churches?

Are these statements true? Am I contributing, indirectly,
to uncha man and unamerican Activities when I contribute to My Church?

Sincerely

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Sincerely,

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January 16, 1969

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your letter of January 10th. I am deeply appreciative of the confidence shown in me by President-elect Nixon in reappointing me as Director of the FBI. I look forward to serving under his leadership as well as that of new Attorney General John N. Mitchell.

In reply to your inquiry, information in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have material in our files relating to the organization you mentioned.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Bufiles contain no ^{per} information identifiable with correspondent. Bufiles contain no record regarding Federal Council of Churches. Correspondent is apparently referring to the National Council of Churches.

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January 1969

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

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It has come to my attention that many people are stating that the Federal Council of Churches is being infiltrated by Communists.

I am wondering whether or not the FBI has made any investigation into this matter, and if so, what conclusions have been indicated. Personally, I have no evidence if any such activity, but I am certainly interested in knowing if there is any such activity.

Many of us are real happy that you are continuing as the head of this department under the Nixon administration.

Yours very truly,

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January 8, 1969

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of January 2nd has been received.

In reply to your inquiries, information in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have material in our files relating to the National Council of Churches or its leaders, and I am unable to furnish the evaluation you are seeking.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Bufiles contain no record of correspondent.

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Jan 11
January 2, 1969

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

Dear Mr. Hoover,

From time to time there are those who make the claim that the F.B.I. has proved that the National Council of Churches is a front organization for the Communist Party.

Has the F.B.I. undertaken such a study of either the National Council or of the leadership in the National Council?

Is there any reason to think that the National Council of Churches has been, is now or will in the foreseeable future be either a willing party to the Communist Party, or has been "duped" into compliance with the Communist Program?

Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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January 7, 1969

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your letter of December 31st. It was indeed kind of you to comment as you did concerning my administration of this Bureau and I am grateful for your expression of support.

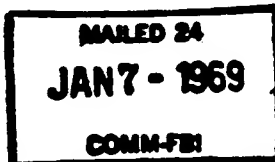
I am deeply appreciative of the confidence shown in me by President-elect Nixon in reappointing me Director of the FBI. I look forward to serving under his leadership as well as that of new Attorney General John N. Mitchell.

In reply to your inquiries, information in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have material in our files relating to the National Council of Churches.

Your concern about the threat of communism is understandable and I share it. I am enclosing literature on the general topic of communism which includes suggestions all of us can use in combating this evil.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



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Enclosures (3)
Communism and The Knowledge To Combat It!
Do You Really Understand Communism?
Analysis of the 18th National Convention of the Communist Party

NOTE: Bufiles contain no identifiable information concerning correspondent.

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Mr. Sullivan *✓*
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Mr. Trotter *✓*
Tele. Room *✓*
Miss Holmes *✓*
Miss Gandy *✓*

Dec. 31, 1968

Dear Mr. Hoover

Could you give me any information you might have on how many communists there are in the National Council of Churches or how communistic the whole group is & too how much of a lobby they have in Washington, D. C. ?

I was happy to hear that Pres. elect Nixon has reappointed you to the head of the F. B. I. - may I thank you for the wonderful job you have done in the past & hope you will do the same in the future. Isn't there some way you could get more warnings before the public on the way Communism is taking over in this country? Thank you again.

Sincerely yours

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Dec. 31, 1968

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Dear Mr. Hoover

Could you give me any information you might have on how many communists there are in the Council of Churches of Christ in America or how communistic the whole group is + too how much of a lobby they have in Washington D.C.?

I was happy to hear that Pres. elect Nixon has reappointed you to the head of the FBI - may I thank you for the wonderful job you have done in the past + hope you will do the same in the future. Isn't there some way you could get more warnings before the public on the way Communism is taking over in this country? Thank you again.

Sincerely yours

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December 11, 1968

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of December 6th has been received.

While I would like to be of assistance to you, information in our files must be maintained as confidential pursuant to regulations of the Department of Justice. 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 United Church of Christ.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Bufiles contain no record of correspondent.

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December 6, 1968

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am concerned over manifestations of leftist activism, "liberal" theology and socialistic study materials which seem to be proliferating in my church.

This church, famed as a staunch haven for fervent patriots in the Revolutionary war, accepted affiliation with the United Church of Christ some four years ago. After repeated bombardments by outside "promoters" and a long series of votes (each supposed to be the last) in which the measure was defeated, at last the proponents were able to pack a meeting and force the movement through. Since that time, there has been a steady insertion of ever more flagrant "liberal" and leftist themes.

I have been a member for 3 years....an officer of the church business committee, choir member, heavy contributor, etc. I have voiced my suspicions and enumerated my reasons for them, but with small effect, since my views have been discredited in advance as "Extremist", "Un-Christian" and "Contrary to God's Will".

I therefore plead for investigative information regarding personalities and programs within the National Council of Churches and The United Church of Christ, which may serve as evidence to either silence my suspicions or connect this movement directly with communist subversion.

Will you help us?

Sincerely yours

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December 3, 1968

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Dear [REDACTED]

I have received your letter of November 27th.

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

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Bufiles contain nothing identifiable regarding [REDACTED]. We have received other inquiries regarding the National Council of Churches which have been answered in this manner.

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November 27, 1968

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

For the past several weeks various members of our congregation have been concerned upon hearing from some source that the National Council of Churches which we support have been communist infiltrated.

I feel that we owe them substantial information which I am not able to supply.

I would appreciate any help you could give along this line.

Sincerely,

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November 25, 1968

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Dear [REDACTED]

I have received your letter of November 18th and appreciate your congratulatory remarks concerning my work. It certainly was thoughtful of you to comment as you did and I am encouraged by your expression of support.

While I would like to be of assistance in connection with your inquiry, information in our files must be maintained as confidential pursuant to regulations of the Department of Justice. 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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November 18, 1968

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am sure you are familiar with the National Council of Churches and how this organization works with the organizations of the different churches. Since I am a Methodist, our church operates under the Council of Bishops of the Methodist Church, and they have ordained that the different conferences in the Methodist Church are to contribute to the National Council of Churches.

Information that comes to us is that the National Council of Churches has been pretty well infiltrated by the communists and that the National Council of Bishops of the Methodist Church is influenced by them. Most of these preachers, as you know, are do-gooders and they are pretty naive and pretty easily taken in by these movements like the communists.

What I would like to know is if you have any information leading you to believe that the National Council of Churches is influenced or infiltrated by the communists in any way.

Our church refuses to make any donation to the Virginia Methodist Conference that can be used in any way towards the National Council of Churches, because we have enough information to believe that this organization is infiltrated or influenced by the communists, and that since it is a church organization, too few people have taken an interest in the matter, thinking that the church people can do no wrong. If you could advise me on this, I would greatly appreciate it.

EX-103 REC-31

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I would like to congratulate you on the fine job you have done in trying to preserve the security of this country, and I certainly hope that under 26 Nov 1968 Mr. Nixon you can bring about law and order, and can reduce if not eliminate the influence of the communists, which is affecting the security of our country, because I see from the press that your office has named different ones as security risks to the Johnson administration but they have not been eliminated. I hope you can get better cooperation out of Mr. Nixon, whom I supported very vigorously, financially and otherwise.

Awaiting your kind advice, and with best wishes -

Sincerely,

Stay on your job as long
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getting as good one as you

Stay on your job as long as you
can we would have a hard time
getting as good one as you

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November 13, 1968

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EX-105

Dear [REDACTED]

I have received your letter of November 5th. In reply to your inquiries, information in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have material in our files relating to the National Council of Churches or the World Council of Churches. I regret I am unable to be of help to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles.

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November 5, 1968

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

Dear Sir:

① Please send me information as to whether "The National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America" is Communistic or has communistic leanings. Their mailing address is 475 Riverside Drive - New York, N. Y. 10027

I would also like the same information on the "World Council of Churches" whose addresses are Geneva, Switzerland, and 475 Riverside Drive - New York, N. Y.

Sincerely Yours,



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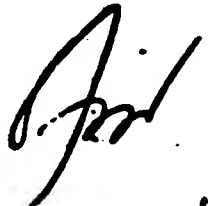
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Sincerely Yours,


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CORRESPONDENCE

AIRMAIL -

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EX-102

Dear

In reply to your inquiry, information in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have 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.
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Oct 23, 1968


Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am writting to you for your stand on the Council of Churches, namely the National Council of Churches.

My Mother-in-Law and Father-in-Law claim to be Christians but they go to a Church and support a Church . which supports the National Council of Churches.

It is my understanding that the National Council of Churches influenced by Communist. In our attempt to inform them of this, they became very upset; even to say that we have been terribly misled in our Church. (We do not attend their Church)

Our Church is a fundamental Bible based Church which has no part of the National Council of Churches which I am thankful. The problem is that my In-Laws will not listen to me and we do not want to argue the matter with them. I think they will accept what you say or at least will be stirred up enough to investigate the matter on their own effort.

Remember to pray for them, please. Thank you.

Yours in Christ,


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Oct 23, 1968

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matter on their own effort.

Remember to pray for them, please.
Thank you.

Yours in Christ
[Redacted Signature]

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RESPONDENCE

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November 6, 1968

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Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of November 1st has been received.

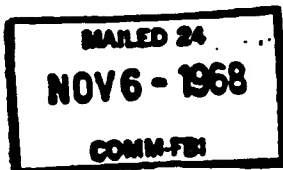
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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Bufiles contain no record of correspondent. We have received a number of public inquiries concerning the National Council of Churches; we have not investigated this organization.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

In a recent discussion with a local pastor, I have, to some extent, backed myself on to a limb, and I need corroborative evidence from our FBI to prop up my limb.

I have at hand a pamphlet, "Issues presented by Air Reserve Center Training Manual---Hearing before the Committee on Un-American Activities---House of Representatives, eighty-sixth Congress, second session" and dated Febr. 25, 1960. This session under chairmanship of the Hon. Francis E. Walter of Penn.

In this pamphlet the dominant issue is the infiltration and domination of the National Council of Churches by the Communist Order.. This pamphlet is now nearly nine years old and I would like to have a more recent documentation of this particular situation.. Any assistance you can give me will be deeply appreciated..

It has been and will continue to be my purpose to blast this subversion whenever and where ever the opportunity presents itself..

Yours very truly,

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CORRESPONDENCE

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October 22, 1968

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100-50869-1615

EX-105

Dear [REDACTED]

On October 18th I received your letter, with enclosures.

While I would like to be of assistance in connection with your inquiries, I regret I am unable to suggest any source where you can obtain the information you are seeking.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Bufiles contain no record of correspondent or the organization he represents. In one of enclosures furnished by correspondent, his organization equates the objectives of the National Council of Churches with the objectives of the Communist Party and cites as one of 18 examples, that both organizations allegedly seek to discredit the Director and the FBI.

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October 1, 1968

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

This is an urgent plea for help.

I know that your bureau cannot give us information but it is our hope that you might lead us to other sources.

The enclosed material will reveal what we are attempting to do. We must rid our Convention of the influence of the NCC and we must see that it stays free from that apostate organization. The reasons are, no doubt, obvious to you.

A very good example of maneuvering to link us with the Left is the enclosed ad in Home Missions magazine. No one knows better than those responsible for this ad, the truth in our motto "association with evil will dull your senses to it". They know that if they succeed in linking our Convention with the left wing Union Theological Seminary and Vanderbilt Divinity School often enough they will have accomplished another step in the absorption of our denomination into the ungodly NCC.

A letter has been written to Home Missions magazine but it is doubtful that they will furnish us with the names of those responsible for the ad. We are now compiling information on Union and Vanderbilt which we will publish in a brochure to be mailed to all churches in the Southern Baptist Convention. It will also contain the ad and the names of those who paid for it. Special effort will be made to place it in the hands of all pulpit committees. It is frightening to know that there are Southern Baptists attending those schools since they will someday be candidates for pulpits in our churches. Pulpit committees must know about these seminaries and what they teach so they can weed out applicants who have been trained under their influence.

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J. Edgar Hoover

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This is where we need help. How can we acquire names in cases like this and how can we obtain reliable information, in addition to that published in books, concerning Union and Vanderbilt?

Any suggestions will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



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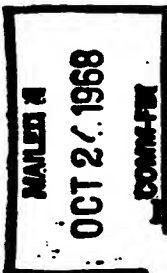
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Dear [REDACTED]

I have received your letter of October 20th and want to thank you for your kind sentiments and generous remarks.

While I would like to be of assistance in reply to your inquiry, information in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have material in our files relating to the National Council of Churches. I regret I cannot be of help to you.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover



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Dear Mr. Hoover,

I am writing this letter to you in order to get some unbiased information concerning the communists being in the National Council of Churches.

In my church, we have taken a stand against supporting the N. C. C. Therefore, we are being looked down upon and as much as called liars. I want to tell you I am a Christian who loves her country and her Savior. I want to serve both faithfully, but we cannot serve God and man. The Bible teaches we should "obey God rather than man."

I listen to Dr. Carl McIntire, but many folks will not believe him, so I thought if I got this information from you it would be received without refusal to look at the proof.

We have Weekday Religions Education in our school and many of us will not allow our children to participate in this program because it is sponsored by the N. C. C. So these dear folk are saying we do not know what we are talking about. So we would appreciate any help you can give us.

In my estimation any "idiot" ought to be able to see these so called "modern churchmen" are utterly wrong in what they are doing. Such as promoting civil disobedience and riots. The only thing our Lord left for us was to be "Born Again" through the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ, who died for "whosoever" will.

Will close.

Thanking you for your assistance and your fearless convictions even though you are downgraded by many. There are many of us who do listen and believe in you.

Thanks in Christ,



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[REDACTED]

October 24, 1968

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of October 17th has been received.

In reply to your inquiry, information in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have material in our files relating to the National Council of Churches.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. We have received a number of public inquiries concerning the National Council of Churches; we have not investigated this organization.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs

There is currently a local campaign (Pamphlets & Film Strip & Local Editorials) denouncing The National Council of Churches as being led by admitted Communist and as being thoroughly infiltrated by Communist. They also denounce the Methodist Church as leaders of this movement.

As one sincere Methodist (and citizen) I would like
the Facts:

Please advise any information available as to the
extent of Communism within the National Council of Churches. ||

Many, Many Thanks

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September 25, 1968

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Dear [REDACTED]

I have received your letter of September 20th.

While I would like to be of assistance in reply your inquiries, information in our files must be maintained confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. 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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20 Sep. 1968

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
F. B. I.
US Dept. of Justice
Washington, D. C. 20535

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have been trying to get some information on the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America, and have conflicting information. Your assistance on these questions will be appreciated.

1. Did the National of Churches pledge funds for the support of the Poor Peoples March on Washington and Resurrection City? If so, how much was pledged?
2. What is the position of the National Council of Churches on civil disobedience?
3. What is the position of the National Council of Churches on the war in Vietnam?
4. What is the position of the National Council of Churches on those who burn their draft cards, and perform similar acts?
5. Are any known Communists affiliated with the leadership of the National Council of Churches?

As a member of the Methodist Church in [REDACTED] I would like to know the answer to the above questions. Literature I have from the National Council of Churches says one thing, and literature I have been sent from the Herald of Freedom, Zarephath, N. J. and The Cross and the Flag, Los Angeles, Calif., says different.

Your assistance will be appreciated.

Yours truly

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of September 27th has been received.

As I informed you in my letter of September 25th, I am unable to furnish the data you are seeking due to regulations of the Department of Justice regarding the confidential nature of information contained in our files. Since you indicated in your letter of September 20th that you had already received information from the National Council of Churches, I am unable to suggest another source for you to contact.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Bufiles indicate by incoming letter 9-20-68 correspondent asked a number of questions regarding the National Council of Churches. He did not request information on other possible sources for the data he desired and he was advised by outgoing letter 9-25-68 of the confidential nature of information in our files. There was no record of him in Bufiles at the time of his initial letter.

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I was very dissatisfied in the information concerned in your letter of Sept. 25th relative to information I had requested.

Not only was no information provided, but no reference was made as to where this information could be obtained.

As a member of the [REDACTED] Methodist Church, this information was not only of value to me, but to the entire membership of our church.

My questions were not for opinions, but facts. Am I not entitled to the answers for the questions in my letter of 20 Sep. 1968?, or at least information as to where this information can be obtained?

Yours truly
[REDACTED]

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have before me a copy of the letter dated September 5, 1968, from [redacted] in which he is discussing infiltration of the Communist Party into the activities of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the United States of America.

In particular I quote the third paragraph of his letter in which he states:

"The specific instance which I wish to bring to your attention is in relation to the St. Petersburg "sanitation strike". As you know this is a typical front movement for the Communist Party in this country and its actions followed the pattern which J. Edgar Hoover and others have so clearly outlined as the tactics of this organization. On television one night a negro "minister" made the comment that he was representing the National Council of Churches in helping to organize this civil revolt in St. Petersburg. Since that time I have been in touch with police intelligence units at various levels, as well as city officials, and I am personally convinced that this person was sent to St. Petersburg for the purpose of creating civil disorder for the disruption of the harmony of our present social processes. The negro that I apply to is one David Havens who presented himself as a staff member of the National Council of Churches (I heard this depiction on television myself.) The name and his participation were confirmed by intelligence reports from the St. Petersburg police department. This person is a "minister" of the Disciples of Christ Church."

You will note that in the quotation above [redacted] does not state categorically that David Havens is a member of the Communist Party but elsewhere in the same letter (a complete Thermo-Fax copy enclosed) he infers that there is some connection between the Communist Party and David Havens and, presumably, the National Council of Churches. Without this inference there would be no real point to his writing in the subject.

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Dear [REDACTED]

I have received your letter of September 23rd, with enclosures, and understand the concern which prompted you to contact me.

While I certainly would like to be of assistance in reply to your inquiry, information in our files must be maintained as confidential pursuant to regulations of the Department of Justice.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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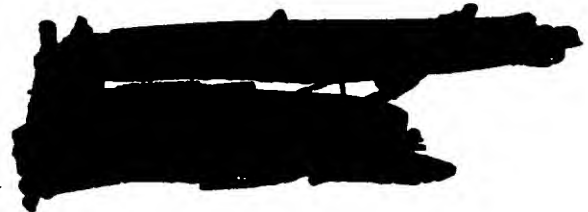
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September 23, 1968

I am addressing you with the request that you may be able to clarify the status of David Havens in relationship to the Communist Party.

With appreciation of your earliest convenient attention, I am

Respectfully yours,

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September 8, 1968

Dear [REDACTED]

Over the past several years I've spoken to you several times regarding the associations our church seems to have with the National Council of Churches and its attendant organizations. I need not go into the details as I am sure you are aware of the Communist influence and possible control of this organization. I say this without being a so-called extremist but with good substantial information in my hands. At one time we spoke to Bishop Leutitt regarding this matter, and he indicated that whenever we could show evidence of action of this organization that would warrant it perhaps our church could do something about it.

This letter is for the purpose of informing you that I now have a name and some evidence which has finally brought me to the breaking point and I do not intend to direct any more of my material means to the church until something definitive is done about the National Council of Churches and its association with the Episcopal Church. I do intend to continue my support of Christian principles in my own way and as I have indicated to you, I hope with your cooperation.

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I realize this is only one incident, but I have many others and much information regarding this organization and I intend to carry out my promise to you that at this time I will donate no money to the Episcopal Church until its ties with the National Council of Churches are completely severed on a regular basis. If the National Council of Churches changes its basic structure and influence, that is to say veers away from the Communist Party line, I will then hope that we can participate on an individual basis on various projects.

It is my hope that you will show this letter to our own vestry and send copies of it to [redacted] and others who may be involved. I myself intend to circularize this among the doctors and other members of the church who have an interest in this matter.

Yours very truly,

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*The enclosed additional newspaper
article came to my attention*
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March Falls Short Of Predictions

ST. PETERSBURG (U)—Black Power militants led an orderly procession of 630 persons to City Hall Saturday in a "national mobilization" demonstration supporting 211 city sanitation workers who were fired during a wage dispute.

The march was the biggest of 25 staged since the workers were fired after walking off the job May 7, but it was far short of the thousands predicted by march organizer William Lott.

Black nationalist Joseph Waller Jr., 25, whose young assistants dashed ahead to "secure" the parade route and to furnish him protection, led the 25-block march over a city-approved course.

Stun fell on the marchers

twice before Waller, substituting for the Rev. Albert B. Cleage of Detroit, Mich., mounted the steps of City Hall to address them. Waller said Cleage, also a black nationalist, was "unable to make it."

Lott, a staff member of the National Council of Churches in New York City, said Thursday he expected 10,000 persons to join the march Saturday, designated by local protest leaders as "National Mobilization Day" in an attempt to gain nationwide support of their efforts to have the fired sanitation workers reinstated. A spokesman said 15 church and civic groups are now participating.

Saturday's marchers walked

20 abreast down St. Petersburg's main East-West artery, Central Avenue, as two police squad cars provided an escort. A force of 67 city policemen and sheriff's deputies were held in reserve at police headquarters.

"Black Power! Black Power! Black Power!" shouted fist-waving youths at the head of the march as they passed groups of white spectators on downtown street corners.

Nineteen of the fired garbage men, walking hand-in-hand, led the marchers in singing "We Shall Overcome" and "Black and White Together."

In his speech, Waller—director of JOMO (Junta of Militant Organizations)—heralded the

"new day of compatibility between militants and moderates in the sanitation wage dispute."

"This is a beautiful sight. White folks said it couldn't be done," said Waller.

"We're living in a very sick and criminal society anytime you've got 1,000 people marching down the street singing 'We Shall Overcome,'" he said. "A lot of people think it's time to stop singing and start swinging. Some of us are in the army now."

The garbage men were fired by City Manager Lynn Andrews after they refused to come back to work. They walked out to press demands for 25 cents an hour pay increase.

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September 30, 1968

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of September 24th has been received.

In reply to your inquiry, information in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have material in our files relating to the National Council of Churches.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Sept. 24-1968

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover -

Dear Sir:-

I am interested in rumors regarding the "Communist infiltration" in the "National Council of Churches."

This is a very serious rumor, one which numerous Church women are very much concerned with, and I for one would like for you to let me know real soon, if there is any truth or foundation in these rumors, and if there is any connection what so ever with the communist party.

Respectfully,



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September 25, 1968

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter was received on September 23rd and I want to assure you I have not made any statements regarding the National Council of Churches of Christ in America.

In reply to your inquiry, information in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have information in our files concerning the organization you mentioned.

With regard to your request for a list of known communist organizations, we do not have such a list for public distribution; however, 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 some of the 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. Checks or money orders should be drawn payable to the Superintendent of Documents. C.O.D. orders will not be accepted.

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Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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

Gentlemen:

This letter is in reference to the National Council of Churches of Christ in America.

I have been doing some research on this organization for over two years and have encountered quite a bit of conflicting information regarding pro-Marxist action and communist affiliation. I am particularly concerned about conflicting statements which were reportedly made by you (Mr. Hoover) personally regarding F.B.I. findings.

I would, therefore, greatly appreciate your answers to the following questions:

1. Has the F.B.I. ever investigated the N.C.C. in reference to pro-Marxist action or communist affiliations?
 - a. Was the organization cleared or such charges?
 - b. Briefly, what were the findings?
2. Have any past or present officers of this organization been members of any subversive groups or communist front organizations?
3. Do you have available a listing of the known communist front organizations and subversive groups which are located in or operate in the United States? If not, could you tell me where I might obtain such a list?

Thank you very much for your time and help in this matter.

Sincerely,

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September 18, 1968

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of September 13th, with enclosure, has been received, and I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your support.

While I can certainly understand the concern you expressed and the interest prompting you to furnish me your views, I am unable, as a matter of policy, to comment regarding the newspaper article you forwarded. *checked off*

I am enclosing two of my messages which appeared in recent issues of the FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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8-68 and 9-68 LEB Intros

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NOTE: Bufiles contain no record identifiable with correspondent. The enclosed article reported concerning the resolutions and questions to be acted on at a meeting of the general board of the National Council of Churches. According to the article, they were calling for a boycott of Chicago as a meeting place for council groups and for a new approach to our national defense policy. *TEB* *51* *61*

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Sept. 15 1968.

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am writing to you for information and satisfaction. You are the only in our government that I would believe in.

The Russians have promised us they would smother us from within. I think they will if something isn't done. And I don't think we have any one that knows how. This country is in a terrible way. Law and order are a thing of the past. I may be wrong. But I think the Supreme Court should be cast out. They are not anything like the men we once had. ^{Always} We ~~also~~ knew our government was the best on earth, but not now.

It's later than we think. something must be done quick. It seems to me. The way the police is talked about is a perfect disgrace.

You see how I feel. ^{are} Please write to me and tell me what you think, and I will believe it.

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May you always be the FBI.
Yours truly,

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Church Board Maps Boycott Of Chicago

BY PEGGY DACUS
Religious News Editor

The national Council of Churches general board acts today on a resolution asking all church groups not to meet in Chicago "until there is guarantee of democratic rights of assembly and freedom of movement."

Calling for guarantee of the protection of "peaceful citizens from harassment by Chicago police," the resolution will be offered as a protest of alleged police brutality during the Democratic National Convention.

New Approach

The board Thursday night called for new approach to national defense. In a policy statement on defense and disarmament the board of the 21-member denominations council said security today should be considered more in terms of an international community than in competing nation-states.

An increase in military power does not necessarily mean an increase in security, the statement said. Christians who seek a just peace and the responsible use of power should question the

(See CHURCH, Page 20)

What do you think of this?
It is a clipping from the Houston Chronicle
Friday September 18th.

Church Board Maps Boycott Of Chicago

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United States' emphasis on military power, the board said.

The lengthy statement, drawn up by a group of nuclear physicists, government officials, political scientists and theologians, warned that present defense policies have "led us to a point where the security of the nation has declined as the nuclear race increased."

Steps Urged

The board urged the United States to initiate these steps:

- A mutual halt in the production and use of missile systems.
- A mutual stop to the production of fissionable material for military use.
- A comprehensive test ban treaty relying on national means of inspection.
- A United Nations declaration forbidding nations to place weapons of mass destruction on the seabed.
- Strengthening international efforts against chemical and bacteriological weapons.

The board urged the United States to cut arms shipments to other countries, reduce defense expenditures and channel funds into development projects at home and abroad.

Peaceful Order

Christians are not united in their convictions concerning their convictions concerning military power, the report continued, and should seek a peaceful international order and create conditions in which differences among men and injustices can be reconciled.

The churches should be concerned about U.S. defense policies, the board stated, because present ones thwart security and threaten to destroy created order.

The board urged members to stop buying supplies from firms which continue to practice racial discrimination.

Members should first use persuasion on such members, the board said.

Feel Betrayed

Members of an investigative team sent by the NCC to the Middle East reported that Arab Christians feel that church members "in the Western world are indifferent to their situation and even have betrayed them."

The team visited occupied Middle East areas this summer aiding refugees from the Arab-Israeli war.

Several board members questioned whether the NCC would jeopardize Jewish relations by making such a report.

The board, consisting of representatives of each of the denominations, concludes its quarterly meeting today.

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September 18, 1968

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Dear [REDACTED]:

I would like to thank you for your generous expressions of confidence and the kind sentiments in your letter of September 11th. It was indeed a pleasure to learn you found my book of interest.

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

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Bufiles contain no information identifiable with correspondent. We have received numerous public inquiries concerning the National Council of Churches; we have not investigated this organization.

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Sept. 11, 1968

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

Dear Mr. Hoover,

Having read your book, "Masters of deceit," which every person in this Nation and the free world should read and heed, I wish as an American, to say thank you, for the many years of dedicated services you have given to our Nation. 

A problem or question, has arisen in our church concerning the National Council of churches, resulting in confusion, bitterness and division among our people, even families.

There are those who criticize and accuse the National Council of Churches and their Member Churches of Communistic influences. The United Methodist Church seems to be a target for destruction.

I do not wish to belong to or support any organization that seeks to destroy the little freedom we have left in America. You are the only person, whom I feel, will give me an honest opinion concerning this matter. Am very much disturbed over the situation since my own family is involved, having left the church, several of them, and any information will be gratefully received. REC-88 100-59869-1606

May God bless you with many more years as our chief, with SEP 19 1968 health and happiness. May he send us leaders who will seek His guidance for Knowledge and Wisdom in the coming election. May they listen and obey and also listen and heed the warning of one who has dedicated his life, to the great task of trying to Keep America free.

Hopeing to hear from you soon. And thanking you in advance,

Very truly yours,


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Sept. 11, 1968

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

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keep America free!

Hoping to hear from you soon.
And thanking you in advance,

Very truly yours,


September 17, 1968

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100-50869-1605

[Redacted]

Dear *[Redacted]*

I have received your letter of September 11th.

While I certainly wish it were possible to be of assistance to you, information in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have information in our files relating to the National Council of Churches or the World Council of Churches.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Bufiles contain no information concerning correspondent.

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September 11, 1968

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Constitution Ave. & 10th. Street
Washington, D. C. 20530

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Each year a few members in our Church question our participation in the Interdenominational Apportionment in our budget. Among the organizations receiving benefits from these funds are the World Council of Churches and the National Council of Churches.

A committee has been appointed by our Stewardship and Finance Commission to study the possibility of the Communistic element in either or both of these organizations. We realize the magnitude of this task; however due to the repeated inquiry we feel obligated to make an effort to study this possibility.

Any information you can furnish our study group relative to this subject will be sincerely appreciated.

Sincerely,



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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of August 23rd has been received.

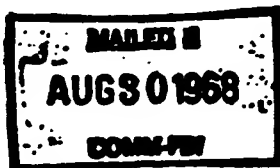
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Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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[REDACTED]
August 23, 1968

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Is it possible for your office to send me an
evaluation of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the
United States of America?

Is there or have there ever been any subversive
groups connected with this organization.

I would appreciate any information your office is
able to offer concerning the N. C. C.

Sincerely yours,
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Sincerely,
[Redacted Signature]

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of August 19th has been received.

In reply to your inquiry, information in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have material in our files relating to the National Council of Churches or the World Council of Churches.

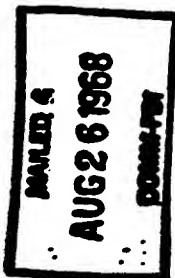
Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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August 19, 1968

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington
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To Whom it may concern

Dear Sir:

I have been informed that the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. and which are also in the World Council of Churches, help finance the Communists and their cause. The National Council of Churches have also been supporting the Race Riots throughout the United States.

I am very much concerned regarding the above statements and would appreciate any further information you can offer.

Thank You.

Sincerely Yours,


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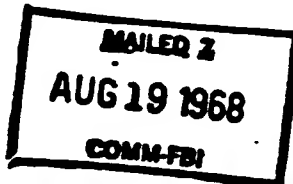
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Dear [REDACTED]

I have read your letter of August 12th and want to thank you for your kind sentiments and generous remarks concerning my work with this Bureau.

Although I would like to be of assistance, information in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover



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August 12, 1968

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I will try to be as brief as possible as I know how valuable your time is.

Some weeks ago Walter Winchell reported that the Black Panther Party leader, Leroy Cleaver, in Oakland, California was invited to address the Annual Northern California-Nevada Conference of the United Methodist Church. He further stated that he was paid \$500.00 for this speech and accorded a standing ovation. Is this Black Panther Party a Communist Organization? If so, do you have a copy of his speech or can you tell me where I might write to get one?

I have heard rumors and more rumors about the strong communist influence in the National Council of Churches, can you tell me if this is also true and whether the influence reaches into my church, the United Methodist Church. I keep defending stands of my church but why they could have invited this man is too much. I will appreciate your help.

May I take this opportunity to thank you and the Federal Bureau of Investigation for all of your services. Our Country is in such stress - I don't know what we would do without you. I'm sure our nights would be sleepless - there are so few who are trying to fight.

May God bless you all and keep you in His care.

Sincerely,

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of August 11th has been received and I want to thank you for your kind sentiments and generous comments concerning my work in the FBI.

In reply to your inquiry, information in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have material in our files relating to the National Council of Churches.

I am enclosing some literature on the general topic of communism which includes suggestions all of us can use in combating this evil.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (3)
Communism and The Knowledge To Combat It!
Let's Fight Communism Sanely
Director's testimony 2/23/68 re Communist, Racial and
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NOTE: Bufiles show no record for correspondent. We have received a number of public inquiries concerning the National Council of Churches; we have not investigated this organization.

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August 11

Dear Mr. Hoover,

I have a problem that worries me considerably. I hope you can cast some light on the problem. I don't know of anyone's opinion that I would value like I would yours. *8-1*
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I am a member of a Presbyterian Church. My Church, as well as many others in [redacted] contribute to the National Council of Churches. I am not in agreement with the N. C. C. on many issues. I feel that the N. C. C. and the governing body of the Presbyterian Church, the General Assembly, are contributing to the breakdown of peace and good will in the country. However I feel that in breaking ties with my Church I am doing what the Communists want. They would like to see religion wiped out. *24*
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What do you feel is the answer to this troublesome problem? I feel that part of my contribution to the Church, however small, eventually aids the Communist cause through the N. C. C. and other similar organizations. I surely don't want this.

I would appreciate your opinion and views on this matter.

I know of no other American I admire and respect any more than I do you. You have worked so long and tirelessly for our country. Thank you for the splendid job you have done.

Very sincerely,

/s/ [redacted]

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Very sincerely,

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August 5, 1968

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Dear [REDACTED]

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Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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[REDACTED]
July 31, 1968

Dear Mr. Hoover,

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I belong to the United Methodist Church. I belonged to the Evangelical United Brethren Church before the merger. For several years I am told that the Communists are very active and are helping to formulate the policies of our church through the National and World Council of Church's. Last Sunday night I heard a Negro woman talk who was a Communist for the F.B.I. and she said that Communists are indeed very active in the N.C.C. and W.C.C. and that anyone belonging to an affiliated church had better get out of it. As a concerned Christian I am very disturbed about these statements so I am writing this to you. Are these statements true? If they are my family will leave the church and join a church who has no affiliation with either the W.C.C. or N.C.C.

Enclosed is a self addressed envelope and stamp.
I will be anxiously awaiting your reply.

Yours truly

/s/

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Yours truly


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August 7, 1968

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for the very favorable comments in your letter of July 30th, with enclosure, concerning my administration of this Bureau. It is my hope our future efforts will continue to merit your confidence.

In response to your inquiry, I sincerely believe that the ultimate objectives of communism remain the same today as when they were first set forth by Karl Marx and his followers. Communism still aims to achieve a world-wide society based on the atheistic principles of Marxism-Leninism. To my mind, those individuals who claim that communism is becoming democratic are badly mistaken. This line of thinking can only mean disaster to our country.

I am enclosing some material which contains suggestions all of us can use in the fight against communism. You may also want to read my books, "Masters of Deceit" and "A Study of Communism." They were written to help readers gain an insight into the true nature of communist activities, both in this country and abroad. They may be available at your local library.

I am herewith returning the item you made available.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures:

**Director's Testimony 2/23/68 re Communist, Racial and Hate Groups
Communism and The Knowledge To Combat It!**

NOTE: Bufiles contain no record of correspondent. Enclosure is "The Dan Smoot Report," dated 1/1/68, which contains no reference to the Director or the Bureau except for mention in a brief biographical note that Mr. Smoot was an FBI Agent from 1942 to 1951. [redacted] refers to Smoot's/similar publications: however, since he does not ask concerning their validity, no response is being made along this line.

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30 July 1968

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
9th Street & Penna. Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20535

Gentlemen: NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

An ever increasing quantity of brochures similar to the one enclosed are warning the American People of communistic infiltration into many of our organizations such as Government, Church, Labor, Education, News Media, etc. Each piece of literature portrays precarious and alarming evidence that our people seem oblivious or indifferent toward.

Since our Federal Bureau of Investigation is recognized as our first line of defense against such infiltration and respected as the most reliable bureau in the Government, I would appreciate any information as to the degree of truth, the depth of the cancer and just what the still "old fashioned" patriotic citizen should or could be doing about the situation.

I have approximately 28 years Civil Service with the Navy Department and an active leader in our local Church. I would be willing and anxious to devote as much time and effort as possible to this national cause.

Patriotically yours,

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THE

MEET DAN SMOOT
Every Sunday 5:00 P.M.
Dial 553 WHP Home 478

Dan Smoot Report



DAN SMOOT

Vol. 14, No. 1 (Broadcast 645) January 1, 1968 Dallas, Texas

STARVE THE NCC

Old-fashioned atheism traveled at its own expense. The new atheism wraps itself in the sheep's clothing of Christendom and draws its sustenance from Christianity which it seeks to destroy. The foremost organization in this destructive operation is the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. (NCC).

In 1932, Sidney Hillman, a communist official of the CIO, created the National Religion and Labor Foundation, for the purpose of harnessing leftwing clergymen and union leaders in the common cause of abolishing private capitalism in the United States and establishing a socialist economic system. In 1954, shortly after Walter Reuther became president of UAW-CIO, the National Religion and Labor Foundation became the Religion and Labor Council of America. Clergymen from the National Council of Churches were selected to serve on the executive board of the Religion and Labor Council. Reuther was also responsible for establishing within the National Council of Churches (1954) a Department of Church and Economic Life. Walter Reuther became a member of the policy-making committee of this new Department of the NCC; Victor Reuther became vice chairman. Walter Reuther contributed (from the Philip Murray Foundation) \$200,000 to the new National Council Department. Additional union funds have been contributed to the NCC from the Sidney Hillman Foundation, and Reuther has solicited money from union locals for the National Council.

Officials of the Religion and Labor Council and of the National Council of Churches set up another agency called the Clergy Economic Education Foundation. The Reverend Charles Webber, sponsor of the communist-controlled Peoples' Institute of Applied Religion, was in the forefront of those who created the Clergy Economic Education Foundation. Now with the Religion and Labor Council, Webber has worked out a detailed program for infiltration and subversion of churches to enlist church members in a drive to abolish private capitalism. Toward this end, he has assembled propaganda to be made available (through the National Council of Churches) to individual churches for Sunday school lessons, sermons, open forums, lay discussion groups.

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The union-church combination operating principally through the Clergy Economic Education Foundation, the Religion and Labor Council, and the NCC's Department of Church and Economic Life; and dominated by the Reuther brothers — has worked diligently to convert American churches into propaganda and lobbying agencies for socialist revolution.

Removing God and God's Word from churches and public institutions was an essential part of the scheme. By 1954, atheists and agnostics, encouraged by such leftwing groups as the American Jewish Committee and the American Civil Liberties Union, were pushing hard for court decisions to abolish Bible reading in public schools. At a Lenten meeting in Detroit in that year, National Council officials discussed this issue. A top official of the Council (David Hunter, an Episcopal priest) voiced the sentiments of his associates:

"Learning the Bible is not necessarily good for the child. I do not think it of major importance that he have a comprehensive knowledge of what is in the Bible. But what is important is that the child should experience what is important to him."¹¹

Nine years later (June, 1963), the General Board of the National Council of Churches voted 65 to 1 to support a Supreme Court decision outlawing both prayer and Bible reading in public schools. In 1964, representatives of the National Council of Churches appeared before platform committees of Democrat and Republican parties insisting that both parties commit themselves to support of the Supreme Court's ban on prayer and Bible reading. They argued "separation of church and state"; but the argument is hypocritical. The National Council of Churches is dedicated to dragging churches *into* the affairs of government. If it is not stopped, our churches will become controlled organs of a socialist state."¹²

The National Council of Churches' propaganda and lobbying activities are not only anti-Christian: they are illegal under federal law. The Council has exemption from federal taxation because of its official commitment that it "shall not engage in influencing legislation or engage in lobbying." Yet, it has been one of the most ruth-

less and powerful lobbies in Washington; and its lobbying is *always* in support of socialistic legislation or pro-communist actions favored by the socialist leaders of monopolistic unions.

The NCC's most harmful activities have been in the field of civil rights.

In June, 1961, the General Board of the National Council announced its support of Martin Luther King's Southern Christian Leadership Conference and of the Congress of Racial Equality (both adjuncts of the communist conspiracy) which were organizing freedom rides, sit-ins, and other illegal demonstrations in the South.

In June, 1963, the General Board of the NCC created the Emergency Commission on Religion and Race, composed of Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, Martin Luther King, Jr., Victor Reuther, and some 27 other civil righters of the same stripe.¹³ The NCC official chosen to direct the commission was Dr. Robert W. Spike, a supporter of communist causes.¹⁴

The first major activity of the NCC's Emergency Commission on Religion and Race was the August, 1963, march on Washington — organized and directed by Robert W. Spike and Bayard Rustin, Negro sexual deviate and communist-frontier. The purpose of the march was to pressure Congress to enact the Civil Rights Act of 1963. Robert Spike said that his NCC commission recruited at least 40,000 of the persons who participated in the march on Washington, and provided and transported to the marchers some 80,000 lunches. Later, Spike said, the NCC commission "negotiated for justice" to rioters in "fifteen riot-torn cities," and provided \$50,000 in bail for some 90 persons arrested for deliberate violations of law.¹⁵

Under the aegis of the Emergency Commission on Religion and Race, the National Council of Churches organized the Student Interracial Ministry, to send racial agitators (called "exchange preachers") to preach in white and Negro pulpits of southern cities selected by Martin Luther King. These exchange preachers try to precipitate interracial disorders, incite riots, encourage destruction of property. Their salaries (and, when they are

arrested, their bail and legal fees are paid by the National Council of Churches. Robert Spike proudly reported on the NCC commission's leadership in gathering rowdy crowds to disrupt church services and invade private property, in financing "field trips" of reporters into 15 southern communities where agitators had been sent to create social and racial unrest.⁽¹⁾

From December 1 to 7, 1963, the National Council of Churches met in its Sixth General Assembly at Philadelphia. The "racial question" in the United States was the principal topic of discussion and action. The NCC's Assembly endorsed all provisions of the pending Civil Rights Act of 1963. It demanded that Congress "take every step necessary" to pass the bill. It urged all Christians to write, call, or telegraph their Representatives; and it sent busloads of Assembly delegates to call on U. S. Representatives in Washington.⁽²⁾

On December 6, 1963, John Lewis (Negro, then head of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee) announced SNCC's Mississippi Summer Project for 1964: college students would be sent to register Mississippi Negroes for voting. Lewis said this activity was intended to precipitate in Mississippi a crisis of such magnitude that "the Federal Government will have to take over the State."⁽³⁾

In February, 1964, Robert Spike submitted to the NCC General Board a proposal for the NCC to organize the Delta Ministry, which would participate with SNCC and other racial agitation groups in the 1964 summer project in Mississippi — and thereafter continue as a permanent NCC operation. The Delta Ministry plan (as originally approved by the NCC General Board) required a budget of \$260,000 — 60% of which was to come from NCC member churches, 40% from the World Council of Churches. Spike said that "involvement of the World Council of Churches in the program guarantees that the participating staff will be veterans seasoned by experience in other situations of conflict." The man directly in charge of the NCC's Delta Ministry is the Reverend Arthur Thomas. Second in command

is the Reverend Warren McKenna, an Episcopal priest from New England who has a record of pro-communist affiliations.⁽⁴⁾

To recruit workers for the first summer (1964) of the Delta Ministry, the NCC's Commission on Religion and Race sent letters to officials of colleges, universities, and seminaries soliciting aid in finding students and faculty members to volunteer for "summer work in the south," specifying that the volunteers should be related to such organizations as CORE, SNCC, NAACP, SCLC.⁽⁵⁾

At a cost of about \$50,000, the NCC trained hundreds of young racial agitators to work in the 1964 summer project. The training was given at Western College for Women at Oxford, Ohio, under the general direction of Robert W. Spike and Bayard Rustin, and of Myles Horton (head of the communist Highlander Folk School).

To protect the civil malefactors sent into Mississippi, the legal staff of the National Council of Churches joined with lawyers from the American Jewish Congress, the American Jewish Committee, the American Civil Liberties Union, NAACP, CORE, and SNCC to organize a Lawyers Constitutional Defense Committee. This consisted of about 60 lawyers who volunteered to spend at least 2 weeks without pay in southern states during the summer of 1964, to provide legal defense for agitators and demonstrators who might be charged with violations of local and state laws.⁽⁶⁾

Early in 1965, the National Council of Churches and related groups turned their attention to supporting Martin Luther King's demonstrations against law, order, and decency in Selma and Birmingham, Alabama.

The immediate purpose of King's Alabama operations was to create propaganda and pressure for the Voting Rights Act of 1965. It is now a matter of record that this open advocacy of civil disobedience — supported by the foremost "church" and "civil rights" organizations in the country, and encouraged by high officials of government, including President Johnson — soon

led to civil chaos, widespread looting, vandalism, pillaging, arson, and murder. Since King's internationally publicized defiance of law and court orders in Selma, Alabama (March, 1965), there have been 101 major incidents of civil rights violence: at least 12 law officers have been killed and 1199 injured; at least 118 civilians killed and 2424 injured; at least 7985 cases of arson; 28,932 arrests and 5434 convictions.⁽¹⁾

Clergymen have been involved in all these affairs. Not all belong to churches affiliated with the NCC; but the example of NCC officials has provided encouragement and an aura of respectability for the participation of clergymen in obscene and violent behavior that is literally tearing our society apart.

When the 1967 summer of Negro violence was over, the General Board of the National Council of Churches issued a statement (September 15), blaming the horrors on "white masters who have long dominated the ghetto," saying:

"The riots in the cities are the beginning of retribution for another century's bondage. Our enemy is the persistent and pervasive racism of the white majority of the land."⁽²⁾

The Board recommended a civil rights program which included:

—Commitment of 10 percent of the National Council's unrestricted capital funds to "high-risk, low-return" investments in the nation's "ghettos"—the money to be spent at the direction of the ghetto residents;

—"Reconstruction of our whole society since we are not wedded to any given culture or economy";

—A "reverse" boycott against businesses that practice discrimination in employment, churches to enforce the boycott by spending church money with businesses whose employment practices are pleasing to the NCC.⁽³⁾

In the fall of 1967, a nationwide Conference on Church and Society was held in Detroit, under auspices of the National Council of Churches. Delegates urged that churches should become sanctuaries for draft evaders, and should sponsor a 24-hour general strike throughout the United States if our war in Vietnam is escalated sharply.

While denouncing violence against communists in Vietnam, the NCC conference delegates justified Negro violence in the United States. Some of the delegates felt that the need for a "complete restructuring" of U.S. society might justify the arming of snipers and the inciting of mobs to riot.⁽⁴⁾

A highlight of the Detroit conference was a show, arranged by the arts director of the National Council of Churches, which included a film depicting the profile of a couple engaged in sexual intercourse, a stripper removing her clothes, the performance of a topless dancer.⁽⁵⁾

What should be done about the National Council of Churches? The Internal Revenue Service should cancel its exemption from federal taxation; but it is pointless to hope for such action, because the NCC, having served for years as propagandist and lobbyist for the programs of big government, has great influence on government agencies. Individual Christians could, however, starve and stop the National Council of Churches by refraining from contributing to their churches as long as their churches are affiliated with the NCC.

FOOTNOTES

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July 25, 1968

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Dear [REDACTED]

In reply to your letter of July 18th concerning the National Council of Churches, Dr. Clyde L. Manshreck, "The Death of a Nation," and "None Dare Call It Treason," I am unable to comment as you desire since information in our files must be maintained as confidential pursuant to regulations of the Department of Justice. I trust you will not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to your inquiries.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Bufiles contain no record identifiable with correspondent, Dr. Clyde L. Manshreck or Center of Reformation and Free Church Studies. However, Bufiles indicate the Alabama Legislative Commission to Preserve the Peace was organized in 1961. The report of this Commission has been described as a "political football" and there are no facts in the report new to the Bureau regarding communism in the civil rights movement. This report also makes much use of statements by the Director and gross inaccuracies of statements attributed to Director. We have maintained limited correspondence with its Staff Director, Edwin Strickland.

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July 18, 1968

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

Dear Mr. Hoover,

I am writing in regards to the National Council of Churches.

I am a member of a church that supports this organization. Recently, some members in our church became disturbed at some of the activities of the National Council of Churches. We are beginning to do an investigation to see if the accusations are true or not. I am writing to you asking you for help in that we need some facts about this organization.

Will you please send me your personal opinion and comments and all information that you have on this organization? In the Biennial Report to the Alabama Legislature by the Alabama Legislative Commission to Preserve the Peace there is a report of an investigation of the N. C. C. Can it be accepted as documented proof? Can John Stormer's The Death of a Nation and None Dare Call It Treason be accepted as documented proof?

Do you have any information on Dr. Clyde L. Manshreck, Professor of History of Christianity and Director of the Center of Reformation and Free Church Studies at Chicago Theological Seminary, Chicago, Illinois?

Any help or advice that you can give me on this topic will be greatly appreciated.

Yours truly,

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JULY 19, 1966

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

ATTENTION: MR. J. EDGAR HOOVER

DEAR MR. HOOVER:

I WISH TO THANK YOU FOR TAKING YOUR VALUABLE
TIME IN REPLYING ON JULY 12, TO MY INQUIRY REA:
NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES.

I AM INDEED SORRY THAT I CANNOT GIVE YOU THE
EXACT SOURCE THAT PROMPTED ME TO MAKE THE INQUIRY.
IT WAS SOMETHING THAT I SAW IN PRINT OR HAD HEARD
SOMEONE MAKE A STATEMENT TO THAT EFFECT AS I RE-
CALL IT WAS NOT QUOTING YOU AS HAVING MADE THE
STATEMENT BUT WAS A STATEMENT CONTRIBUTED TO THE
F.B.I..

MY REASON IN INQUIRING WAS THAT I WANTED TO
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USED IT.

I ASSURE YOU THAT I WILL HONOR YOUR REQUEST
AND WILL NOT QUOTE OR INFER THAT SUCH A STATEMENT
WAS MADE BY YOU OR THE F.B.I..

THANKING YOU AGAIN FOR CLEARING THIS QUESTION
FOR ME, I AM.

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Honorable Robert D. Price
House of Representatives
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My dear Congressman:

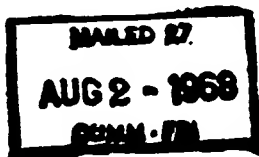
Your communication of July 31st enclosing a copy of
a letter from [REDACTED] has been received.

While I wish it were possible to be of assistance con-
cerning your constituent's inquiry, information contained in our files
must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of
the Department of Justice. I am sorry I am unable to furnish the
data he is seeking and hope he will not infer either that we do or do
not have information in our files relating to the National Council of
Churches or the World Council of Churches.

In accordance with your request, his letter is being
returned.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



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Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

Washington, D.C.

July 31 1968

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Congressional Liaison
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Sir:

The attached communication
is sent for your consideration.
Please investigate the statements
contained therein and forward me
the necessary information for re-
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Yours truly,

Bob Price
BOB PRICE, M. C.

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July 27, 1968

Congressman Bob Price
Longworth Office Building
Washington D. C.

Dear Congressman Price:

I am writing to compliment you on your stand on gun control legislation. I also would like to see the House Un-American Activities Committee continued as it is or have increased power.

I have heard that there was a congressional investigation of the World Council of Churches. I would like to know exactly what the findings were. Mr. Hoover and Congress were on both the World and National Council of Churches. I am head of the World Outreach Committee of the First Christian Church here in Foreford, and feel that if these organizations are communist oriented it would be wise not to contribute to them.

If at all possible, please send me all information available on these two councils.

Your consideration in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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August 2, 1968



Dear

In reply to the inquiry in your letter of July 27th, information in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have material in our files relating to the National Council of Churches.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Bufiles contain no identifiable information concerning correspondent or the book and author, "God's Church" by Paul Carlson. [REDACTED]

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July 27, 1968

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

Dear Sir:

My reason for writing you--did you or did you not
expose following organizations?

In book 'God's Church' by Paul Carlson, John Stormer is
quoted as saying "The National Council of Churches, its subordinate
organizations and the leaders on many of its affiliated denominations,
and their publications consistently parallel or follow the Communist
Party line as exposed by J. Edgar Hoover."

In next paragraph, before going into these charges, one
must first reiterate that Mr. Hoover did not "expose" the National
Council, its subordinate organizations, or its affiliated denominations
and their various publications. He has, in fact, never done anything
of the kind.

I would appreciate an answer if possible.

Thanking you.

Yours sincerely,

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Yours sincerely,



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 7/26/68

FROM : ATTENTION: CORRESPONDENCE AND TOURS SECTION

SAC, JACKSON (100-0) (C)

SUBJECT:

INFORMATION CONCERNING

The morgue of the Jackson Daily News and Clarion Ledger Newspapers, Jackson, Mississippi, publications was thoroughly reviewed but failed to contain information quoting the Director that the National Council of Churches was in any way implicated with a Communist front organization.

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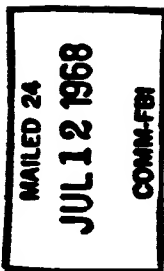
Dear [REDACTED]

In reply to your letter of July 10th, I can assure you that I have never made the statement concerning the National Council of Churches attributed to me in your letter, and I would appreciate your kindness in letting me know the exact source of your information so that I can take steps to set the record straight.

While I certainly understand your concern and would like to be of help to you, it is not possible for me to comment as you desire since information in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have material in our files relating to the National Council of Churches.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



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Follow-up made for 7-22-68.

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JULY 10, 1968

DIRECTOR OF EDGAR HOOVER
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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DEAR MR. HOOVER:

SOME TIME AGO I SAW IN A LOCAL NEWSPAPER
A STATEMENT QUOTING YOU THAT THE NATIONAL COUNCIL
OF CHURCHES WAS IN SOME WAY IMPLICATED WITH A
COMMUNIST FRONT ORGANIZATION.

I WISH THE INFORMATION TO SUPPORT MY INSIST-
ANCE THAT MY CHURCH CONTRIBUTION NOT BE USED TO
SUPPORT THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES.

WOULD YOU BE KIND ENOUGH TO VERIFY SUCH A
STATEMENT IF YOU MADE IT, AND GIVE ME ANY PERTINENT
DATA TO SUPPORT SAME.

SINCERLY YOURS,

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Dear [REDACTED]

I have received your letter of July 5th and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

In response to your inquiry, information in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have material in our files relating to the National Council of Churches or the World Council of Churches. I regret I cannot be of assistance to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. We have received a number of public inquiries concerning the National Council of Churches and the World Council of Churches; we have not investigated these organizations.

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July 5, 1968

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

Mr. Hoover:

We are using, in our church, literature printed by United Church Press of Boston and Philadelphia which is advocated by the National Council of Churches and also the World Council of Churches.

We understand the headquarters for the World Council of Churches is Geneva, Switzerland. Eugene Carson Blake is General Secretary and Eugene L. Smith is secretary of the New York office.

The president of the National Council of Churches is Arthur S. Fleming and the general secretary is R. H. Edwin Espy.

We have heard rumors that there are known Communists in these organizations and support from them is furnished other Communist organizations operating in this country. If this is true, we would refrain from supporting these organizations.

Would you please notify me of any information you have regarding these organizations and also individuals associated with them who are known Communists?

I appreciate your efforts in furnishing any information you feel would not violate necessary security.

Yours truly,
[REDACTED]
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Dear [REDACTED]

With respect to your inquiry of June 25th,
information in our files must be maintained as confidential
in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice.
I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have
material in our files relating to the National Council of
Churches.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Bufiles contain no record identifiable with correspondent.
We have received a number of inquiries concerning the National
Council of Churches; however, we have not investigated this organization.

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June 25, 1968

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Chief, Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington 25, D.C. 20535

Dear Sir:

I just finished reading the book "Death of a Nation" by John Stormer. After reading his book, my husband and I have been discussing our church affiliation. We now belong to a missionary Baptist church which belongs to the Southern Baptist Convention. We heard recently that the Southern Baptist give money to the National Council of Churches even though we are not supposed to be members of it. (I intend to find out this information).

Would you please let me know if there are any known communists now affiliated with the National Council of Churches and if any of them hold an office.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely, *Jm*

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RESPONSE

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July 5, 1968

100-50869-1591

REC-7

Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of July 1st 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 hope you will not infer from my inability to be of help either that we do or do not have material in our files relating to this organization.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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JUL 5 - 1968
COMM-FBI

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. We have received a number of public inquiries concerning the National Council of Churches and answered as above. We have not investigated this group.

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July 1, 1968

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
F. B. I.
Ninth and Pennsylvania Avenues, N.W.
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I am in urgent need of information concerning the National Council of Churches, in regard to its Communist affiliations. I need documented data which may enable me to persuade my fellow christians of the danger in remaining in the National Council of which we are affiliated.

Knowing how busy you are, I appreciate the burden of my request. Yet, being the fighter of communism that you are, I rest assured that you will also understand my dilemma.

I am preparing a report for the Session, and need all the evidence which I can obtain, and I thank you in advance.

Yours for a better America



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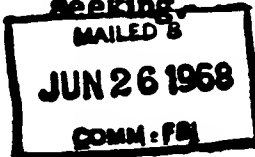
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June 26, 1968

Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of June 19th, with enclosure, has been received and I want to thank you for your kind sentiments.

In response to your inquiry, as an investigative agency of the Federal Government this Bureau does not make evaluations as to the character or integrity of any organization, nor am I able to suggest a source for the type of information you are seeking.



Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Bufiles indicate prior limited correspondence with [REDACTED] last outgoing 6-5-67 concerning the National Council of Churches. It is noted that he was referred to as Dr. in his enclosure, however, title of Dr. is not being utilized as it was not possible to verify. The enclosure is a letter from an apparent parishioner who discusses the alleged communist infiltration into the National Council of Churches and the Methodist Board of Missions and supports his arguments by referring to quotations in the Congressional Record. Bufiles contain no record of [REDACTED] who is [REDACTED] correspondent.

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June 19, 1968

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C. 20536

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I hesitate to encroach upon the overburdened schedule of your office, but it would be greatly appreciated if someone on your staff could give me written counsel on the problem covered in the enclosed letter.

In a letter of May 31, 1967, I requested information with reference to materials some of my members had received, charging communist infiltration into the National Council of Churches; and you were thoughtful enough to reply on June 5, 1967. I understand and appreciate that information in your files must be confidential and do not seek its disclosure.

My problem however, is that these charges are being continued and supported by statements in the "Congressional Record" and reports of the House Committee on Un-American Activities. (See enclosed letter) Since these statements seem to give the weight of our government to the charges which are inferred from them, I would hope that a similar arm of the government could have available information of a public nature to substantiate, interpret, or deny these allegations of Communist influence within the National Council of Churches. Is such a source available?

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My own position as a pastor is to be able to give wise counsel to my people, very few of whom are presently - but vocally - concerned with this matter.

My gratitude for the labors of your Bureau and my prayers for you and your personnel.

JUL 2 1968

Sincerely,

1 ENCLOSURE

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June 10, 1968

[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

This letter should have been written two weeks ago but the writer for many years has tried to make a habit of getting actual details and further praying about a situation before making comments or sharing it in detail.

First let me say that [REDACTED] and I have a great deal of respect for you, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and what I say will be because of the love in our hearts for you, your associates and [REDACTED] Church which the writer has been a member for some 47 years so you can see that we have been members through the association of many Pastors and I hope that what I say will be taken as constructive and not detrimental as you have indicated by your actions on occasions.

Let me say that on various occasions I have tried to learn from you or your office actually what we are paying into the National Council Of Churches and what the State Methodist Conference has been paying but these questions have always been avoided some way. Let me say if you have not already found out that I am a very persistent person and try to be very exacting so needless to say that there are many ways to find out what a person wants to know. U

My first subject will be The National Council of Churches and it is unfortunate that I first had to see what was in the paper then get an actual copy of their resolution that was passed in San Diego before my research began because I feel that our members of our Church should have been told some of these things a long time ago. If you care to get the speech of Honorable Donald L. Jackson of California dated Thursday, March 3, 1960 entitled "UNKLEIN TRUSTERS" that was made a part of the 66th Congress, second session and part of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD you will find many of the things that I will discuss in this letter although this is only a small part of my survey. I quote from the Congressional Record-"COMMUNISM IN RELIGION- The National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. officially sponsored the Revised Standard Version of the Bible. Of the 95 persons who served in this project, 30 have been affiliated with pro-Communist fronts, projects, and publications. In it's own brochure, The National Council of Churches listed the names of the Revision Committee and Advisory Board.

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Among these were Walter Mussel Bowie of Grace Church, New York; Henry J. Cadbury of Harvard University; George Dahl of Yale University; Frederick U. Grant of Seaberry Western Theological Seminary; and Leroy Waterman of the University of Michigan. All of these men were affiliated, for example, with the National Federation for Constitutional Liberties (NFCL). The House Committee on Un-American Activities said of the NFCL: "There can be no reasonable doubt about the fact that the National Federation for Constitutional Liberties*** is one of the viciously subversive Organizations of the Communist Party." Former Attorney General Francis Biddle described the NFCL thus: "Part of what Lenin called Solar System of Organizations, ostensibly having no connection with the Communist Party, by which Communist attempts to create sympathizers and Supporters of their program. Still quoting from Congressional record--Not only were these men affiliated with the NFCL, but many similar Communist fronts or enterprises--Walter Mussel Bowie with a total of 29; Henry J. Cadbury and George Dahl 13; Frederick Grant 8 and Leroy Waterman 25. Among the other fronts with which these individuals were variously members were: "The American Committee for Democracy and Intellectual Freedom; The American Committee For Protection of the Foreign Born; and the Citizens Committee To Free Earl Browder". There are many many more items in this speech but will not go into that now.

Additional material shows that in June 1963 The General Board of The National Council of Churches voted 65 to 1 to support a Supreme Court decision outlawing both prayer and Bible reading in Public Schools.

In 1966 National Council of Churches "POLICY STATEMENT" passed by the General Board February 21, 1966 "IMPERATIVES OF PEACE AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF POWER" which advocated several points of controversy-1 Suggested entrance of Red China to the United Nations, 2- Free Trade with Communist Countries in Eastern Europe, The Soviet Union and Cuba, 3-Remove Restriction on imports from Communist Countries. and several other points that we have already discussed. ~~did you know that U.S. shipped the following last year to Russia and satellites:~~ \$3.1 Million worth of computer parts: \$482,273 worth of oil production and drilling equipment: \$4.5 Million worth of aluminum production equipment: \$3 Million in gear production equipment: \$7.3 Million in Chemical Wood pulp that can be made into a high explosive? Would you want your Son fighting in this war that you can see Russian tanks on television being used by North Vietnam or guns or gun powder that has been supplied the enemy through Russia---Is this Christianity? Russian Government admits that they do not believe in God--only the Government--themselves. Did you read where they either executed or sent to work camps those in Russia that believe in a Church---this was in the paper just a few months ago. I know you would say brotherly love--but can missionaries love? ~~WALLY~~

ALL ORDERS SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION

Now lets get down to the meat of my letter: From the National Council of Churches pamphlet entitled "WHAT IT IS---WHAT IT DOES". on the back page they show a chart "WHO PAYS FOR THE COUNCIL PROGRAM, WHERE DOES IT GO- they show 50% to minister overseas through Evangelism, education, Healing, Community Development and relief to those in need yet in their Overseas Ministries 1966 book they say to see budget on page 71---what is the budget? \$500,440.00. The National Councils budget in 1967 was \$16,000,000.00 and if my figures are correct and i think they are 58% would be \$10,440,000.00 yet they only show a \$800,440.00 entire overseas Ministry budget and if you will look at that budget you will see that 1967 Executive Office \$242, 530.00, Interpretation and Promotion \$336, 220.00 which is used primarily for news press and distributing material. What about the approximate other \$17,000,000.00? it is being used for many different things mostly administrative salaried men, lobbying in Washington in many cases against God, The Bible and Christianity itself. Who speaks for the 42,000,000 members? A board of about 250 members. They advise they have no authority to speak for each member but if we belong and pay the money and they run it down our throats they do speak for us. (refer to policy statement San Diego resolution page 13 entitled "IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FOREGOING POLICY STATEMENT" i quote "THE GENERAL BOARD, THEREFORE, REQUESTS THE GENERAL SECRETARY, THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON PEACE, AND THE FOUR DIVISIONS OF THE COUNCIL AND RELATED AGENCIES TO IMPLEMENT THE POLICY STATEMENT THROUGH THE DEVELOPMENT OF SHORT RANGE AND LONG RANGE PLANS FOR ACTION AND EDUCATION WHICH WILL INVOLVE CHURCHES AND THEIR MEMBERS AND AGENCIES."

71- I could go on and on about the National Council of Churches and the Methodist Board of Missions but will not but i do want to say that you and [redacted] are ordained Ministers of God and when you pledged your life, body, mind and souls to this cause you accepted an obligation. I feel personally that you are sincere and want to do what is right according to God and the Bible. Our prayers have been with you and will still be but it is time that STAND UP ON OUR OWN TWO FEET FOR GOD. You I presume will be going to Conference this Wednesday---it only takes one or two to gather in the sheep--look what Paul did with the help of God.

Sincerely,

[redacted signature]

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June 20, 1968

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EX-105

[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

In response to your communication of June 17th, information in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have material in our files relating to the National Council of Churches.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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SPEEDWRITER MESSAGE

SENDER: TYPE ON WHITE MESSAGE. PULL OUT YELLOW SHEET.
MAIL WHITE AND PINK COPIES TO ADDRESSEE
ADDRESSEE: WRITE REPLY. KEEP WHITE COPY. RETURN THE PINK.

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FROM:

[REDACTED]

☐ URGENT PLEASE REPLY
☐ REPLY NOT NEEDED

DATE JUNE 17, 1968

SUBJECT

TO:

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

National Council of
Churches

MESSAGE

Gentlemen:

I have been led to believe that there is some question
as to possible Communist connections of influences within the National
Council of Churches and would appreciate any information that you can
supply me on this subject.

Thank you for your prompt response to this request.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

REPLY

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EX-105

JUN 20 1968

CORRESPONDANCE

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ADDRESSEE: PLEASE KEEP WHITE COPY AND RETURN PINK COPY

May 29, 1968

REC-101 100-50869-1588

Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of May 22nd has been received.

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

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: No record of correspondent in Bufiles. We have received a number of public inquiries concerning the National Council of Churches; we have not investigated this organization. E E I

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May 22, 1958

Gentlemen:

I would appreciate very much if I could get some information concerning the National Council of Churches. In general I would like to know who holds the top offices of the NCC, what their background is, and if they have anything to do with the communist party.

In the May twenty-fourth edition of the Church Herald of the Reformed Church of America we received an envelope inside. They urged us to put our money inside and that this would go for the poor people in the cities where the riots are taking place. I would like to know exactly what this money is going for, and if the Churches have anything to do with supporting the riots.

Thank you very much.

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Sincerely yours,

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June 4, 1968

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Dear [REDACTED]

While I would very much like to be of assistance in response to your letter of May 28th, information in our files must be maintained as confidential pursuant to regulations of the Department of Justice. I regret I am unable to be of help to you in this instance.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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COMM-FBI

NOTE: Bufiles contain no record of correspondent. Our relations with the Committee of Christian Laymen, Inc., of Woodland Hills (California) are most circumspect as its officers have tried to use the Bureau as a tool in their fight with the National Council of Churches of Christ. In 1964 we had an Agent admonish this right-wing organization to desist from conveying the impression that the FBI endorsed their activities and publications. Above reply per last outgoing, 9/25/67, re inquiry concerning this organization.

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May 28, 1968

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THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Washington D. C.

To Whom It May Concern;

I am a licensed General Baptist minister, and I have recently come in contact with some literature about "THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES OF CHRIST." The literature is published by:

Committee of Christian Laymen Inc. of Woodland Hills
P. O. Box 285
Woodland Hills, California.

I have looked everywhere I can think of, and I cannot find any information about this organization. At the bottom of the literature appears the following statement: "Copies mailed to the F. B. I. and the House Committee on Un-American Activities."

I realize that you are very busy, but I would deeply appreciate any information you could give me on this group. Thank you for your kind attention.

Sincerely Yours

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May 20, 1968

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Dear [REDACTED]

In reply to your letter of May 14th, this
Bureau's supply of the pamphlet you mentioned is depleted.
I am sorry I cannot be of assistance to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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MAY 20 1968

COMM-FBI

NOTE: Bufiles reflect an outgoing letter to [REDACTED] on 4-12-68. in
response to his inquiry for information concerning the National
Council of Churches (NCC). He was advised of the confidential nature
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May 14, 1968

J. Edgar Hoover:
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington
DC 20535

Dear Sir:

I write due to our several church affiliation with the National Council of Churches of Christ in America and our investigation concerning same. To date we have uncovered much valuable information and are hoping that you will be able to contribute in specific areas.

I reference the film, "Operation Abblution" by HUAC and the NCC's attack on it together with they're apparent attempt to discredit you personally with the mailings of the Murray Kempton article, "The Big Lie."

I would appreciate a copy of any replys made and also a booklet I understand you prepared concerning the San Francisco riots in 1960, "Communist Target - Youth". If additional copies of statements, booklets, or other materials are available that in your opinion would relate to our project, I would appreciate knowledge and/or copies.

Trusting in your interest and early response, I remain,

Respectfully,

[Redacted signature]

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REC 16 100-50869-1585

Dear [REDACTED]

I have received your letter of May 6th and enclosure.

In response to your inquiry, information in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have material in our files relating to the National Council of Churches. I am returning the one dollar bill you so thoughtfully forwarded.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosure

NOTE: Bufiles contain no record identifiable with correspondent. Her surname was verified in the telephone directory.

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May 6, 1968

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

Dear Mr. Hoover,

Please send me some material available from
your department on the "National Council of Churches, U. S. A."

I hope this will cover a few pamphlets.

Thank you,

/s/



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May 6, 1968

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

Dear Mr. Hoover,

Please send me some material
available from your department on
the "National Council of Churches,
U. S. A."

I hope this will cover a few
pamphlets.

Thank you,

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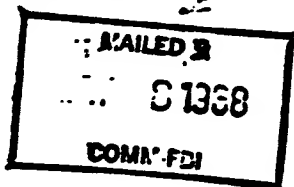
Dear [REDACTED]

In response to the inquiries in your letter of May 2nd, information in our files must be maintained as confidential pursuant to regulations of the Department of Justice. 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 does not have a list such as you requested; however, 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 some of the 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. Checks or money orders should be drawn payable to the Superintendent of Documents. C.O.D. orders will not be accepted.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



NOTE: Bufiles contain no information identifiable with correspondent. Dr. Carl McIntire, President of the International Council of Christian Churches was an organizer of the American Council of Churches and has been an outspoken foe of the National Council of Churches and has stated publicly that communists are using the National Council of Churches in the U. S.

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May 2, 1968

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

As a citizen of the United States I am very much concerned with our community and church as well as our Government and its future. I belong to the First Christian Church here in [redacted] and our Church is faced with an important decision in the next few weeks.

The Christian Church or Disciples of Christ is in the process of a Restructure program and will have a stricter governing body. They will have district offices, state and national which has its headquarters in [redacted]. I am sure Christian Churches all over the nation are trying to decide whether to go into this restructure program or not. Some churches are staying independent and some can't come to an agreement and are splitting which seems to be what is going to happen to our church which I hate to see happen.

As I understand it will be connected with the National Council of Churches. It seems like on the television and news we hear more and more about communists being in the National Council of Churches. Saturday night a man was on Joe Pyne program, I didn't catch his name, belonged to the Christian Church and their church belonged to the American Council of Churches. He claimed the National Council of Churches had 18 beliefs that were identical to the Communists and they were trying to get the National Council of Churches put on the list of subversive organizations.

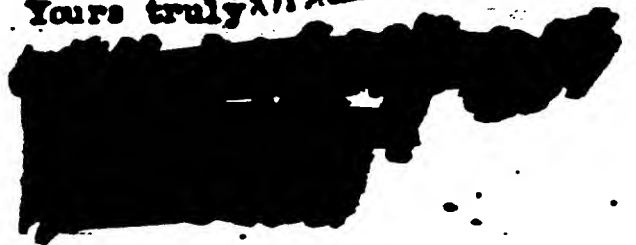
I would like to know are these rumors or is it a known fact that there are communists in this organization? If it is so I wouldn't want any connection with them. From what I read a person usually gets involved with them innocent and don't realize it until after they are in.

Does your office have any information on this? If so would you please send me some information. Also do you have a list of subversive organizations that you could send.

Thank you for any help you can give me.

25 MAY 9 1968
Yours truly, [redacted]
RESPONSE

Ack
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mail



May 1, 1968

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of April 24th has been received.

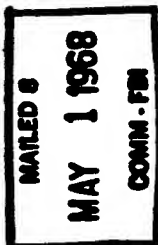
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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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J. Edgar Hoover
Director of F.B.I.
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Thank you!

Sincerely,
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April 15, 1968

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Because of recent statements made by members of our local church congregation, we have set up a Committee to determine whether or not to continue our support of the National Council of Churches.

We are particularly concerned as to whether or not this organization or any of its past or present leaders have a known record of Communistic or other Un-American Activities.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this request.

Yours very truly,

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cc: Congressman George Bush
106 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D. C.

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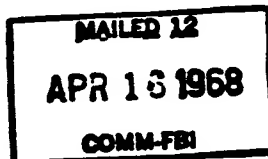
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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of April 11th has been received.

In response to your inquiry, information in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have material in our files relating to the National Council of Churches or its Agricultural Missions, Inc.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover



NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. We have received a number of public inquiries concerning the National Council of Churches; we have not investigated this organization. Agricultural Missions, Inc., 47 Riverside Drive, New York, New York, is an independent organization associated with the Division of Foreign Mission of the National Council of Churches. Its purpose is to promote agricultural and rural mission work around the world in cooperation with the Christian Missionary Enterprise. We have not investigated it.

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April 11, 1968

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Please advise if there is any Communist Part affiliation
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Thanking you in advance.

Sincerely,



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Dear [REDACTED]

I received your letter of April 9th.

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

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April 9, 1968

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of April 4th has been received, and I certainly appreciate your kind comments.

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

I can tell you, however, that Mrs. Julia Brown furnished information on subversive activities to the FBI on a confidential basis from 1951 to 1960. Although she was not an employee of this Bureau, she was compensated for her services. In keeping with my long-standing policy, I cannot comment further regarding Mrs. Brown.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover ✓

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April 4, 1968 ✓

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Recently [REDACTED] addressed a gathering in [REDACTED] regarding information she had learned as an undercover agent of the F. B. I. She expressed quite vigorously her concern about the tactics used by Communism in disrupting American life.

In the course of the question and answer period which followed her address, she was asked whether rumors were true that the National Council of Churches had been infiltrated by members of the Communist party. Her answer implied that this was not only true, but that it was true in large measure. She intimated that there were more people whose leanings were toward worldwide Communism than toward orthodox Christianity.

Since I belong to a denomination which holds membership in the National Council of Churches, her answer was naturally disturbing to me. It has in the past as well as now been disturbing to members of our Session. We have communicated with our representatives on the Board of the National Council of Churches, and have received assurance that charges of Communist infiltration are not true.

It would be very helpful to me if you or some member of your staff could tell us of any findings you have with regard to the National Council of Churches. I shall be grateful for any information you are free to give me. *le*

With many thanks to you for the service you have rendered to this nation for so many years and with a prayer for God's blessing upon you in the future, I am

Sincerely yours,
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April 9, 1968

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J. E. Hoover
F.B.I. Bldg.
Washington
D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

As the publisher of a regional Conservative magazine I am writing for what assistance you may care to offer in my effort to deceminate "documented facts" concerning the subversive nature of the National Council of Churches of Christ.

Although much has been written and is commonly available, I am particularly interested in those official studies and or reports that may be available as much for my own protection as to lend an air of authenticity by so quoting.

Awaiting that assistance you may deem beneficial, I remain,

Respectfully,

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Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of April 1st, with enclosure, has been received.

In response to your inquiry, Mr. Howard D. Smoot was employed by 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 it is not possible for me to comment on these in any way whatsoever.

With respect to the subject on which he wrote, information in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have material in our files relating to the National Council of Churches.

I am herewith returning the item you made available.

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

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

I received this paper in the mail recently from one of our prominent church members.

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I see Dan Smoot professes to have been a member of the F.B.I. at one time, so I assume probably you know about him.

I realize you are a very busy man, but I would appreciate it if you could read this report, if you haven't already, and send your comments to me. Thank you kindly

Sincerely



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Dan Smoot Report



DAN SMOOT

Vol. 14, No. 1 (Broadcast 645)

January 1, 1968 Dallas, Texas

STARVE THE NCC

Old-fashioned atheism traveled at its own expense. The new atheism wraps itself in the sheep's clothing of Christendom and draws its sustenance from Christianity which it seeks to destroy. The foremost organization in this destructive operation is the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. (NCC).

In 1932, Sidney Hillman, a communist official of the CIO, created the National Religion and Labor Foundation, for the purpose of harnessing leftwing clergymen and union leaders in the common cause of abolishing private capitalism in the United States and establishing a socialist economic system. In 1954, shortly after Walter Reuther became president of UAW-CIO, the National Religion and Labor Foundation became the Religion and Labor Council of America. Clergymen from the National Council of Churches were selected to serve on the executive board of the Religion and Labor Council. Reuther was also responsible for establishing within the National Council of Churches (1954) a Department of Church and Economic Life. Walter Reuther became a member of the policy-making committee of this new Department of the NCC; Victor Reuther became vice chairman. Walter Reuther contributed (from the Philip Murray Foundation) \$200,000 to the new National Council Department. Additional union funds have been contributed to the NCC from the Sidney Hillman Foundation, and Reuther has solicited money from union locals for the National Council.

Officials of the Religion and Labor Council and of the National Council of Churches set up another agency called the Clergy Economic Education Foundation. The Reverend Charles Webber, sponsor of the communist-controlled Peoples' Institute of Applied Religion, was in the forefront of those who created the Clergy Economic Education Foundation. Now with the Religion and Labor Council, Webber has worked out a detailed program for infiltration and subversion of churches to enlist church members in a drive to abolish private capitalism. Toward this end, he has assembled propaganda to be made available (through the National Council of Churches) to individual churches for Sunday school lessons, sermons, open forums, lay discussion groups.

THE DAN SMOOT REPORT is published weekly by The Dan Smoot Report, Inc., Box 9538, Dallas, Texas 75214 (office at 6441 Gaston Ave.). Subscriptions: \$18.00 for 2 years; \$10.00, 1 year; \$6.00, 6 months; first class, \$12.50 a year; airmail, \$14.50. Dan Smoot was born in Missouri, reared in Texas. With BA and MA degrees from SMU (1938 and 1940), he joined the Harvard faculty (1941) as a Teaching Fellow, doing graduate work in American civilization. From 1942 to 1951, he was an FBI agent; from 1951 to 1955, a commentator on national radio and television. In 1955, he started his present independent, free-enterprise business: publishing this REPORT and abbreviating it each week for radio and TV broadcasts available for commercial sponsorship by business firms.

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ENCLOSURE

The union-church combine operating principally through the Clergy Economic Education Foundation, the Religion and Labor Council, and the NCC's Department of Church and Economic Life; and dominated by the Reuther brothers — has worked diligently to convert American churches into propaganda and lobbying agencies for socialist revolution.

Removing God and God's Word from churches and public institutions was an essential part of the scheme. By 1954, atheists and agnostics, encouraged by such leftwing groups as the American Jewish Committee and the American Civil Liberties Union, were pushing hard for court decisions to abolish Bible reading in public schools. At a Lenten meeting in Detroit in that year, National Council officials discussed this issue. A top official of the Council (David Hunter, an Episcopal priest) voiced the sentiments of his associates:

"Learning the Bible is not necessarily good for the child. I do not think it of major importance that he have a comprehensive knowledge of what is in the Bible. But what is important is that the child should experience what is important to him."¹¹

Nine years later (June, 1963), the General Board of the National Council of Churches voted 65 to 1 to support a Supreme Court decision outlawing both prayer and Bible reading in public schools. In 1964, representatives of the National Council of Churches appeared before platform committees of Democrat and Republican parties insisting that both parties commit themselves to support of the Supreme Court's ban on prayer and Bible reading. They argued "separation of church and state"; but the argument is hypocritical. The National Council of Churches is dedicated to dragging churches *into* the affairs of government. If it is not stopped, our churches will become controlled organs of a socialist state."¹²

The National Council of Churches' propaganda and lobbying activities are not only anti-Christian: they are illegal under federal law. The Council has exemption from federal taxation because of its official commitment that it "shall not engage in influencing legislation or engage in lobbying." Yet, it has been one of the most ruth-

less and powerful lobbies in Washington; and its lobbying is *always* in support of socialistic legislation or pro-communist actions favored by the socialist leaders of monopolistic unions.

The NCC's most harmful activities have been in the field of civil rights.

In June, 1961, the General Board of the National Council announced its support of Martin Luther King's Southern Christian Leadership Conference and of the Congress of Racial Equality (both adjuncts of the communist conspiracy) which were organizing freedom rides, sit-ins, and other illegal demonstrations in the South.

In June, 1963, the General Board of the NCC created the Emergency Commission on Religion and Race, composed of Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, Martin Luther King, Jr., Victor Reuther, and some 27 other civil righters of the same stripe.¹³ The NCC official chosen to direct the commission was Dr. Robert W. Spike, a supporter of communist causes.¹⁴

The first major activity of the NCC's Emergency Commission on Religion and Race was the August, 1963, march on Washington — organized and directed by Robert W. Spike and Bayard Rustin, Negro sexual deviate and communist-frontier. The purpose of the march was to pressure Congress to enact the Civil Rights Act of 1963. Robert Spike said that his NCC commission recruited at least 40,000 of the persons who participated in the march on Washington, and provided and transported to the marchers some 80,000 lunches. Later, Spike said, the NCC commission "negotiated for justice" to rioters in "fifteen riot-torn cities," and provided \$50,000 in bail for some 90 persons arrested for deliberate violations of law.¹⁵

Under the aegis of the Emergency Commission on Religion and Race, the National Council of Churches organized the Student Interracial Ministry, to send racial agitators (called "exchange preachers") to preach in white and Negro pulpits of southern cities selected by Martin Luther King. These exchange preachers try to precipitate interracial disorders, incite riots, encourage destruction of property. Their salaries (and, when they are

arrested, their bail and legal fees are paid by the National Council of Churches. Robert Spike proudly reported on the NCC commission's leadership in gathering rowdy crowds to disrupt church services and invade private property, in financing "field trips" of reporters into 15 southern communities where agitators had been sent to create social and racial unrest.¹¹

From December 1 to 7, 1963, the National Council of Churches met in its Sixth General Assembly at Philadelphia. The "racial question" in the United States was the principal topic of discussion and action. The NCC's Assembly endorsed all provisions of the pending Civil Rights Act of 1963. It demanded that Congress "take every step necessary" to pass the bill. It urged all Christians to write, call, or telegraph their Representatives; and it sent busloads of Assembly delegates to call on U. S. Representatives in Washington.¹²

On December 6, 1963, John Lewis (Negro, then head of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee) announced SNCC's Mississippi Summer Project for 1964: college students would be sent to register Mississippi Negroes for voting. Lewis said this activity was intended to precipitate in Mississippi a crisis of such magnitude that "the Federal Government will have to take over the State."¹³

In February, 1964, Robert Spike submitted to the NCC General Board a proposal for the NCC to organize the Delta Ministry, which would participate with SNCC and other racial agitation groups in the 1964 summer project in Mississippi — and thereafter continue as a permanent NCC operation. The Delta Ministry plan (as originally approved by the NCC General Board) required a budget of \$260,000 — 60% of which was to come from NCC member churches, 40% from the World Council of Churches. Spike said that "involvement of the World Council of Churches in the program guarantees that the participating staff will be veterans seasoned by experience in other situations of conflict." The man directly in charge of the NCC's Delta Ministry is the Reverend Arthur Thomas. Second in command

is the Reverend Warren McKenna, an Episcopal priest from New England who has a record of pro-communist affiliations.¹⁴

To recruit workers for the first summer (1964) of the Delta Ministry, the NCC's Commission on Religion and Race sent letters to officials of colleges, universities, and seminaries soliciting aid in finding students and faculty members to volunteer for "summer work in the south," specifying that the volunteers should be related to such organizations as CORE, SNCC, NAACP, SCLC.¹⁵

At a cost of about \$50,000, the NCC trained hundreds of young racial agitators to work in the 1964 summer project. The training was given at Western College for Women at Oxford, Ohio, under the general direction of Robert W. Spike and Bayard Rustin, and of Myles Horton (head of the communist Highlander Folk School).

To protect the civil malefactors sent into Mississippi, the legal staff of the National Council of Churches joined with lawyers from the American Jewish Congress, the American Jewish Committee, the American Civil Liberties Union, NAACP, CORE, and SNCC to organize a Lawyers Constitutional Defense Committee. This consisted of about 60 lawyers who volunteered to spend at least 2 weeks without pay in southern states during the summer of 1964, to provide legal defense for agitators and demonstrators who might be charged with violations of local and state laws.¹⁶

Early in 1965, the National Council of Churches and related groups turned their attention to supporting Martin Luther King's demonstrations against law, order, and decency in Selma and Birmingham, Alabama.

The immediate purpose of King's Alabama operations was to create propaganda and pressure for the Voting Rights Act of 1965. It is now a matter of record that this open advocacy of civil disobedience — supported by the foremost "church" and "civil rights" organizations in the country, and encouraged by high officials of government, including President Johnson — soon

led to civil chaos, widespread looting, vandalism, pillaging, arson, and murder. Since King's internationally publicized defiance of law and court orders in Selma, Alabama (March, 1965), there have been 101 major incidents of civil rights violence: at least 12 law officers have been killed and 1199 injured; at least 118 civilians killed and 2424 injured; at least 7985 cases of arson; 28,932 arrests and 5434 convictions.¹⁰

Clergymen have been involved in all these affairs. Not all belong to churches affiliated with the NCC; but the example of NCC officials has provided encouragement and an aura of respectability for the participation of clergymen in obscene and violent behavior that is literally tearing our society apart.

When the 1967 summer of Negro violence was over, the General Board of the National Council of Churches issued a statement (September 15), blaming the horrors on "white masters who have long dominated the ghetto," saying:

"The riots in the cities are the beginning of retribution for another century's bondage. Our enemy is the persistent and pervasive racism of the white majority of the land."¹¹

The Board recommended a civil rights program which included:

—Commitment of 10 percent of the National Council's unrestricted capital funds to "high-risk, low-return" investments in the nation's 'ghettos'—the money to be spent at the direction of the ghetto residents;

—"Reconstruction of our whole society since we are not wedded to any given culture or economy";

—A "reverse" boycott against businesses that practice discrimination in employment, churches to enforce the boycott by spending church money with businesses whose employment practices are pleasing to the NCC.¹²

In the fall of 1967, a nationwide Conference on Church and Society was held in Detroit, under auspices of the National Council of Churches. Delegates urged that churches should become sanctuaries for draft evaders, and should sponsor a 24-hour general strike throughout the United States if our war in Vietnam is escalated sharply.

While deploring violence against communists in Vietnam, the NCC conference delegates justified Negro violence in the United States. Some of the delegates felt that the need for a "complete restructuring" of U.S. society might justify the arming of snipers and the inciting of mobs to riot.¹³

A highlight of the Detroit conference was a show, arranged by the arts director of the National Council of Churches, which included a film depicting the profile of a couple engaged in sexual intercourse, a stripper removing her clothes, the performance of a topless dancer.¹⁴

What should be done about the National Council of Churches? The Internal Revenue Service should cancel its exemption from federal taxation; but it is pointless to hope for such action, because the NCC, having served for years as propagandist and lobbyist for the programs of big government, has great influence on government agencies. Individual Christians could, however, starve and stop the National Council of Churches by refraining from contributing to their churches as long as their churches are affiliated with the NCC.

FOOTNOTES

- (1) *The National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A.: An Appraisal of Its Origin and Present Direction*, by H. Morgan Mason, M.D. (2300 Grove Avenue, Richmond, Virginia 23220). Seventh Printing, April, 1966. 2 copies, \$1.00.
- (2) "The Civil Rights Abomination," by the Reverend William E. Ashbrook, *Ohio Regional Visitor: Voice of the Ohio Regional, Independent Fundamental Churches of America*, 303 Fells Road, Columbus, Ohio 43214.
- (3) Press Release C-70 GA, National Council of Churches, Dec. 7, 1963, 2 pp.
- (4) "On 2 Fronts: Militant Plan To Create Crisis in Mississippi," by Bob Robertson, *The San Francisco Chronicle*, Dec. 7, 1963, p. 4.
- (5) *Harmon Events*, April 9, 1966.
- (6) Article by M. S. Hendler, *The New York Times*, May 21, 1964, p. 36; AP dispatch from New York, May 21, 1964.
- (7) *The Dallas Morning News*, Nov. 2, 1967, p. A16.
- (8) *The Dallas Times Herald*, Sept. 13, 1967, p. A3; *The Dallas Morning News*, Sept. 16, 1967, p. D3.
- (9) *U.S. News & World Report*, Nov. 27, 1967, pp. 66-6.

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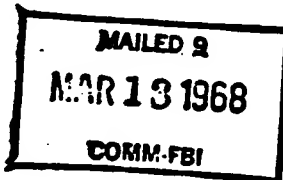
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Dear [REDACTED]

I have received your letter of March 8th, with enclosure, and want to thank you for furnishing me the information and comments which were set forth in your communication. You may be certain I appreciate the interest which prompted you to write.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



NOTE: [REDACTED] is on the Special Correspondents List. He has corresponded with the Bureau on several occasions during recent months to provide information which he feels may be of interest to the FBI.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

home address: Reverend Blahoslav S. Mruby
545 West 111th Street, Apt. 3A
New York, New York 10025

Sincerely,

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Mr. John Edgar Hoover, Director
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COMMUNITY NIGHT
7:30 p. m., Sunday, March 3, 1968

Speaker

Reverend Blahoslav S. Hrubý

Associate Editor of Religion in Communist Dominated Areas
Published by the National Council of Churches

"Freedom of Religion under Communism --- Reality or Myth?"



"I think that you have made a poor choice," said a friend. "The radical Right will avoid him because he is with the National Council of Churches, a group, at best, vague in its stance against Communism. On the other hand, the militant Left will boycott him because his publication is so anti-communist. Those in the middle will, as always, do nothing."

Be that as it may, Rev. Blahoslav S. Hrubý is a dedicated scholar and a committed Christian who merits a hearing from any who would seek to know the truth about religious persecution under Communism.

Evelyn Leiske Falconer of San Mateo will play a short recital on the organ. She has concertized extensively throughout the United States.

BE SURE TO ATTEND THIS FINE EVENING

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Dear [REDACTED]

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

In response to your inquiry concerning the National Council of Churches, information in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I hope you will not infer that we do or do not have information in our files relating to this organization.

This Bureau does not have the type of list you mentioned for distribution; however, 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 some of the 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. Checks or money orders should be drawn payable to the Superintendent of Documents. C.O.D. orders will not be accepted.

I would like to suggest that in your personal evaluation of the merits of any organization or publication, you give careful consideration to its objectives and whether they are being achieved through orderly, legal procedures.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

See NOTE Page Two.

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NOTE: Bufiles reflect previous correspondence with [REDACTED] last outgoing 3-10-61 in response to his inquiry concerning the John Birch Society, inasmuch as he had been solicited for membership in that organization. Self-addressed, stamped, enclosed envelope being used in reply.

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February 27, 1968

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

Dear Sir:

Do you have available for distribution a list of organizations considered by your department to be subversive?

Today when one makes a donation to what he considers a worthy cause he subsequently finds himself on the mailing list of many other organizations. Some of these obviously are worthy of help, and others one would not want to be associated with. I shall be happy to compensate your department for such a list which I should like to keep for future reference.

If our Government would only see the wisdom of defeating Communism by improving on the Communist's weapons of infiltration, propagandizing, etc. on a grandios scale, we could keep the initiative and put an end effectively to brush wars.

If you do not have a published list as above noted, can you advise whether the National Council of Churches is, unwittingly or otherwise, a tool of Communism? Your early reply will be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

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REC 29

February 28, 1968

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Dear [REDACTED]

In reply to your letter of February 24th, information in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I hope you will not infer that we do or do not have information in our files relating to the National Council of Churches.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Bufiles contain no information identifiable with [REDACTED]

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Mr. Trotter
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February 24 1968

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

Dear Sir:

Just recently I was in a discussion with a minister of one of the local churches, in regard to the National Council of Churches, and he made the statement that the FBI had investigated the NCC from top to bottom and no Communist had been found.

I have been under the impression that there are Communists operating at the upper levels of the NCC.

I would appreciate the position of the FBI on this matter.

Thank you.



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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE: 7.14.15, 1968

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

Pages 51223-51224, 51229-51230 and 51232. Senator Byrd, (C) West Virginia, requested to have printed in the Record a statement by J. N. Higgins on the labor and practice of dissent in the United States given before the Churchman's Washington Seminar of the National Council of Churches of Christ. During these remarks, Mr. Higgins pointed out that World War I started a new era in the history of dissent in the United States. . . . Once again, the draft and its enforcement, produced a flood of dispute and dissension Secretary of War Baker informed the Attorney General that there were 325, 400 known desertions on June 10, 1918. On Sept. 3, 1918, the FBI attempted a roundup of slackers and in three days seized 50,000 men in theaters, restaurants, street cars, railway stations and pool halls and street corners." Mr. Byrd also placed in the Record an article from the Washington Post of February 11 entitled "Is King's Nonviolence Now Old Fashioned" written by Robert C. Bayard and an article from the February 9 issue of the same paper written by Jean White entitled "Axis Help for Poor: Businessmen Hear King Plan." These articles comment on the demonstrations planned by King to be held in Washington in April.

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In the original of a memorandum captioned and dated as above, the Congressional Record for 7.14.15, 1968 was reviewed and pertinent items were marked for the Director's attention. This form has been prepared in order that portions of a copy of the original memorandum may be clipped, mounted, and placed in appropriate Bureau case of subject matter files.

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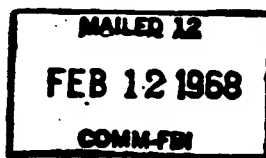
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Dear [REDACTED]

I received your letter on February 8th.

In response to your inquiry, information in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have information 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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Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

I am inquiring about the "National Council of
Churches of Christ." Is this organization Communist infiltrated?
Do any of it's members belong to the Communist party?

Any information you may bring to my attention
will be appreciated by hundreds of people.

Yours truly,

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

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Yours truly,
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February 6, 1968

EX-105 REC-13

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Dear [REDACTED]

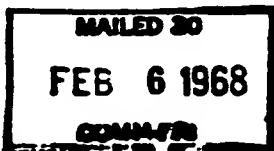
Your letter, with enclosures, was received on February 2nd.

In response to your inquiries, information in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I hope you will not infer that we do or do not have information in our files relating to the organizations you mentioned.

Your enclosures are being returned herewith.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



Enclosures (4)

NOTE: No record in Bufiles regarding correspondent, or Reverend Richard Wormbrand or "Mission to Europe's Millions." Enclosures consist of two sheets of writing paper and two stamped envelopes. There is no indication in correspondents letter or envelope that he has ministerial status; however, phone directory lists his title as Reverend.

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The Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs: 11C

Recently a man called Rev. Richard Wormbrand spoke in our community. It was reported that he was a native of Rumania and a Lutheran minister who spent 14 years in a communist prison. His visit was officially sponsored by an independant congregation. There was nothing about his formal address that was disturbing.

The question and answer period that followed left many ministers who heard him wondering if the real group responsible for his visit were not members of some extreme right wing group in America.

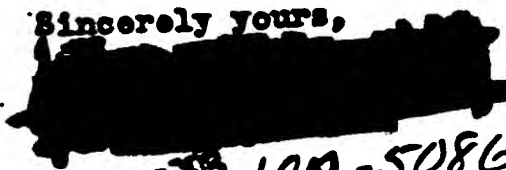
He was introduced as head of "Mission to Europe's Millions", Box 11, Glendale, Calif. 91209. Has this group been investigated by the F. B. I.? If so we are very interested in what you have found out concerning the group and what relationship, if any, it may have to other groups or organizations in our land of a questionable nature.


I am enclosing a self addressed envelope and stationary for your reply.

I am enclosing a second envelope and stationary which I would like for you to use in reply to another question which grew out of the discussion period.

Has the F. B. I. found the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U. S. A. to be connected with Communism?

Sincerely yours,


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REC-35 100-50869 1571

January 17, 1968

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of January 12th has been received, and I want to thank you for your favorable comments. I am encouraged by the high regard in which you hold my administration of this Bureau, and it is my hope our future efforts will continue to merit your approval.

While I certainly appreciate your offer of support, the FBI is not investigating the National Council of Churches.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. Inasmuch as she asks no questions concerning the National Council of Churches but rather assumes it is already under investigation, the above reply is deemed appropriate.

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Jan. 12, 1968

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Dear Sir:--

I am writing you, personally, as a church member and citizen, to give you the support, if needed, in your investigations of the so called Communism trend in the National Council of Churches. The "social Gospel," that is being published and pushed, in papers & speeches, is far from what, we, who believe in The Bible teaching can accept.

I give you all credit & congratulation upon your out-spoken announcements against the Communist infiltrators in all segments of our lives including, our Religious strivings.

Thank you and Do keep strong and Honest.

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Thank you and Do keep strong and honest.

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January 4, 1968

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of December 28th has been received.

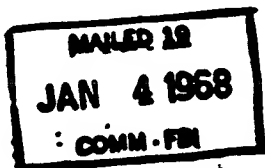
In response to your request, information in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy, and I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have material in our files relating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

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Bufiles contain no record identifiable with correspondent.

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TRUE COPY

Dec 28, 1967

Dear Sirs

O I have heard much about Communist Influence in the
National Council of Churches. Please send me information regarding
this subject.

Yours Truly,

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Please send me information regarding
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Yours Truly,

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Mr. Tolson
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Mr. Mohr
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Mr. Felt
Mr. Gale
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Mr. Sullivan
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Mr. Trotter
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December 14, 1967

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C. 20535

Dear Mr. Hoover:

In response to your letter of December 6th, may I quickly apologize if I have in any way misrepresented the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The statement you mentioned in the Raleigh "News and Observer" was a response in a question and answer period in an open meeting which was recorded on a tape. I have not heard the tape, and I do not know what further use will be made of it. I will try to correct any misrepresentation.

However, I am sure there are many clergy who feel that they have authority for saying that the Bureau has denied that there are communist-front officials in the National Council of Churches. It is necessary, as you can well understand, that I gather most of my information from staff assistants. I have not been able to find a direct quote that would verify the statement in the "News and Observer," but there are numerous quotations which give that impression:

"FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover, whom the Radical Right delights to quote, has made it indelibly clear that he has complete confidence in the loyalty of the nation's clergymen as well as in the various denominations and church councils." From God's Church-not ours by Paul Carlson: Forward Movement Publications, 1965, p. 12.

"Therefore, it cannot be said that the Communist Party, USA, has achieved any substantial success in exerting domination, control, or influence over America's clergymen or religious bodies and

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December 14, 1967
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institutions on a national scale. The fact of the matter is that no substantial number of clergymen have been closely identified with the Communist Party over the years." From Communism and Religion in the United States by Assistant Director William C. Sullivan, Federal Bureau of Investigation, October 19, 1961, p. 11.

"... it can be stated factually and without equivocation that any allegation is false which holds that there has been and is, on a national scale, an extensive or substantial communist infiltration of the American clergy, in particular the Protestant clergy." Ibid., p. 11.

"The overwhelming majority of our clergymen are today wholly loyal to our nation and are working valiantly to protect our freedoms." From "Faith in God - Our Answer to Communism" by J. Edgar Hoover. Reprinted in The Crusader, June, 1961.

"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." From a letter by J. Edgar Hoover. Reprinted in "The Charges and the Answers," Presbyterian Survey, December, 1964, p. 34.

"We recognize that some of the criticism of the NCC comes from political extremists who, in their desire to discredit the NCC, do not weigh their charges carefully. Nevertheless, we have tried honestly to investigate their accusations to the effect that the NCC is a communist conspiracy or that it harbors communist sympathizers and allies. In their examination, therefore, the members of our study committee met with personnel of the House Committee on Un-American Activities and the Federal

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
December 14, 1967
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Bureau of Investigation, but were not able to discover any fact or record that would support such charges. We conclude that they are false." From a report by the Joint Committee on Ecumenical Relations of the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the U.S.A., January 22, 1964.

As one who is not closely associated with the National Council of Churches but who must oppose extremists from the right who attack the Church, I am deeply grateful for your interest.

Most sincerely,



TAF/mj

December 13, 1967

100-5864-1568

Dear [REDACTED]

I have received your letter of December 6th.

In response to your inquiry, information 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 that we do or do not have information in our files relating to the National Council of Churches. I can assure you, however, that I have not made any statements regarding this organization.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Correspondent could not be identified in Bufiles.

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December 6, 1967

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have received ^{second hand} quotations from you and the Federal Bureau of Investigation both pro and con concerning the National Council of Churches and its anti-American or Communist leanings. In the interest of setting the matter straight, instead of using such quotations, I ask you herewith for the official statement of the Federal Bureau of Investigation concerning this matter and any other information relating to it that you may care to send me.

I am tired of misquotations and misrepresentations of facts. Please help me.

Cordially yours,

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CORRESPONDENCE

December 8, 1967

Dear [REDACTED]

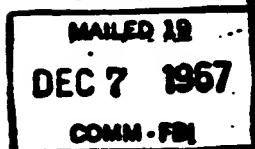
I recently had the opportunity to read the article published on November 26th in the Raleigh, North Carolina, "News and Observer" attributing to you the statement that the FBI, after a thorough investigation, denied the charge that the National Council of Churches has many officials with communist-front affiliation.

For your information, this Bureau has not conducted an investigation of the National Council of Churches nor has it issued the denial you mentioned.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Bufiles contain no record of [REDACTED] whose statement was contained in the above-mentioned newspaper article which has been forwarded to the Bureau by [REDACTED] of Raleigh, North Carolina, on November 30th. [REDACTED] is Pastor of the [REDACTED] and was one of four ministers who previously had signed a newspaper article in opposition to integration, civil disobedience, and Martin Luther King. [REDACTED] in his letter desired to know if [REDACTED] statement was correct. [REDACTED] address per telephone directory.

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Date: 12/1/67

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Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
 FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (62-0)
 RE: THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES
 INFORMATION CONCERNING

Attached for the information of the Bureau and San Antonio is a "International Press Release," 11/26/67, ostensibly printed by the National Council of Churches. Because it contains scurrilous information on the President it is being brought to your attention.

This "release" was received from [REDACTED]. He advised SA [REDACTED] he had received it in the mail for publication on 11/29/67. The paper did not and does not plan to use the contents.

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Special Agent in Charge

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December 8, 1967

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of November 30th and its enclosures have been received.

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In response to your inquiry, this Bureau does not issue clearances or nonclearances of any type. In addition, information 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 that we do or do not have information in our files relating to the National Council of Churches.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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November 30, 1967

The Office of the
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

A group of concerned ministers and laymen in the Raleigh, North Carolina, area recently sponsored Major Edgar C. Bundy of the Church League of America on a panel type program over a local television station. The program was concerned with the National Council of Churches organization and its leaders. I am enclosing a copy of the program.

On November 26, 1967, Bishop Thomas A. Fraser of the Episcopal Church stated in an interview with reporter Bob Upton of the NEWS and OBSERVER newspaper of Raleigh that the Federal Bureau of Investigation has denied that many officials have Communist-front affiliations. Please notice the clipping which I am enclosing.

Sirs, I would like to know if Bishop Fraser is correct in his statement? Has the FBI made any such investigation and subsequent statement of clearance for the National Council of Churches officials?

I would appreciate your comment on these claims.

Yours Truly,

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EXP-PROC

Church Members, Clergy Deny Separation Attempt

By BOB UPTON

Episcopal clergy and lay leaders in Raleigh denied Saturday there is any movement to take local churches out of the national Episcopal church.

Bishop Thomas A. Fraser said any such drive "is unknown to me. To the best of my knowledge, any such feelings are almost insignificant."

Fraser also reiterated Saturday his answers to charges made by lay members of the church about two weeks ago. The charges were discussed and answered in a meeting at Christ Church.

Senior wardens at two Raleigh churches where efforts were made to withhold financial support of the N. C. Diocese and the national church, said Saturday they know of no attempt to take local churches out of the national Episcopal Church.

Van Wyck Webb, senior warden at St. Michael's Church, said "They (the dissidents) don't want to get out of the church."

Ben Park, senior warden at Christ Church, said "I don't know of any move to get out."

Armistead Maupin, vestryman at Christ Church, and one of the group opposing financial support of the diocese and national church, said, "There is absolutely no intention for anybody to get out of the church."

The question of quitting the speaker during the period of the Speaker Ban Law.

To a charge "the Church church arose after attempts

were made at St. Michael's and Christ Church to put restrictions on the allocation of members' contributions.

The vestries (ruling bodies) of both churches voted not to accept restricted pledges.

In attempting to withhold support from the diocesan and national levels of the church, the groups within Christ and St. Michael's Churches made a number of allegations about activities in the diocese and national church.

To a charge that the Episcopal student center at Duke University was used for training in draft evasion and aid to the communist front in Vietnam, Fraser replied:

"The Episcopal student center at Duke never sponsored any such program. It loaned its facilities for a lunch to a Methodist group, but I do not know the nature of their program."

To a charge that "atheist Herbert Aptheker" spoke in an Episcopal parish house in Chapel Hill, Fraser said "Herbert Aptheker never spoke in any building of any Episcopal Church in Chapel Hill."

He added that the Chapel of the Cross, with a largely student membership, did loan a room in its parish house to a continuous to permit Bishop Pike to roam the length and breadth of this country preaching blasphemy and false doctrine from the pulpits of the Episcopal Church." Fraser said Pike had spoken at an Episcopal church in Charlotte. He said "this is their right" and no

vestry of one church can tell the vestry of another church how it may use its facilities.

To a charge that the dean of the National Cathedral in Washington allowed "indecent dancing before the High Altar of the Cathedral," Fraser said this referred to a young people's program conducted by the Diocese of Washington. "It was raised out for two weeks. The second week the children moved into the only building available, which was the Cathedral, and there conducted the program. It ended with a youth prayer service and there was nothing undignified about it."

To the charge that the Episcopal Church supports the National Council of Churches which "has many officials with Communist-front affiliation," Fraser said the charge was denied by the FBI "after a thorough investigation."

Fraser added that the charges made by those opposing the diocese and national church are "verbalism from material being distributed by a clergyman who has renounced the ministry of the Episcopal Church and established a splinter group."

Fraser said it appears to him there is a relationship between the publicity about the opposition in the churches here and the appearance on television of what he called a "inflammatory film which has been falsely advertised as a rational explanation of the National Council of Churches."

WHAT ABOUT THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES?

CRIBB: Major Bundy, has the National Council of Churches endorsed Father Groppi?

BUNDY: Yes, as a matter of fact, the General Board of the National Council of Churches meeting at Atlanta, voted endorsement of Father Groppi's activities in Milwaukee.

ANNOUNCER: WHAT ABOUT THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES? A panel of North Carolina churchmen discuss this important and timely matter with an outstanding authority, Major Edgar C. Bundy of Wheaton, Illinois. Moderator is the Reverend C.C. Cribb of Raleigh.

CRIBB: Good afternoon, ladies and gentlemen. Now may I introduce our panel members. Reverend Randolph Hite, minister of the Grace Baptist Church of Raleigh. Reverend Malbert Smith, minister of the Graystone Baptist Church of Durham, also, the familiar face on his program "The World and the Word" seen on WRAL each Sunday afternoon. Attorney H. F. "Chub" Seawell, Jr., of Carthage, North Carolina. Reverend J. Malloy Owen of Saint Mark's Methodist Church in Raleigh, also seen regularly on "The Circuit Rider". Then, our guest authority, Major Edgar C. Bundy, Executive Secretary of The Church League of America from Wheaton, Illinois.

CRIBB: Major, give us a bit further information about the N. C. C.'s endorsement of Father Groppi.

BUNDY: The National Council of Churches has two policy making groups. One is the General Board which meets three times per year, the other is the General Assembly which meets once every three years in triennial convention. In September of 1967 the General Board of the National Council of Churches met in Atlanta, Georgia; and there the Executive Committee of the 250 member General Board (incidentally, the 250 members were not present) endorsed the demonstrations conducted by Father Groppi in Milwaukee which has put the city in a turmoil--and which demonstrations have been marked by racial violence. The General Board, therefore, lined itself up with this lawlessness which we have seen going on in Milwaukee for these past several weeks.

CRIBB: Major, for the benefit of those in our audience who might not be quite as familiar with the Church League of America, perhaps it would be wise for you to give us very briefly, some definition of The Church League.

BUNDY: Actually, the full name of the organization of which I am Executive Secretary, is The National Laymen's Council of The Church League of America. It was formed in the year 1937 in the city of Chicago by Chicago's outstanding Christian lay leaders. Among whom were

the late Chairman of the Board of the Quaker Oats Company, Mr. Henry P. Crowell, who gave so much of his income to the Lord's work and especially to Moody Bible Institute, for whom Moody Bible Institute named their administrative building Crowell Hall. Then by Frank J. Louesch who was Chicago's number one citizen, given the title of "Mr. Chicago" by all of the leaders of business and industry at a great testimonial dinner. He was the head of the Chicago Crime Commission, the prosecutor of Al Capone, President of the Union League Club, head of the largest law firm there, and many other positions which he occupied. He was put on the Wickersham Committee by President Hoover, but most of all he was the ruling elder and teacher of the Adult Bible Class of Chicago's famed Fourth Presbyterian Church for seventeen years.

These men saw the infiltration of subversive propaganda into religious groups, through speakers, through church literature. They wanted to set up a great research and analytical foundation that could analyze this propaganda and check into the background of the individuals that were presenting it. So they set up there in Chicago this great research center which has since moved twenty-four miles to the west to Wheaton, Illinois, for the purpose of educating and informing both lay people and clergy alike in regard to both people who were departing from the historic Christian faith and then after this departure trying to use the cloak of religion for subverting our free institutions, and especially our churches.

The Church League of America has files second to none in the country with the single exception of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. We have over twenty tons of files. We have over six million 3 x 5 cross referenced index cards on individuals, organizations, publications, and movements with the references on these cards to the original documents which we have in our files.

CRIBB: Now for the first question from our panel members, the Reverend Hite.

HITE: Major Bundy, maybe there are some that are not quite as familiar with the National Council of Churches as they could be. I wonder while you are defining if you might define this organization. Specifically, and how is it related to the World Council of Churches?

BUNDY: The National Council of Churches is the outgrowth of the old Federal Council of Churches which was founded at the turn of the twentieth century by a group of so-called Social-minded ministers. These men did not put the emphasis on the great historic doctrines of the Christian faith. In fact, many of them denied these great foundational doctrines outright. They sought to change the church into some kind of political-social service organization for helping out man by supplying his so-called material needs.

The Federal Council of Churches came under fire not only by ministers, by clergymen, and religious leaders all over the country for a period of years, but also by the Government itself. In fact, there was an Office of Naval Intelligence Report back in 1935 which stated that the Federal Council of Churches was numbered among the radical pacifist organizations whose leadership consists of a small radical group which dictates its policies. The Federal Council came to the city of

Cleveland in 1950, in November, in Thanksgiving week. There with several cooperating agencies such as United Church Men and United Church Women, International Council Religious Education, they combined all of these groups under this one umbrella organization which they designated as the National Council of Churches.

The National Council of Churches claims to have approximately 40 million members in its constituency with some 34 Protestant and Eastern Orthodox communions. It is not strictly a Protestant church group. It has the Greek Catholic group or Greek Orthodox groups in its midst. During the past fifteen years the National Council has grown into a sprawling bureaucracy overseen by an executive and administrative staff of some two hundred. There have been over 250 separate boards and commissions and agencies within this superstructure which is located at 475 Riverside Drive in New York City on Morningside Heights just across the street from Columbia University.

The National Council of Churches claims that these 34 denominations send constituent representatives to its General Assembly meetings every three years and then has representatives on the General Board and these two groups, as I mentioned earlier, dictate its policies.

If you go over the pronouncements and actions of the National Council of Churches for a period of years, you will see that it is just about as far afield from the definition of the church, its message and ministry as it is possible to get without actually becoming a political party under a religious guise.

SMITH: Major Bundy, I'd like to ask a question concerning your original statement. What do you feel that the ultimate goal of the National Council of Churches, as far as that goes, the World Council of Churches, (is)--their real ultimate goal as it relates to the work. After all, this afternoon we are concerned with this movement in relation to the Bible. I'd appreciate an answer.

BUNDY: Well, Sir, it has been said that one can take a text out of its context and make it a pretext for proving anything. The National Council does have a text. They have used this over and over again in their public pronouncements, in their printed propaganda which they have put out. They say that their goal is the goal as expressed by the Lord Jesus Christ in the seventeenth chapter of the Gospel of John in his intercessory prayer with the Father before He went into the judgement and cross and grave experience. They take this one isolated phrase from John 17 and Verse 11 "that they may be one, as we are" one. Now they say that what they are working for is a union of all of Christ churches throughout the world in order to express the Christian message better to the world. But actually, they have confused their terminology. The word that they use is actually "union" and not "unity". Christ was praying for unity or oneness of believers. He was not praying for some great organic structure, visible structure here on earth. For example, He said in Verse 9 of John 17 "I pray for them", speaking of His disciples whom He said the Father had given Him, "and they have believed that thou didst send me. I pray for them: I pray not for the world". Now this is a significant statement by our Lord because the National Council of Churches comes right around in its propaganda and it calls for taking the world into its bosom and becoming a part of the world.

They bring worldlings in to advise them on economic, sociological, political questions--in fact, they even have a Department of Drama with a liaison officer in Hollywood, calling upon Hollywood to advise them on how to bring more drama into the worship service in order to hold the audiences together. Now, I say that they are mistaken in their terminology. What they mean is "union" and not "unity" in regard to the Body of Christ. There is a world of difference between the two. For example, you can tie a dog and a cat's tail together and throw them out in the back yard. You'll have union, but you most certainly will not have unity.

Now the National Council of Churches is related to the World Council of Churches in this manner. The leaders of the old Federal Council that came into the National Council and kept their leadership positions went over to Amsterdam in August of 1948 in the month of August. There they set up what is now known as the World Council of Churches. Some one has rightly referred to it as the Worldly Council of Churches instead of the World Council. Now these groups do not call for their constituent denominations to define doctrine. For example, what they mean by the deity or the divinity of Jesus Christ. They get around this by saying, "Well, into the details of doctrine we do not go, our mission being practical rather than theoretical", to use their own words. Well, with one swell swoop of their pen or typewriter they relegate all Christian doctrine to the realm of theory. What they call practical is advising Caesar's various governments around the world on how to change the world through appropriating more money, federal spending, international spending. They write volumes on the glories of the United Nations and why nations should give up their sovereignty and join a world state or some form of world government. They tell the governments of the world how they should disarm and withdraw their troops from military conflicts. They get into the field of Civil Rights. Well, some of us have seen them in civil riots or demonstrations. All, far apart from the original message of the Christian Church which was to go into all the world and to preach the gospel to every creature, not to open the church doors and invite the world to come in and take over.

SEAWELL: Well, what about these organizations such as the Consultation on Church Union? Is that one of these steps towards this one world church that they're talking about?

BUNDY: Decidedly. They call it COCU. Some of us call it cuckoo because their ideals are far afield from the Christian faith. There are some ten denominations that have been meeting together in various parts of the country. Their first major meeting was in Dallas, Texas. Then, just this year in Boston, Massachusetts, for the purpose of trying to get all of these major denominations in this group to merge into one.

Now we have to go back a little bit in history in order to see the picture of exactly what they are trying to bring about. I can remember back in July of 1953 when I sat on the front row of the House Committee on Un-American Activities Hearing Room when the late Bishop Garfield Bromley Oxnam of the Methodist Church was on the witness stand during the famous investigation of Communist infiltration into the field of religion. Bishop Oxnam had asked for the hearing. He was not subpoenaed by the Committee at all. The Committee granted him this courtesy of this hearing. In that great caucus room of the House of Representatives I sat for ten hours and heard every question asked and every answer given and I have

ten copies of the official transcript of the hearing that no other witness had been permitted to do prior to his appearance and that was to make a statement before the Committee members got into the actual questions. In his opening statement he said that the purpose of the ecumenical movement at that time was to bring all of the protestant groups together in one protestant group, to keep on cooperating with the Eastern Orthodox or Greek Catholic group and then eventually merging that group in with this merged protestant group. Then he said perhaps the day will come when we will be big enough to kneel at a common altar with the last major division of Christianity, the Roman Catholic Church, and beg forgiveness at this altar from the Christ for our divisions and then rise to form one church for one world. Bishop Oxnham stated their plan way back in 1953.

I believe it was in December of 1960 that the National Council of Churches held its meeting in Bishop Pike's Grace Cathedral on Nob Hill in San Francisco and on the opening Sunday before the formal sessions began on Monday of the National Council of Churches General Assembly meeting, Bishop Pike and Doctor Eugene Carson Blake of the United Presbyterian Church who is now the most powerful figure in the World Council of Churches, their General Secretary, stole the headlines throughout the nation before the Council ever got underway by proposing the famous Blake-Pike Merger proposal. Now what we see in this COCU trend of these ten denominations getting together, originally there were only four in the Blake-Pike proposal, is the drive towards this one world church that Bishop Oxnham so plainly stated in his opening statement before the House Committee on Un-American Activities in July of 1953. They have gone beyond this. They are now sending observers to the Vatican, to Vatican One and Vatican Two. On the local levels through the local Councils of Churches, they are actually taking in groups that they formerly would not take in, such as, Roman Catholic groups, Jewish groups and so forth, and bringing them all into one.

Now the startling thing about this, and the thing that, of course, causes great concern among Bible believing Christians around the world, is the fact that doctrine and the Bible as the basis for this unity have been thrown out the window. They are not concerned with the great doctrines in the Apostle's Creed. We could give hundreds of instances here today from original documents to prove this point. For example, most of you gentlemen, and I think most of our viewing audience, have read in their papers and in their church publications of the blatant denials of the Christian faith by Bishop James A. Pike. I happen to be the only one in the United States who has had the dubious privilege of debating Bishop Pike before he was ever elevated to bishopric when he was Dean of the Cathedral of Saint John the Divine in New York City. This man has openly from the public platform and in publications such as the Christian Century and to the secular press of the nation stated unequivocally his unbelief in the great foundational doctrines of the Christian faith as stated in the Apostle's Creed in the Nicene Creed in the Athanasian Creed and in the various confessions of faith and catechisms of the various protestant churches. He has denied the doctrine of the Trinity. He has denied the doctrine of the Virgin Birth. He does not believe in the total inspiration or infallibility of the Scriptures. We could repeat this same sort of unbelief amongst the leaders of this present drive toward the ecumenical movement all over the world. They are on record, they do not believe what the historic church of the Lord Jesus Christ has believed and taught down through the ages of time.

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CRIBB: Mr. Bundy, we'd like to bring attention to something that happened just this week. In this connection, Mr. Malloy Owen, was seen

OWEN: The National Council of Churches claims to speak, when it speaks through its lobbyists in Congress before Congressional Committees, claims to speak for 40 million American citizens who are members of the protestant and orthodox denominations that make up the National Council. This past week in the headlines of our newspapers, perhaps you remember this from Thursday of this week, an article headlined "Drinking in Family Urged in Federal Study". We see that the government sponsored study Thursday "recommended a national policy"--whatever that means--"to promote drinking in a family setting and to reduce to eighteen the legal age for buying and drinking alcoholic beverages in public". Then we read in the very next paragraph that the National Council of Churches heartily endorsed the idea of teaching our children to drink intoxicating beverages in the family. Now Major Bundy, I happen to be a Methodist. I happen to be an ordained minister in the Methodist Church which is the largest denomination in the National Council of Churches. We have always historically, and we still do in our discipline, we have always opposed the consumption of alcoholic beverages. Now here you have the National Council of Churches taking a public stand in favor of the position that is the direct opposite of the official position of its largest member body. Now would you care to comment on the shaky foundation of the National Council of Churches spokesman when he claims to speak for 40 million Americans.

BUNDY: Well, of course, this is what the National Council of Churches has done over and over again. When they have been faced with this by their opponents in the clerical field and even by members of the United States Congress when they have had their spokesmen on the witness stand, they always draw back and say, "Oh, no. We don't claim to speak for 40 million protestants. We speak to the churches," or "We speak to 40 million protestants". Well, actually, what they do is this. When they put out a statement like this, they have the eyes and ears and the mouth of the media of public communications in this country at their beck and call. They are very smart people. They are smart operators. Let's give them credit for it. Usually their public relations staff consists of former officials of Associated Press or United Press and the major religion editors of United Press, Mr. Louis Cassels and Mr. George Cornell of the Associated Press, and then especially the religion editor of the New York Times, are right there to pick up every statement the National Council of Churches representatives make, whether it's their General Board, the Executive Committee of the General Board, the General Assembly, their General Officer or just maybe some lesser officer who is chairman of a specific division or study commission. They then put this out all over the country. Now some of the secular newspapers are not being fooled by this type of thing. I have here before me The Chicago Tribune, this is the largest circulation of a full sized newspaper in the United States, for December 10, 1966. It is called "By Their Fruits, Ye Shall Know Them. The opening paragraph: "To the growing annoyance of laymen who are captive members of the National Council of Churches, the General Assembly of that body professing to speak for 40 million members of protestant and orthodox communities, has been sounding off for years on legislative and political questions. It has now done so again." End of quote. This is in reference to their triennial convention in Miami of December of 1966 in which they called upon the United States to withdraw from Viet Nam, to negotiate with the Communists, and so forth and so on. Now whether they

will admit it or not, they are seeking to give the impression that they speak for the majority Protestant and Eastern Orthodox Christians in this country. They have the public relations set up. They have the propagandists. They have the lobbyists. They have even some of their own men writing their stories for them in the major news media of this country.

Now in regard to this specific story which you brought up in the News and Observer. I was alarmed, as many other people were, when we pick up the New York Times, The Chicago Daily News, The Chicago Tribune and here in at least two of the newspapers was this front page story with the bold black headline on this latest pronouncement of the National Council. Now it so happens that The Church League of America gets what is called the Religious News Service. This comes out of New York City and is sent to the newspapers all over the country and to most of the religious publications and denominations taking this service. I have the full story here for Wednesday, October 11, 1967. "National Council Official on Alcoholism Study. Solutions Will Tend to be Wet." Now they state in this story that they've discovered through their investigation that 70% of the American church-going public drinks alcoholic beverages. Now they don't give any proof of this statement. They say 70%. That leaves only 30% of the church-going people in this country who do not drink. I do not believe this.

OWEN: That's not a 90 proof statement.

BUNDY: No, I don't think it's a 70 proof statement either. Let alone 90 proof. Well, here's the way they start out--70% of the church people, not of the registered voters or the population of the United States, but this enters an indictment that they are making, perhaps unknowingly, of the fact that the church has departed from its responsibility. You mentioned the stand of the Methodist church. Brother, I can remember back when Bishop Warren Candler was alive in Atlanta, Georgia. Here is a man whom the "Wets" ridiculed on Capitol Hill when he made his famous blistering sermon against what alcohol was doing to our young people in this country. I know the stand the Methodist Church has taken on this. But here is the National Council of Churches saying the solution is not preaching against sin or something that is wicked, the solution is to introduce alcoholic beverage drinking in the home to the young people and to lower the age from 21 to 18. This is the solution, they say, for it. Well, all I can say is this, I don't know how much farther the National Council of Churches is going to go. They've thrown the Bible out the window. They've thrown great doctrines of Christian faith out the window. They've thrown the Bible out of our public schools and prayers, they have hob-nobbed with the Communists. They have ridiculed the anti-Communists and our security laws and our security measures. They have called for our withdrawal from the fight. Perhaps the next thing we're going to see is the glories of nudity. Anything can happen if they keep up this trend.

CRIBB: Major Bundy, many of us, in fact the whole country, have been disturbed recently by so many demonstrations and violent riots in the cities of America. Reverend Hite would like to pose a question to you in this connection.

HITE: Major Bundy, to what extent is the National Council of Churches involved in these demonstrations, are they really just favoring them, smiling upon them, or actually assisting them in the organization, and if so, what do you have to offer in the way of evidence in how these demonstrations usually end up in riots or lead to riots in the cities as we have seen in the news in recent months?

BUNDY: Brother Hite, I wish we had about two hours on this one question alone. The evidence is so overwhelming it can be presented in any court of law under oath or before any Congressional investigation under oath, and incidentally the United States Senate Subcommittee on Internal Security and the House Committee on Un-American Activities is going to go into this question of whose behind these racial riots and demonstrations. Believe you me there are going to be a lot of names of clergymen uncovered in these investigations.

Now, first of all, the National Council as we have said, having departed from the historic message and mission of the Christian Church to preach Jesus Christ and Him crucified, resurrected, and ascended on high and coming again, they have turned, as we have said earlier, to what is called the social gospel, the social betterment of man. Now one of the projects in this social betterment is to go into the so-called ghetto areas and to agitate for improvement, as they say, of these people even using Caesar's money, the federal government to do it. The tragedy is that a number of the administrations in Washington, D. C. recently have plowed millions of taxpayer's money into the hands of these agitating clergymen for anti-poverty programs, for racial betterment, and so forth. It's amazing how a great deal of this money has been spent.

Now let me give you an outstanding recent example of how far some of these people have gone in helping to foment these riots, not just demonstrations, but riots, in our cities. We can talk about Chicago, the West Side, Watts, New York, Detroit, etc. Just a few weeks ago I had the experience of facing across the microphone in New York City's most powerful radio station for 45 minutes a man by the name of Dr. Willis E. Elliott who is on the Board of Homeland Ministries of the United Church of Christ, one of the major denominations in the membership of the National Council of Churches. This man had written a letter to the New York Times several days in advance of this broadcast in which he stated that he was not only for what the negro groups were doing in Watts and Milwaukee and Detroit and so forth, but he was for "strategic terrorism" in the streets and the breaking down of the white power structure--now this is a white man speaking, this is a reverend, this is a man who boasted over the microphone that he has five graduate degrees in theology--and this man said that he saw nothing wrong in participating in these things, that he himself had participated in these demonstrations in Harlem in New York City. Now I said to him, do the other members of the Board of your denomination that belong to the National Council and the National and World Council of Churches go along with this type of advocacy, strategic terrorism and overthrowing the white power structure and so forth.

He said, "Absolutely." He said in fact, "You may know the United Church of Christ is related to the National and the World Council of Churches. And the World Council of Churches meeting in Geneva, Switzerland, last year," and he referred to the meeting in July of 1966, the Conference of the World Council of Churches on the Church and Society, "in which," he said, "they came out with a resolution calling for violence and revolution in the streets." This is a fact.

We have every document that they used in that meeting there in Geneva, Switzerland. The leaders of the National Council of Churches were right there and participated in the study session and voted for the resolutions when they came out. The leaders of the Russian Orthodox Church controlled from the top to the bottom by the Soviet KGB, the secret

police, were on the platform and held forth and sat right in the same study session and helped write some of these resolutions. Professor Shaul of Princeton Theological Seminary was there and openly advocated this violence. He said Martin Luther King hadn't gone far enough. He was for revolution, actual revolution in the streets. When this man sat there and declared he was for all of this strife taking place in our cities, he then went further than any religious spokesman affiliated with the National Council whom I've heard. We have the complete tape on this available and the complete script. We've been sending them out by the hundreds of copies throughout the United States. He then referred to the President of the United States, the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Defense and every American boy fighting in Viet Nam as a war criminal. He said that he was a follower of Ho Chi Minh, an admirer of his since 1945. Now who is this man? This man, gentlemen, was one of the major speakers at the Triennial Convention of the National Council of Churches in Miami, Florida, in Miami Beach's Convention Hall in December of 1966.

Yes, the National Council of Churches not only endorsed Father Gropi and his demonstrations, but their own spokesmen on the national and world level, have actually advocated strategic terrorism in the streets and the overthrow of the so-called white power structure within the United States.

One other point, it's amazing to see how these men have tried to relate the racial demonstrations and riots in the United States to what we are doing in Viet Nam. Oh, how clever they are! They're experts now on foreign policy in addition to sociology here at home. They say that all we are doing in Viet Nam is fighting against the yellow people over there and putting negroes against yellow people--that is, by bringing them into the armed services when those people should be back here in our country helping their own people out in these demonstrations. So, what logically follows is their pronouncements against our position in Viet Nam, calling on us to withdraw, and calling on us to sit down and have dialogue with the Communists.

OWEN: Major Bundy, may I inject this which is not in the script, fragmentary though the script may be, I don't believe that we would want to condemn, by insinuation even, lawful demonstration, in lumping in our statements, demonstrations and riots. What we would, of course, want to condemn would be the breaking of the law, and of course even more vigorously condemn--riots and burning and looting and stealing and killing. I think it might be well for us to point out the distinction between lawful demonstration, abiding by the laws of the city and the state on the one hand, and unlawful, the flaunting and disregard of the law and then going on from that type of illegal demonstrations to rioting and actual violence.

BUNDY: Of course, any Christian must be for this sort of thing. The Constitution of the United States guarantees the American citizen, regardless of his race, creed or color, the right to protest, but within the law. Now if you take the latest testimony of the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Mr. John Edgar Hoover, and I'd be willing to say that there aren't two, excluding you gentlemen on the panel, two out of ten ministers here in the Raleigh-Durham area who have ever read the 1968 testimony of the Director of the Federal Bureau of

Investigation, Mr. John Edgar Hoover, given to the House Subcommittee on Appropriations for the 1968 appropriations bill. Mr. Hoover did something in that testimony which he has never done in a previous testimony.

What we are saying here--you say within the law-- all right, but where do these people begin to step over the line? They say, "We're going to have a peaceful demonstration." Martin Luther King, for instance, admires Mahatma Gandhi and his satyagraha which is called non-violent resistance. He said, "I'm against all this terrorism, and all this violence." But do you know what Mr. Hoover said about Martin Luther King who was never born Martin Luther King, he was born Michael King in Atlanta, Georgia, and assumed this name later? Do you know what Mr. Hoover said in his 1968 appropriations bill testimony? He said, "Although Martin Luther King declares that he comes into a city to peacefully seek these reforms," he says, "the fact of the matter is that violence follows wherever he goes." Now this is the Director of the FBI speaking and yet the National Council of Churches leaders have not only had this man address their assemblies and the World Council of Churches has had him address their assemblies and they have held him up as one of the great Christian leaders in the United States.

CRIBB: Major Bundy, I'd like to ask Reverend Malbert Smith to call attention to the political activities of the National Council of Churches; by posing a question in that regard.

SMITH: Major Bundy, we have heard that there are lobbyists operating on behalf of the National Council of Churches, and since this is a factually documented panel this afternoon, and I want to commend you on your precise enunciating of facts--this is commendable, and the fact that you are giving to us the statistics, dates, and events make even this panel more significant to me--in order that the record might be more completely straight, I would just like to ask for my own mind if there is any pressure exerted on Congress on behalf of the National Council of Churches.

BUNDY: There is absolutely no question about it, sir. Let's look at our famous secular magazine. This is not a religious publication. This is United States News and World Report that has a weekly circulation of over one and a half million copies. Here is the issue for January 23, 1967, this year. Look at this major headline on it. "The Unrest in United States Churches". Now mind you, this is not a fundamentalist preacher making these charges. But inside this great magazine is a significant article of many pages showing the picture of clergymen with their clerical collars on, identifying them in the captions underneath, demonstrating in front of the White House, demonstrating in New York City, clapping as men burn their draft cards and refuse military service in the armed forces of the United States, calling the President "war-monger", buying full-page ads in the New York Times at \$5,000 per page--and a big black headline across the top, "For the Love of God, Mr. President, Stop It"--and stop what? Then they say stop the napalming and the burning of innocent women and children. You can not go through any of those ads or any of this propaganda on their signs, shown here in U. S. News and in many other publications that we have and find any specific condemnation of what the Viet Cong or the Communists have been doing to the people of South Viet Nam. You can't find it. The indictment by these clerics of the National Council of Churches is against our President, against our Congress, against our security laws, against the leaders of our armed

forces--we are the villains according to them.

Now, I've said the secular press is beginning to take notice of this. Here is the New York Times for December 14, 1966, two column story-- "Seven Churches Set Up Capital Aid Lobby, Call for \$18,000,000,000 Increase Over Next Five Years." Here are seven major denominations affiliated with the National Council of Churches who are going hand in glove to Caesar's government asking him to appropriate \$18,000,000,000 more dollars for American foreign aid, plus a lot of other social programs here in the United States. It names them, it names their leaders. They go down to Washington and they seek an audience with the President, and they seek an audience with the Committees that are holding hearings on the annual appropriations bills, and here they say, "I represent the National Council of Churches with 40 million members, or I represent the United Church of Christ with over 2½ million or I represent the American Baptist Convention with 1½ million" or the Methodist Church with nearly 11 million and so forth. They say, "this is our program for bringing about a better world".

They have a lobbying office in Washington, D. C., in the shadow of the nation's capitol. The National Council of Churches has a lobbying office there with a full paid staff and a budget running over several hundred thousand dollars per year. The National Council of Churches headquarters in New York City has come up with money to help out in the so-called anti-poverty program in the Mississippi Delta program. What have you?--their fingers are in the political pie on every side. They sent a man several years ago down to Washington, D. C., I have a full hearing of it here, before a Committee of the House of Representatives a man by the name of Dr. Edward Caruthers of the Methodist Church, incidentally. On June 4, 1965, he presented a statement on behalf of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. at the hearing of the Special Subcommittee on Labor of the House Committee on Education and Labor on proposed repeal of Section 14-B of the Taft-Hartley Act, in other words, the Right-to-Work Law.

Dr. Caruthers made his presentation, but several of the Congressmen were not as ill-informed as he thought they might be. But Congressman Griffin, for one, began to put the question to him and so did Congressman Ralph Scott, asking who had authorized him to come down to Washington and in the name of 40 million church people call for the repeal of that Section 14-B of the Taft-Hartley Law and do away with the Right-to-Work Laws and force every man into a union before he can make a livelihood. He said, "Well, it was determined by the General Board." They then asked him, "Well, how many members of the General Board were present and voting?" You see this is the question that they always avoid.

There are 279 members of the General Board, but they've never had a simple majority present and voting on any of these political questions at all. A handful of little totalitarian-minded people have met there in New York City and said, "This is going to be the program for the church people of America." Then they send a Dr. Edward Caruthers down there to say, or to imply at least, through the nation's press that 40 million church people are all in favor of forcing all of the workers of this nation into unions and doing away with the Right-to-Work Laws. This is the type of lobby activity for Caesar's government that the National Council of Churches has carried on not only in Washington, D. C., but

before the United Nations organization in New York City. They've had their own official representatives in there, even drawing up programs and presenting it to the U. N. in the name of the churches. In Springfield, Illinois, the state capitol of Illinois through their state council of churches; before the Chicago City Council through the Chicago Church Federation, related to it; in Albany, New York; Tallahassee, Florida, the state capitals. They are down there strictly on a political program and not for the purpose of preaching the gospel and winning lost men and women to the Lord Jesus Christ.

CRIBB: In terms of political emphasis, Major Bundy, Attorney Seawell has a question with reference to the possible surrendering of individual national sovereignties to some sort of supra-national organization, namely, a one-world government as well as a one-world church.

SEAWELL: What do they advocate in regard to the United Nations? That is, do we give up our sovereignty as the United States of America and join all nations of the world wherein we are in the minority and can be outvoted and then have one world government through the United Nations? Is that what they advocate?

BUNDY: Well, Judge, let me say this. They are so in love with the United Nations, I call it the United "Notions" because there are some who have the notion it's united which is far from the truth. They were so in love with it that they built a multi-million dollar building directly across the street from the United Nations for the purpose of indoctrinating church people in groups that they are bringing from all over the United States in regard to the glories of the United Nations and world government. The man who has been in charge of this building for a number of years is a radical pacifist, a man who has an open record of association with various subversive organizations in this country. We get all of their propaganda. We have all of their original publications. This at first was built--I'm sorry, brother, to have to say this so often, but you know it's true, and I know it's true--the Methodist Church put up the money to build this building and then they turned it over to the National Council of Churches. This outfit is right across the street from the U.N. and even when the New York World's Fair was on, they brought whole delegations of people and advertized through their local constituent denominations of their churches the fact that here was this great center driving for world peace. This is the shibboleth they used. They bring them in there, show them films, stick the indoctrination needle in them and then take them on special tours of the U. N. and all of it is: "Why the narrow minded sovereignty of these various nations must be given up and we must go up the ladder of evolution towards something bigger and better, a world government and a world constitution in order to preserve peace". One of the things that they say is this, that we must learn to understand the Communists, that it is wicked to be anti-Communist anymore. The Church must not be opposed to Communism because if it is, then we can't sit down with the Communist government and understand their point of view and since we are going to all be in one big family of world government one of these days we better learn to understand the Communists. So, therefore, we must do away with any opposition to Communism whatsoever in order to drive towards this one world government and a world economic plan, etc.

In my book, Collectivism in the Churches which is now a best seller eleven times over--although the New York Times Book Review ignored it,

didn't review it, the Book Review section--I have the whole chapter on the meeting. The famous meeting that took place in 1942 on the campus of, here we go again, Ohio Wesleyan University, in the State of Ohio with the leaders of the Federal Council of Churches drawing up the complete plan for world government and a world economic system. Even Time magazine at that time in 1942 exposed this thing in several pages. You see what these fellows have done, simply putting it is this: They do not believe that the Lord Jesus Christ is going to come back and intervene in the affairs of this world as the Bible states He will do, over and over again. Therefore, they have taken it upon themselves to plan to change the world through the sociological and political dreams and schemes which they themselves have planned. This is it in a nutshell.

OJEN: Dr. Paul Ramsey, a Princeton professor, who is on the inside of the ecumenical movement has just published a new book. I happen to have a copy of it here. It's published, may I say, by the Methodist Publishing house, Abbingdon Press. In this book, and I do not mean to endorse Paul Ramsey's thought on any thing else, but he has a very interesting critique here to make of the World Council of Churches Geneva Conference on Church and Society which was held in Geneva, Switzerland, in 1966. His book is entitled, Who Speaks for the Church? Major Bundy, why would a man like Professor Paul Ramsey of Princeton on the inside of the ecumenical movement, who was there at Geneva in the innermost circle, why would he turn critic?

BUNDY: Well, this of course amazes me, but once in a while we do find someone who has hit the saw dust trail or the mourner's bench and has seen the light. Therefore, we hold out hope for some of these men. Because at that same Princeton University, or rather Princeton Theological Seminary, I should say, Professor Shaull was one of those who attended this conference in Geneva, Switzerland. He is a colleague of this man. Professor Shaull openly advocated violence and the revolution that I spoke about a while ago. In fact, we got all of the study papers, all of the study section papers, the final resolutions, the speeches that were made there at Geneva, Switzerland, July 14th through 29, 1966, and we did it up in this issue of News and Views in November, 1966. It's entitled, "World Council of Churches Platform for Communist Propaganda". Now I'm glad to see that Professor Ramsey has come out with that book. I am wondering what kind of critique his colleague, Professor Shaull will make of it, since he was one of the men at that meeting that Professor Ramsey speaks about, who took his stand on violence and revolution.

HITE: Major Bundy, we have touched on everything I think, except the Negotiate Now movement that is very current and I understand that in the next couple of weeks we will be hearing a whole lot more about it, that is, calling for the cessation of bombing of the North and to negotiate with the Viet Cong and the Communists in North Viet Nam. I wonder, could you give us some information on this and how the National and World Council of Churches is connected or associated with this movement?

BUNDY: The National Council of Churches has tirelessly, and tiringly to us who have to wade through their pronouncements, year in and year out, come up with these resolutions through the General Board and the General Assembly of the N. C. C., through their various spokesmen many of whom are leading pacifists and connected with such organizations as "Fellowship of Reconciliation", and "Peace in Viet Nam Now", and "Viet Nam Day

Committee" and what have you. They coalesced with all of these pacifist demonstrating groups--many of their leaders do--and the World Council of Churches in Geneva, Switzerland, in the same way. Again the onus is put on the United States, not on the Communists. We are the ones who have to capitulate. We are the ones who are supposed to get out of Viet Nam. We are the ones who are supposed to withdraw our forces and then sit down and learn to understand the Communists point of view. Well, let me say one thing from the military standpoint because I spent 23 years as an Intelligence Officer in the Air Force around the world. If the United States of America, if our government capitulates to this kind of unrealistic and illogical thinking within our country and does listen to these siren songs of pacifists of the National and World Council of Churches, withdraws our troops, all of South Viet Nam will be taken over by the Communist government of Hanoi, of North Viet Nam, in no time flat. That's how serious it will be.

CRIBB: Gentlemen, our time is just about up. Perhaps we have time for one more question from the Reverend Malbert Smith.

BUNDY: How about one on the New Morality? Can we get that in?

CRIBB: Yes, perhaps so. Mr. Seawell, would you like to pose this question?

SEAWELL: I'd like to pose this question. Has the National Council of Churches endorsed this thing that they call the New Morality or Situation Ethics? I think that's more important than numerology or anything else.

CRIBB: I wish we had a long time to answer this question, but I will of necessity ask the Major to be brief.

BUNDY: Well, there is no question about the answer to the question. First of all let me preface this by saying that when the National Council of Churches General Board met--again a minority of members--two weeks before the Supreme Court of the United States ever handed down its decision on the Madelyn Murray case in taking the Bible and prayer out of the public schools. The National Council General Board meeting at 475 Riverside Drive, New York City, two weeks before the Court's decision, came out opposing prayer and devotions and Bible reading in the public schools.

Now gentlemen, it follows that if you put God out of our national life, you're going to reap the results. "As ye sew, so shall ye reap." Now we see all over this country an almost complete breakdown in morality, not only on the campuses of the institutions of higher learning from Berkeley, California, the University of California at Berkeley to N. Y. U. in New York or on the high school campuses, but in the books, in the millions of pieces of pornographic filth, in the restrictions removed from the stage shows in New York, in Broadway productions, in Hollywood films.

But the most shocking thing is picking up this study booklet published by the National Council of Churches, written by one of their department officers, Dr. Colin W. Williams and distributed in preparation for the 1966 General Assembly of the National Council of Churches in Miami, Florida, last December, in which they say as follows, page 42, under the subtitle of "The New Morality". I quote, "Old attitudes which in a more static society seemed eternal are now being rejected." "Many," listen to

that word parents, not for many theologians are saying that the youth are right in insisting on freedom from law in matters of sex and family life. Love may be eternal, but the laws that relate the meaning of love to particular social conditions must be subject to change as the social situations on moral questions such as pre-marital intercourse, homosexuality, divorce, are therefore increasingly questioned, and many theologians are ready to see in these questions a new freedom for the Christian faith with its emphasis upon law as the servant of love." End quote. We ask the question, "What is this thing called love by their definition?"

I hesitate to say it, gentlemen. But we can go into any court of law around this country and name the names of some of these ministers who were involved in this kind of devilry, who have written letters to the papers and we have copies of their letters in which they advocate this new morality, and so-called situation ethics. The man I debated in New York City the other night, that I mentioned a while ago, brought this up. "Oh," he said, "Dr. Fletcher's book on Situation Ethics is outmoded." It was too sophisticated. We've gone far beyond that now when we have ministers putting on strip tease acts, turning their pulpits over, listen to me, on Sunday morning a so-called worship service in a church in New York City in which Adam and Eve were danced in the nude as the worship service.

Oh there's so much to this that we could go on and on. But what can you expect of our kids when religious leaders that we are supposed to be looking up to are going to bring in this brave new world and new society, having thrown the Bible out the window, having torn Jesus Christ down off His throne of deity, and elevated man thereto, comes along and says anything goes, have your fun, pre-marital intercourse, open the dormitories of the men on the campuses founded by Christian denominations and let the girls come in and stay till one thirty in the morning, et cetera, what can you expect of the kids, when religious leaders advocate this type of nonsense?

CRIBB: Major Bundy, I wish that we had considerably more time and I feel that I speak not only for our panel members but for our viewing audience as well to ask you many more questions, and to hear your clear answers of indictment against the National Council of Churches and its various positions taken on many issues ranging from religious to political and sociological and so forth. We thank you, Major, for coming to serve as our guest authority on this panel today.

We would like the Major to be able to tell you, the viewing audience, what to do. But since time does not permit, may we invite you to write in. Write in today for at least two free leaflets: one, "How Red is the National Council of Churches?", the other, "The Church League of America". Included with this request will be a free sample packet of material to introduce you to The Church League of America. Write to FACTS, Box 14242, Raleigh, North Carolina.

Now let me again express our appreciation to our panel members, Reverend Hite, Reverend Albert Smith, Attorney Chub Seawell, Reverend J. Malloy Owen and your master of ceremonies, C. C. Cribb, minister of The Capital Pentecostal Holiness Church of Raleigh, North Carolina. We invite you who would like to hear Major Bundy in the evening service at seven thirty to come and share with us in the seven

thirty service this evening at the Capital Pentecostal Holiness Church on Highway 70 East directly opposite Greenbrier Estates here in Raleigh, North Carolina. Major Bundy will be our guest in the evening service.

Let us say, goodbye, and God bless you to every one who has been a part of our viewing audience. We invite you again, write to FACTS, Box 14242, your contributions will be sincerely appreciated and help to make this program possible.

ANNOUNCER: A Committee of Concerned Ministers and Laymen of Central North Carolina has presented this panel discussion entitled "What About the National Council of Churches?" with Major Edgar C. Bundy, Executive Secretary of The Church League of America, Wheaton, Illinois. You are invited to address your inquiries to FACTS, Box 14242, Raleigh, North Carolina.

The above program on the National Council of Churches with Major Bundy in Raleigh, North Carolina, was televised October 15th, 1967, over WRAL-TV Channel 5. Except for punctuation, the script has not been edited.

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SUBJECT: NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES
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Enclosed for the Bureau is the original and one Verifax copy of the envelope and the letter which contains defamatory information concerning the President of the United States.

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November 26, 1967

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

STATEMENT OF POLICY RE. PRESIDENT LYNDON B. JOHNSON

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(B) The Council has obtained substantial, undeniable evidence from sources traceable directly to Mr. Johnson's households at his Texas ranch and the White House that Mr. Johnson is a confirmed homosexual and has been one for the past eight or nine years. The Council also has clear evidence that President Johnson has habitual homosexual relations with Walt W. Rostow (former M.I.T. instructor and currently Mr. Johnson's aid) among others.

Howard D. Strom, D.D.

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1 "Report From Iron Mountain" by Leonard Lewin. Publ: Dial Press Inc., New York, New York, 10017. (Publ. Oct., 1967).

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Editor,
West Palm Beach Times
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December 1, 1967

BY LIAISON

Mrs. Mildred Stegall
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Stegall:

Reference is made to my letter of November 29th indicating that appropriate inquiries were being conducted by the San Antonio Office of the FBI concerning one Howard D. Stromm, D. D., who purportedly disseminated a press release in the name of the National Council of Churches.

According to FBI files, one recipient of the alleged press release advised that the envelope which transmitted it had a return address of 1820 East 8th Street, Austin, Texas. Another recipient has indicated, according to your communication of November 27, 1967, initiating this request, that the return address on the envelope was shown as 1320 East 8th Street, Austin, Texas.

The San Antonio Office of the FBI has advised that 1820 East 8th Street is an address for a series of dormitories of the Huston-Tillotson College, Austin, Texas. There is no one by the name of Howard D. Stromm listed as a student, faculty member or employee at that college. There is no one by that name listed in the city or telephone directories for Austin, Texas. A check with appropriate credit and police agencies was also unproductive with respect to the name Howard D. Stromm. The files of the San Antonio Office and the central files of the FBI contained no information identifiable with this individual.

The files of the Identification Division of the FBI were also checked and found to contain no information identifiable with an individual by that name.

It is noted that the address 1320 East 8th Street would fall within an area on that street where the Austin City Cemetery is located. A copy of this communication has not been sent to the Attorney General.

Sincerely yours,

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach (sent direct)
- 1 - Mr. Gale (sent direct)
- 1 - Mr. Rosen (sent direct)

NOTE: This inquiry relates to an alleged press release by the National Council of Churches which expresses opposition to President Johnson's Vietnam policy and has been a confirmed homosexual.

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November 29, 1967

BY LIAISON

Mrs. Mildred Stegall
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Stegall:

Reference is made to your inquiry concerning the alleged International Press Release by the National Council of Churches and Howard D. Stromm, D. D. Appropriate inquiries are being made through the San Antonio Office and you will be advised as soon as they are completed.

In response to your request, the material you forwarded is being returned herewith.

A copy of this communication has not been sent to the Attorney General.

Sincerely yours,

W. B. W. N. 12/1/67
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Enclosure

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach (sent with cover memo)
- 1 - Mr. Bishop (sent with cover memo)
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan (sent with cover memo)
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NOTE: See Jones to Bishop memo captioned "Alleged International Press Release 'The National Council of Churches Statement of Policy Re President Lyndon B. Johnson'", same date.

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Memorandum

TO : Mr. Bishop *12/1/67*

DATE: 11/29/67

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SUBJECT: ALLEGED INTERNATIONAL PRESS RELEASE
"THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES STATEMENT
OF POLICY RE PRESIDENT LYNDON B. JOHNSON"

By letter dated November 27th Governor John W. King of New Hampshire has forwarded a copy of captioned press release which allegedly bears the signature of one Howard D. Stromm, D. D. The Governor received the release in an envelope postmarked November 25, 1967, at Austin, Texas, with the return address, 1820 East 8th Street, Austin, Texas. The release, in addition to expressing opposition to President Johnson's Vietnam policy, also claims he has been a confirmed homosexual and has had habitual homosexual relations with Presidential Assistant Walt W. Rostow. (Bureau files are negative regarding Stromm.)

The White House has also forwarded a copy of the same press release and indicated that it has determined the release has been sent to a number of newspapers as well as others and that the National Council of Churches National Office has received calls from several individuals including the Denver Post. The Denver Post release reportedly was sent in an envelope bearing the address of 1320 East 8th Street, Austin, Tex. The White House has notified the Secret Service of these facts and has also determined through the Texas Council of Churches that there is no such address as 1320 East 8th Street, Austin, Texas.

Mrs. Stegall has asked the Bureau to check out the alleged press release. Accordingly our San Antonio Office has been advised to conduct a discreet inquiry concerning this matter on an expedite basis.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

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(1) That the attached letter of acknowledgement be sent to 1967 Governor King.

(2) The attached letter to Mrs. Stegall be approved and sent indicating the Bureau is checking the matter of the alleged press release.

Enclosures (2) *11-2462*
1 - Mr. DeLoach - Enclosures
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November 26, 1967

International Press Release

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November 27, 1967
9:15 P. M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT:

FROM: George Christian

Dr. Leroy Brininger of the National Council of Churches in New York called to advise me that the attached "press release" has apparently been sent to a number of newspapers and others. The National Council Office received calls from the Philadelphia Bulletin and the Denver Post, as well as the Iranian Mission at the UN.

Brininger says the release is obviously fraudulent, but he fears some newspapers which oppose the President will devise some means of running it.

Brininger determined from the Denver Post that their copy was post marked Austin, Texas, with a return address of 1320 East 8th Street. He called Harold Kilpatrick of the Texas Council of Churches, who advised him that there is no such address.

Brininger has notified the Secret Service of these facts.

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November 29, 1967

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Honorable John W. King
The Governor of New Hampshire
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

My dear Governor:

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I have received your letter of November 27th,
with enclosure, and I am most appreciative of your thought-
fulness in forwarding this material to me.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: We have had limited but cordial relations with Governor King.
See Jones to Bishop captioned "Alleged International Press Release "The
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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Possibly the enclosed has come to your attention. Any Governor gets a substantial amount of vicious mail across his desk, but this seemed to me to be especially so, and I thought I would bring it to your attention.

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Sincerely,

John W. King
John W. King

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November 26, 1967

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

STATEMENT OF POLICY RE. PRESIDENT LYNDON B. JOHNSON

After considerable discussion of the merits and the demerits of President Lyndon B. Johnson, the Political Committee of the Council has unanimously decided not to support Mr. Johnson for re-election in 1968 for the following reasons:

(A) Mr. Johnson, the Council sadly notes, has chosen to follow a policy of waging war, aggression, and genocide toward a tiny, poor, non-white country as a means of keeping the wheels of the multibillion dollar U.S. Defense, Aviation, and Electronics-Chemicals industries rolling. This approach to preventing economic recession and unemployment at home has been clearly exposed by Dr. Leonard Lewin in his recent book "Report From Iron Mountain".¹

(B) The Council has obtained substantial, undeniable evidence from sources traceable directly to Mr. Johnson's households at his Texas ranch and the White House that Mr. Johnson is a confirmed homosexual-- and has been one for the past eight or nine years. The Council also has clear evidence that President Johnson has habitual homosexual relations with Walt W. Rostow (former M.I.T. instructor and currently Mr. Johnson's aid) among others.

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H.D. Stromm
Howard D. Stromm, D.D. *H.D. Stromm*

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¹"Report From Iron Mountain" by Leonard Lewin. Publ: Dial Press Inc., New York, New York, 10017. (Publ. Oct., 1967).

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November 15, 1967

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Dear [REDACTED]

I have received your letter of November 8th and it was most kind of you to comment as you did.

In response to your inquiry, information 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 that we do or do not have information in our files relating to the National Council of Churches or the National Council of Churchwomen United.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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November 8, 1967

Attention: Mr. Edgar Hoover, Director
The Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

One or more years ago, an article appeared in the U.S. News & World Report, concerning an investigation made by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, as to whether the National Council of Churches was communistic in nature, or had sympathetic leanings toward Communism.

Since there is a great deal of confusion in our Church, which is a Community Church, I will appreciate it if you will give me all the true facts that are available, on the National Council of Churches' possible connection with Communism. Our Church does not care to enter into any organization that is connected in any way with Communism. We do not know of any other place to inquire for true facts about this organization, and we are solely interested in the truth behind the reports that the National Council of Churches has a communistic attitude in any respect.

Also, would like to know if the National Council of Churchwomen United is a part of the National Council of Churches.

I will certainly appreciate your help in getting the facts about this organization. If possible, we would like to have a reply before November 24th, in time for our next meeting.

Our family have the highest regard for you and appreciate the wonderful work that you are doing for our Country.

Respectfully,

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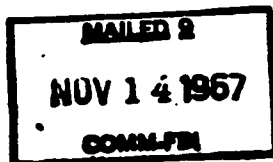
Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of November 7th has been received.

In response to your inquiry, information 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 that we do or do not have information in our files relating to the National Council of Churches.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



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November 7, 1967

THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D.C.

DEAR SIRs:

I am minister of the church listed on this letter head
and am in real need of the truth concerning the character
of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A.

In my opinion the people of this area are being misled by
mis-information fed to them in many subtle ways. Please, let
me know if the National Council of Churches of Christ in the
U.S.A. is now, or ever has been on the bureau's records as
a subversive organization.

Sincerely,

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of November 10th has been received.

In response to your inquiry, information 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 that we do or do not have information in our files relating to the National Council of Churches.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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November 10, 1967

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

Dear Sir:

I am writing to you requesting that information about the National Council of Churches be sent to me. I would like to learn more about it's functions and who makes their decisions.

If you could comply with my request I would appreciate it very much


Very sincerely yours



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November 10, 1967

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

Dear Sir:

I am writing to you requesting
that information about the National
Council of Churches be sent to me.
I would like to learn more about
its functions and who makes the
decisions.

If you could comply with my
request I would appreciate it very
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very sincerely yours

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November 14, 1967

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of November 7th and its enclosure have been received.

In response to your inquiry, information 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 that we do or do not have information in our files relating to the National Council of Churches. In addition, I regret it is not possible for me to furnish a source where you may obtain the material you are seeking.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles other than his letter of August 11th and the Director's reply of August 17, 1967, in response to newspaper article he had forwarded. Correspondent's enclosure was a letter to the editor by [REDACTED] questioning the motives of the National Council of Churches.

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Mr. Tolson
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Mr. Mohr
Mr. Bishop
Mr. Casper
Mr. Callahan
Mr. Conrad
Mr. Felt
Mr. Gale
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Sullivan
Mr. Tavel
Mr. Trotter
Tele. Room
Miss Holmes
Miss Gandy

TEP/a

November 7, 1967

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have been making a study of the National Council of Churches and have heard so much pro and con that I am at a loss as to know what to believe.

"Letters to the editor" such as the attached appear frequently. The John Birch Society and others are constantly attacking the National Council of Churches and making accusations of its being pro-Communist. Surely your organization knows and should be at liberty to divulge the results of your findings and opinions to a citizen such as myself who is making an honest effort to get facts and truths.

Your straight-forward opinions on this matter will be greatly appreciated. Also, I would like for you to give me a list of recommended reading on this matter.

Yours very truly,

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NATIONAL COUNCIL

To the Editor: A story appeared in your paper of Thursday October 12 in which a bunch of nitwits came up with such a fantastic report on drinking liquor.

They recommended that liquor advertisements be permitted to show alcohol being consumed by the whole family, including children, in a family setting, and urged alcoholic beverages be made available to young persons at adult supervised church gatherings: Can you imagine that?

Now who do you think was the first organization to endorse this bunch of nitwit's report? The National Council of Churches! That's the outfit that most of your churches send a portion of your money that you place in collection plates each Sunday.

No, lets examine this organization, the National Council of Churches, a little closer. I would be most happy for anyone to answer the following questions:

Why is its president urging recognition of Red China by this country?

Why does the National Council support the Communist party in trying to abolish the House Un-American Activities Committee?

Why is the National Council trying to repeal the McCarran Act which requires that the Communists in this country register with the Justice Department?

Why did the National Council come out for full support just a few weeks ago of Father Grogan and

his hoodlums starting up trouble in Milwaukee?

I'm not asking anyone of you to quit your church or quit God, but I am appealing to each and everyone of you to stop supporting this misrepresenting organization called the National Council of Churches.

It's time, and past time, for all of us to take a stand against this un-Christian, un-American outfit and let the preachers and church officers know that we are not going to support this outfit through our churches.

R. P. SMITH

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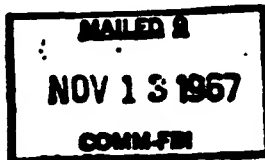
Dear [REDACTED]

I have received your letter of November 6th.

In response to your inquiry, information 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 that we do or do not have information in our files relating to the National Council of Churches.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



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November 6, 1966

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Dept of FBI
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Please send us all the information you
have as to the organization of the National Council of
Churches, the things they promote, etc.

It is a big question in our Churches today
and we need some true information.

Please let us receive this immediately.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely yours, .

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P.S. We, the members of our Church, do not want
to support them if it is not to the best interest of our
country.

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