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SUBJECT: NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

HQ FILE: 100-50869

SECTION 29



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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EX 177

September 11, 1970

REC-61

100-50869-1744

Honorable Don H. Clausen
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

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

My dear Congressman:

I have received your letter of September 8th enclosing copies of communications from [REDACTED]

You may wish to inform [REDACTED] that a search of our files has failed to disclose the receipt of the letter he says he addressed to this Bureau in June, 1970.

With respect to his inquiries, while I wish it were possible to be of assistance to him, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I hope [REDACTED] 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

MAILED 8
SEP 11 1970
COMM-FBI

NOTE: Bufiles disclose we have had limited cordial correspondence and relations with Congressman Clausen (R-California). Bufiles disclose no record of any letter having been received from [REDACTED] National Council of Churches.

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DON H. CLAUSEN
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS
1ST DISTRICT, CALIFORNIA
"THE REDWOOD EMPIRE DISTRICT"

WASHINGTON OFFICE
1025 HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515
Phone: 523-5511
Area Code 202

DISTRICT OFFICE
205 FARMERS BUILDING
205 MENDOCINO AVENUE
SANTA ROSA, CALIFORNIA 95401
Phone: 543-0544

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

September 8, 1970

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INTERIOR AND RELATED AFFAIRS

SUBCOMMITTEE
IRRIGATION AND RECLAMATION
NATIONAL PARKS AND RECREATION
PUBLIC LANDS

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Room 5633
Department of Justice
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am enclosing for your information, a copy of a letter received from one of my constituents, attached to his letter of June 15th directed to the Bureau.

As you will note, [redacted] has not as yet received a response to his original correspondence and I would deeply appreciate any efforts which might be made to acknowledge his communication. I'm sure he would be most grateful for as much information as is available on the subject he mentions as well.

Thank you for your attention and consideration in this matter.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

Don H. Clausen
DON H. CLAUSEN
Representative in Congress
(R. California)

EX 110

ENCLOSURES a/s

ENCLOSURE

15 SEP 15 1970

COPY MADE FOR MR. TOLSON

Mr. Tolson
Mr. Sullivan
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Mr. Tavel
Mr. Walters
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Tele. Room
Miss Holmes
Miss Gandy

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September 4, 1970

[REDACTED]

The Honorable Don W. Clausen
1035 House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Clausen:

I would like to request the assistance of your office in soliciting a reply to a letter I wrote to the FBI on June 25, 1970. (Copy enclosed)

I've always admired and appreciated the congressional tradition of taking the burden of correspondence so seriously. I had thought that an agency like the FBI would at least extend the courtesy of an acknowledgment -- but they haven't in two and a half months, which seems a reasonable wait. So I hope with assurance from you that my query is important to me, I may hear from them fairly soon.

I can appreciate that their reply may need to be limited and guarded; I'm not expecting classified information, just matters of public record.

Thanks very much.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

P.S. When I wrote in June the change in the name of our church was not yet official; the old letterhead read "[REDACTED]" I mention this just in case it helps the FBI locate my earlier letter.

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ENCLOSURE

June 15, 1970

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

I would like to request your help in attempting to establish a point of fact. Under the auspices of the [REDACTED] delivered an address at the [REDACTED] on Sunday, April 26, 1970. After the meeting was formally concluded, a member of our church standing among several other persons, asked [REDACTED] a question concerning the involvement of Communists in the National Council of Churches. She tells me that he replied to the effect that it was very seriously infiltrated by Communists. If that allegation is factual, I'd like to know it. And if it is not factual, I'd like to know that.

• I am writing to ask:

• Was it been established as a matter of fact that any member of the staff of the National Council of Churches has been or is at the present time a communist?

• Any there any members of the General Assembly or General Board of the NCC who are communists?

• The answer to either or both of the above questions is affirmative, then I would appreciate having some bare details such as the number of persons involved, the time and extent of their relationship to the NCC, their own denomination, etc.

• I will look forward to hearing from you as soon as you can conveniently reply. Thank you very much for your reply.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

100-50869-1744

ENCLOSURE

September 9, 1970

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EX-111

100-50869-1743

Dear [REDACTED]

I am unable to furnish the information you requested in your letter of September 1st since data contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. You may be assured, however, that your communication will be made a matter of record in our files.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Omaha - Enclosure
New York - Enclosure

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Sept - 1 - 1970

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

National Council of Churches

Dear Sir:

I thought you may like to know that I am sending for three issues of the Communist Daily World paper. I want it to prove that our Christian Church Magazine is following the communist line in some of their writting.

I also would like some information on Cynthia Wedel who is the National Council of Churches new president. Is she now or has she ever been a member of the communist party?

Sincerely, (R. 6)

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[REDACTED]
Sept 1 - 1970

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Sincerely,
[REDACTED]

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August 18, 1970

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Dear [REDACTED]

With respect to your letter of August 11th, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. Please do not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the National Council of Churches. I regret I cannot be of help to you.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Bufiles disclose one prior letter to correspondent dated 1/22/1/61 in response to her inquiry requesting information on an organization.

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Aug 11 - 1970

Dear Mr. Hoover:

See Quaker

The church that I am affiliated with recently changed its name from Southern Methodist to United Methodist Church. I have some printed matter that states the National Council of Churches are controlled by Communism, I would appreciate a statement from you in regard to the truth about the N.C.C. I do not want to be associated with communism in any way. I sure will not want to give a dime for their cause. Thank you.

Respectfully,

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Mr. John Edgar Hoover
U.S. Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25,
D.C. 20535

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Respectfully,

CORRESPONDENCE

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August 12, 1970

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100-50869-1741

Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter was received on August 10th and I certainly appreciate your kind sentiments.

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

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: There is no record of correspondent in our files.

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Aug 4, 1970

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

Dear Mr. Hoover,

Would you please help me?! I have read so many articles about the National Council of Churches and the World Council but I'm not positive who wrote the articles so I'm turning to you for help. I just recently read that the NCC is a gigantic concentration of tax free wealth made by capitalists, administered by socialists, promoted by agnostics and dedicated to merging the USA with the USSR. Is this true? The church that I now belong to is a member of these councils and if this is so I do not want to support this.

My husband and I are born again believers in our Lord - Jesus Christ so we belong to the only true Church that God recognizes but we definately do not want to further the cause of communism. A

We will anxiously be waiting to hear from you so we can determine what course to follow.

Thank you so very much and may God bless you Mr. Hoover in your struggle to improve His world.

Sincerely,

[Redacted signature]

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Aug 4, 1970.

J. Edgar Hoover
F.B.I.

Washington, D.C.

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CORRESPONDENCE

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Thank you so very much and
may God bless you Mr Hoover in
your struggle to improve this world.



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August 11, 1970

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Dear [REDACTED]

In reply to your letter of August 5th, 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 World Council of Churches or the National Council of Churches.

I regret I cannot be of help to you in this instance.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: The World Council of Churches and the National Council of Churches are well known to the Bureau. Our files contain no record of correspondent.

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August 5, 1970

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have heard from various sources that the World and National Council of Churches have in their ranks Communists or people who had at one time been affiliated with the Communist Party. Would you please inform me if this is true and if so, who these people are.

Recently we have received literature quoting extensively a Mr. Rarick in the United States Congress as having taken the stand previously mentioned against these organizations among others. Would you have any information on this man as to whether he is an Extremist of some sort?

Thank you.

Yours truly,
[REDACTED]

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CORRESPONDENCE

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July 31, 1970

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Dear [REDACTED]

I received your letter on July 29th and appreciate your kind sentiments.

The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. The data in our files must be maintained as confidential pursuant to regulations of the Department of Justice. Consequently, it is not possible for me to comment as you requested.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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JUL 31 1970

NOTE: On the basis of available information, correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. The National Council of Churches is well known to the Bureau.


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Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am enclosing some literature that I received in today's mail.

It is very serious in its accusations and I would like to have your opinion as to whether the N. C. C. is aiding in political activities and political lobbying; and it is *enclosing* & supporting the "Black Manifesto."

I do not think we should pay the blacks Any black mail and would do anything I could in my small way to block this. I have always valued your opinion on these subversive organizations and would appreciate your verdict on this. *J*

Bless you for your continued vigilance over our country.

Sincerely


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Sincerely




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CHURCH LEAGUE OF AMERICA

422-A NORTH PROSPECT STREET • WHEATON, ILLINOIS 60157

NATIONAL LAYMEN'S COUNCIL

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Fellow American:

Did you know that the National Council of Churches may be using your name -- and your local church contributions -- to help support and pay for hundreds of ultra-liberal political activities?

Sound shocking? Unfortunately it is all too true.

Since it was founded, the "social reformers" who head up the National Council of Churches (NCC) have "claimed" to speak for over 42,000,000 church-going Americans.

If you belong to one of the religious denominations listed in the enclosed brochure, the NCC is using your money and your name to finance left-wing political, social, and economic programs that have nothing to do with religion!

Here's how the National Council uses your local church membership: 33 Protestant and Orthodox communions, (including the United Methodist Church, the Protestant Episcopal Church, the Polish National Church in America, etc.) are "members" of the General Assembly of the National Council.

This General Assembly elects a General Board which meets three times a year. It's this Board -- a mere handful of people -- which says that you and 42,000,000 million other Americans ...

- 1) Want U.S. diplomatic recognition of Communist Cuba
- 2) Want Red China's entrance into the U.N.
- 3) Wanted to stop the installation of the Safeguard ABM missile
- 4) Support the radical labor organizer, Cesar Chavez, and the grape strike

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National Council officials told Congress that you opposed legislation permitting prayer in public schools. They said you wanted to abolish 14B, the right to work law, which allows states to prohibit compulsory unionism if they want to.

Most of the NCC officials want sex education taught in the public schools. They want compulsory busing of public school children away from their local schools. The National Council also gives aid and comfort to other liberal extremists like Father Groppi, the Catholic priest who goes around burning draft board records.

Who pays the salaries of these officials? Who pays for their office staffs? Who pays for their Washington D.C. office which is used to lobby for socialistic legislation on Capitol Hill? **YOU DO!**

continued...

Part of your church offering is paid to your religious denomination. Each member denomination, in turn, sends money to the National Council of Churches. The NCC uses the money to finance and support hundreds of left-wing groups like OPERATION CONNECTION, an organization that used part of its budget to finance the election of black officials in "target cities."

In 1968, the budget for the National Council was an enormous 24.8 million dollars.

X The Council's latest outrage came last October in Indianapolis when it endorsed the principles of the Communist-endorsed "black manifesto" proposals by revolutionary leader, James Forman. Forman demanded 500 million dollars from churches in "reparations" due black Americans. If you and I don't pay off this extortion attempt, Forman warned:

X "But if the white Christians and Jews are not willing to meet our demands through peace and goodwill, then we will declare war and we are prepared to fight by whatever means necessary."

In response to this shocking demand the General Board of the National Council called for its member churches to give \$500,000 without any strings, to these radical groups bent on overthrowing this country! And if the money is paid, you will have helped pay for it!

And don't forget: The NCC is a dues-paying member of the World Council of Churches -- an organization that has sent aid to North Vietnam.

If you are shocked at what the National Council is doing with your name and money, then join with us -- the CHURCH LEAGUE OF AMERICA.

The Church League of America is composed of a distinguished group of clergy and laymen concerned about "collectivistic" propaganda infiltrating every phase of American life, especially through the pulpit, seminary and church publications.

When the League was founded in Chicago, in 1937, it was decided to set up a research staff and analytical educational foundation for the purpose of gathering all possible evidence on how alien forces were subverting religious and educational institutions.

Today, the J.B. Matthew's research library of our League attracts scholars from all over the world to examine thousands of left-wing and Communist documents, books and periodicals.

The Church League carefully documents through our research staff all the activities of the left-wing, including the National Council of Churches. In fact, we have the largest research library on left-wing activities outside the FBI's files.

The Church League of America has now launched a nationwide grassroots campaign to protest the political activity of the National Council of Churches.

Help us expose the NCC for what it really is: A leftist group operating behind the facade of religion, and violating the historic principle of separation of church and state.

Here's how you can help.

continued...

I've enclosed a petition card for your use. Please sign it, and mail it to me in the enclosed envelope, today. By doing so, you will join a COMMITTEE OF ONE MILLION TO PROTEST THE POLITICAL ACTIVITIES OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES.

The effect of this protest will be staggering. It will show the NCC that Americans reject their political activities, and it will show the nation's press, radio and TV that millions of church-going laymen and clergy are opposed to the National Council of Churches.

We must expand our speakers' bureau -- put more men on the road visiting thousands of local churches to tell the truth about the NCC. We must write and contact thousands of clergy and active laymen. Thousands of these people are completely unaware of what the NCC is doing.

We must distribute the thousands of pamphlets, booklets and articles; hundreds of films like the "Truth about the NCC" to church-going people, and expand our broadcasts so everyone will be informed. We need more researchers to handle the thousands of new requests from laymen and clergy for background material on the NCC and their left-wing supporters.

Every American -- no matter what religious faith -- must help.

Right now there are those within the Southern Baptist Convention and the Catholic Church who are working to get their churches to join in the NCC sponsored liberal ecumenical movement bringing perhaps 60,000,000 Americans within the scope of the NCC. Do you want the NCC to "claim to speak" for 100,000,000 Americans?!

The need is great. I hope you and every other American concerned about his country will help. If you oppose the National Council of Churches, then send the Church League of America a contribution, in any amount, \$1,000, \$500, \$250, \$100, \$50, \$25, \$10, or whatever.

Enclosed is a reply envelope. Any contribution will be deeply appreciated -- and it will go directly into the fight against the NCC. And remember: Your contribution is fully tax-deductible.

Sincerely yours,

Edgar C. Bundy
Major Edgar C. Bundy
Executive Secretary

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Enclosure

P.S. If you can find it in your heart to send us a \$25.00 contribution or more, I will send you a booklet prepared by our research staff entitled "How Liberal Clergymen Aid the Revolutionists" which documents their activities in helping radical factions.

P.P.S. If you want more pledge cards for your friends and neighbors, please write me and I'll send more to you.

CHURCH LEAGUE OF AMERICA / 422-A NORTH PROSPECT STREET WHEATON, ILLINOIS 60187

Dear Major Bundy:

Enclosed is my contribution to help you expose the ultra-liberal National Council of Churches as a left-wing political organization which disguises itself as a legitimate religious group falsely claiming to represent 40,000,000 Americans.

\$1,000.....

\$500.....

\$250.....

\$100.....

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\$25.....

\$10.....

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Other

Name

Street

City

State

Zip

(Is your Zip Code correct?)

All contributions are tax deductible. Make all checks, personal or corporate, payable to: Church League of America.

COMMITTEE OF ONE MILLION UNITED TO PROTEST THE POLITICAL ACTIVITIES OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

PETITION

To: Dr. Cynthia Wedel, President
National Council of Churches

I strongly protest the political activities and political lobbying of the National Council of Churches which is a clear violation of the historic principle of the separation of church and state.

I petition you to stop using the mantle of religion to promote ultra-liberal causes like your request that member Christian Churches give \$500,000 in "reparation payments" to radical black leaders.

I also petition you to end your false claim that you speak for 40,000,000 church-going people.

Name

Address

City

State

Zip

My religious denomination is:

(Optional)

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In 1942 the Internal Revenue Service of the U.S. Treasury Department granted the Church League of America a tax-exempt status, permitting it to receive tax-deductible gifts from individuals, churches, corporations and foundations for the support of its educational program. The League is supported through such gifts. Annually the Church League renders a certified public accountant's report of all receipts and expenditures to its supporters and all inquirers.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Contributions from private citizens and organizations enable the Church League of America to continue and expand its services, to provide informational and educational materials, through films, tapes, hundreds of different publications and speaking tours all emanating from its enormous store of research materials at headquarters in Wheaton, Illinois. Contributions are tax-exempt—the Church League is a non-profit organization—and are used strictly and solely for Church League activities and services. Checks should be made payable to:

CHURCH LEAGUE OF AMERICA and sent to:

Church League of America
422 North Prospect Street
Wheaton, Illinois 60187
Attn: Major Edgar Bundy

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The following Communions compose the liberal NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES:

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SPECIAL REPORTS, PAMPHLETS and BOOKLETS

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY PROFESSORS (AAUP), Exposé by Congressman Francis E. Walter

COMMUNISM IN THE CHURCHES (MAY SPECIAL 1964 NEWS AND VIEWS), by Dr. J. B. Matthews

COMMUNISM, HEARINGS BY HOUSE COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES, List from Government Printing Office

COMMUNISTS ARE AFTER YOUR CHURCH, by FBI COUNTER-SPY HERBERT A. PHILBRICK

EPISCOPAL CHURCH AND THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES (Its Relationship) by SPENCER ERVIN KING, MARTIN LUTHER, Jr., COMPLETE CASE HISTORY OF HIS ACTIVITIES AND ASSOCIATES FROM ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS

LOOK MAGAZINE'S ATTACK ON CONSERVATIVES ANSWERED

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"Biblical Case for Individualism"

"Church & Evangelism"

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COMMUNIST IMPERIALISM

THE TWO BERLINS

FILM STRIPS—35MM

"CRISIS IN OUR CHURCHES"

July 28, 1970

REC-13 100-50869-1738

Dear [REDACTED]

In reply to the inquiry in your letter of July 21st, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. Please do not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the National Council of Churches. I regret I am unable to be of assistance to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles.

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July 24, 1975

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

Re: THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Is it true by 1950, Communist infiltration into the above organization was so well known that anti-Communist intelligence agencies regarded it as an arm of the Communist party?

May, I hear from you?

Thanking you very kindly. I remain.

Very truly yours,

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July 1, 1970

REC 45

Dear [REDACTED]

Although I would like to be of assistance in connection with your letter received on June 29th, the FBI does not have for distribution a list such as you requested.

With respect to your inquiry, information in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. Please do not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files regarding the National Council of Churches. I regret I cannot be of help to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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[REDACTED]
June 24, 1970

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington D. C.

Gentlemen:

Do you have a list of subversive organizations?
If so, I'd like a copy, any information on National Council of Churches -
Our local Radio Station [REDACTED] needs some too as they have a "sound
off" program, and often are on the spot.

Thank you.
[REDACTED]

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g/w

[REDACTED]
June 24, 1970

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington D.C.

Sentences:

Do you have a list of subversive
organizations? If so, I'd like a copy, any
information on National Council of
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[REDACTED] need some too, as they have a
"sound off" programs, and often are on the
spot. Thank you.

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[REDACTED]
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6-29-70

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CORRESPONDENCE

FBI

Date: 6/15/70

Transmit the following in _____

(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

(Priority)

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
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Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
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Miss Gandy	_____

TO: Director, FBI

FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (94-298) (C)

RESEARCH (CORRESPONDENCE AND TOURS)

BUDED: 6/15/70

Reference Buairtel to Birmingham, 6/4/70 and Birmingham airtel to Bureau, 6/10/70.

The following action has been taken in the Birmingham Division as instructed in referenced communication.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] and SA [redacted].

On 6/10/70, efforts to locate [redacted] determined he was out of town for a Methodist Church Conference and would not be available for interview until the weekend of 6/12/70.

[redacted] was interviewed at his residence, [redacted] and receipt of his letter dated 5/27/70, was acknowledged. He was advised that the Bureau cannot provide the assistance he is seeking; however, he should not infer that the Bureau does or does not have material in its files relating to the Methodist Church or the National Council of Churches.

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JUN 18 1970

CORRESPONDENCE

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Approved: [Signature]

Special Agent in Charge

S DIRECTOR

[redacted] was emphatically assured that no FBI representative has ever stated the Methodist Church has communists in places of leadership, nor has Mr. HOOVER prepared any letters or tape recordings regarding the background and/or character of the leadership of the Methodist Church.

[redacted] stated he was gratified to be reassured and advised he had no personal knowledge of any such letters or tape recordings, but had inferred their existence from conversations with laymen in his own church at [redacted]. [redacted] went on to explain that the Methodist Church at local, state and national levels is undergoing a change, particularly in the fields of social ministry, and all members are not in unanimous agreement on current church policy. His own church income has fallen off considerably in recent months as a result of diverse opinions among the members of his congregation. Some of the lay leaders of his church have become active in a state-wide movement known as the Concerned Methodist Laymen. This group meets without the advice or presence of the clergy and has become critical of the Methodist Church's national policy, particularly as related to budgeting money to the National Council of Churches and militant organizations.

[redacted] advised that [redacted], is very active in this organization of laymen, and that the laymen of his church had told [redacted] they were conferring with [redacted]. It was during a discussion with these lay leaders of his church that [redacted] inferred [redacted] is a staunch conservative who is accumulating extensive reference material of a conservative nature and which [redacted] inferred included FBI letters and tape recordings. [redacted] was hesitant to name the laymen from whom he obtained his information, explaining he did not want anyone to know he had written the Bureau. [redacted] explained he feared members of his congregation might interpret this action as an attempt to bring the Bureau into the problems of his church.

[REDACTED] was reassured that FBI files are confidential, and no reference would be made to him personally or his correspondence with the Bureau, and that the Bureau's interest was only to squelch any false rumors or ideas regarding the Bureau's interest and jurisdiction. Thereafter, [REDACTED] advised his source of information had been through the following:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

On 6/12/70, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were contacted at their respective offices and were advised it had routinely come to the attention of the Bureau that there were possibly some unfounded rumors circulating to the effect that the Bureau had prepared letters and/or tape recordings relating to communists in the leadership of the Methodist Church and/or the National Council of Churches.

[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] both elaborated on an apparent sincere concern over policies of the Methodist Church in America, particularly as relates to the disposition of money at the national level. Both advised they had become active in the Concerned Methodist Laymen Movement and had attended several meetings of this group.

[REDACTED] stated he had no information regarding any FBI letters or tape recordings; however, he stated that many subjects were discussed at the Laymen's meetings, including communism, militants, racial turmoil, and communist infiltration of militant groups. [REDACTED] stated the Bureau and Mr. HOOVER are the foremost authorities on these subjects and, accordingly, would be used in the general discussion. However, [REDACTED] stated he knew of no

specific references or of any Bureau letters or tape recordings being exhibited.

██████████ stated that after one meeting he had talked with ██████████ a layman from ██████████ and was told that ██████████ had a tape recording of a meeting of the leadership of the Methodist Church. ██████████ claimed a friend of his in the FBI had taped this meeting. ██████████ advised he did not question ██████████ regarding this tape, but merely assumed the FBI friend had not made the tape as a part of his official duty with the FBI. ██████████ stated he did not know if the tape was made surreptitiously, or to what leadership ██████████ was referring in this statement.

██████████ also stated he has no other information or impression that there were any FBI letters or tape recordings available. He stated, as had ██████████ that many subjects were discussed at these laymen's meetings, especially racial, militant, and communist problems in America today. ██████████ recalled that at these meetings, as at many other meetings he has attended, it was common for any informal speaker to refer to the FBI and Mr. HOOVER as authorities on communist activity in America today.

On 6/15/70, the following investigation was conducted at Birmingham, Alabama by SA ██████████ and SA ██████████ a layman from ██████████ and an active member in the Concerned Methodist Laymen Movement was interviewed at his place of employment, ██████████ and advised the following:

██████████ denied ever having in his possession or in the possession of the Concerned Methodist Laymen Movement Committee any letters with or without the signature of the Director; however, their committee has in their files as reference material Mr. HOOVER's book "Masters of Deceit."

██████████ also advised he has no knowledge of any tape made by the FBI for the use of his committee; however, he has in his possession a record which was made from a recording taken at the 1969 Black Panther Party Convention in Berkeley, California which contained inflammatory state-

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ments by Black Panther members in reference to the Director and President Nixon. [redacted] stated that he has made a statement to friends that "You better believe the FBI has a copy of that" (meaning a copy of the statement made at the Black Panther Convention).

[redacted] also stated that neither he nor any member of his committee has ever written or received from the Director any letters of any type.

[redacted] reiterated that he has received no letters from the Director nor has he received any tapes from any employee of the FBI in regard to this matter. He speculated that the allegation regarding a tape given to his committee by the FBI employee was probably derived from the statement he made to his friends "You better believe that the FBI has a copy of that."

OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10
MAY 1962 EDITION
GSA GEN. REG. NO. 27

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Bishop

DATE: June 19, 1970

FROM : G. E. Malmfeldt

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SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

National Council of Churches

This concerns our setting the record straight regarding alleged letters and tape from the FBI which [REDACTED] believed existed in his area regarding communists in the Methodist Church.

By letter 5-27-70, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised of his concern that there existed in his area letters and a tape from the FBI that the Methodist Church has communists in places of leadership. Our files contain nothing pertinent regarding [REDACTED]. By airtel 6-4-70 Birmingham was instructed to contact [REDACTED] and others felt necessary, and set the record straight regarding this matter.

[REDACTED] was subsequently interviewed and was assured that we had not made any statements such as alleged nor had we prepared any tape recordings regarding the leadership of the Methodist Church. [REDACTED] stated that the existence of such data had been inferred from conversation with laymen in his own Church explaining that the Methodist Church, at all levels, is undergoing a change, particularly in the fields of social ministry, and not all members are in agreement with current church policy. He stated the laymen of his church had discussions with [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] and inferred that [REDACTED] had FBI letters and tape recording from FBI regarding communists in the Methodist Church. Other interviews conducted, including [REDACTED] disclosed that [REDACTED] does not have any letters, with or without the signature of the Director, and the alleged tape recording was a recording taken at the 1969 Black Panther Party Convention in Berkeley, California. [REDACTED] advised that he had stated to friends that "You better believe the FBI has a copy of that" and that his statement was probably misinterpreted.

Since it has been established to [REDACTED] that no such letters or a tape emanating from this Bureau exists regarding communists in the Methodist Church and his inference was due to a misunderstanding, no further action felt necessary.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. For information.

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1 - Mr. DeLoach
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1 - Mr. Bishop - Enclosure

1 - Mr. Malmfeldt

CORRESPONDENCE

EX 110

June 18, 1970

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100-50869-1733

Dear [REDACTED]

In response to your letter of June 11th, I cannot furnish the specific information you are seeking as data in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. Please do not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the National Council of Churches or the John Birch Society.

In view of your interest, however, I am enclosing material regarding some of the groups seeking to foment unrest in our Nation which contains suggestions all of us can use. You may also want to read my books, "Masters of Deceit," "A Study of Communism" and "J. Edgar Hoover on Communism." They may be available in your local library.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (5)

Forward to Chaos - Or the New Left in Action
The SDS and the High Schools

A Study in Marxist Revolutionary Violence: SDS, 1962-1969

Director's Testimony 3/5/70, Re The Black Panthers, Racial, Extremist
and Communist Groups.

An Analysis of the New Left

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. [REDACTED]

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June 11 1970

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

Dear Sirs:

Events of the past year or so are becoming very alarming to many silent citizens. Stealing, Description of Property and treason are happening the with and breath of the Nation.

Accounts of these attacks on our society seem to go unpunished by the majority of people that participate in them.

The professors and teachers in our educational system in many cases are joining us with this subversive element and advising acts of treason to their students.

We must devise a system to check our teachers, preachers and all people in responsible Government positions and eliminate all subversives from the operation of our Government and the teaching of our youngsters.

What can I, an average citizen do. to insure our way of life.

I attended a meeting conducted by a member of the Hohn Birch Society. He revealed many apparent facts that were very alarming to me. The National Council of Churches was attacked as being contributors to the draft dodgers in Canada also to the Black Manifesto groups.

What have your investigations of these two, John Birch Society and National Council of Churches, turned up. Is the Birch Society fighting communism? and a good group to join?

Our church belongs to the Council and I don't want to help any Subversive groups.

I am very concerned by what has been happening and want

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[REDACTED]

to do my part to preserve America as we know it.

Would be happy to pay for reports on the two named groups. Or information as to where I can get this information.

Thank you yours

[REDACTED]

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June 11 1970

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

Dear Sir: Events of the Past year or so are becoming very alarming to many silent citizens. Protest marches, window smashing, arson, slugging, destruction of property and treason are happening the width and breadth of the nation.

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Thank you yours



Airtel
REC 25
JUN 10 1970

100-50869-1732

To: SAC, Birmingham

From: Director, FBI

RESEARCH (CORRESPONDENCE AND TOURS)
BUDED: 6/15/70

Enclosed are two copies of a self-explanatory letter received from captioned individual. Our files disclose prior correspondence with [redacted] in June, 1967, concerning his inquiry about the National Council of Churches. On basis of available data, Bufiles contain nothing identifiable with [redacted]

[redacted] should be promptly contacted by two representatives of your office and receipt of his letter acknowledged. He should be advised that the Bureau cannot provide the assistance he is seeking and he should not infer either that we do or do not have material in our files relating to the Methodist Church or the National Council of Churches. You can assure him, however, that no FBI representative has stated the Methodist Church has communists in places of leadership.

At the time of this contact, sufficient facts should be determined from [redacted] to determine the full basis for his statements that [redacted] letters from the FBI over my signature and so-called tapes made by the FBI of Methodist meetings so that this matter can be resolved. If necessary to round out the facts, the three individuals mentioned by him may also be contacted. Thereafter, [redacted] should be

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Follow-up made for 6-15-70

Return to F. H. [redacted] 4716

Airtel to Birmingham
[REDACTED]

contacted, confronted with these allegations, and set straight regarding the facts. If the information furnished by him indicates that his statements are based on rumors or comments of another party, then you should take sufficient steps to resolve this matter by further interviews. These interviews should be conducted in a polite but firm manner by two experienced Special Agents.

Suairtel results of action taken to reach the Bureau no later than 6/15/70.

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
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May 27.th., 1970

REC 25
MAY 28 1970

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

e D Brown

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am the minister of the First Methodist Church, [REDACTED]

A few days ago three of my men visited [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] to discuss with him some of the activities of the Methodist Church, and to receive this information to pass on to the Church of which they are members. The report was most disturbing to some as they reported letters from the F.B.I. over your signature stating the Methodist Church has Communist in places of Leadership. They also stated [REDACTED] had tapes the F.B.I. had made of Methodist Meetings and he had some in his possession, or were available. The picture that was painted by these three fine men are disturbing, and can create much confusion within the church since these are over your signature.

They also reported the National Council of Churches had been infiltrated the same way.

I had always thought the F.B.I. kept their investigations under classified information, but if this is true we are infected in such a manner then we who are in the Leadership of the Church should begin immediately to remove the infection.

Please give me a reply immediately. REC 25

Sincerely,

[REDACTED SIGNATURE]

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EXP. PROC.

June 15, 1970

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REC-115

Dear [REDACTED]

I have received your letter of June 8th and appreciate your kind sentiment.

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

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Bufiles indicate limited prior correspondence with [REDACTED] last outgoing 6-29-61.

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June 8, 1970

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Perhaps this is just a little out of order, but I know that you know and ~~hand~~ find out many things, to be true that others cannot find out.

Many of our Church members want to know if a percentage of their money goes into the National Council of Churches, and the World Council of churches, to support the race Riots, murders, and burning, and destroying property dominated by Communists orders and tactics. ?

This would be appreciated if you could give me some information on this. We have been told that Thousands of dollars has been donated by the WCC & WCC, to release the Black Panthers. ?

Christians, do not believe in this and can see where their moneys can be used to a better advantage to help the needy.

I hope you can give me some answer on this.
And some stictics. May God Bless you in your work.

Sincerely,

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CORRESPONDENCE
SS 100-50869-1730

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REC-10 100-50869-1729

June 10, 1970

Dear [REDACTED]

With respect to the inquiry in your letter of June 4th, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. Please do not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the National Council of Churches. I regret I cannot be of help to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director



NOTE: On basis of available information, correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles.

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

Dear Sirs:

I would like to receive information on the
National Council of Churches so as to find out
whether they have any communistic affiliations.
We understand the F.B.I. has been checking into
this. Also, any other information on their
lobbying legislation would be appreciated.

Cordially yours,



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CORRESPONDENCE

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100-50869-1728 June 8, 1970

[Redacted Address Block]

Dear [Redacted Name]

I regret that I am unable to be of help to you regarding your letter of May 30th.

Our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. Please do not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the National Council of Churches. No source comes to mind where you can obtain information such as you are seeking, and I am sorry we cannot be of aid.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: No record Bufiles identifiable with correspondent.

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May 30 - 1970

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I need some information and I do hope you can help me or refer me to whoever might be able to help me. I have read articles from time to time that stated the National Council of Churches is Communist inspired and is made up of Communists. Our Church, First Presbyterian U. S., is a member of N. C. C and I do not want any part of Communism so I must try to get this information. If you can furnish any thing that will help me to ease my mind I will greatly appreciate it. Numbers of people have withdrawn from their churches to join an Independent Church and I don't want to do this until I know more about it. Thanking you to help me if you can, I am

Sincerely,

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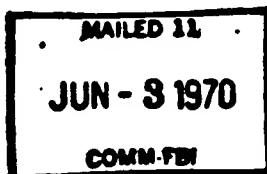
Honorable Lee H. Hamilton
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20516

My dear Congressman:

OK
Your communication of May 27th enclosing a copy of a letter from [REDACTED] has been received and I appreciate your interest in bringing this information to my attention.

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. I hope your constituent will not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the National Council of Churches. I regret I cannot be of help in this instance.

I am returning the copy of your constituent's correspondence as you requested.



Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosure

1 - Indianapolis Enclosure (2)

NOTE: Bufiles reveal prior cordial correspondence and contacts with Congressman Hamilton (D-Indiana) and there is no record of [REDACTED]

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Miss Gandy	_____

Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

Washington, D.C.

May 27 1970

Congressional Liaison
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The attached communication
is sent for your consideration.
Please investigate the statements
contained therein and forward me
the necessary information for re-
ply, returning the enclosed corre-
spondence with your answer.

Yours truly,

LEE H. HAMILTON, M. C.
Indiana 9th District

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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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May 14, 1970

Dear Mr. Hamilton:

I am very upset about something and thought, you being a Christian man, maybe you can help me.

Everyone knows that the National Council of Churches is one of the biggest communist moves in the world today but noone really seems to believe they have the foot hold they do have. Oh, there are many who are fighting it but many more are being sucked under by its' promises of flowery things to come. Noone believed Noah either and look what happened!

Is our government trying to do anything about this movement or are they getting away with passing out all this literature to young people in the churches without a worry in the world? That is my question, Mr. Hamilton and it may be bigger than both of us.

Respectfully

/s/ 

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May 14, 1950
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H. H. Hamilton

Dear Mr. Hamilton:

I am very upset about something and thought, you being a Christian man, maybe you can help me.

Everyone knows that the National Council of Churches is one of the biggest communist moves in the world today but some really seem to believe they have the foot held they do have. Oh, there are many who are fighting it but many more are being sucked under by its promises of glorious things to come. None believed. Wake up and look what happened!

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Respectfully

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Dear [REDACTED]

I have received your letter of May 25th and understand the concern which prompted you to contact me.

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

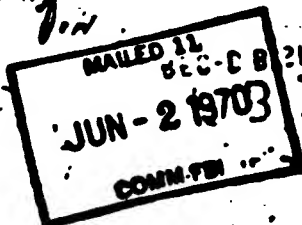
Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

NOTE: Bufiles contain no information identifiable with correspondent. The National Council of Churches is well known to the Bureau.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington D.C.

Dear Sirs:

It is with deep concern that I write this letter.

As Chairman of Finance of our church, I ~~could~~
appreciate some information concerning the National
Council of Churches.

There have been so many articles written by some
denominations stating that it is of communistic nature.
We are having a number of people leave our church
as they do not want to be a part of a denomination
which contributes to this organization as the United
Methodist does. Rk

We cannot afford to lose any more members as we are
having a financial struggle as a result of so many
leaving and perhaps others will leave. However, we
do want the truth of the matter, I, for one, do not
wish to be of any part of communism.

I thank you very kindly for giving this your attention.

Very truly yours,
[REDACTED]

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May 21, 1970

Dear [REDACTED]

I readily understand the concern which prompted your letter of May 12th with which you thoughtfully enclosed a self-addressed, stamped envelope. I am returning it to you.

With regard to your specific inquiry, I have not made any statement either criticizing or supporting the Federal Council of Churches or the National Council of Churches. I have stated, however, that communists are engaged in a systematic program to infiltrate religious groups in our country. On the other hand, I have made it clear that the over-whelming majority of our clergymen are loyal citizens, devoted to working for the best interests of our Nation. We must face the challenge in the light of the fact that some clergymen have identified themselves with communist causes, but this is not a time for name calling, for unfounded accusations or publicity-seeking charges designed to confuse, divide and weaken.

In view of your interest, I am enclosing some material which you may not have had an opportunity to read. You may also desire to review my books, "Masters of Deceit" and "J. Edgar Hoover on Communism," in which I comment in some detail about communism and religion. Copies may be available in your local public library.

Sincerely yours,

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J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (6)


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Enclosures (5)

Director's testimony 3-5-70 re Black Panthers, Racial, Extremist and Communist Groups

A Study in Marxist Revolutionary Violence: SDS, 1962-1969

Director's Statement on Communism 3-27-67

What Does the Future Hold?

The Sunday School - Key to Tomorrow
correspondent's envelope

NOTE: There is no record of correspondent in Bufiles. The National Council of Churches, also known as Federal Council of Churches, is well known to the Bureau.

May 12, 1970

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

As a pastor in the [REDACTED], I am writing for information on a matter in which many of the members as well as myself are deeply concerned. It is a matter concerning two statements which you were supposed to have made in regards to the Federal Council of Churches and the National Council of Churches.

In an article intitled "Straight Talk" -by Tom Anderson, and printed Feb. 1970 in Southern Farm Publication P.O. Box 6429 Nashville, Tennessee, you are quoted as saying, "Many Communist fronts have operated under the guise of some church, commission or religious body. IT IS CASTLY TO SEE THE MONSTER ATHEISM BEING NOURISHED IN THE CHURCHES WHICH IT SEEKS TO DESTROY.... Any minister who cannot find in the Bible sufficient arguments for the cause of liberty and social justice, who has to borrow the double talk of the Communist, is in the wrong profession and should be carefully watched by his official superiors and the congregation." To this last we heartely agree.

The other statement is a quote from the Executive Secretary's desk of the Indiana Council of Churches. Dr. Grover L. Hartman, whose office is at 1100 W. 42nd St. Indianapolis 46208. He quotes you as saying, "I want you to know that I have never made any statement criticizing the Federal Council of Churches or the National Council of Churches." He goes on to say that the F.B.I. has asserted, "These allegations have served to create the impression among many Americans that the Protestant denominations in particular have been subjected to alarming infiltration and influence, but this is a patent falsehood. The truth is that the Communist party has not achieved any substantial success in exerting, dominating, influence or control over America's Clergymen or religious institutions on a national scale."

Hartman goes on to say, "Although it has been claimed that there are 25000 Communist party members among America's clergymen no one has been willing to give responsible church leaders of the public even 100 names so they could be checked upon and removed from their positions if found to have dese-cted their loyalty to Christ."

These two seemingly contradictory statements are bothering us. We desire to know the truth. Our church is suffering under much criticism since the film entitled, "The Truth About the Council of Churches" was shown in the community.

I know it is asking a lot of you to take time out from your very busy schedule to give us the correct answer to this vital problem. I assure you it will be greatly appreciated and Christ will be honored through it. Inclosed is a self addressed and stamped envelope. Thank you.

Yours truly,

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CORRESPONDENCE

May 8, 1970

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of May 4th has been received and I certainly appreciate your kind sentiments. It was indeed thoughtful of you to offer to send me the book you discussed; however, it will not be necessary for you to do this.

In response to your inquiries, information in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I regret I cannot be of help in this instance.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

1 - Charlotte - Enclosure

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Monday May 4, 1970

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

Dear Sir,

I am greatly troubled about something and I thought I would write to you. I am a member of a small Methodist Church in [REDACTED]. Recently I happened to read a program book for the two groups of Methodist women in our church, which seemed to me to be pro-communist. This literature is sponsored by the National Council of Churches. The first program in the book is about a Mrs. John C. Bennett Wife of Union Theological Seminary President John C. Bennett - This program tell how Mrs. Bennett aided by an organization called Women Strike For Peace met along with thirteen other American ladies with a delegation of fourteen ladies from North Vietnam and the New Liberation Front in Paris in April of 1968 prior to the Paris peace talks - Mrs. Bennett describes the enemy as being "eager for peace and friendship." To me this book seems to give aid and comfort to the enemy. I was apalled when I read it.

There is another program in the book written by Donald E. MacInnis, a director of the National Council of Churches. This program is about Red China and subtly leads one to believe that communism is better than our own democratic way of life. In it we are told that the policies of Mao Tse-tung and his "faith in the masses" "deserves our respect."

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Mr. Hoover, would you like for me to send you a copy of this book? I have started a small one-woman campaign to get this filthy, ungodly literature out of the Methodist church. If you have any information concerning the National Council of Churches or the organization Women Strike For Peace that identifies them as being communist or communist front organizations would you please let me hear from you? A letter from you would help me greatly.

Thank you and God Bless you in your work-

[REDACTED]

TRUE COPY

6/15/70

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

Dear Sir,

I am greatly troubled about something and I thought I would write to you. I am a member of a small Methodist church in [redacted]. Recently I happened to read a program book for the two groups of Methodist women in our church, which seemed to me to be pro-communist. This literature is sponsored by the National Council of Churches. The first program in the book is about a Mrs. John C. Bennett wife of Union Theological Seminary President John C. Bennett. This program tells how Mrs. Bennett aided by an organization called Women Strike for Peace met with thirteen other American ladies with a delegation of fourteen ladies from North Vietnam and the New Liberation Front in Paris in April of 1968. Prior to the Paris Peace Talks - Mrs. Bennett describes the enemy as being "eager for peace and friendship." To me this book seems to give aid and comfort to the enemy. I was appalled when I read it.

Monday May 15, 1970

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May 4, 1970

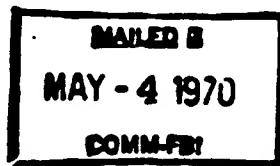
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Dear [REDACTED]

In reply to your letter of April 27th, information in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. Please do not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the National Council of Churches. I regret I cannot be of help to you.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover.



NOTE: The National Council of Churches is well-known to the Bureau. On basis of available information, correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles.

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[Handwritten signatures and initials: "J. Edgar Hoover", "TFK", "V.R.", "M.R."]

April 27, 1970

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

Dear Sir:

I received a letter from the Church League of America
422 N. North Prospect Str. Wheaton, Ill. 60187 that con-
demns the National Council of Churches for their actions.

The following are excerpts from the letter: The National
Council of Churches gave aid and comfort to liberal extrem-
ists like Father Groppi, the Catholic priest who goes around
burning draft board records. Some members lobby for social-
istic legislation on Capital Hill.

The National Council of Churches latest came last October
in Indianapolis, Ind. when it endorsed the principles of the
Communist "black manifesto" proposals by revolutionary
leader, James Forman. Forman demanded 500 million dollars
from churches in "reparations" due black Americans. If you
and I don't pay off this extortion attempt, Forman warned:

But if the white Christians and Jews are not willing to
meet our demands through peace and goodwill, then we will
declare war and we are prepared to fight by whatever means
necessary.

In response to this shocking demand the General Board of
the Council called for its member churches to give \$ 500,
000 without any strings, to these radical groups bent on
overthrowing this country.

And don't forget: The NCC is a dues-paying member of the
World Council of Churches--an organization that has sent
aid to North Vietnam. Help us expose the National Council
of Churches for what it really is: A leftist group operating
behind the facade of religion, and violating the historic
principle of separation of church and state.

If the above is true, is it possible that Communists have
infiltrated into the Council of Churches?

Yours truly,

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Dear [REDACTED]

In reply to the inquiry in your letter of April 22nd, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. Please do not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the National Council of Churches. I regret I cannot be of help to you.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

NOTE: The National Council of Churches is well known to the Bureau. Bufiles contain no information identifiable with the correspondent.

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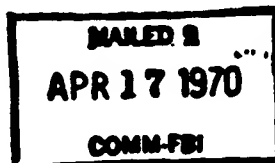
I received your letter on April 15th. Although I would like to be of assistance to you, information in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. Please do not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the Methodist Church.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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April 22, 1970

Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

Myself together with several other members of the First Baptist Church of [REDACTED] have become very concerned about the various activities of "The National Council of Churches."

Our church is affiliated with the Michigan Baptist Conventions who in turn are affiliated with the American Baptist Convention. As we understand it the "American Baptist Convention" is a member of the National Council of Churches.

We have been informed that the National Council of Churches has been contributing money to various subversive groups and organizations.

We have made inquiry thru other channels but without success.

Can you or would you furnish us with a list of the various subversive groups and organizations to which the National Council of Churches is contributing.

As 100% Americans and supporters of our Government we do not want one cent of our church contributions used for the support of the groups mentioned.

Sincerely,

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J. [REDACTED]


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April 10, 1970

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
F.B.I.

Mr. Hoover,

I keep reading & hearing about how the new United Methodist Movement is controlled by Communist Party Workers and sympathizers. One article quoted 2100 members as being members of the Communist Party. Do you have facts along this line. As you probably guessed, I'm not for the U. M. Organization & wish to pull my membership. We want to get our E. U. B. Church out & back to God. Am concerned about communism all over the country but 'specially distressed when it hits home out here in the country. Any information you make available along this line - greatly appreciated. Thank you.



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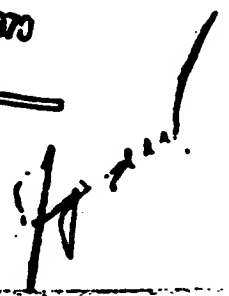
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April 10, 1970

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Thank You.

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Dear [REDACTED]

In reply to your letter of April 7th, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. Please do not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the National Council of Churches. I regret we cannot be of help to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

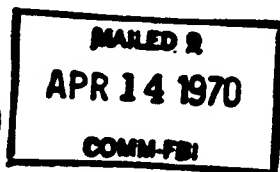
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April 7, 1970

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C., 20000

Gentlemen:

I am interested in knowing to what extent, if any, communism has found its way into the National Council of Churches.

I am a member of the United Methodist Church. The church as a whole is supporting the National Council but the churches in the North Alabama Conference are not. I know that even if our local churches are withholding their support that we must be a part of it if the Church on a national basis is.

Please give me such information as you can.

Very truly yours,

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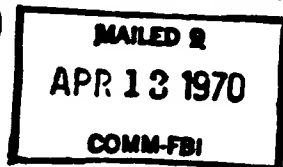
Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for the generous remarks and kind sentiments expressed in your letter of April 7th. In reply to your inquiries, information in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. Please do not infer that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the National Council of Churches or the Council of Churches in New York City. I regret I cannot be of assistance to you in this instance.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: There is no record of correspondent in Bufiles. The National Council of Churches is well known to the Bureau and we have enjoyed DMW:jfh (3) cordial relations with the Council of Churches in New York City since 1939.



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

Dear Sir:

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As a secon and member of the Board of Trustees of my church, I am vitally concerned about my church becoming a member of the Council of Churches, New York City. I understand that its former name was the Protestant Council of Churches, New York City.

After reading some of the background of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ which later, in 1950 merged with several other Protestant agencies to form the National Council of Churches, I want to be reasonably certain that there is no affiliation or tie in between the Council of Churches, New York City and the National Council of Churches.

We are a fundamental, evangelical Protestant church, and do not want to be associated or affiliated with any organization having communistic or atheistic elements. We firmly believe that the Bible and communism do not mix, and never will.

Any information your office can furnish me regarding this new organization, The Council of Churches, New York City, would be of great help to our Board of Trustees in making the right decision.

We want you to know that we pray continually for you and your men. We sincerely thank God for such a fine organization with such a competent leader. May God spare you many more years and keep you in good health.

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Sincerely,

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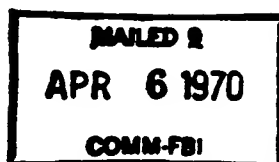
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Dear [REDACTED]

In response to the inquiries in your letter which I received on April 2nd, we do not have any material for distribution on the National Council of Churches or the World Council of Churches.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



NOTE: The National Council of Churches and the World Council of Churches are well known to the Bureau. Bureau files contain no record identifiable with correspondent.

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Dear Sir,

If it is possible would you send me all information
available on the National Council of Churches or World Council of
Churches. If they are separate organizations send information on
both.

Thank you.



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

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Dear [REDACTED]

With respect to your letter of March 31st, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. Please do not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the National Council of Churches. I regret I cannot be of help to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: The National Council of Churches is well known to the Bureau, and Bufiles contain no record of correspondence.

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March 31, 1970

Federal Bureau Investigation

Dear Sir,

I would like to inquire about the "National Council of Churches" Has any one involved with the organization ever been involved in communist activities or convicted of un American activities. Has there been any one in their organization been involved in sending ammunition or aid to the North Viet Nam?

Any information you can give will be deeply appreciated.

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Sincerely ;yours


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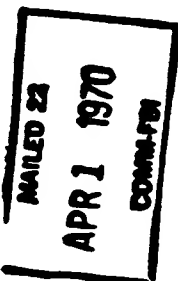
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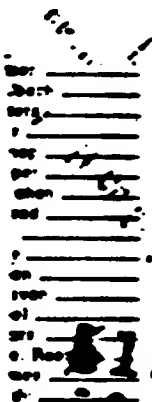
With respect to your letter received on March 30th, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. Please do not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the National Council of Churches. I regret I cannot be of help to you.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover



NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. The National Council of Churches is well-known to the Bureau.

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Dear Sir:

I want some information concerning the National Council of Churchs. What is its purpose?

Are all the Protestant churches in America affiliated with this National Council of Churches in some way? Are the Protestant churches aware of their association with this group?

Please inform us where we can find the true answer to these questions.

Thank you

P. S.

Our church pastors have not answered these questions to our satisfaction.

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

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Dear [REDACTED]

With respect to your communication of March 27th, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. Please do not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the National Council of Churches. I regret I cannot be of help to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. The National Council of Churches is well-known to the Bureau.

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March 27, 1970

J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
9th and Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D. C. 20535

Re: Request for information as to whether or not the
National Council of Churches is Communist

Dear Mr. Hoover:

The Administrative Board of our congregation is concerned to find out whether or not the National Council of Churches is Communist. Our congregation has voted to withhold support funds from the NCC on the grounds of the charge of Being Communist. This is a very serious matter. If the NCC is a force working for a more just and healthier America, it is a disservice to America to cripple the effectiveness of this agent of Protestant cooperation.

My reading of your study published in 1958, MASTERS OF DECEIT, does not brand the NCC as Communist.

I am sure the FBI has in print a statement concern this issue. I shall appreciate it very much if you will furnish me a statement of your conclusions and findings.

Gratefully yours,

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Honorable Lee H. Hamilton
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

My dear Congressman:

Your communication of March 25th enclosing a copy of a letter and newspaper clipping from [REDACTED] has been received. While I would like to be of assistance to your constituent, this Bureau is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, neither makes evaluations nor draws conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have material in our files relating to the Ministers Life and Casualty Union of Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Your enclosures are being returned as you requested.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Bufiles show prior cordial correspondence with Congressman Hamilton (D-Ind) and no record of the Ministers Life and Casualty Union.

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Congress of the United States

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Washington, D.C.

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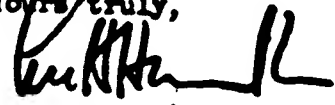
Sir:

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES
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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spondence with your answer.

Yours truly,



LEE H. HAMILTON, M. C.
Indiana, 9th District
(D-IND.)

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Honorable Lee Hamilton
Indiana Congressman - 9th District
House of Representatives
1107 Longworth Bldg.
Washington, D.C. 20515

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J. H. BAKER, M.C.

Dear Lee:

Lee, I am very concerned about organizations such as the one described in the article I am enclosing that appeared in the Indianapolis Star on Wednesday, March 18th. To me, we are having left wing organization striving to split any group they can in order to achieve their goals, which is entire anarchy.

Is it possible to find out the background of this Ministers Life and Casualty, Union of Ministers? It seems to me there must be an extremely large left wing Union oriented group causing all our unrest in this country.

Yours truly,

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Do Clergymen Need Labor Organization?

New York (CNS)—Clergymen are among the most economically depressed workers in America.

Although they receive special training for their work, often requiring more education than is required of an engineer or an accountant, their wages do not measure up even to those of the high school dropout who works as a mechanic.

Clergymen work long hours and take infrequent vacations and, because their incomes have not kept pace with inflation, they have had to go into debt to keep going.

Because most ministers live in homes provided by their churches, they must think about finding a place to which to retire. They have children to educate, emergencies to worry about and retirement before them, but there is little or no hope of saving for any of those.

THE WIVES of many ministers work to help make ends meet. Quite a few ministers themselves take moonlighting jobs so they can afford to continue serving the church.

These are some of the facts uncovered in a survey of clergy incomes in 20 Protestant denominations, ranging from the largest to some of the smallest.

The survey was conducted by the Department of Ministry of the National Council of Churches under a grant from the Ministers Life and Casualty Union of Minneapolis. It covered salaries paid ministers in 1968 and provided figures to compare with a similar study of 14 of the same church bodies made in 1963.

Andrew Robert, president of Ministers Life and Casualty and chairman of the survey advisory committee, said the denominations are expected to use the data in efforts to encourage higher ministerial salaries.

A far-reaching question was raised by the Rev. Edgar W. Mills and Miss Janet F. Mize of Washington, D.C., who conducted the survey for the National Council.

THEY POINTED out that the minister is the "last unorganized man" in the country, being unrepresented by a union or trade association to protect him from exploitation.

"He depends," they said, "upon the Christian spirit and fairness of the church. Does the church measure up to this trust?"

What the researchers were asking — and what clergymen themselves have been asking — is whether the time is ripe for the clergy to organize and make demands upon their employers — the churches.

"When it comes right down to it," they said, "the minister seldom feels free to press for an improvement in his financial situation. . . . Our churches do not believe in a celibate clergy. Yet they don't provide fully for the family man. Many ministers feel this keenly. Fifteen per cent believe salaries are too low in relation to the work expected. Seventy-one per cent say the same in relation to family needs."

HERE IS some of the evidence turned up in the survey: The incomes of clergymen are far below the average of most other professions and of many craftsmen and laborers. The median income for a full-time pastor in 1968 was \$1,077, including housing, salary, utilities, allowances and fees. The median for accountants was \$9,367; attorneys, \$15,253; and chemists, \$12,751.

The salaries of most ministers were below the "moderate" budget for a worker's family set by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

While most ministers felt they were underpaid, only one in 20 indicated he was thinking of leaving to make more money. "The willingness of dedicated men to live with an unsatisfactory situation appears in these data," the survey report said. "This commitment in spite of may not last indefinitely. However, even one-fourth of a nation's clergy regard inadequate income as a serious problem."

THE LUTHERAN church has the highest median income—\$10,112—while the Church of God's was the lowest, with \$5,639. One in every six Protestant clergymen received less than \$1,000 in 1968 and an equal number received more than \$10,000. The rest were in between.

Clergy income is highest in New England, second highest in the Far West and lowest in the South.

Nearly half the wives of ministers work, about twice as many as in 1963. Sixteen per cent of the ministers surveyed said they had taken outside jobs, many of them working more than 20 hours a week.

The day is gone when ministers can rely heavily on "hand-outs" from parishioners and others in the form of goods and services. Fees for pastoral services such as marriages, baptisms and funerals are often overestimated, with the median income per year from these sources being a mere \$168.

MORE THAN 25 per cent of the ministers reported that their personal debts had increased over the last five years and slightly more said they were in serious need of money.

Nearly 80 per cent of the ministers surveyed said that

after 25 years in the pulpit a minister should receive a cash salary of \$10,000 a year — but only 6.5 per cent got it today.

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Dear [REDACTED]

With respect to your letter of March 5th, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. Please do not infer either that we do or do not have data 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

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NOTE: Correspondent cannot be identified in Bufiles.

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March 5, 1970.

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

As a member of the Board of our local First Methodist Church here I have recently listened to considerable discussion concerning our Church affiliation with the National Council of Churches. Some of our members seem to feel that this organization has gotten too liberal, or radical, in some of its practices to the extent they do not want our Church to continue participating with them. With all of our other faults we still love our great Country, and our original Democratic system of Government, and with so many so called militant groups now trying to tear it apart, we just do not care to be associated with any group that is in any way questionable in any of its practices.

Our local Minister has just furnished me with a pamphlet issued by the Methodist Church apparently for the purpose of trying to answer questions raised by members of our Church and, as they say, give the facts concerning accusations of communist tinges, and other questionable manoeuvres, within this organization. On this pamphlet I find the following statement, "J. Edgar Hoover has exonerated the NCC completely when questioned concerning this organization".

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Now, since I have the utmost respect and confidence in, you and your organization I would like very much to have you confirm this statement to me direct. I do not like to appear as questioning our Church in any way but regret I have found that some of our Ministers seem to me to be either a little too politically liberal minded or else are fugitives from the true facts. Any information you can give me on this subject will be appreciated.

Thanking you for any trouble in connection with the above, I am
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Very Truly Yours, +

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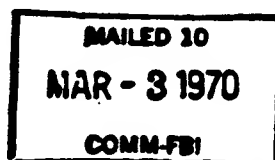
Dear [REDACTED]

I certainly appreciate the kind sentiments in your letter which was received on February 27th and I am pleased you found my book informative. You may also want to read my books, "A Study of Communism" and "J. Edgar Hoover on Communism." They may be available in your local library.

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

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles and the National Council of Churches is well known to the Bureau.

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Director - Federal Bureau of Investigation

Hon. Mr. Hoover:


Dear Sir,

Please answer one question for me: Is the
"National Council of Churches" a "leftest group? A very
concerned American



P. S.

I found your book, "Masters of Deceit," most
informative, reflecting the work of a dedicated American.
I pray for your continued good health.



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Director - Federal Bureau of Investigation

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February 26, 1970

Dear [REDACTED]

In reply to your letter of February 21st, with enclosures, information in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. Please do not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the National Council of Churches. I regret I cannot be of help to you in this instance.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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NOTE: The National Council of Churches is well known to the Bureau. Bufiles contain no information identifiable with correspondent. Enclosed were two copies of reprints from "Southern Farm Publications," 2012 Broadway, Nashville, Tennessee, entitled "Straight Talk" by Tom Anderson. These articles allege the National Council of Churches to be pro-communist.

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February 21, 1970

Gentlemen,

Some of our staff members here recently came across the enclosed expose of the National Council of Churches and its communist activities.

We want to know if the FBI and the Justice Department is aware of this situation. What is being done about it? What can be done about this hideous threat to our country?

Sincerely,

Public Information Office
Federal Bureau Of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

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ON NOVEMBER 29, 1960, in Cleveland, Ohio, one of the most powerful and stablest political organizations in the United States was formed: THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES.

The NCC "speaks for" over 4,000,000 people, a membership which gives it tremendous political power. This political power may very well enable it to control our entire economy, as suggested by Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, General Secretary of NCC's Big Brother, The World Council of Churches. You may rest assured, if this happens, our country will become Marxist.

Not only have these misguided churchmen, traitors or communist plants, at the same time been able to tell the big lie that the basis of Christianity is Marxism, but they have been successful in turning many ill-informed Americans against our fundamentalist Christians and anti-Communists.

The "modernist" Ecumenists are promoting a new social order, non-made, non-planned and controlled by men who have belonged to communist fronts, by men who have denounced many of the Scriptures and by men who have renounced Christ by denying His divinity, His miracles, His resurrection, His saving power and His promise of eternal life.

"Behold" Pike said "The betrayed the Trinity, the Virgin Birth and the incarnation." In His eternal wisdom, God recently betrayed His Holy Land from the grasp of Pike. And some well-meaning, non-communist church leaders have

and its cause must be fought not in people's churches, but in a disciplined conspiracy that uses the people to their own ending."

Many "modernists" demand that we deliver Christ, through the United Nations and the Supreme Court and in our schools and Big Brother "Christian" Churches. (The United Nations does open some sessions with a prayer, of course. The prayer is addressed "to whom it may concern".)

According to "Christianity Today," (October 13, 1967), Western Religious Strategist Jeffrey Hadden contacted 16,000 Protestant clergymen in the United States, asking them what they believed. Of the 16,000 inquiries, there were 7,661 replies. Tabulated results of this poll of 7,661 Protestant ministers is one of the most startling surveys I have ever read.

The ministers have asked the question "Do you believe in Jesus' physical resurrection from the grave in the same sense that you believe that Abraham Lincoln was assassinated?" In other words, do you believe that Jesus' resurrection is a historical fact? Fifty-five percent of the Methodist ministers in the United States said they could not accept Jesus' resurrection from the grave in his literal fact. Thirty percent of the Episcopal priests of America could not accept it, nor could 38% of the United Presbyterian ministers, 33% of the American Baptist preachers, 13% of the American Lutheran preachers, and 7% of the Missouri Synod Lutheran ministers.



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played a major role in postponing Christianity from the church.

For instance, the hatred of Capitalism and the vision of World Communism was clearly expressed by Dr. Leon Lee Holt, Bishop of the Methodist Church. His notorious words are "If first question should turn to a fuller gospel... It would seek the overthrow of the present capitalist system. There are those who feel that the profit motive is wrong and that there can never be happiness for mankind until the present economic system gives way to some cooperative scheme. It might mean revolution. There are those who who opposed to the use of force in international relations, would not hesitate to use force in the overthrow of an economic system which they regard as un-Christian and vicious."

He is as subtle as a viper with a 6-hour pass.

The first research director of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, Dr. J. B. Matthews, attended Union Theological Seminary and later Methodist's largest school, Boston University. Dr. Matthews was at first taken in by his leftist associates, but later saw the light and made amends. He testified that more than 8,000 clergymen and people affiliated with the clergy were deliberately helping the Communist cause. Most were not members but fellow travelers, front-men, who do most of the Communist dirty work.

John Webster said about 20 years ago: "The revolution through which we are now passing is not local but universal. It is not political but social. The nature of the new order is something far more than the old order of the past."

When asked if they believed in the virgin birth of Jesus Christ as a biological miracle, 66% of America's Methodist preachers and emphatically "no," as did 44% of the Episcopal priests, 60% of the Presbyterian ministers, 66% of the Baptist clergymen and 9% of the Lutheran ministers in the Missouri Synod, along with 10% of the American Lutheran ministers.

When asked if they believed in Satan and in the existence of demonic evil powers, 62% of the Methodist preachers said they did not believe in Satan or evil, as did 37% of the Episcopal priests, 47% of the Presbyterian clergy, 23% of the American Baptists, 14% of the American Lutherans, and 9% of the Missouri Synod Lutherans.

Perhaps the most startling result of this poll was this: When asked if they believed that the Bible is the inspired word of God, that is, if they personally accepted a nearly literal interpretation of the Bible, 82% of the Methodist preachers rejected the inspiration of the Bible, as did 88% of the Episcopal priests, 81% of the Presbyterian clergy and 67% of the American Lutheran clergy. In more testimony concerning activities of the Communist Party in the field of religion, Manning Johnson, former member of the Communist Party, USA, stated "The plan is to make communists the rank of a fund through which thousands of potential clergymen would have their carrying with them, in varying degrees, an ideology and their which would" all "be neutralizing the anti-Communist projects." This project was outlined

in "Beyond even Communist capitalism."

"This great project, a Negro, died mysteriously a few years later."

"I, Edgar Winter, his servant, 'Many Communist fronts have appeared under the guise of such church organizations or religious bodies. IT IS ESSENTIALLY TO SEE THE MONSTER ATHEISM BEING NOURISHED IN THE CHURCHES WHICH IT SEEMS TO DESTROY... Any minister who cannot find in the Bible sufficient arguments for the cause of liberty and social justice, who has to borrow the double-talk of the Communists, is in the wrong profession and should be carefully watched by his official superiors and his congregation."

Of course, all officials are not Communists, but all Communists are officials. An apostate preacher is a dead man who teaches atheism.

WHO BELONGS?

It is "most important to understand that no individual church is directly a member of the National Council of Churches. The NCC is a grouping of denominations. If your local church is a member of any one of the denominations listed below, then you are automatically one of the most evil, pro-Communist, anti-American pressure groups in America: African Methodist Episcopal Church, African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, American Baptist Convention, Antiochian Orthodox Catholic Archdiocese of Toledo, Dominican Republic, Armenian Church of America (including Diocese of Cal.), Christian Church, International Convention, Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, Church of the Brethren, Church of the New Jerusalem, Exarchate of the Russian Orthodox Church in North and South America, French United Methodist, Greek Archdiocese of North and South America, Hungarian Reformed Church in America, Lutheran Church in America, The Methodist Church in America, National Baptist Convention, National Baptist Convention of America, USA, Inc., Philadelphia Yearly Meeting of the Religious Soc. of Friends, Polish National Catholic Church of America, Presbyterian Church in the United States, Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc., Protestant Episcopal Church, Reformed Church in America, Romanian Orthodox Episcopate of America, Russian Orthodox Greek Catholic Church of America, Serbian Eastern Orthodox Church, Seventh Day Baptist General Conference, Syrian Antiochian Orthodox Church, Syrian (Orthodox) Church of Antioch, Ukrainian Orthodox Church in America, United Church of Christ, United Presbyterian Church of the USA, United Methodist Church.

More than 20 additional denominations, which are not members of the National Council of Churches, are active participants in some of its work and programs. NCC asks millions of dollars worth of Bibles, pamphlets and "Social Action" literature every year to millions of innocent susceptible Christians. Buying Christianity from 60¢ is like buying fast food from a fast food store.

Remember: Once the canal gate is fast inside the tent, it is only a matter of time until your denomination is pushed in and you are on the road to a One World "Marxist-Christian" Church!

Collectivism, whether secular or communist, is the method of the suppression of individual liberty. Men of the spirit, the other men, are corrupted by the much power. If we have "One World", it will be a slave world. If we have "One Church", the high priests will again have the "bible" at the altar.

The NCC is an unnecessary evil: a cynical concentration of anti-free world men by capitalism, administered by socialism, promoted by apostasy and dedicated to corrupting the USA into the USSR.

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KNOW your enemy! If you are a Christian-American, freedom-loving, patriot, one of your most dangerous enemies is the National Council of Churches.

The following objectives of the National Council of Churches also happen to be objectives of the American Communist party: (1) Plentiful abortions, (2) Deceitfulness, (3) Kill the proposed ABM system, (4) Ban nuclear testing, (5) Abolish loyalty-security laws and loyalty oaths, (6) Abolish all investigating committees on Communism, (7) Force racial integration, (8) Change the social order, using violence if necessary, (9) Move foreign aid to Communist countries, (10) Recognition of Red China, Cuba and East Germany, (11) Advance Marxist and anti-world propaganda efforts through the church, (12) Recruit for anti-work, anti-law, anti-lawlessness in political and labor movements, (13) End capital punishment, (14) Discredit J Edgar Hoover and the F.B.I., (15) Kill immigration and passport laws, (16) Chemistry for convicted spies, (17) Reconstruct religion on the basis of scientific materialism, (18) Remove restrictions on imports from Communist countries and on cultural exchange between the U.S. and the Soviet Union, (19) Promote sex education in churches, synagogues and schools, the press and networks.

(20) Adopt the "open society sociologically" (world socialism) and the "open society ideologically" (and all supernatural religion, especially Christianity), (21) Enforce "open housing" and the "closed shop" (compulsory labor union membership), (22) Oppose and discriminate

Harry F. Ward back around 1907. Dr. Ward was professor of Christian ethics at Union Theological Seminary in New York City, the largest seminary in this country. He had a record of more than 300 Communist affiliations and activities as listed by the House Committee on Un-American Activities. For 25 years or more, Dr. Ward arranged for young members of the Communist party to go through Union Theological Seminary on scholarships. They were graduates of this seminary occupy pulpits or teach in other seminaries, colleges and universities than the graduates of any other theological seminary.

Joseph Karolich, a member of the National Committee of the Communist Party, U.S.A., testified, under oath, that Dr. Ward attended the Lenin School in Moscow, and that Dr. Ward discussed with Stalin how to use the American clergy and the church to influence U.S. foreign policy and promote Communism. In 1907, Dr. Ward founded the Methodist Federation for Social Action, which was later listed as subversive in the U.S. government's book, "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications."

In other words, the Communists and the NCC are for destroying America, Capitalism and Christianity.

The NCC is exempt from federal taxation on the basis that it "shall not engage in influencing legislation or engage in lobbying." It is one of the most ruthless political forces and one of the most effective lobbyists in this country. So, the NCC is not only anti-Christ and anti-American, it is illegal.

People in NCC - belonging denominations

of the Communists is so-called "agitation ethics," meaning communication of all agitators. This would mean all big land-owners would be shot, and the government would own all land and all workers. What most of the enlightened, God-fearing clergy don't seem to realize is that most of them would be shot, too. It would be a tough law for our country—to law the landowners.

Los Angeles police chief Tom Raddick has revealed that the NCC has been giving funds to the Black Panthers and Students for a Democratic Society, both of which are actively engaged in violence.

At the nationwide Conference on Church and Society held in Detroit in 1967, under the auspices of the National Council of Churches, delegates urged the churches to become committed to the draft evasion and to sponsor a Vietnam general strike across the United States if the Vietnam war were escalated. They also depicted violence in Vietnam while justifying the sending of weapons and equipment to Viet inside the United States.

At this same conference, the anti-father of the National Council of Churches showed a film depicting the profile of a couple engaged in sexual intercourse, a stripper removing her clothes and gyrations of a topless dancer.

A psychologist and marriage counselor at a meeting of the Council of Churches in the First Church of Christ Congregational, Fairfield, Mass., stated: (1) Parents should encourage young children to teach their parents, (2) Putting through to organs is good for teenagers, (3) Sexual intercourse should start between consenting lovers at seventeen, eighteen or nineteen and (4) Couples should live together in total marriage before final marriage.

Incidentally, some knowledgeable people think the Catholic Church will join the NCC, as well as the World Council of Churches within a few years. This would indeed be pathetic. It is relatively easy for any informed, Christian Methodist to leave the United Methodist Church and join a fundamentalist, Christ-believing church such as Southern Methodist or the Independent Methodist Church or other fundamentalist denominations. But where can a Catholic go?

One good Christian friend of mine, who belongs to the same sophisticated, secular and rich Methodist church we formerly belonged to, stated that she is going to "say it and mean it." "How many souls have you saved?" we asked "None," she admitted. And she probably won't. Because most members go there to establish, or each others' new clothes and to "be." She could save souls by informing them to join a church which would teach them Christ.

What can you do? Christian bylaws who still believe in the Bible and in Jesus Christ, in spite of the National Council of Churches, can and should obey the scriptures: "Come out from among them, and be ye separate unto the Lord and touch not the unclean thing, and I will receive you." (II Cor. 6:17)

But there is not a fundamental, Bible-believing church in your community? Then start one! Your Spring-avenue, if Christ-centered, is a better church than is a denomination that belongs to the NCC. Christ did not advocate de-organization, membership or publishing houses. Christ didn't even start with groups. He dealt with individuals. He said: "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." (Matt. 18:20)



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oppose "imperialism," "radical rights" and anti-communism. (23) "New internationalism" to replace national sovereignty, (24) Take from the "haves" and give to the "have-nots" (land reform, guaranteed annual income, etc.), (25) For political and economic pressure on South Africa and Rhodesia, (26) Surrender American sovereignty to the Communist-dominated World Court, (27) Greatly strengthen the power of the United Nations, (28) Vastly increase the foreign aid program with no thought of whether any aid is to the best interest of the U.S.A., (29) Liberalize "welfare" laws, (30) Fixtures control, (31) Promote intermarriage of blacks and whites, (32) Remove all prayer and Bible reading from the public schools, (33) Advocate "education ethics" and free love, (34) Sponsor and train agitators for the invasion of some of our southern states, (35) Censorship of radio and TV with respect to "conservative" broadcasters like Carl McIntire, Don Minnie "Liberal," Tom Anderson, Don Street, Dr. Billy James Hogg.

How did the National Council of Churches come to this? What has happened to our churches? A good starting place would be with Dr. Stephen of the past are common ones: covetousness, pride, the spirit of a man.

who stipulates up their church donations that none of their money is to go to the NCC, are as foolish as people—if any—who tell the Internal Revenue Service that none of their income tax is to be used for foreign aid.

Last May 1, the NCC admitted that it collected \$24,819,000 during 1966 from American Christians, teachers and Socialists. The same Lord who said "go into all the world and spread the gospel" also said "Don't eat flesh but love one another."

As the church goes, so goes the nation. The National Council of Churches promotes Marxism. No Christian can follow both Christianity and Marxism.

Therevitably, if not theologically, the NCC "represents" 41 million Protestants. The hierarchy of the NCC hypocritically claims that it speaks to its 41 million members and not for them.

The NCC recently "spoke to" its 41 million members asking them to boycott California grapes, so Marxist leaders can get a stronghold on all grapes produced in California. This would be a giant first step toward extermination of all farm workers in this country. A major goal of Communism is to destroy the farm, the small town, the family, the church, the nation, the world.

From our 1-800 office, in some cities, 1-800

February 20, 1970

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Dear [REDACTED]

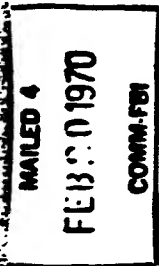
In reply to your letter of February 16th, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. Please do not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the National Council of Churches.

As a matter of policy, I do not make any recommendations concerning publications which have not been prepared by personnel of this Bureau. I regret I cannot be of help to you in this instance.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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February 16, 1970

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C. 20013

Dear Sir:

Our Bible study group is making a study on the National Council of Churches and we are hopeful that you can give us some information on their activities, groups they support, etc.

We have reports both condemning and conioning the council, but we are in need of some factual information on the subject.

We would appreciate it very much if you could give us the information you might have available and any other suggestions about locating other books or articles on the subject.

Thank you very much.

Yours truly

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CORRESPONDENCE

February 12, 1970

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Dear [REDACTED]

With respect to your letter of February 5th, the FBI did not issue the publication you are seeking, and I do not know where you might be able to secure a copy. I am sorry I cannot be of service to you in this instance.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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February 5, 1970.

J. Edgar Hoover,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington,
D. C. 20000

Dear Sir:

A few months back, I read a pamphlet in regards to
the National Council and World Council of Churches.

A friend of mine lent it to me to read, and it was
concerning its connection with the Communist Party.
I am very much interested in this as our church is
a member of the Council of Churches. No one seems
to be able to find this copy. If you know the in-
formation I am concerned about, would you kindly
sent it to me. Thank you very much.

Very truly yours,




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February 9, 1970

Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of February 2nd has been received.

In reply to your inquiries, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential pursuant to regulations of the Department of Justice. Please do not infer either that we do or do not have material in our files relating to the Church League of America or the National Council of Churches.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover,

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February 2, 1970

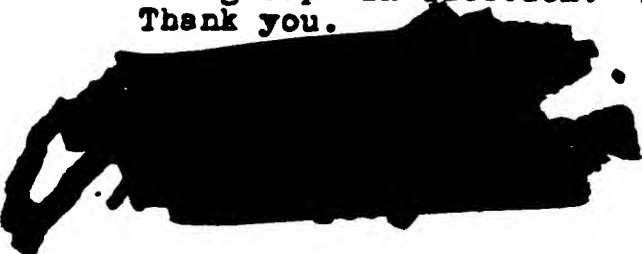
Office of the Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

SUBJECT: CHURCH LEAGUE OF AMERICAN and NATIONAL COUNCIL
OF CHURCHES

We have received some rather strongly worded literature from the Church League of America suggesting that the National Council of Churches is too politically oriented and is supporting ultra left-wing groups; is pro-communist or sympathetic toward them; and is attempting to influence the curriculum of our public schools away from any form of prayer. We were requested to make a financial contribution.

Can you please shed some light on these two organizations for us. We agree that the churches seem to be getting too "political," but we don't really know the truth about either group.

We are U.S. citizens, conservatives, and active locally in community affairs, but we can't get an evaluation of the two groups in question. Please help us if you can.
Thank you.



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January 28, 1970

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Dear [REDACTED]

With respect to your letter received on January 26th, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. Please do not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the National Council of Churches. I regret I cannot be of help to you.



Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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January 21, 1970

F.B.I.

9th St. and Pennsylvania Ave.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sirs:

I would appreciate all the information available concerning the policies and activities of the National Council of Churches.

If there is a charge, please send the material list with prices. Thank you in advance.

Yours truly,

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February 6, 1970

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~~TO: [REDACTED]~~
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Dear [REDACTED]

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With respect to your communication which I received on February 3rd, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. Please do not infer either that we do or do not have data 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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NOTE: The National Council of Churches is well-known to the Bureau. There is no record of correspondent in Bufiles. He enclosed a flier which attacks the National Council of Churches stating that it has the same objectives as the American Communist Party.

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January 28, 1970

J. Edgar Hoover, Administrator,
F.B.I, Department of Justice,
Washington, D.C.

My dear Sir:

The truth of this or the falsity has so much to
do with the school situation that we need an immediate investigation
to establish the truth or falsity of the charges. *Q*

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January 28, 1970.

J. Edgar Hoover, Administrator,
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February 3, 1970

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Dear [REDACTED]

In reply to the inquiry in your letter of January 27th, with enclosure, information contained in the files of the FBI 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 Church League of America. I regret I am unable to comment as you desire.

Sincerely yours,


J. Edgar Hoover

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COMM-FBI

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. He enclosed literature from the Church League of America. This organization has not been investigated by the Bureau.


January 27, 1970

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

I am enclosing a letter received from the below League
dated January 10, 1970 which is self-explanatory:

~~Church~~ League of America
122 North Prospect Street
Wheaton, Illinois 60187

Since the accusations contained in the letter are of a
serious nature, I would like to know what your file shows
about this organization.

Please also advise me as to the standing of the Church
League of America. You will note that the letterhead does
not identify members of the Board of Directors as to busi-
ness or professional connection or place of residence. Any
information you may be able to supply would be appreciated.

Yours very truly,


JL:ml

Enclosure

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CHURCH LEAGUE OF AMERICA

422 NORTH PROSPECT STREET • WHEATON, ILLINOIS 60187

January 10, 1970

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NATIONAL LAYMEN'S COUNCIL

Fellow American:

Did you know that the National Council of Churches may be using your name -- and your local church contributions -- to help support and pay for hundreds of ultra-liberal political activities?

Sound shocking? Unfortunately it is all too true.

Since it was founded, the "social reformers" who head up the National Council of Churches (NCC) have "claimed" to speak for over 42,000,000 church going Americans.

If you belong to one of the religious denominations listed in the enclosed brochure, the NCC is using your money and your name to finance left-wing political, social, and economic programs that have nothing to do with religion!

Here's how the National Council uses your local church membership: 33 Protestant and Orthodox communions, (including the United Methodist Church, the Protestant Episcopal Church, the Polish National Church in America, etc.) are "members" of the General Assembly of the National Council.

This General Assembly elects a General Board which meets three times a year. It's this Board -- a mere handful of people -- which says that you and 42,000,000 million other Americans ...

- 1) Want U.S. diplomatic recognition of Communist Cuba
- 2) Want Red China's entrance into the U.N.
- 3) Wanted to stop the installation of the Safeguard ABM missile
- 4) Support the radical labor organizer, Cesar Chavez, and the grape strike

National Council officials told Congress that you opposed legislation permitting prayer in public schools. They said you wanted to abolish 14B, the right to work law, which allows states to prohibit compulsory unionism if they want to.

Most of the NCC officials want sex education taught in the public schools. They want compulsory busing of public school children away from their local schools. The National Council also gives aid and comfort to other liberal extremists like Father Groppi, the Catholic priest who goes around burning draft board records.

Who pays the salaries of these officials? Who pays for their office staffs? Who pays for their Washington D.C. office which is used to lobby for socialistic legislation on Capitol Hill? YOU DO!

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Part of your church offering is paid to your religious denomination. Each member denomination, in turn, sends money to the National Council of Churches. The NCC uses the money to finance and support hundreds of left-wing groups like OPERATION CONNECTION, an organization that used part of its budget to finance the election of black officials in "target cities."

In 1968, the budget for the National Council was an enormous 24.8 million dollars!

The Council's latest outrage came last October in Indianapolis when it endorsed the principles of the Communist-endorsed "black manifesto" proposals by revolutionary leader, James Foreman. Foreman demanded 500 million dollars from churches in "reparations" due black Americans. If you and I don't pay off this extortion attempt, Foreman warned:

"But if the white Christians and Jews are not willing to meet our demands through peace and goodwill, then we will declare war and we are prepared to fight by whatever means necessary."

In response to this shocking demand the General Board of the National Council called for its member churches to give \$500,000 without any strings, to these radical groups bent on overthrowing this country! And if the money is paid, you will have helped pay for it!

And don't forget: The NCC is a dues-paying member of the World Council of Churches -- an organization that has sent aid to North Vietnam.

If you are shocked at what the National Council is doing with your name and money, then join with us -- the CHURCH LEAGUE OF AMERICA.

The Church League of America is composed of a distinguished group of clergy and laymen concerned about "collectivistic" propaganda infiltrating every phase of American life, especially through the pulpit, seminary and church publications.

When the League was founded in Chicago, in 1937, it was decided to set up a research staff and analytical educational foundation for the purpose of gathering all possible evidence on how alien forces were subverting religious and educational institutions.

Today, the J.B. Matthew's research library of our League attracts scholars from all over the world to examine thousands of left-wing and Communist documents, books and periodicals.

The Church League carefully documents through our research staff all the activities of the left-wing, including the National Council of Churches. In fact, we have the largest research library on left-wing activities outside the FBI's files.

The Church League of America has now launched a nationwide grassroots campaign to protest the political activity of the National Council of Churches.

Help us expose the NCC for what it really is: A leftist group operating behind the facade of religion, and violating the historic principle of separation of church and state.

Here's how you can help.

continued...

I've enclosed a petition card for your use. Please sign it, and mail it to me in the enclosed envelope, today. By doing so, you will join a COMMITTEE OF ONE MILLION TO PROTEST THE POLITICAL ACTIVITIES OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES.

The effect of this protest will be staggering. It will show the NCC that Americans reject their political activities, and it will show the nation's press, radio and TV that millions of church-going laymen and clergy are opposed to the National Council of Churches.

We must expand our speakers' bureau -- put more men on the road visiting thousands of local churches to tell the truth about the NCC. We must write and contact thousands of clergy and active laymen. Thousands of these people are completely unaware of what the NCC is doing.

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Enclosed is a reply envelope. Any contribution will be deeply appreciated -- and it will go directly into the fight against the NCC. And remember: Your contribution is fully tax-deductible.

Sincerely yours,

Edgar C. Bundy
Major Edgar C. Bundy
Executive Secretary

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Enclosure

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P.P.S. If you want more pledge cards for your friends and neighbors, please write me and I'll send more to you.

REC 14

100-50869-1705

January 28, 1970

[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

In response to the inquiries in your communication of January 22nd, 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 assure you, however, that I have not made any statements regarding this organization.

MAILED 21
JAN 28 1970
COMM-FBI

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: The National Council of Churches is well known to the Bureau. The enclosed brochure states, "J. Edgar Hoover has exonerated the NCC completely when questioned concerning this organization." Bufiles show no record of [REDACTED]

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Handwritten notes and signatures:
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Director of Federal Bureau
of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I have deep respect for the highest law enforcement
United States and especially for Mr. Hoover, who has led
tion through several decades of service. Also, I feel that
who live in my area have great respect for the work of the
Bureau of Investigation.

Since you are a highly accepted voice of authority in our country,
I am writing you in reference to the National Council of Churches.
I am the pastor of a five hundred member congregation of United Methodist Church.
I feel a great responsibility in my ministry to these people and
then to be supplied with the truth.

You will find enclosed a brochure on the National Council of
Churches published by the Methodist Church. I have marked in the brochure
the data that was supposed to come from the Federal Bureau of
Investigation. I simply want to know if this is correct. And I would
appreciate any further comments about the National Council of Churches
that would be of value to me and my church in knowing the truth about
this organization.

Respectfully,

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100-50861

Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of January 24th has been received and I certainly appreciate your kind comments concerning my work.

While I would like to be of assistance to you, it is contrary to my long-standing policy to furnish the type of advice you requested. I regret I cannot be of help to you in this instance.


Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Bufiles contain no information identifiable with correspondent. The Church League of America has not been investigated by the Bureau.

100-50861

TRUE COPY


Jan 24, 1970

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

Dear Sir,

This is my first letter to you and I am ashamed of that, but even so, my confidence in your work has been strong through the years, and we, my husband & I, feel you have done everything in your power to protect us from our common enemies. Thank you.

In the mail today we received a most disturbing report from the "Church League of America" concerning the support the National Council of Churches is giving subversive groups in the U. S. and how it is this group which is bowing the knee to the demands of the subversives. We know in general that the NCC has long departed from New Testament Christianity and principles and has been a target of our "enemy." but are shocked to learn to what extent this union has gone.

The League has asked us on the other side to sign (name, address etc) a PETITION protesting the political activities of the N.C.C. and to end its false claims they represent 40 mil. church people.

My question is: is it even safe to sign anything by name to the N.C.C. under these circumstances? Will it do any good? *dic*

Thank you for listening. We do want to do what we should to protect our country, churches and future generations from the blight of Communism.

Sincerely concerned


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EX-105

January 27, 1970

REC 45

100-50769-1764

Dear [REDACTED]

In response to the inquiries in your communication of January 21st, 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. I regret I cannot be of assistance to you in this instance.

MAILED 21

JAN 27 1970

-COMM-FBI

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Correspondent cannot be identified in Bufiles. The National Council of Churches and the World Council of Churches are well-known to the Bureau.

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[REDACTED]
January 21, 1970 JP.

Federal Bureau of Investigation
9th St. and Pennsylvania Ave. N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20535

Gentlemen:

I am enclosing a letter I received and would like to know if the statements contained here in concerning the funds of the United Methodist Churches are true and that they contribute to the National Council of Churches and the World Council of Churches.

I am of the opinion that both the National Council of Churches and the World Council of Churches, named in the enclosure, are actively supporting the radical and left wing movements.

Am I correct in this assumption that these organizations (N. C. C. and W. C. C.) are subversive and detrimental to our form of government?

I have for several years made contributions to the building fund and to the budget of my church and I don't wish to continue making contributions that eventually will find its way to the support of such movements. R

This is my reason for making this inquiry.

I would appreciate any and all information pertaining to this matter.

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Respectfully,

[REDACTED]
January 28, 1970

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CORRESPONDENCE

CHURCH LEAGUE OF AMERICA

422 NORTH PROSPECT STREET • WHEATON, ILLINOIS 60187

January 10, 1970

Fellow American:

Did you know that the National Council of Churches may be using your name -- and your local church contributions -- to help support and pay for hundreds of ultra-liberal political activities?

Sound shocking? Unfortunately it is all too true.

Since it was founded, the "social reformers" who head up the National Council of Churches (NCC) have "claimed" to speak for over 42,000,000 church going Americans.

If you belong to one of the religious denominations listed in the enclosed brochure, the NCC is using your money and your name to finance left-wing political, social, and economic programs that have nothing to do with religion!

Here's how the National Council uses your local church membership: 33 Protestant and Orthodox communions, (including the United Methodist Church, the Protestant Episcopal Church, the Polish National Church in America, etc.) are "members" of the General Assembly of the National Council.

This General Assembly elects a General Board which meets three times a year. It's this Board -- a mere handful of people -- which says that you and 42,000,000 million other Americans ...

- 1) Want U.S. diplomatic recognition of Communist Cuba
- 2) Want Red China's entrance into the U.N.
- 3) Wanted to stop the installation of the Safeguard ABM missile
- 4) Support the radical labor organizer, Cesar Chavez and the grape strike

National Council officials told Congress that you opposed legislation permitting prayer in public schools. They said you wanted to abolish 14B, the right to work law, which allows states to prohibit compulsory unionism if they want to.

Most of the NCC officials want sex education taught in the public schools. They want compulsory busing of public school children away from their local schools. The National Council also gives aid and comfort to other liberal extremists like Father Groppi, the Catholic priest who goes around burning draft board records.

Who pays the salaries of these officials? Who pays for their office staffs? Who pays for their Washington D.C. office which is used to lobby for socialistic legislation on Capitol Hill? YOU DO!

continued...

ENCLOSURE

100-50169-1764

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

per C. Bundy

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NATIONAL LAYMEN'S COUNCIL

Part of your church offering is paid to your religious denomination. Each member denomination, in turn, sends money to the National Council of Churches. The NCC uses the money to finance and support hundreds of left-wing groups like OPERATION CONNECTION, an organization that used part of its budget to finance the election of black officials in "target cities."

In 1968, the budget for the National Council was an enormous 24.8 million dollars.

The Council's latest outrage came last October in Indianapolis when it endorsed the principles of the Communist endorsed "black manifesto" proposals by revolutionary leader, James Foreman. Foreman demanded 500 million dollars from churches in "reparations" due black Americans. If you and I don't pay off this extortion attempt, Foreman warned:

"But if the white Christians and Jews are not willing to meet our demands through peace and goodwill, then we will declare war and we are prepared to fight by whatever means necessary."

In response to this shocking demand the General Board of the National Council called for its member churches to give \$500,000 without any strings, to these radical groups bent on overthrowing this country! And if the money is paid, you will have helped pay for it!

And don't forget: The NCC is a dues-paying member of the World Council of Churches -- an organization that has sent aid to North Vietnam.

If you are shocked at what the National Council is doing with your name and money, then join with us -- the CHURCH LEAGUE OF AMERICA.

The Church League of America is composed of a distinguished group of clergy and laymen concerned about "collectivistic" propaganda infiltrating every phase of American life, especially through the pulpit, seminary and church publications.

When the League was founded in Chicago, in 1937, it was decided to set up a research staff and analytical educational foundation for the purpose of gathering all possible evidence on how alien forces were subverting religious and educational institutions.

Today, the J.B. Matthew's research library of our League attracts scholars from all over the world to examine thousands of left-wing and Communist documents, books and periodicals.

"The Church League carefully documents through our research staff all the activities of the left-wing, including the National Council of Churches. In fact, we have the largest research library on left-wing activities outside the FBI's files.

The Church League of America has now launched a nationwide grassroots campaign to protest the political activity of the National Council of Churches.

Help us expose the NCC for what it really is: A leftist group operating behind the facade of religion, and violating the historic principle of separation of church and state.

Here's how you can help.

I've enclosed a petition card for your use. Please sign it, and mail it to me in the enclosed envelope, today. By doing so, you will join a COMMITTEE OF ONE MILLION TO PROTEST THE POLITICAL ACTIVITIES OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES.

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REC-28

100-50869-1763 January 22, 1970

Dear [REDACTED]

With respect to your letter of January 15th, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. Please do not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the National Council of Churches. I regret I cannot be of help to you in this instance.

Enclosed is some literature on the general subject of communism which I hope will be of interest. In addition, if you have not already done so, you may wish to read my books, "Masters of Deceit," "A Study of Communism" and "J. Edgar Hoover on Communism." Copies may be available at your local library.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (3)

An Analysis of the New Left: A Gospel of Nihilism
Forward to Chaos - Or The New Left In Action
Director's testimony 4-17-69 re Communist, Racial and Extremist Groups

NOTE: There is no record of correspondent in Bufiles.

DMW:mrw (3)

mrw

F.B.I.
Washington D.C.

1/15/70

Dear Mr. Hoover,

I wish to write only briefly to ask a favor of you. I am a loyal American Citizen, and I am a Preacher of the Gospel. Within both fields I have had reason for much concern. My concern has centered around the Communist threat to our nation and our faith. I would like to know what your records show concerning the Communist use of religion. Is there a report that you have made concerning this matter? My thoughts have centered upon the National Council of Churches of America. To what extent has this organization been infiltrated - what does your records show concerning this matter. Do you know the number of clergymen who are affiliated with Communist Front organizations? What about our schools of religion? Any reports that you have written upon these subjects I would appreciate being able to read them. It is my sincere desire and aim to inform people about the dangers of Communism (and all evils of our day) and direct them to the Bible as the answer to these evils. (Prov. 14:34).

I truly appreciate your answer to this query.

JAN 26 1970

Sincerely yours,

"THE CHURCHES OF CHRIST SALUTE YOU"
ROMANS 15:16

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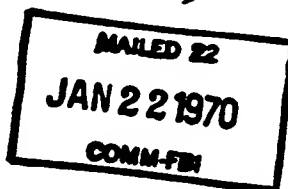
Dear [REDACTED]

With respect to your communication received on January 19th, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. Please do not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the National Council of Churches. I regret I cannot be of help to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director



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Dear Sir,

I would like to have information concerning any officials of the National Council of Churches and their affiliation with the Communist party either here in U.S. or other countries.

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January 16, 1970

AIRMAIL

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Dear [REDACTED]

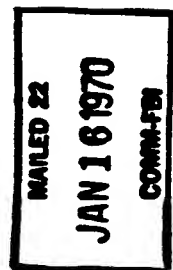
Your letter, with enclosure, was received on January 14th. In reply to your inquiries, information in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have material in our files relating to the National Council of Churches.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Bufiles contain no information identifiable with correspondent. Her enclosure is a stamped, self-addressed envelope which is being utilized in this reply.



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January 8, 1970

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

It just recently came to my attention that our church may join the National Council of Churches, and I was informed that the National Council of Churches has communistic leanings. I would greatly appreciate any information you would be able to give me regarding this.

Are there known communists as leaders in the organization??
Are monies received used to promote communistic activities??

I have enclosed a self-addressed envelope for your convenience.
Thank you.

Very truly yours,

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January 15, 1970

REC-6

100 - 50869-1700

Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter was received on January 13th.

In response to your inquiry, information in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. Please do not infer either that we do or do not have data 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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NOTE: Bufiles contain no information identifiable with correspondent. The National Council of Churches is well known to the Bureau.

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Jan. 8. 1970

J. Edgar Hoover
F. B. I.
Washington, D. C. 20000

Dear Mr. Hoover


I would like any information or ^{literature} literature you could send me, about The National Council of Churches. Our church wants to make a study on the Pro, and con of the N. C. C.

So any thing you could send would be greatly appreciated.

Thanks.

Sincerely


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Jan 8. 1970

J. Edgar Hoover
F. B. I.

Washington, D. C. 20000

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I would like any information
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So anything you could send would
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Thanks.

Sincerely
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REC-94

100-50869-1699

January 9, 1970

Dear [REDACTED]

With respect to your letter of January 4th, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. Please do not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the National Council of Churches. I regret I cannot be of help to you.

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COMM-FBI

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Bufiles reveal prior cordial correspondence with [REDACTED] Last outgoing, 5/26/58, concerning an article he forwarded on the topic of christianity vs. communism.

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,

0 Dear Sir I would like some information about the
National Council of Churches.

When they want to admit Red China to the U.N.,
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and help the draft dodgers. Are they Communistic?

Yours truly,

J

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a letter from Home

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover.

Dear Sir I would like some information about the National Council of Churches.

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Yours truly,

[REDACTED]

ack/nml
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CORRESPONDENCE

102

January 7, 1970

REC-19

100-50869-1698

[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

In reply to the inquiries in your letter which I received on January 5th, 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

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NOTE: The National Council of Churches is well known to the Bureau. Our files contain no information identifiable with correspondent.

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[Handwritten signatures and initials: "paper", "TEB/a", "D.", "J. Edgar Hoover"]

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am concerned about the resolution passed by the National Council of Churches on Dec. 5th 1969 wherein they proposed to give assistance to military deserters and draft evaders. aw

Various publications and pamphlets over a period of time have indicated their actions have Communist leanings. I would appreciate your advising your opinion of the National Council of Churches and if possible give me specific examples of actions that indicate or show such leanings.

Should you need reference on me before supplying such information please contact Congressman John Dellenback of Oregon.

I would appreciate an early reply.

CURRENT AFFAIRS

Very truly yours

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FMG:bx
1-7-70

January 7, 1970

REC-23/100 - 50869 - 1697

Dear [REDACTED]

With respect to your letter of December 29th and the enclosed material, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. Please do not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the National Council of Churches.

I certainly appreciate your generous comments concerning my direction of the FBI and I am grateful for your expression of best wishes. I regret I cannot be of help to you in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

MAILED 24

JAN - 7 1970

COM: NOTE: Bufiles reveal correspondent was an unsuccessful Bureau applicant due to his draft status in 1942. He has written on a number of occasions offering information. Enclosed were a pamphlet, "Toward Spiritual Renewal," and a reprint of an article critical of the National Council of Churches, which is well known to the Bureau.

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December 29, 1969

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

My dear Mr. Hoover:

Through the years I have been a constant admirer of you, and have been with you in your efforts to save America. I have read and own your book, Masters of Deceit.

Enclosed is an article by a Patriot and Christian man showing how the Communist National Council of Churches has gone along with every thing the Commies want.

Also, enclosed is a little booklet put out by a branch of the Methodist Church. On page 20 you will find where the writer says "The spirit of Capitalism must be destroyed."

A recent article in Christianity Today told of their polling of 10,000 Protestant preachers on three questions. Eight-seven percent of the Methodist preachers said the Bible was not divine. Fifty one percent of the same preachers couldn't accept the doctrine that Christ was born of a Virgin. Fifty-two percent said He didn't physically arise from the grave. So you can see how the Commies through Harry Ward in the National Council of Churches has done a marvelous job of killing God and crucifying Christ a thousand times more.

I wish it were possible for you to tell the nation in a televised speech how the National Council of Churches is destroying God in America. However, such falling away from God is the prophecy of what will happen in the latter days.

Wishing you many years of your patriotic life and great work, I am

Sincerely yours,

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No other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Let each man take care how he builds upon it.—I Corinthians 3:11, 10

No one can responsibly deny the crucial nature of our times. There are several systems of atomic annihilation already at hand. We are manufacturing pilotless planes to carry destruction by means of germ or chemical warfare. The small nations may soon possess atomic weapons with a high probability of their early use. In the meantime we suffer internal paralysis of will to cope effectively with our situation while all the time moral rot is eating away the foundations of our civilization.

We need the church to lead us toward spiritual renewal, but first the church must itself experience a new Pentecost. As early as Paul's time, as shown by First Corinthians 16, Pentecost was a day on the church calendar. Today we need to put it once more

at a foremost place not only in our church calendar but in our total lives. Pentecost transforms all of life. Emphasis on the Spirit in salvation and sanctification apart from man's total life in society and nature becomes false pietism. We can use our heritage to make holy history for today if we take with full seriousness God's invitation to spiritual renewal.

I

Through the Individual

Our text affirms that the foundation for such renewal is laid once for all in Jesus Christ, but that each person must continually take care how he builds on it. Spiritual renewal can come only as individual members of the church become renewed.

In our home where my wife is a Yankee and I am Swedish born there is a saying, "Don't be a Swede!" My wife, generalizing, I am sure, on too small a basis for judgment, has the idea that Swedes take things personally. Be that as it may, I want each of you to take your religion personally. You can join me in the blessed privilege, not of being Swedish, but of taking your Christian faith personally.

Augustine spoke of God as caring for all as though they were each one and as caring for each one as though he were all. Whitehead defined religion as what each individual does with his own solitariness. The Negro spiritual we all know: "It's me, it's me, O

Lord, standing in the need of prayer." There is no divided responsibility in faith. Each person must take care how he builds on the one and only foundation; for spiritual renewal comes through him.

Will you, then, take trust personally? Will you stop trying to become good and let God remake you? Will you give the Holy Spirit a chance? Moralism kills the church. It quenches the Spirit. The early Methodists, for instance, feared "salvation by works" like the plague. To depend on works is to court self-righteousness and to block spiritual renewal.

Christ is the only foundation. We build in trust because of the grace of God. If the church is to experience renewal it must regain the vision and experience of God's grace. We used to sing:

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!

Whatever shortcomings John Newton's life had, in this hymn he has struck the bedrock of Christian experience: the grace of God in Christ.

When you take trust personally God changes your life by his grace, but more than that, you become a channel for spiritual renewal. This world is like a human body where all the cells are interrelated. Push the hypodermic needle in the arm and the bloodstream carries the toxin-antitoxin to heal the diphtheria throat. The whole world is related through God's presence in creation in such a way that every part is related to all the rest.

I should like to repeat Teilhard de Chardin's word of hope on this point, namely, that "immensity represents the action common to all atoms. The volume of each of them is the volume of the universe. The atom is no longer the microscopic, closed world we have imagined to ourselves. It is the infinitesimal center of the world itself."

So it is. The problem of affecting the world, therefore, is not a matter of time and space so much as the quality of the life we live.

What matters most is the kind of faith we have. When we open up heedlessly in full trust to the grace of God for spiritual renewal, there is no limit to what God can do through us to change the world. "God is able to make all grace to abound" not only to us but just as much through us for spiritual renewal.

Will you also take prayer personally? Stop saying prayers and begin to pray. Saying prayers is second-hand praying. When you pray your whole being relies on God and within that relationship the Holy Spirit

prompts your prayer. Prayer is the full acceptance of God's will. It is losing one's life to find it in God. It is creative passivity. It is finding the power to belong to true community and to live in line with our destiny.

Prayer is at the same time our identification with the whole world. It is our unreserved involvement in the world's problems and pains, its hopes and attainments for its inclusive and concrete good. Prayer is our participation in the world's life at its center where decisions are made and where the results must be met. The praying person becomes a link between God and man, God's channel through our freedom where his grace can flow into the world's fulfillment.

Prayer is basically our resting in God. God's rest stimulates the world's work. God's silence speaks potently in the midst of the world's shouting. God's quiet Spirit writes the most constraining letters. We have tried too long to live without prayer, to work without prayer, to rest without prayer. Prayer is the power of God's presence for the world in the midst of its turmoils, dissolving false tensions and creating constructive endeavor. Try prayer through trust. God will not fail you.

Will you also take witnessing personally? Try to witness by your own struggle and meet your own defeat. Try to witness by trusting and what you become will thunder God's presence. Christ claimed to be the truth. He linked truth with a way and a life.

Try walking in the way of trust and living within the reality of prayer and you will find that God's presence in you cannot be hid. Your heart will be full of God's presence and you cannot help both doing and speaking the truth.

Bishop James A. Pike has written a book, *Doing the Truth*. Truth is doing. But it is a matter of doing only if it is prompted by God's being in us. When God is in us our actions conform to Christian standards. Christian life is a matter of character but of character moved by concern. Christian "doing the truth" is conduct motivated by compassion. Doing Christ's truth is character in the service of community. Unless we live according to Christian principles we shall neither be nor do the truth, but Christian principles are love's directives in unlimited openness to the joys and sorrows of others.

When witnessing is first by being and then by doing, our saying also becomes genuine. Then our words stop being empty and false. Then our whole selves speak and our neighbors are truly addressed. The world has stopped listening because most speech is self-protective and self-promoting. The world's words center in the self no matter how much that self may then pretend interest in others.

When we speak in the words given by the Holy Spirit we speak in the demonstration of the authenticity that results from a full union of being, doing, and speaking the truth. Will you stop letting the

preacher be the only constant witness—and that all too often from a safe pulpit and hid behind clerical garb? Will you in the ordinary ways of life find a way of letting God witness through you, even through your failures, even through your stuttering and stammering his truth?

Spiritual renewal can come only when an aroused laity will become God's constant medium for witnessing to the reality and relevance of the Gospel. The Gospel alone fully fits the world's needs.

II

Through the Family

Spiritual renewal must also come through the Christian family. Let each family see how it builds on the only foundation for spiritual renewal, even Jesus Christ, the Son of God's love. The family obviously cannot take the place of any person. In God's wisdom no person or group can take the place of anyone else. Salvation is both corporate and personal. But the family occupies a place of peculiar importance in God's dispensation, standing as it does between the individual person and the inclusive fellowship of the church. The family is God's intensive mode of community where the ultimate and the intimate meet.

The family is the world in miniature. In the family come together man's main concerns. The spiritual and the social, the economic and the political struc-

tures and functions of the family resemble, on a small scale, the problems of the world. The family is the testing ground for life in the large. Whoever can solve his problems genuinely within the family will seldom fail in the world. Whatever family can exhibit its overcoming of the world within itself can the most fully help that world.

Peculiarly enough, the family is a constant unity of human community. Its forms may vary but its intimate nature and function in human society remain the same. Man's general community in human history has changed from early tribal relations to modern man's consciousness of world responsibility. Wider and wider has grown the human community in history. But the family base has secured man's permanence of relationships. God has a special purpose for the family.

We are all born in a family and reared in a family. Our affections are colored for life within our family living. To change the world we must change the family. Without change at the center of life's beginning and growth there will be no effective change anywhere else. Our mothers are the most strategic people for letting God's new age come. Don't ever say, "I'm only a housewife." No, homemaker. No, much more, you are the mother of humanity.

For God to become real and for spiritual renewal to go deep we need parents who care enough for their children to put first things first. To live for God and

the world in the family by living for each member of the family, and for the family as a community, is life's central task. The inner circle of human community is constantly the family. Change the family and we change the world. Win the family for Christ and the world will find him, too.

The family judges us most searchingly, but it is also the place where we can become the most effective. It is impossible to fool the family. You may be a hero to multitudes and looked down on by your own family. They may know you are sham. Or you may be a monster to countless people through false propaganda, while your own family who knows you loves and admires you. Will you become genuine in your spiritual renewal in the face of your family?

I remember attending the funeral of one of America's spiritual leaders. In the family car following the hearse an important guest was tactless enough to ask a teen-age daughter of the deceased whether her father at home was really such a saint as he was hailed. Without hesitation, in a painful hour of her life, she replied tenderly, "He was no more than average." Our children know us more deeply than our reputation, be it good or bad!

Over and over again I keep repeating to myself the saying reported to me of a sociologist to the effect that two or three genuinely committed people could change a church. Jesus said that where two or three are gathered in his name he himself will be in their

midst. What cannot a family do if it becomes possessed through and through by the Holy Spirit? We cannot control the world. Can the family be persuaded to make completely central to its life this task of spiritual renewal? Will you take the spiritual dare and try changing your church by making it your priority as a family through trust, prayer, and witness?

God's judgment and God's grace can combine in your family to produce an inaugurated eschatology. By this I mean a fragment of the fulfilled future. God came in Christ to create a new community to the end of the world and to the end of time. He can do an unbelievable job in your family if you let him.

I feel myself both more judged and more rewarded by God's grace in the family than anywhere else. I am not worthy of the kind of family I have received. But one thing I know. If I had lived God's love more trustingly and more genuinely there is no limit to what God could have done in such a family as mine. More and more I acknowledge God's reality and increasingly at the same time I confess my own failure. Will you join me in making the priority of family life the spiritual renewal of the church?

Our concern is with spiritual renewal. The family must take its full part in this concern. It can do so only within the grace of God. Only the family trusting the grace of God can play its part in the renewal of the church. It must be a worshiping family. Family worship for me is high celebration. In the family in

which I was brought up the worship of God was central. My parents perhaps had many failings, but they never failed us in the seriousness with which they took family worship.

In our own experience as a family we have lived around the family altar. How good it is to start the day together singing great Christian hymns, reading the Bible together, and praying aloud, one and all, for God's will in the world and for the meeting of our own needs in God's way.

Will you join us in building a family altar, and, if you have one, in putting more fuel on the fire? Begin where you are. Make a church in your own house. That is biblical. If you cannot all pray aloud, why not begin with using *The Upper Room* or some other daily devotional guide. Read and sing and pray as you can and as you grow.

If you make such family worship life's primary appointment you will find life in the family transformed by it. Of course, the children like to sleep on Saturday mornings or when they are home from school or college on vacation. If the prayers are real, however, they will rejoice in a family that thinks enough of its worship to get them up for it. Don't be inflexible, of course; prove sometimes that you are not legalistic about it. Don't let devotions degenerate to a duty. How you carry on such worship depends on you, but you can't help the family more than by making its worship central.

Worship together depends on the strength of your personal prayer life. You cannot rest your personal prayer life on that of the family. Will you learn to pray faithfully for the other members of the family? In prayer you enter imaginatively into their lives; you pray for grace to let them live their own lives in fellowship, you grope for ways of helping them without intruding in their lives.

What a difference such praying for the other members of the family makes! How significantly you enter into their lives. How willingly you let them alone to grow and learn when that is best for them. How the problems and projects of each becomes a family concern.

No one lives lonely any more. How easily all members of the family can share their joys in a circle of primary support and not of primary competition. The deepest drives of life can find discipline and direction within family living if each member is continually supported by common prayers and individual prayers in humble acceptance and concern for each and all.

The family can be an unparalleled gift from God. If the world passes you by or hurts you in your deepest longings, you are still buoyed up and steadied by family love. The Christian family lives for God's will in the whole world as it enters into God's love for his whole family of man. The local Christian family becomes part of the church family without boundaries,

and having turned toward God, it turns back by his grace to face with arms wide open the needs of the neighborhood and of the world. Family prayers range from God to all the world and down to the smallest immediate need.

What matters the most is where your treasure is. If your treasure is steadily God's longing for spiritual attainment for his whole world, your family life becomes lifted and led to that end. If you are to take your task of spiritual renewal with full seriousness, you must make decisive the spiritual renewal of your own family.

Will you let God renew his church and help to turn world history through your family? Don't keep the Father waiting. Bless him now by your firm and lasting decision.

III

Through the Church

But personal and family renewal are not enough. We are speaking of spiritual renewal in Christian terms. This means the renewal of God's people, of the church, of Christ's body. Spiritual renewal involves letting Christ be Lord. He must become the effective head of the church. Our aim is to renew the church of God and through it to offer the world a new chance for civilization.

When God renews his people he makes them see

what the true nature of the church is. The church is founded on Christ. Our text is plain: there is no other foundation on which to build. The only foundation is Christ and Christ is nothing less than God's presence on earth in human form. Christ is God incarnate. Christ is the Word made flesh.

The church is likewise God's presence on earth in the Christian community. The church is not primarily sociological but theological. It is not only God's work but his presence; it is not only his representative but his own dwelling among men. To be sure, the church does not have the same power over sin that Jesus did. How utterly far the church falls short of the glory of God! Christ was in Jesus pre-eminently and organically. But unless God is the head of the church there is no church, for Christ alone can be the head of the church, and Christ is God's presence on earth.

Jesus Christ by being God's holy love on earth founded the church. Jesus Christ by teaching God's unlimited, outgoing love founded the church. Jesus Christ by establishing a community within his love and through the power of the resurrection founded the church.

He gathered a human community, a group of followers, a band of wandering disciples, but nothing could withstand the community where all had the same care for one another and where the whole community preached the Gospel to the ends of the world. Jesus Christ is the head of the church because God's

presence found power in him for the open, inclusive, concerned community. The Christian church is the community of God's ever-faithful love living for the whole world and to the end of earthly time.

The head of the church is Christ. In the body God works through the Holy Spirit. Christ is the unity of God's love above and for the church. The Holy Spirit is the diversity of God's love in the unity of the common body. Thus God comes into the church both through Christ the head and through the Holy Spirit, his corporate presence. The church was founded on Pentecost by the presence and power of the Holy Spirit. The disciples waited in Jerusalem for the return of their Lord. He came as head of the church to his body, the church, by the reality and work of the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit guided the original church and made it grow. God gave the increase. Therefore the early church celebrated Pentecost. Neither Christmas nor Easter is mentioned as such in the New Testament. They came to be celebrated a good deal later, but already in First Corinthians 16, as we saw, Pentecost is mentioned as a date on the calendar. Please ponder this fact. Relive it.

We shall have no renewal of the church till we declare Christ to be Lord, but we can do so only in the power of the Holy Spirit. What is lacking today is the reality and power of the Holy Spirit. We shall not have spiritual renewal until we, too, wait in prayer

for our Lord. When he comes he will come with Pentecost, with his glorious power in the church testifying to the head of the church, the living Christ.

All talk about Christ is the mumbling of clichés until the Holy Spirit possess us and use us. Let us wait in trust for the Holy Spirit to create us a community of grace. Let us wait in trust for the Holy Spirit to empower us in life and teaching. Let the Word and Sacrament be no longer rites to dull the Spirit but celebrations of the living Christ within the presence and power of the Holy Spirit.

I have a concrete suggestion to this end. We must restore core-Christianity, through intimate life and worship in small groups. A peculiarly powerful historical case in hand is the original Methodist Class Meeting. The power of yesterday's church was the prayer meeting. It was the thermometer of the life of the church. But many modern changes in life have killed the prayer meeting. To some extent the death of the prayer meeting signifies the death of vital personal faith sufficiently general to sustain such an act of regular worship. From another angle our knowledge of psychology and our changed sociological conditions have caused the demise of the prayer meeting. Most of us believe it can hardly be revived for our churches in its original form.

Nevertheless we need the more intimate form and power of the faith. How can we get it? Some try study groups, some discussion groups, some social gatherings,

some prayer partners. The Methodist Class Meeting combined the need for small groups in worship, in prayer, in study, in discipline, and in confession. For a few glorious months I participated in such a group in England among Methodists with a Primitive Methodist background. In it I knew the warmth of intimate fellowship, the openness of confession, the seriousness of worship, and the diligence of study. I believe that the class meeting can be re-created to meet our modern conditions and that through it God can create both depth and intensity of spiritual renewal.

The church cannot be the church, however, without experiencing concern for the world. It is called to preach the Gospel to the world, to evangelize it. It is also called to teach the world the truth of Christ, to educate it. With equal insistence it is also called to be socially responsible.

The church is in, but not of, the world. Therefore it has light and leaven to offer the world. The church is not the world, but lives by the grace of God a new creation. As such it offers salt to the world. The church is called to preserve what is good, to illumine what is evil, and to change the world by the interpenetration of its healing presence.

Such responsibility for the world in all its social, economic, and political problems is not the heart of the Gospel but it belongs to the very heartbeat of the Gospel. The heart of the Gospel is God's ever-faithful and inclusive love in Christ, but such love has no

meaning unless it expresses itself to those in need everywhere and of every kind.

In our world today the church that has nothing to offer a world in peril of immediate destruction has no Gospel. The church that does not care about God's creatures and creation itself is not Christian. The church without a Gospel for society is simply sham.

We must destroy war or war will destroy us. A new inclusive kind of community came in Christ. It is our only alternative to deterioration and destruction. Let the inclusive human society become inclusively concerned, using only such police power as is necessary within its inclusive community. We have war with us yet because the Church has failed its mission. It has falsely detached souls from society. It has isolated spirit from body.

We must work now for an inclusively effective world organization of power. We need world law and world rule. Militarism must die. It may not do so until we kill the spirit of capitalism. We need to destroy greed and corruption in politics. A start to that end is the use of property more inclusively both within our nation and to the ends of the world. What that will involve politically I do not know and care only secondarily. If we have the need of all the people and of the whole world on our Christian hearts, God will guide us into the proper working out of the problems of order.

We do not want atheistic Marxism. It is becoming

a giant of power and of unimagined growth. What have we to offer? Atom bombs will not keep back an aroused humanity. Let us answer with creative concern to do away with oppressive militarism and exploitive property relations, and release the world's goods for the world's people in faith and freedom. We must kill war, the killer of mankind.

We must destroy racialism as well. We have made a beginning. A Methodist minister walks with a Catholic priest in New Orleans to proclaim the Gospel of brotherhood, risking his own little daughter to the hostile mobs that jeer at racial co-operation. The Gospel is big enough for the full job. I know no other power big enough for the task than God's love for the common good. Let the church itself wake up to the lateness of the hour. We face increased racial destructiveness or the dawn of racial acceptance.

In the neighborhood in which I live, a typical, comfortable upper middle-class neighborhood, four Negro families have recently moved in. I feel that our neighborhood is now more sacred because it is truly more human. Although the neighborhood is predominantly Christian, our two immediate neighbors are Jewish. Some apologize for the fact that our neighborhood "isn't what it used to be." A few racial "caustics," of course, glory in it. We simply accept such cultural mixing as genuinely human, rejoicing only in the fact that we live together not only in peace but in friendship. No spiritual renewal can come

until we are cleansed of prejudice and live normally the reality of the Gospel of God's love for all.

If we are to find spiritual renewal our whole lives as people must be involved. Too long have we lived according to secular values. We have felt and acted like the world. Spiritual renewal involves a dimension of genuineness in all human relations. We must dare to become fully and worthily human. The church is God's inclusive community of creative and co-operative concern.

The church is no moralistic in-group. It is no defensively group-centered organization. It does not live by comparing itself with other groups. It lives in the open grace of God for fullness of community and knows a human fulfillment that is real in personal, family, and community relationships.

We must get rid of conformity to the secular world. We must become transformed by the renewing of our minds within the perfect will of God for the world. Let there be less of the world in the church and there will be more of the church in the world.

As we dedicate ourselves to spiritual renewal, many voices will warn us not to go the whole way in our commitment. In Second Chronicles 18 there is the story of the false prophets versus the true. The false prophets were all conformists and conformers. They advised the king to do what was in his heart and God would be with him. The true prophet stood alone

demanding a drastic change of ways. The king followed the false. The false prophets were possessed with lying spirits to lead him astray. The true asked God for repentance and spiritual renewal.

Today, similarly, I can offer no hope for a safe future. All I can say is that if we repent and reform, God can use us beyond all thought for the salvation of the world. God is able to save.

In First Samuel 14 Jonathan is reported to face a hopeless situation, but he turned the tide because of his conviction that "nothing can hinder the Lord from saving by many or by few."

Do you remember how Aaron, in Numbers 16, when the plague was spreading in the camp, had to stand between the living and the dead until the plague stopped? Today we are in the same situation. We must withstand the plague of destruction by the power of spiritual renewal, trusting that God can save even by the few.

Once David numbered all the people for war, but he was not allowed to number the Levites, the servants of God. The reason for that, said the late Methodist Bishop William Alfred Quayle, was that God was not counting them but counting on them. God does not count you, but counts on you.

The church and the family need spiritual renewal. Until they are renewed the world cannot be changed toward the creative and co-operative community that will usher in God's new age. But you are the key to

the family and the church. I put the offer of God's presence and power right up to you. You can be used beyond your every imagination to renew the spirit of the church. Will you decide to put your whole life in God's hands to be used by him and will you persevere and grow in the power of the Holy Spirit? Right now we are fast heading for destruction. But with God's help we can turn about and face a new day.

Spiritual renewal is up to you. Christ help you!

KNOW your enemy! If you are a Christian-American, freedom-loving patriot, one of your most dangerous enemies is the National Council of Churches.

The following objectives of the National Council of Churches also happen to be objectives of the American Communist party: (1) Possible existence, (2) Disarmament, (3) Kill the proposed AIRM system, (4) Ban nuclear testing, (5) Abolish loyalty-security laws and loyalty oaths, (6) Abolish all investigating committees on Communism, (7) Force racial integration, (8) Change the social order, using violence if necessary, (9) Move foreign aid to Communist countries, (10) Recognition of Red China, Cuba and East Germany, (11) Advance Marxist and one-world propaganda efforts through the church, (12) Recruit for one-world socialist conspiracy in political and labor movements, (13) End capital punishment, (14) Discredit J. Edgar Hoover and the F.B.I., (15) Kill immigration and passport laws, (16) Churn out for convicted spies, (17) Reconstruct religion on the basis of scientific materialism, (18) Remove restrictions on imports from Communist countries and on cultural exchanges between the U.S. and the Soviet Union, (19) Promote sex education in churches, synagogues and schools, the press and networks.

(20) Adopt the "open society ecologically" (world socialism) and the "open society ideologically" (and all supernatural religion, especially Christianity), (21) Enforce "open-housing" and the "blood shop" (conspiracy labor union membership), (22) Oppose and discriminate

Harry F. Ward back around 1967. Dr. Ward was professor of Christian ethics at Union Theological Seminary in New York City, the largest seminary in this country. He had a record of more than 200 Communist affiliations and citations as listed by the House Committee on Un-American Activities. For 25 years or more, Dr. Ward arranged for young members of the Communist party to go through Union Theological Seminary on scholarships. Today, more graduates of this seminary occupy pulpits or teach in other seminaries, colleges and universities than do graduates of any other theological seminary.

Joseph Karolides, a member of the National Committee of the Communist Party, U.S.A., testified, under oath, that Dr. Ward attended the Lenin School in Moscow, and that Dr. Ward discussed with Stalin how to use the American clergy and the church to influence U.S. foreign policy and promote Communism. In 1967, Dr. Ward founded the Methodist Federation for Social Action, which was later listed as subversive in the U.S. government's book, "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications."

In other words, the Communists and the NCC are for destroying America, Capitalism and Christianity.

The NCC is exempt from federal taxation on the basis that it "shall not engage in influencing legislation or engage in lobbying." It is one of the most ruthless political forces and one of the most effective lobbyists in this country. So, the NCC is not only anti-Christ and anti-American, it is illegal.

People in NCC - belonging denominations

of the Communists is so-called "integration scheme," meaning communization of all agriculture. This would mean all big land-owners would be shot, and the government would own all land—and all workers. What most of the integrated, dog-eating clergy don't seem to realize is that most of them would be shot, too. It would be a tough law for our country—to have the landowners.

Los Angeles police chief Tom Raddick has revealed that the NCC has been giving funds to the Black Panthers and Students for a Democratic Society, both of which are actively engaged in militancy.

At the nationwide Conference on Church and Society held in Denver in 1967, under the auspices of the National Council of Churches, delegates urged the churches to become communists for draft evaders and to sponsor a 24-hour general strike across the United States if the Vietnam war were escalated. They also depicted violence in Vietnam while justifying the sending of soldiers and equipment to that inside the United States.

At this same conference, the vice director of the National Council of Churches showed a film depicting the profile of a couple engaged in sexual intercourse, a stripper removing her clothes and gyrations of a topless dancer.

A psychologist and marriage counselor at a meeting of the Council of Churches in the First Church of Christ Congregational, Pittsfield, Mass., stated: (1) Parents should encourage young children to teach their parents, (2) Putting through to express is good for teenagers, (3) Sexual intercourse should start between commuting lovers at seventeen, eighteen or nineteen and (4) Couples should live together in total marriage before final marriage.

Incidentally, some knowledgeable people think the Catholic Church will join the NCC as well as the World Council of Churches within a few years. This would indeed be pathetic. It is relatively easy for any informed, Christian Methodist to leave the United Methodist Church and join a fundamentalist, Christ-believing church such as Southern Methodist or the Independent Methodist Church or other fundamentalist denominations. But where are Catholics to go?

One good Christian friend of mine, who belongs to the same sophisticated, secular and rich Methodist church we formerly belonged to, confided that she is going to "lay in and save cash." "How many cash have you saved?" we asked. "None," she admitted. And she probably won't. Because most members go there to socialize, see each other's new clothes and to "be." She could save cash by influencing them to join a church which would teach them Christ.

What can you do? Christian hypocrites who still believe in the Bible and in Jesus Christ, in spite of the National Council of Churches, can and should obey the scriptures: "Come out from among them, and be ye separate unto the Lord and touch not the unclean thing, and I will receive you." (2 Cor. 6:17)

But there is not a fundamental, Bible-believing church in your community? Then start one! Your Bring-oven, if Christ-oriented, is a better church than is a denomination that belongs to the NCC. Christ did not advocate discrimination, minority or publishing houses. Christ didn't even deal with groups. He dealt with individuals. He said: "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." (Matt. 18:20)



Straight Talk

- BY TOM ANDERSON

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December 29, 1969

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Honorable Graham Purcell
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

My dear Congressman:

I have received your letter of December 22nd

PJ and, while I would like to be of service to you, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. Please do not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the National Council of Churches. I regret I cannot be of help to you in this instance.

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Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

Rob NOTE: We have had cordial relations with Congressman Purcell (Democrat-Texas) and our last outgoing was 12/5/68 in reply to an inquiry of a constituent of his. The National Council of Churches is well known to the Bureau.

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GRAHAM PURCELL
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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

Washington, D.C. 20515

December 22, 1969

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Congressional Liaison
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I am interested in securing information on the
National Council of Churches.

Any assistance you can give me will be greatly
appreciated.

Sincerely,

Graham Purcell
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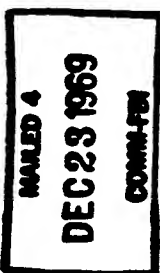
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Dear [REDACTED]

With respect to your letter of December 16th, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. Please do not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the National Council of Churches. I regret I cannot be of help to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



NOTE: The National Council of Churches is well known to the Bureau as is the "Black Manifesto." Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. Neither is Mrs. Wedel on the basis of information furnished.

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December 16, 1969

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
9th and Pennsylvania Ave.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

My wife is a member of an Episcopal Church and I have been supporting this Church. But we are now concerned about the direction that the Episcopal Church in general along with other Protestant denominations and the National Council of Churches are taking.

Churches in Cleveland and Chicago, and probably other cities, have been reported to be allowing their premises to be used to instruct our youth in draft dodging. *pf*

The Episcopal Church is raising \$200,000.00 for the Black Economic Development Council which is the James Foreman - Black Manifesto - group. Our recent Diocese of Ohio publication admits the money is actually going to these people and the B.E.D.C. itself claims it has been promised these funds. I have read the black Manifesto and find it to be full of Marxist ideology and violent revolution.

In Detroit, recently, the N.C.C. raised to its Presidency a lady who is reported to be a leader of "Peace" marches in Washington. If true, we now have someone claiming to speak for 42 million Protestants who has walked in parades organized by pro-Communists and where the Viet Cong flags were flying. I believe she has embarrassed the President and Government and has aided the enemy by helping to prolong the war. *REC-61 100-50869-1695*

Mrs. Wedel is probably not a Communist or even a sympathizer, but can't it be assumed she is being used by them?

Our local Church is not radical by any means, although through contributions of membership and money we support actions I don't believe in. But what can we do? A member of our Church claims he came to Washington about
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a year ago for an interview with a deputy of the F.B.I. who proceeded to tell him there was no evidence of a Communist being in the N.C.C. This has automatically shut off all debate here and we cannot work toward withdrawing from the N.C.C. or even toward correcting what we feel are wrong policies.

Can you give us information or tell us where to get correct information which we may present to our Church?

Very truly yours,



December 16, 1969

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Dear [REDACTED]

In reply to the inquiry in your letter of December 10th, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. Please do not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the National Council of Churches. I regret I cannot be of help to you.

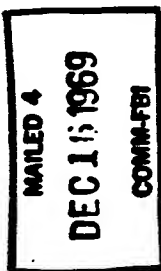
Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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December 10, 1969

Internal Security Divisions
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C. 20535

Dear Sir:

I am writing to you as a concerned citizen. I do not know if you can furnish me the information that I am requesting, but I would appreciate it very much if you can.

I am requesting some information about the National Council of Churches, and the leaders in this organization. I am a member of the Methodist Church which belongs to the National Council of Churches.

I read articles in newspapers and magazines that connects some of the leaders and the National Council of Churches to Subversive Organizations and the Communist Party. The leadership in the Methodist Church, that I have talked with, deny that there is any connection with the leaders in the National Council of Churches and Subversive Organizations.

If you have any information about the National Council of Churches and their leaders in connection with Subversive Organizations and the Communist Party that you can supply me, I would appreciate receiving it.

Yours truly,
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Dear [REDACTED]

I received your letter of December 10th and certainly appreciate the kind sentiments you expressed.

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

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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December 10, 1969

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I would like some information about the National Council of Churches which I believe only you or your office could answer with validity authority, completely & with up-to-date facts.

Periodically, I have heard from several people in my church of the existence in & even control by communists of the National Council of Churches. I brushed it off as being absurd that any effective control of the organization could be in the hands of even one communist.

But now I want to know definitely if there are communists in it in any capacity, if so what, if they have any control, if this is a known fact by other official, (if it is true) and if so why communists are allowed in the organization at all.

You see, this came up again this week as our Church finance board has been calling on our members to indicate the amount of their financial support of the church during 1970. One member stated that it was a proven fact that communists were in (and I believe stated "in control") of the National Council of Churches & she wouldn't have one cent of her money sent to it therefore. (I agree) If her "fact" is true I would like to know and would certainly accept your word. Since I believe the other members of my congregation & others (all of the country for that matter) should also be informed of the truth when you can find time to give me detailed information on paper, I would appreciate your doing it.

Any other information you would be inclined to forward that might also be of interest to a concerned Christian American, feel free to send it also.

May the Good Lord continue
blessing & using you in bringing
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Sincerely,

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December 10, 1969

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

National Council of Churches
Dear Mr. Hoover:

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December 1, 1969

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

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Dear Sir:

I am writing for some information for our church, [redacted] Baptist Church, located at [redacted]. We are a small church but very much concerned about the hold Communism is getting in our United States.

Indirectly our church contributes to the National Council of Churches.

We have some information which indicates there are Communists in the National Council of Churches and some holding offices. We, as a New Testament Church, do not want a penny of our contributions to help Communism; in fact, we feel there should be no Communistic organizations allowed in our country nor should a communist be allowed to hold any job of importance.

Will appreciate some answers to these questions. In case you cannot quote names, will you please answer "Yes" or "No" to the questions?

Is the National Council of Churches infiltrated with Communism? Yes

Do you feel the National Council of Churches lean toward Communism? Yes No

Are the following persons known Communists or affiliated in any way with Communism?

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| 1. Dr. Mary Calderone
(Executive Director of SIECUS) | Yes | No |
| 2. Dr. Isadore Rubin
(Treas. of SIECUS & Editor of Sexology Mag.) | Yes | No |
| 3. Dr. Lester A. Kirkendall, (Professor of
Family Life, Oregon State Univ. & member
of board of SIECUS) | Yes | No |
| 4. Dr. William E. Masters,
(Board Member of SIECUS) | Yes | No |
| 5. Mrs. Elizabeth Koontz
(Board Member of SIECUS, & Head of
Women's Bureau of Dept. of Labor) | Yes | No |
| 6. Rev. William E. Gaines,
(Co-founder of SIECUS) | Yes | No |

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7. Dr. Joseph Fletcher (Author of "Situation Ethics - The New Morality")	Yes	No
8. Victor Parlo, Author	Yes	No
9. Herbert Aptheker, Author	Yes	No
10. W. E. B. DuBois, Author	Yes	No
11. Langston Hughes, Author	Yes	No
12. Dr. William Graham Cole, author	Yes	No

We wish to thank you for any information you can give us. It is very important for us to know the true status of some of the above mentioned as there are some in our church who argue that there has never been even one person in the National Council of Churches connected with Communism, but we have other information that indicates otherwise and we feel we must know the truth for the future of our church. We know of no other person who could give us the true status of the above mentioned people.

Very truly yours,



P.S. In addition to the above mentioned persons, if you know of any others connected with the National Council of Churches or SILECUS who are Communists or have been affiliated in any way with Communism, would appreciate this information also. Thank you.

December 1, 1969

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Dear [REDACTED]

I have received your letter of November 24th and the enclosed article. I regret I cannot be of assistance to you 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 data in our files relating to the National Council of Churches.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Bufiles contain no record of correspondent. The National Council of Churches is well-known to the Bureau. The enclosed article alleges one of the objectives of the National Council of Churches to be to discredit the Director and the FBI. The Bureau is not aware of any goal of the Council of Churches to discredit the Director.

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

Dear Sir:

I am a member of The Memorial United Methodist Church on **[REDACTED]** in **[REDACTED]** Love being a Methodist and appreciate my church and what it stands for. Recently we have had a number of editorials in our area newspapers making some distasteful remarks about The National Council of Churches. Am enclosing one such article. The ladies in our local church are very disturbed over these articles and we question the validity and facts in them.

Would please send me findings you have on The National Council of Churches? Also, Who organized it, when, list of churches (denominations) that comprise it, aims, main objectives and does your investigation find it Communistic slanted?

We need so much to know the plain facts and feel your department will give them to us unbiasedly.

Ladies of Women's Society of Christian Service of Memorial United Methodist Church are anxiously awaiting your report to us.

Thank you for this service and courtesy.

Yours truly,
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TOM ANDERSON

National Council of Churches

Straight Talk

Editor's Note: This Straight Talk article was written by Tom Anderson in two previous articles. However, several persons have mentioned the article in the *Los Angeles Forum*, so it seems to have caused enough interest to run the rest of it.

Know your enemy: If you are a Christian-American, freedom-loving patriot, one of your most dangerous enemies is the National Council of Churches.

The following objectives of the National Council of Churches also happen to be objectives of the American Communist party: (1) Peaceful coexistence, (2) Disarmament, (3) Kill the proposed AEC system, (4) Ban nuclear testing, (5) Abolish loyalty security laws and loyalty oaths, (6) Abolish all investigating committees on Communism, (7) Force racial integration, (8) Change the social order, using violence if necessary, (9) Move through aid to Communist countries, (10) Recognition of Red China, Cuba and East Germany, (11) Advance Marxist and one-world propaganda efforts through the church, (12) Recruit for one world socialist conspiracy in political and labor movements, (13) End capital punishment, (14) Dismantle J. Edgar Hoover and the FBI, (15) Kill immigration and passport laws, (16) Clemency for convicted spies, (17) Reconstruct religion on the basis of scientific materialism, (18) Remove restrictions on imports from Communist countries and on cultural exchanges between the U. S. and the Soviet Union, (19) Promote an education in churches, synagogues, and schools, the press and broadcasts.

(20) Adopt the "open society sociologically" (world socialism) and the "open society ideologically" (and all supernatural religion, especially Christianity), (21) Endorse "open housing" and the "closed shop" (compulsory labor union membership), (22) Oppose and discriminate against super-patriots, "radical spirituals" and anti-Communists, (23) "Wave internationalism" to replace national sovereignty, (24) Take from the "haves" and give to the "have-nots" (land reform, guaranteed annual income, etc.), (25) Put political and economic pressure on South Africa and Rhodesia, (26) Surrender American sovereignty to the Communist-dominated World Court, (27) Crush, strengthen the power of the United Nations, (28) Vastly increase the foreign aid program with no thought of whether any aid is to the best interest of the U. S. A., (29) Liberate "yellow" laws, (30) Freedom control, (31) Promote intermarriage of blacks and whites, (32) Remove all prayer and Bible reading from the public schools, (33) Advocate "situation ethics" and love laws, (34) Sponsor and train agitators for the liberation of some of our southern states, (35) Censorship of radio and TV with respect to "conservative" broadcasts like Carl McIntyre, Dean Mann, "Let's Live," Tom Anderson, Ben Smedley, Dr. Billy James Hargis.

How did the National Council of Churches come to this? What has happened in our churches? A good starting place would be with Dr. Harry F. Ward back around 1907. Dr. Ward was professor of Christian ethics at Union Theological Seminary in New York City, the largest seminary in this country. He has a record of more than 200 Communist affiliations and citations as listed by the House Committee on Un-American Activities. For 25 years or more, Dr. Ward urged for young members of the Communist party to go through Union Theological Seminary on scholarships. Today, more graduates of this seminary carry papers or teach other students, colleges and universities than do graduates of any other theological seminary.

Joseph Kershner, a member of the Special Committee of the Communist Party, U. S. A., testified, under oath,

that Dr. Ward attended the Lenin School in Moscow, and that Dr. Ward discussed with Stalin how to use the American clergy and the church to influence U. S. foreign policy and promote Communism. In 1907, Dr. Ward founded the Methodist Federation for Social Action, which was later listed as subversive to the U. S. government's book, "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications."

In other words, the Communists and the NCC are for destroying America, Capitalism and Christianity.

The NCC is exempt from federal taxation on the basis that it "shall not engage in influencing legislation or engage in lobbying." It is one of the most ruthless political forces and one of the most effective lobbyists in this country. So, the NCC is not only anti-Christian and anti-American, it is filthy.

People in NCC-belonging denominations who stipulate on their church donations that none of their money is to go to the NCC, are as foolish as people — if any — who tell the Internal Revenue Service that none of their income tax is to be used for foreign aid.

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The NCC recently "tried to" its 41 million members asking them to boycott California grapes, so Marxist leaders can get a struggle held on all grapes produced in California. This would be a giant first step toward colonization of all farm workers in this country. A major goal of the Communists is so-called "agrarian reform", meaning expropriation of all agriculture. This would mean all big land-owners would be shot, and the government would own all land — and all workers. What most of the misguided, dog-eating clergy don't seem to realize is that most of them would be shot, too. It would be a huge loss for our country — to lose the landowners.

Los Angeles police chief Tom Raddick has revealed that the NCC has been giving funds to the Black Panthers and Black Muslims for a Democratic Society, both of which are actively engaged in violence.

At the nationwide Conference on Church and Society held in Detroit in 1961 under the auspices of the National Council of Churches, delegates urged the churches to increase recruitment for draft evaders and to sponsor a 24-hour general strike across the United States if the Vietnam war was escalated. They also deplored violence in Vietnam while justifying the sending of weapons and munitions to fight inside the United States.

At this same conference, the art director of the National Council of Churches showed a film depicting the profile of a couple engaged in sexual intercourse, a driver removing her clothes and pretense of a toilet dance.

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Incidentally, more knowledgeable people than the Catholic Church will join the NCC as well as the World Council

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Our good Christian friend of ours, who belongs to the new experimental, social and rich Methodist church we formerly belonged to, confided that she is going to "stay in and save souls." "How many souls have you saved?" we asked. "None," she admitted. As she probably won't, because most members go there to maintain, as each other's new clothes and to "be in" she could save souls by influencing them to join a church which would teach them Christ.

What can you do? Christian leaders who still believe in the Bible and in Jesus Christ, in spite of the National Council of Churches, can and should obey the scriptures. "Come out from among them, and be ye separate with the Lord and touch not the unclean thing, and I will receive you." (2 Cor. 6:17)

For there is not a fundamental, Bible-believing church in your community. When that one comes, you will know it. It is a church that belongs to the NCC. Christ did not advocate homosexuality, bisexuality or pedophilia. Christ said, "Love God and

A thought for the day: What have you said? That's all that is, that's all that is.

Speak to God with individuality. He said: "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." (Matt. 18:20.)

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover.
Director F.B.I.
Dear Sir -

As a member of a small
Methodist church, I am
concerned with our affiliation
with the National Council of
Churches.

I would appreciate any
material available showing
the N.C.C. members who
are presently active in
any Communist unit. EX-104
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Any information ~~on~~
subsidizing of the Black
Panther group would be
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be appreciated.

The purpose of requesting
this information is to
start a local level
effort to get our unit
of the Methodist Church
out of the N.C.C. and
back on a Christian
basis.

Sincerely,

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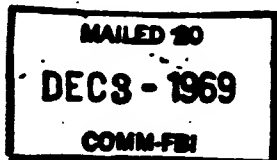
Dear

In reply to the inquiries in your letter of November 28th, 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

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November 28, 1969

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

The Iowa Yearly Meeting of Friends is making a study of the National Council of Churches. We are wondering if you could give us some information or a statement as to whether you think this group is very naive to the threat of Communism in our country. Also if you believe the World Council or the National Council of Churches is being infiltrated or influenced by Communism.

As our church and Yearly Meeting is deeply concerned about this matter, any information you could give us in this area would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



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WILLIAM S. REKOR

December 2, 1969

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EX-111

Dear [REDACTED]

In response to your letter of November 25th, with enclosure, 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 or the World Council of Churches.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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November 25, 1969

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

If you can furnish me with some information I shall be very grateful.

For years I have heard and read criticism of the National and World Council of Churches to the effect that they are communist influenced, inspired, controlled, or that they are in some way fronts for communism. As a Methodist minister I should like very much to be able to face these criticisms and deal with them in an intelligent manner. I would therefore like to ask if there is any cause for these organizations to be suspected? I do not believe there is any cause, personally, but I would like to have any information that may be available. I do not know, of course, what facts you may have, but if you can be of any assistance, I shall appreciate it very much.

Thank you very much for any help you may be able to give.

Very sincerely yours,

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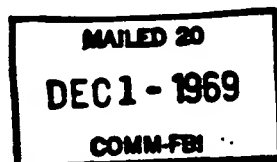
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Dear [REDACTED]

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In response to the inquiries in your letter of November 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. I regret I cannot be of assistance to you.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover



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24 November 1969

The Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
Director Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C. 20535

Dear Sir:

I write to ask your assistance in combating statements which I believe to be unfounded.

There are persons in [redacted] who are contacting members of Christian Churches requesting and urging them to withhold funds from their local Churches because of their Denomination being a member in the National Council of Churches.

Their position is based upon statements which say, in effect, that the NCC has been investigated by and found Communistic by the Federal Bureau of Investigation; and that the NCC has been brought to trial in Louisiana and found to be Communist.

It is my understanding that the F.B.I. has never investigated the NCC because of Communism or activities involving Communists, nor has a case of same been brought against the NCC.

If my information is correct, I would be most grateful to have a statement from you stating the position of the F.B.I. regarding the NCC.

Sincerely yours

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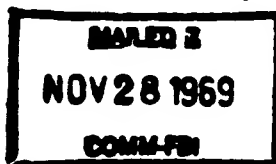
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Dear [REDACTED]

In response to your letter of November 24th, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. Please do not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the National Council of Churches. I do appreciate the expression of support for the FBI in your letter and I regret I cannot be of help to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



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

Dear Sir:

There are many uncertain things in our lives, but the feeling that your organization is trustworthy and reliable permeates the thinking of many Americans who are concerned about changes in our ways of doing. As a Christian American, I am troubled by the sometimes slanderous and distorted views aired in our newspapers concerning such institutions as the National Council of Churches. Our local paper has carried numerous letters and articles which denounce, ridicule, and name as Communist this group.

I for one, would appreciate your considered opinion as to the reliability of the National Council of Churches and its Christian witness; so I will know how and when to reply to criticism of its leaders. Thank you in advance for replying.

Sincerely yours,

P.S. I am an educator.

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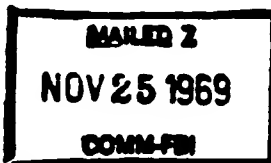
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Dear [REDACTED]

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In reply to the inquiry in your letter of November 18th, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. Please do not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the National Council of Churches. I regret I cannot be of help to you.

Sincerely yours,

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Nov. 18, 1969

Dear Sirs:

I would like to enquire about the National Council of Churches of Christ in America. I recently read a book by John A. Stormer called the "Death of a Nation" in which he claims that "the leadership of the National Council has at least 100 persons with either Communist-front records or records of service to communist causes." I would deeply appreciate any information you could give me relating to this matter and whether the National Council has made any official pronouncements or carried on any activities which are Communistically oriented.

Thank you very much for your time and service. I deeply appreciate the much needed service that your organization supplies to our country.

Sincerely yours,


Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

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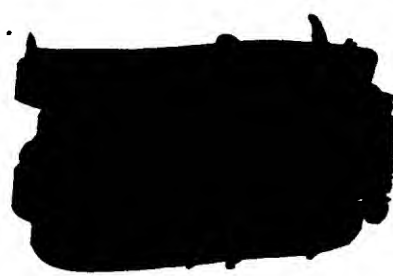
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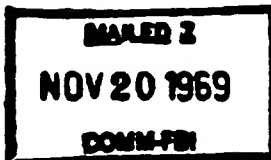
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Dear [REDACTED]

With regard to your inquiry received on November 17th, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. Please do not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the National Council of Churches. I regret I cannot be of help to you.

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Herbert Hoover
c/o FBI
Washington D. C.

Dear Sirs,

A few weeks ago the Santa Anna Register Paper published thirty-five statements which the Nat. Council of Churches stood for and they were all communistic.

The piece was written for the paper by Tom Anderson.^{fo}

Week before last on Sunday evening our Methodist Church brought in a man to give us some answers as to why they are helping the North Vietnam and he just said wouldn't we help the sick where ever they are.

We didn't get the ans. to our questions so I said I was going to write to you to see if you have investigated them to find out why the have 35 statements that sound like communism.

An awful lot of us doesn't like this kind of an organization running our churches.

Thankyyou

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